



News & Views

West Chester Fish
Game & Wildlife
Association

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A Tribute to John Johnson

Long-time Board member and past-President John Johnson left us on July 1st at age 96. During many of those productive years John contributed his leadership to our West Chester Fish, Game and Wildlife Association and to Trout Unlimited's Valley Forge chapter. He was an advocate for clean water and open space,



speaking at many public events and township meetings.

East Bradford Township maintains the M. John Johnson Nature Center along Route 322 near its crossing of the East Branch of the Brandywine and the confluence with West Valley Creek. It is a fitting memorial to a man who has

given us so much and left such an important legacy.

Thank you, John, for all you did.



Memorials in John's honor may be made to Natural Lands Trust

www.NatLands.org.

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SE Region Office: 610-926-3136,
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PA Fish & Boat Commission

Pollution Incident 1-855-FISH-
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Licensing – 877- 707-4085

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262-8734, (866-BoatReg)

SE Region Office: 717- 626-0228

**Turn In A
Poacher Or
Litterer**

**Call W.C.O.
Bob Bonney**

610-637-6398

Pay Your Dues and Donate on PayPal

Please help us by paying your annual dues. Did you know that you can now pay your dues and donate to WCFGWA via PayPal? WCFGWA is also enrolled in the PayPal Giving Fund. This means that WCFGWA is now



able to receive matching donations from various sources including employers, GoFundme, eBay, and more. PayPal does not charge us a fee for these donations.

To pay your dues and donate, just go to *WCFGWA.org*, click on Contact Us and scroll down. To pay dues, just choose your membership level and click on Pay Now. To donate, just click on Donate. It is fast and easy!

Your Board is open to any suggestion for activities that are of value to our membership. Thank you for your continuing support.

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Employer Matching Donations

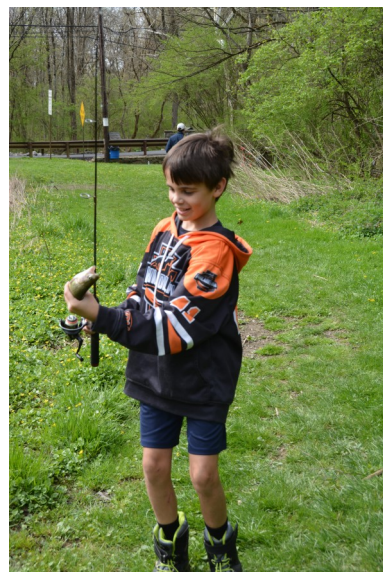
Many large employers match their employees donations to 501c(3) charities such as WCFGWA. Does your employer have a matching donation program?

All you have to do is ask your employer if they have a matching program. If so, just provide your with WCFGWA's contact information so the employer can email us a registration form. WCFGWA will then complete the form and provide the employer with the 501c(3) information required to qualify for their program.

Once approved, WCFGWA will notify you. You can then make your donation (including annual dues). WCFGWA will then provide proof of donation to your employer and receive the match.

WCFGWA is currently registered with Vanguard and JP Morgan Chase.

2022 Trout & Bass Rodeos



Mandatory Cold Weather Life Jacket Wear

November 1 through April 30



Cold water shock is a major factor in boating fatalities when water temperatures are less than 70 degrees F. Cold water shock causes an involuntary gasp (often resulting in aspiration of water), hyperventilation, breathlessness and a reduced ability to control breathing and swim. A life jacket greatly increases your chance for survival in cold water. It also increases the amount of time for you to be rescued.

A disproportionate number of fatalities occur during the months of November through April. Coldwater immersion is one of the primary reasons for these fatalities, based on Pennsylvania's boating accident data. That's why the chance of a boating accident resulting in a fatality is significantly higher from November through April than during the rest of the year.

Waterfowl hunters in small boats are at a greater risk. While hunting, you often reach overboard while setting or retrieving decoys, retrieving downed game, and may have dogs entering and exiting your boat. Worse yet, you may stand or move quickly in the heat of the hunt. Any of these activities may result in an unexpected fall overboard.

Boat stability is also an issue for anglers. Leaning over the side of the boat to net a trophy, or standing to fight a feisty fish can be enough to capsize a small boat or canoe.

To learn more about life jacket wear and cold water survival, visit our [Water and Ice Safety page](#), the Coldwater Boot Camp website (<http://www.coldwaterbootcamp.com>[Opens In A New Window](#)) or the Safe Boating Campaign website (<http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/life-jackets>[Opens In A New Window](#)).

Here are some cold water survival safety tips:

- Always wear a life jacket, even when not required. Many models also offer insulation from cold air.
- Never boat alone.
- Leave a float plan and know the waters you plan to boat.
- Bring a fully-charged cell phone with you in case of emergency.
- Wear clothing that still insulates when wet such as fleece, polypropylene or other synthetics.
- If you are about to fall into cold water, cover your mouth and nose with your hands. This will reduce the likelihood of inhaling water.
- If possible, stay with the boat. Get back into or climb on top of the boat.
- While in the water, do not remove your clothing in cold water.
- If you can't get out of the water, get into the Heat Escape Lessening Posture (HELP).
- Once out of the water, get out of the wet clothes and warmed up as soon as possible.

Courtesy the PA Fish & Boat Commission. Additional information can be found at www.fishandboat.com.

The Trout Arrived!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped move the fingerlings into their new home at the nursery!



Work Day Clean Up A Success

WCFGWA held a Workday on October 1st to perform clean up and maintenance around our nursery. Many thank to the volunteers who came out to make us look our best! We couldn't do it without you!





West Chester Fish, Game & Wildlife Association

Membership Application

Date: _____

Full Name (Please Print Clearly) _____

☐ New ☐ Renewal

Address: _____

☐ Regular \$25.00

City, State, Zip: _____

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Telephone No.: _____

☐ Junior \$10.00

E-Mail Address: _____

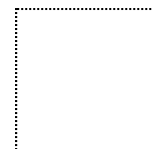
☐ Life \$500.00

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Upcoming Events

Executive Committee

Meets the second Monday of each month at the East Bradford Township Building.

Please remember to send your email to:
wcfgwa@gmail.com

