



### **ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS**

The next Executive Board meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn in State College, Pennsylvania on Friday, July 31, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

The regular State Board of Directors meeting will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. at the Ramada Inn at State College, Pennsylvania. **NOTE: One hour earlier.**

***Pennsylvania State Chapter NWTF  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Glenn O. Hawbaker's Inc., Pleasant Gap, PA  
June 7, 2009***

**Director's Present:** T. Bunty, D. Butler, J. Drolet, K. Fernburg, D. Frazier, J. Groff, R. Johnson, S. Motts, J. Nyce, D. O'Brien, J. Panaro, J. Pries, S. Richards, J. Straley, D. Zimmerman.

**Director's Absent:** H. Daub, G. Huff, C. Mathues, S. McCartney, K. Skrapits, H. Shields

**NWTF Staff Present:** B. Eriksen, R. Smith

**Guests:** J. Dunn (PGC), B. Grove, D. Heckman.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman of the Board, Don O'Brien.

Don welcomed the Board members, called the meeting to order, led the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, and ran through the ground rules.

### **Officers' Reports:**

**President's Report:**

PA STATE CHAPTER NWTF

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jon D. Pries

June 7, 2009

**MARCH:**

7 – Attended Executive committee meeting, 7 p.m., Sam's cabin, Mt. Pleasant, PA.

8 – Attended March PA NWTF Board meeting, 9 a.m., G. O. Hawbaker bldg., Mt. Pleasant, PA.

31 – Departed for TX to meet with several members of the TX State Chapter NWTF Board.

#### APRIL:

3 – 13 - Various in-depth discussions and round-table talks with members of the TX State Chapter NWTF Board. International relationship building with several Mexican nationals. (OK, I was turkey and hog hunting!).

20 – Attended PGC Commissioners meeting with Bob Eriksen. Delivered testimony to Board of Commissioners. PGC Bldg., Harrisburg, PA.

30 – 6:30 a.m. – called in a double-bearded Tom that was shot by a French-Canadian. (More international relationship building!).

#### MAY:

6 & 7 - Accompanied the PA Governor's Youth Advisory Council to Washington, DC.

Met with US Representatives "GT" Thompson, Chris Carney and Tim Holden; Legislative Assistants of Representative Joseph Pitts and Chris Carney; Kasey Gillette, representing Senator Bob Casey, and met with Dan Hill (former PGC Commissioner), Senior Policy Advisor for Representative Kathy Dahlkemper.

The GYAC members discussed numerous SCI (Safari Club International) issues, and I had the opportunity to promote hunting heritage and the future of hunting.

#### JUNE:

1 – Attended the PFSC 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Trap Shoot and Dinner, Harrisburg Hunters & Anglers, Harrisburg, PA.

Met with numerous PA State Legislators as well as representatives of PFSC and several other conservation organizations. Discussed interaction of organizations regarding conservation issues and legislative roles in these same issues.

2 (afternoon) – Attended Board meeting of Wildlife for Everyone Endowment Foundation, State College, PA. Discussed future role/involvement of PA NWTF State Board with their organization.

2 (evening) - Attended 2009 Pennsylvania Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Annual Spring Banquet, Harrisburg, PA. Met with numerous PA Legislators and discussed conservation issues and our role in working with them on these issues.

**Vice- President's Report:**

Due to focus on upcoming Spring 2009 turkey seasons, not much to report:

Vice President's Report:

3/14 – attended the Schuylkill Spurs Hunting Heritage Banquet

**Secretary's Report:**

- A motion was made by Tom Bunty to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Jim Nyce seconded and the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

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**PA NWTF TREASURER'S REPORT**

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**TO:** PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER NWTF

**FROM:** JIM PANARO

**SUBJECT:** REPORT FOR PERIOD MARCH 1, 2009 THROUGH MAY 31, 2009

**DATE:** 6/2/09

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<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>\$61,275.20</b>	
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ \$20,456.15</b>	
	Upper Level Gun Raffle	
	\$14,027	
	Green Sheet Transfer (Seed Return, ESOS Booth)	
	\$4,545	
	Outdoor Life Conservation Award	\$1,000
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$(40,576.34)</b>	
	Green sheet Transfers (Banding, Ehle Donation, ESOS booth, billboards)	
	\$17,158	
	Turkey Talk Winter (partial) & Spring Issue	
	\$11,598	
	Fundraising (Upper Gun Raffle)	
	\$ 4,252	
	Jakes Raffle	\$
2,640		
	YHEC	\$
1,000		
	Rendezvous	\$ 990

**Ending Balance**      **\$41,155.01**

**Net Gain (Loss)**      **\$(20,120.19)**

**General Updates**      Fiscal year 2008 -2009 YTD reports are attached.

Upper Level Gun Raffle current net of \$6,164 versus \$6,500 budgeted.

Turkey Talk spring issue of \$5,833 versus budget of \$7,205. If summer issue is same cost ... we will not need to greensheet any of Turkey Talk this year!

- **A motion was made by Dean Zimmerman to accept the Treasurer's Report. Skip Motts seconded and the motion carried.**
- The Hunting Heritage Budget will be reviewed by the Board immediately after the other Treasurer's reports.
- Jim presented the Hunting Heritage Budget:

