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Welcome to 2009

First and foremost I would like to thank the membership for all their support, My gratitude and appreciation goes out to all! This year we will have sound financial decisions, Good Business Sense and dedication on maintaining DCF&S. We have the monthly club news coming back, suggestion boxes and a membership opinion column. Your ideas and opinions matter to DCF&S! My goal is to grow a stronger membership base by making sure all members know that this is their club. By keeping everyone informed of shooting events, events and range projects we can increase participation. DCF&S is a major asset to our area and the good people that we have contributing can use your help. We have NHF Day, Jakes, Jr. Field Day, Grist Mill Fishing Day, Ladies Day, Phil Ewaka Fishing Day, Youth Pheasant Hunt, Hunter Ed Classes, Good Friday Cleanup Day, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party, Christmas Party, and events at the General Meetings. These are opportunities for us to SHINE! Come out and be a part of these great events. I look forward to seeing everyone on the ranges.

Thanks again,
Dottie Berry

Air Pistol Range Report

By Carl Cervino

On November 16th we had our turkey shoot. We had a very good turn out The turkeys were set out at 18 yards, instead of 15 yards where they normally are and it made it much harder to hit a turkey with an air pistol.

Most of the shooters knocked down one or two turkeys and we had 23 who signed up for the match. Some of the shooters, and we won't mention their names, signed up as many as 3 and 4 times to improve their scores.

There was a tie for first place, so we had a shoot off between Joe Napolillo and Bob Manfredonia. Joe shot first and nailed 2 turkeys out of the five. Then Bob began his turn and proceeded to score a miss on all five turkeys making Joe Napolillo the winner in first place. Bob Manfredonia won 2nd and Carl Cervino took third.

That was our final match of the this year. I hope to see you all again next year. Until then, have a Happy Holiday Season!

NRA Silhouette Shooters

Knock Off Three Birds For Thanksgiving

On Sunday, November 16, at the combined match for airgunners that was held at the club's Air Rifle Range at the top of the hill, three of the club's air rifle marksmen were

MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday the 4th

8:00 PM

Range Meeting

Wednesday the 11th

8:00 PM

Executive Meeting

Wednesday the 25th

8:00 PM

Archery Meeting

Last Tuesday of Every Month

All meetings are held in the Club House.

All club members are welcome to come to all monthly meetings

able to knock over the metal silhouettes of turkeys with enough hits to make them winners of the turkey prizes

The contestants had to shoot at the bank of five metal turkeys set up on the resettable racks at the distance of 36 yards which is the correct NRA distance, and try to hit as many as they could with only five 177 caliber pellets. The winners were: 1st, Joe Napolillo,(4): 2nd, Bob Manfredonia (3) and 3rd, Bob Britton with (3) hits.

All three won frozen turkey prizes and donated them to a worthy chanty!

Archery

This years schedule looks to be twice a busy. Our Chief Range officer Ray Caba has set up our shoots, and this year we will be starting our 3D's in February. Its been pretty cold so far this winter so with some luck it won't be in the twenties on the 15th for our first shoot. Starting in March, not only will we be having 3D's on the third Sunday of the month, we will also be having Fita target shoots on the last Saturday of every month. Fita targets are the large round colored paper targets set at three distances. The first Fita will be held on the 28th of March. Come out and give it try, you might find you like it.

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Weather Alert SNOW and ICE!!

This is just a reminder to all members that when the weather forecast is for snow and ice over night, the club in order to keep our grounds safe for everyone, you should not come to the club before 11 am. We need to leave enough time to remove the snow and or ice from the parking lot and walk ways. This is for every ones safety. Also if the shooting areas on any of the ranges are not also cleared of any snow and ice, they to will be closed until it may be removed. Remember, unsafe walking conditions and firearms are not safe for both you and the people that may be with you.

Suggestion Boxes more available

Thanks to one of our members there are new suggestion boxes that have been installed in both the main clubhouse and the Ed Martin house. These boxes are for members that have concerns or problems and or suggestion on events and any issues they might want to offer. Our club stewards will check these boxes regularly so that all matters may be brought to the Executive committees attention. Remember, you must write you name and membership number on the paper with your ideas or concerns. This is just a club rule.

**Notice
Price Increase**

The costs to buy and to ship clay birds have risen dramatically over the past two years. The counter price for each case of birds bought at our Club House increased significantly over the last 6 months to \$11.00 per case.

Try as we have to hold costs down it is necessary to increase the costs to the shooters.