## 2009 Hunting Heritage Fund Budget

				YTD Actual 5/31/2009	Forecasted Remaining	YTD plus Forecast	Budget versus Forecast	
<b>Starting Balance in HH Superfund Reserve:</b>				<b>\$98,918</b>		<b>\$98,918</b>	<b>\$98,918</b>	
<b>Actual Income from 2008 Banquets: 88 Chapters</b>				<b>\$255,452</b>	<b>\$143,009</b>	<b>\$67,738</b>	<b>\$210,748</b>	<b>-\$44,704</b>
<b>2009 # 5-Star 2009 Expenses projected for: 88 Chapters</b>								
65	Jakes Days	\$500 each	\$32,500	\$11,350	\$21,150	\$32,500	\$0	
25	WITO Events	\$250 each	\$6,250	\$2,250	\$4,000	\$6,250	\$0	
0	National WITO Event attendees (1x)	\$300 each	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
1	State WITO Event	\$800 each	\$800	\$800	\$0	\$800	\$0	
10	Wheelin' Events	\$250 each	\$2,500	\$750	\$1,750	\$2,500	\$0	
40	Scholarships	\$250 each	\$22,000	\$6,250	\$500	\$6,750	-\$15,250	
1	PA Scholarship		\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	
88	School Boxes	\$63 each	\$5,544	\$0	\$2,772	\$2,772	-\$2,772	
<b>Local Chapter 5-Star Expenses:</b>				<b>\$70,594</b>	<b>\$21,400</b>	<b>\$31,172</b>	<b>\$52,572</b>	<b>-\$18,022</b>
<b>PA Chapter Budgeted Program Expenses for 2009:</b>								
Congressional Sportsmen Foundation				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
HHSFR - 2009 Super Fund Reserve Allocation				\$20,000	\$0	\$11,682	\$11,682	-\$8,318
US Sportsmen's Alliance				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4-H Shooting Sports				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NWTF Biologist				\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Ned Smith Fund				\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
PGC Trap & Band				\$8,000	\$2,378	\$0	\$2,378	-\$5,622
PGC Hunting Digest Ad				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation Seed				\$500	\$2,687	-\$7,787	-\$5,100	-\$5,600
Seed Subsidy				\$5,000	\$4,158	\$0	\$4,158	-\$843
Hunting Heritage				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>PA Chapter Expenses:</b>				<b>\$56,000</b>	<b>\$9,222</b>	<b>\$26,395</b>	<b>\$35,617</b>	<b>-\$20,383</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>				<b>\$126,594</b>	<b>\$30,622</b>	<b>\$57,567</b>	<b>\$88,189</b>	<b>-\$38,405</b>
<b>Total Available for 2009 Super Fund Projects:</b>				<b>\$108,858</b>	<b>\$112,387</b>	<b>\$10,171</b>	<b>\$122,559</b>	<b>\$13,701</b>
Allocation for Habitat Projects 77%				\$83,858	\$79,105	\$8,454	\$87,559	\$3,701
Allocation for Safety & Education 9%				\$10,000	\$6,399	\$1,601	\$8,000	-\$2,000
Allocation for Advertising & Communications 5%				\$5,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	-\$3,000
Allocation for Land Acquisition 9%				\$10,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	-\$5,000
<b>Total 100%</b>				<b>\$108,858</b>	<b>\$87,504</b>	<b>\$15,055</b>	<b>\$102,559</b>	<b>-\$6,299</b>
<b>Ending Balance in Hunting Heritage Superfund Reserve:</b>				<b>\$118,918</b>		<b>\$118,918</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

2009 Direct Donations = \$15,000  
 2008 Direct Donations = \$15,970  
 2007 Direct Donations = \$20,004.00  
 2006 Direct Donations = \$3,248.00

### Chairman's Report:

## Chairman of Board & District Director Report

Mar. 10 – June 7, 2009

Mar. 10

Attended Susquehanna Longbeards Banquet Planning Meeting

Apr. 14                    Attended Susquehanna Longbeards Banquet Planning Meeting

May 12                    Attended Susquehanna Longbeards Banquet Planning Meeting

May 29                    Attended White Deer Jakes Banquet

June 4                    Presented Program to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students for Sullivan County Schools

June 6, 7                Attended Executive Committee and BOD PA Chapter NWTf Board of Directors Meeting

                                 Answered several e-mails in response to state chapter business.

**Dale Butler's Executive Report:**

Report from Exec Committee Officer Dale Butler

Attended March BOD meeting.

Was contacted by Scott Dietrich about getting seed, referred him to Tom Bunty.

Attended Luzerne Conservation District Banquet March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Contacted National (Sissy) about seed order March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

March 11, 2009 Received update on conservation seed orders form Tom Bunty.

Attended DCNR timber cutting project.

Received a check from Lake Region Long Beards Chapter for last year conservation seed program, forwarded to Jim Panaro, March 16, 2009.

Attended Red Rock Chapter Meeting March 16, 2009.

March 17<sup>th</sup> received update on seed orders.

Was contacted By Scott Stewart directed by Ray Smith and with email from Jim Panareo? It was decided for Scott to get remainder of corn seed. Approx 50bags.

March 21<sup>st</sup> Attended Tree pruning seminar sponsored by the Red Rock chapter , Mary Pat Apel from Browns Tree service provided the information and we did hands on pruning of about 25 trees, there were over 40 people attended the event.

March 23 was contacted by M&R transport and informed the seed would arrive March 24<sup>th</sup>.

March 25 Set up DART system for PA Outdoor Life WNEP TV 16 Outdoor Expo, The DART system was running steady for 4 Days .Over 600 youth shot the system. We estimated approx 16 youth per hr for 4 days of the show, shot the system.

Contacted Jim Panareo and Sam McCartney, March 23 and March 24.

March 30<sup>th</sup> final update on seed orders.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> attended meeting with Commissioner Delaney about restoration of a swinging bridge in Mehoopany for access to large tract of PGC lands. This bridge washed out about 20 years ago.

April 4<sup>th</sup> AM met with Moon Lake County Park Supervisor and helped install dock and boats. To ready for Red Rock Chapter JAKES Event.

April 4<sup>th</sup> PM attended QDMA Banquet.

April 14<sup>th</sup> I was contacted by Bob Newmorer asking if there was seed available on April 6<sup>th</sup> for the second time. I called him back left a message that we did not have any seed available.

April 13<sup>th</sup> attended Red Rock Chapter JAKES meeting

April 15<sup>th</sup> Met with Ken Fernburg and picked up the JAKES Cricket Guns we met in Muncy and was informed to return the guns at the June board meeting.

April 19<sup>th</sup> attended Red Rock Chapter JAKES Event

April 20<sup>th</sup> attended Red Rock Chapter regular meeting

April 21<sup>st</sup> attended The Conservation Coalition meeting

April 26<sup>th</sup> participated in Sorber Mountain Road clean up, this is the Red Rock Chapter Adopt- a-Highway program.

May 6<sup>th</sup> was contacted by email from Mark Ferdinand about seed order, I referred him to Sam

May 7<sup>th</sup> attended Sportsman Advisory Committee for Representative Karen Boback, was advised she was voting no to HB 97 due to some passages that were to stringent on questionable regulations.

Also had discussion on Sunday Hunting issue and Turkey Hunting License, No conclusions on either issue.

May 7<sup>th</sup> helped to plant 25 crap apple seedlings with tubes on SGL 57 in the Cider Run Project area

May 18<sup>th</sup> attend Red Rock Chapter regular meeting.

### **NWTF Reports**

**Ray Smith:**

**NWTF Regional Field Supervisor- Ray Smith  
Board Report  
June 4<sup>th</sup> 2009**

Please find attached a current tracking report for banquets prior to this past weekend. It will give you an overview of our membership and financial state compared to last year.

Staff is currently preparing for the upcoming President's meeting in August. Discussion from the board this weekend on topics that we want to cover should be discussed.

We will drop one banquet for the fiscal year. Bringing us to 87 Superfund banquets. Wilson F. Moore banquet moved to October.

A Diamond life dinner is to take place on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hershey Hotel in Hershey. If you have anyone you think would like to make a commitment please see me. Carl and Tammy are also planning one in the Pittsburgh area.

Over the past couple months I along with a few others have been meeting with the Ned Smith Center putting together a joint fundraiser in the Harrisburg area on September 17<sup>th</sup>. We will have live and silent auctions, gun raffles and many very special items and guests. Rob Keck is the keynote speaker.

Staff will be traveling to our summer meeting June 14<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. I know much news and changes will be coming out. Unfortunately our board meeting is before the RD meeting.

As much as I would like to report that we are having a great year we are not. I promise you it is not for the lack of trying from our staff. Pennsylvania has been blessed with some awesome Rd's.

- Ray presented his Banquet Tracking spreadsheet.

Banquet / Benefit Name	Chapter Challenge	Comm Change	Reg Mem Change	WITO Change	Wheelin' Change	Reg Spon Change	WITO Spn Change	Up Level Change	Jakes Change	Xjakes Change	HH \$10 Change	Net \$ Change	Net/Net\$ Change
Lykens Fall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	0	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Muncy Valley	25	0	10	4	-11	-1	0	\$0	-93	15	-2	(\$2,062.89)	(\$1,672.89)
Lower Lacka	27	-3	16	3	-16	1	0	\$0	-73	5	-7	\$301.00	\$72.00
Blue Mtn	0	-5	4	-7	-24	-5	0	\$2,500	-163	13	-10	(\$1,767.00)	(\$919.00)
Phila County Fightin		0	4	1	0	2	0	\$0	-71	0	2	\$568.55	\$543.55
Laurels													
Longbeards	0	0	-17	7	0	1	0	\$0	-87	5	4	(\$1,854.65)	(\$1,514.65)
Red Rock	0	2	-21	-15	0	-1	0	(\$2,500)	-102	10	-12	(\$7,731.14)	(\$5,286.14)
Stony Valley	0	0	15	-1	0	-2	0	\$0	-126	5	-13	(\$6,334.08)	(\$2,886.21)
Ben Stimaker	0	1	8	12	-1	0	0	\$0	-28	0	-10	(\$32.00)	(\$501.64)
Wilhelm	13	0	-20	-3	-20	5	0	\$0	-34	0	5	(\$751.35)	(\$894.35)
Chesquehanna Spurs	58	-6	26	2	0	10	0	\$0	-51	0	-1	\$8,009.66	\$5,884.66
Kinzua Allegheny LB	11	-2	0	2	0	3	0	\$0	-59	0	0	\$1,427.92	\$1,653.92
Col-Mont	25	0	-3	-1	-20	-1	0	\$0	-47	0	7	(\$3,403.36)	(\$1,823.36)
Moshannon	17	0	-11	1	-20	1	0	\$0	-103	-4	0	(\$1,119.66)	(\$211.60)
Lakeland LB's	0	-2	-1	-15	-1	-2	0	\$0	-26	0	6	(\$3,105.88)	(\$1,785.88)
Gobbler's Knob	0	2	-6	4	-1	-2	0	\$0	-64	11	13	(\$1,872.07)	(\$1,384.07)
Adams Co LB	0	0	-21	-5	-33	-1	0	\$0	77	0	-15	(\$6,535.00)	(\$4,139.00)
Michaux Yellow Breches	0	-5	-15	-6	-4	-1	0	(\$1,000)	58	0	1	(\$6,369.00)	(\$2,749.00)
Shermans Valley Strutters	17	0	-10	-6	-20	-2	0	\$0	-93	76	-6	(\$1,397.00)	(\$648.00)
Foothill Spurs	9	0	-9	-4	-15	0	0	\$0	-132	40	-56	(\$2,484.00)	(\$1,305.00)
Penn's Woods Spurs	13	0	1	1	-10	-4	0	\$0	-114	57	-32	(\$912.00)	(\$20.00)
Moraine	32	-1	9	-7	-18	-3	0	(\$12,500)	-192	139	-9	(\$9,485.00)	\$2,369.00
Steel City Spurs	22	2	0	-3	-5	0	0	\$0	-54	56	-5	\$1,038.00	\$730.00
Lake Marburg	29	0	-1	-21	-28	-2	0	\$0	-28	40	-8	(\$942.00)	(\$170.00)
Roger Latham	0	0	-16	-6	-5	1	0	\$0	-68	15	-10	(\$1,823.58)	(\$1,181.67)
Wolf Creek LB's	37	0	14	-4	-50	-2	0	\$0	-173	81	-8	(\$3,364.00)	(\$2,468.00)
Mon Valley LB's	33	0	20	-1	-1	-3	0	\$0	-13	28	4	\$1,781.00	\$1,173.00
Moshannon	17	0	-11	1	-20	1	0	\$0	-103	-4	0	(\$1,119.66)	(\$211.60)
Shade Mtn.	23	0	2	-4	-15	0	0	\$0	-148	7	15	(\$478.86)	\$79.14
Susquehanna	22	0	18	-22	-15	-1	0	\$0	-127	193	-22	(\$528.37)	(\$107.97)
Terrace Mtn	25	0	2	0	-70	-5	0	\$0	-69	18	-15	(\$8,410.76)	(\$5,590.75)
Wapiti Roost	15	0	8	1	-11	-10	0	\$0	-106	112	-8	(\$3,786.36)	(\$1,355.36)
Friendship Hill Spurs	1	0	-8	-3	-5	-3	0	\$0	-64	69	-14	(\$1,039.00)	(\$296.00)
Warriors Trail Gobblers	2	2	-18	-4	0	0	0	\$0	-50	64	-14	\$2,434.00	\$2,524.00
Jerry Zimmerman	27	0	-3	-10	0	2	0	(\$10,000)	-165	31	-4	(\$14,879.59)	(\$3,901.16)
Pocono Mtns	16	1	-25	-2	-20	-3	0	\$0	-67	12	-6	(\$7,454.13)	(\$5,368.13)
Moraine - March (WITO)	0	3	0	39	0	-1	0	0	0	0	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tusarora LBs	0	-2	3	-3	-5	-1	0	\$0	-83	6	-24	(\$1,259.63)	(\$592.63)
Peter's Creek	31	2	-15	0	-30	7	0	\$0	-12	37	-1	\$2,152.39	\$1,216.39
Laurel Highlands Committee	0	0	9	0	0	-7	0	\$0	44	7	-40	(\$3,296.45)	(\$1,819.38)
Ten Mile Valley	18	0	-8	0	0	-4	0	\$0	-19	10	-30	(\$2,629.00)	(\$1,640.00)
Cascade													
Thunderin' Toms	27	0	3	-6	-15	-1	0	\$0	-85	15	-23	(\$2,034.00)	(\$1,213.00)
Allegheny Valley	15	0	-2	4	0	0	0	\$0	-56	54	-6	(\$872.00)	(\$1,480.00)
Fort Chambers	10	0	2	6	-5	1	0	\$0	-96	25	-9	\$239.00	(\$29.00)
PA State (WITO)	0	0	0	-21	0	0	-1	\$0	0	0	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lakefront Gobblers	18	0	-1	0	-1	-3	0	\$0	-95	6	-4	(\$2,438.63)	(\$1,507.63)
Millcreek	32	0	29	17	0	-3	0	\$0	-38	16	-7	\$2,090.39	\$1,133.39
Nittany Valley	27	1	-11	8	0	0	0	\$0	-85	80	-1	(\$1,516.20)	(\$1,209.20)
Bald Eagle	10	0	6	0	-1	-2	0	\$0	8	3	-9	\$61.00	\$410.00
Shenango Valley	34	1	-32	3	0	-1	0	\$0	-81	7	14	(\$5,290.00)	(\$3,216.03)
Armenia Mountain	28	0	17	-2	-20	-3	0	\$0	-98	10	7	(\$1,775.55)	(\$973.55)
Endless Mountain	11	0	-34	-4	0	3	0	\$0	-40	6	12	(\$787.65)	(\$677.65)
2nd Chance Toms	33	0	5	6	-5	-5	0	\$0	-114	56	-34	(\$2,239.00)	(\$1,436.00)
Allegheny Sultans	28	0	4	-5	-19	-2	0	\$0	-193	9	3	(\$4,931.89)	(\$3,494.89)
Kinzua Valley	18	2	-27	-1	-17	-5	0	\$0	-70	3	-22	(\$4,908.87)	(\$2,258.26)
Tamarak TT	13	0	5	-4	-1	1	0	\$0	-7	11	24	\$179.12	(\$541.88)
Arnie Hayden	32	0	-14	0	-30	9	0	\$0	-290	15	-29	\$3,646.42	\$3,731.42
NW Thunderin Toms	32	0	6	-7	-19	-9	0	\$0	-158	11	13	(\$3,663.52)	(\$943.52)
Juniata Gobblers	2	0	-3	-1	6	6	0	\$0	-104	106	-2	\$4,007.00	\$1,489.00
Shippensburg Strutters	2	0	-2	-5	-5	-2	0	\$0	-46	55	-9	(\$1,395.00)	(\$1,207.00)
Allegheny Valley (WITO)	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	\$0	0	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
PA State (Black Moshannon) (WITO)	0	0	2	13	0	0	0	\$0	0	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Red Rose	25	0	-38	-8	0	-2	0	\$0	-265	7	24	(\$7,999.00)	(\$5,553.00)
Schuykill Spurs	25	0	24	-8	0	-4	0	\$0	-5	8	0	\$5,355.00	\$5,380.00
Lower Bucks	25	0	1	-7	-15	-2	0	\$0	-709	8	5	(\$3,317.00)	\$784.00
South East Sil.	20	7	-5	0	-28	-2	0	(\$5,000)	-98	26	-1	\$78.00	\$1,224.00
Lake Region	25	0	-2	-8	-19	3	0	\$0	-81	13	0	\$1,239.00	\$1,470.00
Honey Hole	25	6	28	7	-8	-7	0	\$0	-87	5	18	\$1,058.00	\$2,516.00