Effective 2/1/09

Practice round prices are

Skeet \$3.00

Trap \$3.00

5 Stand \$3.50

Thank you,
C. Mitchell

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**Club History Part 2
The First Beginning**

The first beginning; of the organization that was to become one of the largest and diversified clubs in the Delaware Valley, began in November, 1938. Outdoor columnist, Bill Everman, was writing about hunting and fishing for two local papers The Chester Times and Interboro News. In a series of articles, he stirred a few local sportsmen into doing something about forming a club for the purpose of raising and stocking fish and wild game and also to enjoy the pleasure of shooting shotguns, rifles and pistols in an area out in the country, away from the local villages.

First Meeting, March 1939

Bill's offer to help in any way that he could was immediately taken by several intecsted sportsmen in the area. A few weeks later, at a meeting in Bill's home with the local sportsmen, Nick Young, Dick Newman, Harry Samers and Leroy, "Shorty" Manning plans were formulated to organize a local club At that time they decided to name the club and they chose Delaware County Field and Stream Association.

Club Officers Elected

On the first Monday evening in March, 1939, thirty-five sportsmen met in the garage of Griffith's Funeral Parlor in Norwood. Seated on coffin boxes and other makeshift seats, the group made their first major decisions and elected club officers. Bill Everman was elected President with Harry Sauers Vice President, Dick Newman, Secretary and Al Deger Treasurer.

Annual Dues and Meeting Price Established

The annual dues were set at one dollar per member and a membership drive was immediately organized After a month, the group had grown to over 100 members and the meeting place had become too small to hold them. The meeting place was moved to the Norwood Grammar School for several months and with the ever expanding membership, they decided to use the Norwood Fire Company's hall. This was the club's meeting place for the next twenty years.

*Continued on page 3***SHOOT SCHEDULE FOR FEB./MARCH****Archery Feb. 15th 3D 8am****High Power Rifle League Feb. 8th – March 8th****Archery March 28th Fita Target shoot 10am****Archery March 15th 3D 8am**

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By Laws Adopted

With the club firmly organized, it was decided that permanent bylaws should be adopted. It was unanimously decided by the members at that time, that no intoxicating liquors would ever be bought, sold or be dispensed or possessed at any club function or on the club's property.

Incorporation As Non-profit Conservation 1940

The club became incorporated in March, 1940 as a nonprofit, conservation organization. The purposes of the organization, as stated in its charter are: *"To stimulate the interest of the People of Delaware County in general outdoor activities and to develop the opportunities for the enjoyment of such recreation by the restocking of fish and game, the procurement of laws and enforcement thereof for the protection of wildlife and to educate the general public in the principles of conservation in relation to our natural resources; all by publicity, exhibitions and public meetings; and for these objects to organize as a group for their earlier attainment."*

Dues Structure Established

The dues structure that was established at that time was that the money could not be used for anything other than conservation related activities. Membership dues, as it was known then has risen from its original one dollar rate to its present rate of over \$125. and a separate class known as Conservation Member was formed and later one for Junior members.

Attention All Members

This is something you don't want to miss. At our next general meeting which will be held on March 4 th 't 8pm, Mike Fusco the guest speaker will be there from Rails and Trails. If you like to hike, bike and fish this is great. Fun for the whole family.

To give you a heads up what this organization does is converts unused railroads into beautiful trails which may lead up to fishing holes.

Hope to see you there.

Short History of the Chester Creek Branch

The Chester Creek Branch, originally of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was constructed shortly after the Civil War and parallels the scenic Chester Creek. The railroad served the interests of local businesses and created opportunities for new ventures as it traversed the gently rolling hills and mature wooded areas of the Chester Creek Valley. During the Industrial Revolution, mills, factories, and warehouses located adjacent to the rail while new communities sprouted

near rail depots. The Chester Creek Branch was a vital link in the economic development of Southern Delaware County.

As modes of transportation diversified patterns of development changed. With the advancement of the automobile and the interstate highway system, rail service fell out of demand, and many Chester Creek businesses relocated. After the Chester Creek Branch sustained severe flood damage in the early 1970's, the line was taken out of service and finally deeded to SEPTA.

Since service was discontinued, much of the rail corridor has become overgrown. Many of the bridges, however, remain intact, and the tracks and the ties were never removed. Meanwhile, many former industrial use buildings along the corridor have been adapted to residences and businesses, or have been preserved as historical sites and recreational areas.

Spring Cleaning Party

Also on February 7th and 14th, weather permitting, we will be having a work party. We will be doing some clean up, turning blocks, painting and cleaning the office.

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