Carl Mowry:



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June Board Meeting Report.

Hello everyone I'm sorry I missed the Board Meeting today. I had a banquet yesterday in Pittsburgh and getting home at 12:30 – 1:00 am and having to leave my house by 5:30 am to attend this meeting missing it was the better decision. I will see everyone in August at the President's Meeting and Board Meeting.

I do have a couple things to report on at this time:

The total memberships I have received from the PGC Digest this year totals 17 regular memberships and 4 JAKES memberships.

The free safety bulletin the PGC inserted with the 2<sup>nd</sup> gobbler tag so far I have received 24 regular memberships, 3 JAKES memberships and 1 Hunting Heritage membership. A big thank you to the PGC for inserting this with the tag.

The free JAKES memberships with the On Target issue handed out to all HTE Classes to date is 10 signed up.

PA membership numbers as of 6-2-09 are:

Regular	6712
WITO	2004
Wheelin'	939
Xtreme JAKES	1426
JAKES	6499
Hunting Heritage	2596
Life	340
Sponsor	1065
Diamond Life	26

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For a total membership = 21,607

Once again this year the Western PA Regional Chapter will be holding a Sporting Clays / Banquet on Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup> in Lawrence Co. We started this function last year as a way to reach out to all the local chapters in the area to come and have fun. Shoot sporting clays and mingle with other chapters during the day. Last year we had 11 different chapters attend the event. I sent Joe the info to put up on the web site or call or email Gary Huff or me for the form, the cost is \$45 for members to shoot 100 rounds of clays and a BBQ dinner. Even President Jon attended last yr and had a great time.

Thank you,

Carl Mowry

**Tammy Mowry:**



PA Women in the Outdoors

Events are going well in the state. June, July and August are still the most popular months for these events.

Below is the list of events scheduled to date for June – September.

## 2009 -- Pennsylvania Events

**June 13**

**Jerry Zimmerman Memorial Chapter**

Katrina Skrapits (610) 760-1689, [kskrap@ptd.net](mailto:kskrap@ptd.net)

Ontelaunee Rod & Gun Club, New Tripoli (Lehigh County)

**June 12-14**

**PA State Chapter and Sinnemahoning State Park**

Jackie Flynn (814) 647-8401, [jaflynn@state.pa.us](mailto:jaflynn@state.pa.us)

Sinnemahoning State Park, Austin (Cameron County)

**June 20**

**Wilhelm Chapter**

Annette Tobin 814-734-1691, [lattobin@peoplepc.com](mailto:lattobin@peoplepc.com)

Lake Edinboro Sportsman League, Edinboro (Crawford County)

**June 27**

**Tuscarora Longbeards Chapter**

Michelle Rossetti (717) 977-0798, [intheoutdoors@live.com](mailto:intheoutdoors@live.com)

Greencastle Sportsman Association, Greencastle (Franklin)

**July 18**

**Moraine Chapter**

Tammy Mowry (724) 284-9201, [tammynwtf@zoominternet.net](mailto:tammynwtf@zoominternet.net)

Butler City Hunting & Fishing Club, East Butler (Butler County)

**July 25**

**Mon Valley Longbeards Chapter**

Helen Bittorf (724) 497-3079, [hbittorf@yahoo.com](mailto:hbittorf@yahoo.com)

Star Junction Fish and Game, Star Junction (Fayette County)

**July 25**

**Mason Dixon Chapter**

Missy Rohrbaugh (717) 225-3549, [Melissa.rohrbaugh@glatfelter.com](mailto:Melissa.rohrbaugh@glatfelter.com)

Jefferson Sportsman Association, Spring Grove (York County)

**July 31 - August 1**

**Muncy Creek Chapter**

Clare McWilliams (570) 323-7947, [hurwitzbatteriescqm@verizon.net](mailto:hurwitzbatteriescqm@verizon.net)

Nancy Craft (570) 482-4364, [rockrun@dishmail.net](mailto:rockrun@dishmail.net)

North Mountain Sportsman Club, Muncy Valley (Sullivan County)

**August 8**

**Mt. Pisgah State Park**

Nicole Carman Harris (570) 297-2734, [nicolecarman@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolecarman@yahoo.com)

Mt. Pisgah State Park, Troy (Bradford County)

**August 15**

**Lower Bucks Longbeards Chapter**

Dawn Secret (267) 253 9002, [girlshunt2@comcast.net](mailto:girlshunt2@comcast.net)

Langhorne Rod & Gun Club, Southhampton (Bucks County)

**August 22**

**Lakefront Gobblers Chapter**

Brandie Wade (814) 756-3669, [BrandieWade@parapack.com](mailto:BrandieWade@parapack.com)

Presque Isle State Park, Erie (Erie County)

**September 12**

**Southeast Silver Spurs Chapter**

Kathy Michener (215) 249-9367, [jamkat1105@comcast.net](mailto:jamkat1105@comcast.net)

Wendy Freed (215) 258-0331

Branch Valley Fish, Game, and Forestry Association, Perkasio (Bucks County)

A discussion around the RD reports occurred:

- Joe Drolet asked that the August meeting not be rushed to get to the Barbecue/shoot. It was agreed that the Board meeting would start at 8:00 instead of 9:00.
- New chapters should fill out and Application for Affiliation with the NWTF. This should be signed by the PA and Chapter presidents.
- Chapters should also have a Letter of Acceptance .
- There is a request from Edgefield for contact information of the chapter committee members.
- Chapter start-up fees come out of the banquet proceeds.

**Bob Eriksen:**

**March 1, 2009-May 31, 2009**  
**Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist**

### ***Research Projects***

- Eight bills for bait, equipment and supplies were processed

### ***Agency and Chapter Assistance***

- Prepared and revised a draft agreement for regional biologist funding between NWTF and the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game
- Delivered and picked up turkey checking station materials and data for New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Reviewed 86 resumes for applicants for the New Hampshire, Mid-Atlantic and South Carolina biologist positions
- Provided literature citations and other information regarding setting spring season dates to the West Virginia Chapter
- Discussed forest plan revision issues on the George Washington National Forest with Virginia Chapter members and biologists from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

### ***Meetings and Presentations***

- Attended the April meeting of the Pennsylvania Game Commission in Harrisburg
- The Pennsylvania Executive Committee and Board of Directors March meetings were attended
- The March meeting of the Delaware Chapter was attended in Dover
- Attended the April meeting of the Maryland Chapter in Bridgetown
- Presented a power point lecture on wild turkey ecology, behavior and management to a wildlife ecology class at Stockton College in New Jersey
- Presented sessions on wild turkey hunting and black bear ecology at the State Women in the Outdoors event in Pennsylvania
- Presented seminars on spring gobbler hunting for the Walking Purchase (PA) local chapter and at Bass Pro Shop in Harrisburg, PA
- Presented a power point on black bear ecology and management at the Raubsville Sportsmen's Association (PA) landowner dinner
- Met with representatives of the Lehigh County (PA) Parks Department, Jerry Zimmerman Memorial Chapter and the Pennsylvania Game Commission to begin planning a Wheelin' Sportsmen Archery Deer Hunt for September
- Met with Representative Dave Levdanski and representatives of the Pennsylvania Game Commission and Consol Energy to plan a habitat project using grant funding from the PA Department of Commerce and Economic Development
- Met with New Hampshire Fish and Game staff to discuss a cooperative regional biologist agreement and modifications to the original proposal
- Attended the Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference in Lancaster, PA
- Participated in a two day workshop on structured decision making for wild turkey management sponsored by Penn State University and the Pennsylvania Game Commission
- Met with staff from Allegheny National Forest and NWTF staff to discuss habitat projects, stewardship contracting and potential for a cooperative biologist position on the forest
- Assisted regional director with the South Jersey Local Chapter and Kittatinny Gobblers Local Chapter banquets in New Jersey
- Attended a meeting of the East Coast Thunderin' Toms (PA) banquet committee

### ***Writing Projects***

- Prepared an article for the Maryland Chapter newsletter
- Prepared fall season forecasts for Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania for Turkey Call magazine
- Drafted two articles for the spring issue of "Pennsylvania Turkey Talk" and two additional articles for the summer issue
- Prepared a spring hunting safety press release for the Pennsylvania Chapter

- Wrote a “Biopeaking” article on wilderness designations for “Turkey Call”
- Prepared a summary of northeast regional highlights for the NWTF Board of Directors
- Reviewed the draft Bird Conservation Region 13 plan

### ***Hunting Heritage Super Fund***

- Processed 95 Pennsylvania Super Fund request forms and one from Delaware and four from New Jersey

### ***Information Requests***

- Responded to 46 requests for information on wild turkey management, hunting, behavior and ecology from all four states in the region

### **Mary Jo Casalena (Reported by John Dunn):**

**Secretary NOTE:** John Dunn is the Supervising Wildlife Biologist for the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Game Birds Section within the Bureau of Wildlife Management.

### **NWTF Technical Committee Representatives' Report - PA Chapter NWTF Board of Directors Meeting, June 6, 2009**

Submitted by: Mary Jo Casalena, Wildlife Biologist II, and Robert C. Boyd, Assistant Director,  
Bureau of Wildlife Management, PA Game Commission

### **Wild Turkey Season Recommendations**

During the April PGC Board of Commissioners meeting, Commissioners accepted staff recommendations to: decrease the fall season in WMU 2D from 3 weeks to 2 weeks and decrease the fall season in WMUs 5C and 5D from 6 days to 4 days. The Board dropped their proposal to increase the fall season in WMU 2F from 2 to 3 weeks, in support of the turkey management plan, which recommends acquiring and analyzing 3 to 5-year trends of spring harvest and summer turkey sighting data prior to changing season length in a WMU.

### **Harvest Management**

Harvest report cards received the first half of the spring turkey season are similar to that received during the same time period last year, 22% higher than 2007 and 16% lower than 2006. Reasons for this harvest increase include good weather for hunting and hearing turkeys, a slightly earlier start to the season due to the annual calendar, and a healthy turkey population in most areas. We continue to receive report cards until the 4th Wednesday after the close of the season (June 17th), at which time we make our final count.

The final count of special turkey licenses sold for the 2009 spring season is 10,720, a 31% increase in sales from the previous 3-year average.

Attended Structured Decision Making workshop for wild turkey management in Pennsylvania hosted entirely (meals/lodging) by the U.S. Geological Survey, Cooperative Research Units to help us develop a more systematic and transparent process for determining fall turkey hunting season recommendations, which will allow us to more explicitly incorporate uncertainty (spring weather, reproduction) into decision making as well as help us maximize two competing objectives of optimizing hunting recreation and turkey abundance. MJ Casalena followed up on workshop by experimenting with regional turkey population model. Attended Gamebird Section meeting.

### **Wild Turkey Spring Harvest Rates and Annual Survival Rates Study**

Total bandings for 2009 in both participating states (Ohio is not participating for the final year of the study): 655 (NY - 297, PA – 358). All PGC Regions exceeded their quota of banding 50 males. Regional totals were: NC (70), SE (65), NE (58), SC (54), SW (55) and NW (56). During the winter there were four legbands reported in PA; none from NY or OH. Two males

banded in 2008 were roadkilled (different locations), one juvenile male banded this year was killed by a mammalian predator, and no information yet for the fourth band return.

As of May 28, 180 legbands have been reported during this past turkey hunting season, comprising 65 reward bands and 115 nonreward bands. Four birds were found dead and 1 was roadkilled. Of the 175 harvested, 11 were harvested during the youth season, and 2 Ohio banded birds were harvested in Beaver County. This compares to 121 leg-banded gobblers reported harvested by the same time in 2008 and 100 in 2007.

Two males, both banded this past February in Tioga Co, Delmar Twp were harvested this spring in Tioga Co, Union Twp, just outside of Ogdensburg; movements of 25 miles, unusual, but not unprecedented. Movements of the remaining banded birds are being analyzed.

Thanks to the financial assistance of the PANWTF, rocket charges were delivered for the proposed hen harvest rate study in case the study was approved for winter 2010 turkey trapping. Until additional revenue is obtained from a hunting license increase, the study cannot be implemented. We continue to work on the study plan to reduce costs and increase funding, and enlist other states as cooperators.

### ***Wild Turkey Management Plan***

The annual review of the wild turkey management plan strategies is underway in preparation for discussion during the annual PGC/PANWTF Cooperative meeting (June 8, 2009). Each PGC Bureau is reviewing management plan strategies they are responsible for to show outputs and outcomes, if the timeframe for accomplishments is being maintained, and identifying potential problems with implementation.

The regional wild turkey population model requires an annual recruitment variable, ratio of poults per hen, which we began to measure last summer via the statewide turkey summer sighting survey and Michaux summer sighting survey. Productivity in 2008 averaged 5 poults per hen statewide, which is higher than expected and ranged 3.3 (WMU 2B) to 8.8 (WMU 5A). MJ Casalena is working with the model author, Dr. J. McGhee, to determine the cause of an error that keeps crashing the model with the PA data.

### **Hunting Related Shooting Incidents (HRSIs)**

Very preliminary information shows 6 HRSIs from this spring's turkey season, 5 have been filed and we are awaiting information on the sixth; one each in Beaver (line-of-fire), Lycoming (line-of-fire), Centre (shot for game – victim walking dog, not hunting), Huntingdon (line-of-fire) and Northumberland (shot for game) counties. The sixth incident in Venango county, was a fatal (self-inflicted) injury, but we have not yet received any preliminary information on it.

### ***Information and Education***

In cooperation with the Bureau of I&E MJ Casalena recorded 10 Radio PA segments regarding the spring turkey season, the tri-state spring gobbler study and partnerships with the NWTF, prepared the spring turkey hunting season forecast news release, provided hunting forecast for several outdoor writers and individual turkey hunters, responded to more than 20 phone and email inquiries regarding timing of the spring season, turkey hunting, and biology/population /habitat management.

### **NWTF Convention**

The PGC award recipients enjoyed the Convention and were very appreciative of the PANWTF funding their travel. For future conventions we suggest someone from the state chapter provide them with directions/guidelines of what is expected from them at the convention, what they should prepare for, and procedures for expense reimbursement.

### **Wildlife Protection**

Adams County Wildlife Conservation Officer, Darren David, received a turkey decoy made for free from a local taxidermist, just before the season. During the season it was used with an old region office mount. Officer David and the other Adams County Officer, David Grove, spent a total of 9.5 hours using the decoys, resulting in 7 citations from 5 incidents on 4 consecutive Saturdays (not opening day), which is about one incident every 2 hours.

Interestingly, out of the 5 shooters, none occurred while inside the vehicle - they all alighted (4 parked 30-50 yards past the decoy and tried to sneak up on it while on foot along the road). Officer David has ordered 2 additional decoys from the taxidermist, hopefully ready for the closed fall turkey season. He has the skins, the Region approved spending \$50 and The Michaux Yellow Breeches Chapter will provide \$500 directly to the taxidermist. This will provide a "flock" of 4 to be used by neighboring officers as well.

### **Michaux State Forest Summer Sighting Surveys**

Thanks to a well-established cooperative effort among the PGC, DCNR Bureau of Forestry (BOF), and volunteers from local NWTF chapters, the 12<sup>th</sup> year of weekly Summer Sighting Surveys on the Michaux State Forest will be conducted to provide an additional index to turkey population trends besides our harvest and hunting success trend data for WMU 5A. This is the area of the turkey radio-telemetry study where we investigated the causes of the suppressed wild turkey population, and closed the fall season in 2003 to aid in population recovery. Additionally, since 2002, BOF staff record each day, turkeys they see and miles driven, as an additional index of the turkey population.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Art – H. Shields:**

- Ken Fernburg suggested that the art inventory be carried on the Board website.
- The art inventory should be sent to Jim Panaro so a value of the inventory can be developed.
- It was recommended that Joe Drolet maintain the art inventory.
- Don Heckman will forward a copy of the art inventory to Jim Panaro and Ken Fernburg.
- 2 Prints will go to YHEC.

### **Awards – T. Bunty:**

Awards Committee Report  
June, 2006

LMO and WCO of the year Awards brought to meeting to pass along for Game commission meeting and presentation.

### **By-Laws – D. O'Brien:**

No Report.

### **Communications – H. Daub:**

Due to focus on upcoming Spring 2009 turkey seasons, not much to report:

Communications Committee – March 09 – sent several mass emails related to Legislative and Membership issues.

### **Conservation Seed – D. Butler:**

Conservation Seed Program 2009

The 2009 Conservation seed program for 2009 consisted of 1 truckload of corn , delivered to Sam McCartney from M&R Seed Transport March 24<sup>th</sup> , 2009.

Sam distributed the seed and collected all the cost of trucking for each bag that was delivered.

I have received 5 Conditions of Acceptance Forms to date May 31 , 2009 Hopefully there will be more.

Sam did a great job of distribution, Thank you

I had a person contact me in late March and demanded some corn seed, I informed him about the system and whom he should contact to place an order for 2010. He was not pleased. I had referred him to his local chapter president to place an order in November. Note this was after all the seed was accounted for.

Sent email to all in the East that pickup would be in state College area with Sam email made 1 phone call as that person did not have email address on order form. This was done Jan.

- Last year's seed program was the most successful ever
  - All the seed was distributed
  - All the money collected
- The Acceptance form should be filled out by every recipient of seed. A mass email should be sent out (by Joe Drolet) reminding the Chapter Presidents of this.
- Conservation Seed dates should be included in a "Dates to Remember" form for Turkey Talk and website(s).

**Dart – T. Bunty:**

No Report.

**DCNR/PA Wilds – J. Pries:**

No Report.

**Finance – J. Panaro:**

Jim will be developing a preliminary budget for the august meeting.

**Habitat – D. Butler:**

No Report.

**Hunting Heritage/Super Fund – J. Pries:**

No Report.

**Jakes – K. Fernburg:**

- Joe Drolet will mass email the Jakes Raffle letter to Chapter Presidents. Ken will supply the letter.

**Land Acquisition – J. Nyce:**

No Report.

**Legislative – H. Daub:**

Due to focus on upcoming Spring 2009 turkey seasons, not much to report:

Legislative Committee:

March '09 – sent several mass emails in support of HB 92 which sets license fees with planned increases over next several years (passed out of house, awaiting action by Senate

in June). Also worked to rally support for HB 281 (Mentored Youth Tag Sharing) – passed out of house, expecting Senate action in June)

**Membership – H. Daub:**

Due to focus on upcoming Spring 2009 turkey seasons, not much to report:

Membership Committee – March 09 – sent a mass email to all Local Presidents regarding the “banquet/membership ideas” list as created by BoD’s at March 09 meeting. Also it was published in the spring ’09 Turkey Talk.

Dave Frazier for Harold Daub:

- HB281 (Mentored Youth Tag Transfer)
  - Stuck in Committee.
  - Dave will give the Committee List to Harold Daub to invoke the “Buddy List”.
- HB 92 POS Cost Transfer
  - Priority right now with POS coming up June 15.
  - **Tom Bunty made a motion for the PA Chapter NWTF to support HB92 as written. S. Motts seconded and the motion passed.**
- HB 97
  - **Jim Panaro made a motion for the PA Chapter NWTF to support HB97 as written and amended on June 2, 2009. J. Straley seconded and the motion passed.**

**Nominating – D. O'Brien:**

No Report.

**Rendezvous – J. Pries:**

No Report.

**PFSC – Don Heckman:**

Pennsylvania Federation Sportsmen's Clubs Report  
Don Heckman, PA Chapter NWTF Delegate to PFSC  
For PA Chapter NWTF Board meeting, June 7, 2009

PFSC Executive Director Melody Zullinger submitted her resignation letter at the March 2009 PFSC Convention. Resignation letter accepted with regret, search committee was formed, and press release will be distributed looking for prospective applicants to send in their resumes. After resume reviews and applicant interviews were conducted, Alan Smith was offered the position by the Board of Directors and accepted, becoming the new PFSC Executive Director. Alan will start his new position on June 22.

Prepared PANWTF handout on wild turkey management and turkey hunting recommendations for PFSC March Board meeting from the Wild Turkey Management Committee March Board meeting report. Copies of NWTF Turkey Hunting Success and Safety brochure, Pennsylvania State NWTF Wild Turkey Super Fund Projects, and PANWTF Turkey Talk newsletters were available for PFSC board members and delegates.

Attended PFSC Game and Trapping Committee meeting and Delegate voting session. Reports were distributed.

PFSC "On Target" May-June 2009 issue has been distributed. July-August issue be out the end June.

PFSC Fall Convention is September 18-20, 2009 in Altoona, PA. PANWTF reports for PFSC Board meeting, Game and Trapping Committee, and Delegates voting session will be presented.

PFSC is working on these issues:

License Increase for the PGC.

Stable Funding Alternative options for PGC and PFBC.

Increased Penalties for Wildlife Violators.

Participation in the Wildlife Violators Compact.

Continued protection of our 2nd Amendment Rights.... supporting Castle Doctrine legislation being signed; accountability for the mayors and city councils that are breaking the law by enacting illegal firearm ordinances.

Increased outreach and education programs for youth and adult members.

Increased individual memberships, sportsmen's clubs, and state-wide conservation organizations.

Work to bring sportsmen together in a more cohesive working relationship to protect our Outdoor Heritage for future generations.

#### **Safety & Education – Chuck Mathues:**

No Report.

#### **Shows – S. Motts:**

No Report.

#### **Turkey Talk – J. Straley:**

- We missed the May 25<sup>th</sup> Turkey Talk deadline and will need to add one week to the schedule for the rest of the year.
- Board nomination notification and instructions need to be put into the next issue of Turkey Talk.

#### **Upper Gun Raffle – J. Panaro:**

#### **Wheelin' Sportsmen – D. Zimmerman:**

- Dean turned over the Chairmanship to John Groff.

#### **Wild Turkey Management – J. Panaro:**

##### **Wild Turkey Management Committee Report June 7, 2009 PA Chapter NWTF Board Meeting**

#### **Wild Turkey Management changes requiring PGC Staff and Commissioner overview.**

1) Support revised PGC Management Plan For Wild Turkeys In Pennsylvania, 2006-2015, operational with 47 strategies documented, measuring strategies as outlined, and the plan fully funded for 10 years; **as of March Board meeting management plan is on schedule.**

2) Northeast Wild Turkey Population Model – implement in wild turkey management plan – PA NWTF has \$15,000 invested in development; model data and modeling results are requirements for future wild turkey management decisions; **no current update on data or model implementation.**

3) Recommendation to extend last day of spring gobbler season to May 31, permanently --- Commissioner's approved Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2009 as last day of 2009 spring gobbler season; Recommend Commissioner's approve Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2010, and keep May 31 as last day for future spring gobbler seasons. Commissioner's voted okay to end 2010 spring gobbler season on May, 31, 2010. Other than PANWTF no Commissioner public comment was made to make mandatory regulation for spring gobbler season on May 31 permanently. **PANWTF comments to Board of Commissioners during January 2010 meeting will have to include recommendation comments for making May 31 a permanent closing day for spring gobbler season. If May 31 would be a Sunday, May 30 would be the closing day.**

4) Recommendation for Mentored Youth Hunting to including fall turkey hunting season in regulation starting in 2009; **We need to support HB 281 to allow "tag sharing" with Mentored Youth Hunters and then work with PGC to get them to support including fall turkeys.**

5) Recommendation to expanding youth spring gobbler season and regular spring gobbler season to all day hunting starting 2011, after 4 year gobbler leg band research project is completed in 2009 and project evaluation is completed by 2010; could be moved out to 2013 if all day spring gobbler season is adopted in 2010.

6) Recommendation to expand youth spring gobbler to more than one day.

7) Continue recommendations to reduce or increase WMU fall season lengths as management plan setting fall season guidelines are determined; using management data based on current field data and indices,

harvest densities, population densities, and hunter densities, as charted measurements outlined in the wild turkey management plan; when management data supports regulation change; **Commissioner Schleiden motion and commissioner vote got WMU 2F moved to 3 weeks under proposed rule making at January 2009 Commissioner meeting. During the April 2009 Commissioner meeting under final rule adoption Commissioner Schreffler motion and 5-2 vote got WMU 2F 2009 fall season to close after 2 weeks as recommended by PGC BWM and PANWTF. Board voted to reduce fall season in WMU 2D from 3 weeks to 2 weeks, and decrease WMU 5C and 5D from 6 days to 4 days as recommended and passed under proposed rule making, all other WMUs remained the same for 2009 fall hunting season.**

8) State-wide gobbler leg band research – first year 2006, second year 2007, third year 2008, and fourth year for study Winter 2009 are **completed**; all four years of research project funding support from NWTf and PANWTF is **\$150,416** from NWTf Grant In Aid and PA Chapter NWTf Hunting Heritage Super Fund for research project equipment and trapping materials; PGC funded administrative, staff and transportation requirements, other agency project expenses; **Reference Mary Jo's Tech Committee Report for 2009 WMU winter banding counts and update on Wild Turkey Spring Harvest Rates and Annual Survival Rates Study submitted for the June 2009 Board meeting; four year state-wide gobbler leg band study analysis, results, and recommendations will likely be available by December 2009 for distribution;**

9) PGC submitted Fall Harvest Rates to NWTf Technical Committee requesting funding for state-wide hen research/telemetry study for 4 years – 2010-2013. The request for NWTf Grant-in-Aid Research Project funding had mixed reviews. The technical committee thought the study was well-planned, but extremely expensive. This was primarily because the satellite transmitters are so pricey. The NWTf Tech Committee did not turn thumbs down on the project but suggested that modifications be made to the design or that additional funding be sought from other sources (the agency and PANWTF). If the initial year funding request (\$139,000) is reduced the project will be more likely to get support. The three other years will run between \$35 and 39K. **Reference Mary Jo's Tech Committee Report under Wild Turkey Spring Harvest Rates and Annual Survival Rates Study for latest status of this hen research project; until additional revenue is obtained from a hunting license increase, the study cannot be implemented.**

#### **Legislation changes require Governor signature.**

- 1) PGC hunting license increase legislation – supporting need for PGC additional revenue, and supporting alternative funding option recommendations. Turkey Hunting License – continue with our position statement, articles and news release supporting need for combined spring and fall turkey hunting license, support fully funded wild turkey management plan to complete yearly objectives and strategies;
- 2) Support Sunday hunting as regulated by PGC, required legislation to change Title 34 Game Code;
- 3) Do not support legislation [Title 34 Game Code] through legislative wording that changes PGC hunting seasons, bag limits, **and shooting hours**. PGC hunting seasons, bag limits, **and shooting hours** are changed by Board of Commissioners through PGC Regulation [Title 58 Code].

#### **Other Committee actions requiring PA Chapter NWTf Board participation and overview.**

- 1) PANWTF Turkey Hunter Cooperative Program [Turkey Talk Spring 2009 issue]  
**Spring turkey hunter cooperative surveys are being returned to Jim for analysis and reporting. Jim will report on preliminary cooperative survey results.**

#### **Other Committee actions requiring PGC Staff and Commissioner participation and overview.**

- 1) Turkey hunter safety and ethics – Comprehensive PGC wild turkey hunter safety - NWTf Turkey Hunter Safety DVD provided to PGC HTE classes and availability to general hunting public; helping PGC reach out to 300,000+- turkey hunters with additional turkey hunter safety and ethics information and material; PA Edition NWTf Turkey Hunting Success and Safety brochure; NWTf Turkey Hunter Safety Task Force material;
- 2) Annually review of meeting minutes from PGC Executive Staff and PA NWTf June meeting as provided by PGC Wild Turkey Biologist Mary Jo Casalena; 2008 meeting minutes have been forwarded for final review and update; copy of meeting minutes for PA NWTf Board of Directors and NWTf Staff are available; important wild turkey management criteria and decision making foundations have been accomplished since these joint partnership yearly meetings started back in the mid 1980's. Requested PGC wild turkey biologist to update PA Chapter NWTf Board at the January and June board meetings on status of Objectives and Strategies as outlined in the PGC Management Plan For Wild Turkeys In Pennsylvania.
- 3) NWTf wild turkey management outreach programs - Wild Turkey Woodlands, fund HHSF Habitat, Safety Education, Land Acquisition, Habitat programs, Conservation seed programs, Project HELP, Operation Appleseed, Operation Oak, Get In The Game - Hunting Heritage Club, other budgeted NWTf outreach programs and HHSF Super Fund expenditures, support funding for NWTf's Pennsylvania Comprehensive Wild Turkey Management Plan, continue distributing PANWTF articles and news releases to Tell The Story.

#### **NWTf North American Wild Turkey Management Plan.**

Pennsylvania Comprehensive Wild Turkey Management Plan - support management plan objectives and recommendations, provide for fully funded management plan criteria as directed by NWTf Wild Turkey Biologist and NWTf Conservation Programs.

- Jim Panaro reported that 88 people signed up for the Cooperator Program.

- Jim will continue to send out updates from the Cooperator Program to the Board.

**WITO – K. Skrapits:**

No Report.

**YHEC – D. Zimmerman**

Report submitted by Dean Zimmerman

June 7<sup>th</sup>. 2009

PA YHEC: On Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 there will be a state YHEC competition held at Scotia, PA (near State College). I am looking for any interested individuals to join me as representatives of the NWTF for this event. Please reply by email [dbzimm@comcast.net](mailto:dbzimm@comcast.net) or phone (717)865-2930. There is no time frame posted on PA YHEC's web site. I will try to have this information for the meeting.

I will be leaving the YHEC event in time to make the Brush Valley Chapter banquet at Tall Cedars in Sunbury, doors open at 4:30 pm. I will have a flyer at the meeting for any interested people or contact Joseph Sadak at 570-648-3787.

On Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the Ned Smith Center will be holding a festival in the park along the river at Millersburg, PA. Last year 40,000 people attended. I will be representing the Lykens Valley Chapter by giving two seminars, one on wild turkey and its habitat, and the other will be how to get close to view the wild turkey in the wild. Our chapter will also have a NWTF information booth.

The "Center" was looking to hold a youth turkey-calling contest but would need judges for the event. Our group had to decline due to inexperience or other commitments. If there is any interest by anyone in doing such an event, please contact me as soon as possible.

**Communications**

- Jon Pries
  - There will be a joint Trail Blazer and Jakes joint event
  - One year free membership available on-line to the NRA.
  - There is a NRA grant program available for local chapters for youth/jakes events where firearms are used.
- Brian Grove, Director of Corporate Development at Chesapeake Energy, spoke to the Board about habitat reclamation opportunities after natural gas drilling.
  - Dale Butler is the chairman of a committee to deal with Chesapeake Energy and explore the opportunities available. Ray Smith, Jim Panaro, Bob Eriksen, and others (TBD) will be on the committee.

**Old Business**

- Jim Panaro led a discussion about the Small Games of chance license which will be renewed.

**New Business**

- Ray Smith notified the Board that the 4-year contract with the Ned Smith center is running out. It is up for renewal in 2010.

- **Jim Panaro made a motion that we support the Ned Smith Center with a 4-year program beginning in 2010. Dean Zimmerman seconded and the motion carried.**
- Dean Zimmerman told the Board that the Ned Smith Festival is July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**For the Good of the Order**

- Skip Motts reviewed the Action Items with the Board.

**Motion made for the PA NWTF State Board of Directors meeting to adjourn. Seconded. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Drolet  
PA State Chapter Secretary