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Game Commission Seeking Volunteers for Appalachian Bat Count

Game Commission biologists are seeking help from residents in a regional monitoring effort to collect bat maternity colony data this summer. This effort is especially important due to the mortalities in eastern U.S. bat populations being caused by white-nose syndrome (WNS).

For more information, visit the Commission's website (www.pgc.state.pa.us) and click on "Wildlife" in the menu bar at the top of the homepage, scroll down and choose "Little brown bat" in the Wild Mammals section. and then click on "Appalachian Bat Count." Scout groups, 4-H clubs, local environmental organizations, and individual homeowners all can participate in this important effort. If interested, register right away to avoid missing the survey period.

Editor's Note: There have been local cases of rabies in bats. Please do not attempt to pick up wild bats.



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Lovre Wins Jr. Service Rifle State Championship Post 228 Junior Rifle Club member Matt Lovre won the 2014 State Long Range Championship for junior service rifle at Reade Range. Read more about Post 228 inside.

2014 – 2015 Season Hunting Licenses Now Available for Purchase

The 2014 - 2015 hunting and furtaker licenses went on sale June 9. All license fees remain unchanged since 1999.

Licenses can be purchased online through the Pennsylvania Automated License System (PALS) website, <u>https://www.pa.wildlifelicense.com</u>. Hunters also can use PALS to apply for the elk-license drawing or purchase Deer

Management Assistance Program permits.

Licenses also can be purchased over the counter at all Game Commission region

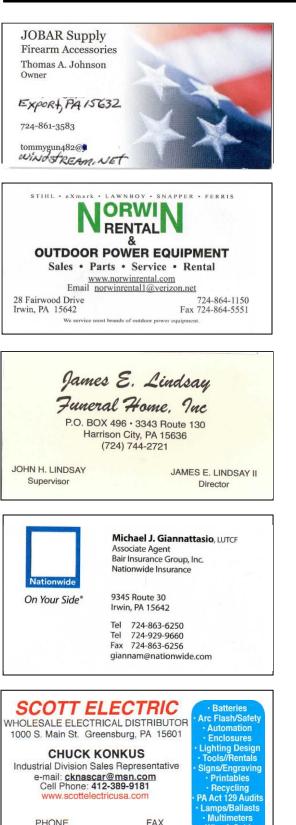
Member Meetings Last Thursday of Each Month 7:30 p.m. offices, as well as through more than 600 in-state and out-of-state issuing agents. A list of issuing agents is available at the Game Commission's website, <u>www.pgc.state.pa.us</u>.

The new licenses are valid through June 30, 2015.

Hunters who hold senior lifetime hunting or furtaker licenses, or combinations of those licenses must pick up new licenses and harvest tags for the upcoming season.

Remember that many specialty licenses or permits have application or purchase deadlines, or launch dates for sales. For a complete list, see the 2014-15 Pennsylvania Hunting & Trapping Digest.





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membership is the members' only discounts. They range from moving companies to hotels and rental cars. Use one and it could more than pay for the membership! Check out the full list on the NRA web site here. You can even narrow it down to local companies by state, a **HUGE** selling point!

Member Testimonial

Product Keeps Ticks Off

Dan Nave recommends trying Sawyer Permethrin Clothing and Gear Insect repellant, sold at Cabelas. He says it's the only spray that has actually worked for him while hunting. The product is to be sprayed on clothing and then the clothing hung outside for four hours. The clothing can then be safely worn. One application is supposed to last up to six weeks or 6 washes of the clothing.



NRA Membership Offers Many Benefits

Submitted by Smokey (Thomas) Burdin

You are aware that the most important reason to join NRA is the 24/7 defense of our firearm freedoms. There's power in numbers and it's the strength of our membership that keeps NRA moving forward. However, the other benefits of membership provide fantastic additional incentives for an individual to join NRA!

Magazine Choice: With all regular memberships comes a choice of subscription to American Rifleman, American Hunter, or America's 1st Freedom. The magazines come every month and are worth the dues money alone!

ArmsCare Coverage: Are you aware that membership also comes with \$2,500 in coverage for your firearms, air guns, bows and arrows against theft, accidental loss, and damage?

Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage: Annual members receive \$5,000 of coverage for accidents at, or to and from, a NRA event. It also covers accidents that occur during the use of firearms or hunting equipment. If a member joins for life, the coverage doubles!

Members Only Discounts and Services: A little known benefit to NRA

Post 228 Junior Rifle Club Has Long History at ISA

For boasting some of the region's top young marksmen, Post 228 Junior Rifle Club had a humble beginning. Originally Boy Scout Explorer Post 228, the group started out using a make-shift range in the basement of a Jeannette business in the 1950s.

That first range came together largely by sheer determination, says Training Counselor Rich Lawson, who started the Club. Nearly everything was donated, from the lumber that the Scouts dismantled from old scaffolding, to the ties and plates from the nearby railroad, to sand donated by West End Builders Supply, and surplus Army rifles from the NRA's Civilian Marksmanship program (which are still in use by students today).

When the Club had to move in 1982, it found a home at Irwin Sportsmen's Association. Currently, Post 228 has



Post 228 Coaching Team

From left, Associate Coach Victor Maccagnan, Assistant Coach Jeff Meier, Head Coach Bob Cain, and Training Counselor Rich Lawson. The Club was started in the 1950s by Lawson.

15 members, 13 of which are active in NRA competitions. Still, says Head Coach Bob Cain, there's room for more to come and practice on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Eligible participants are between 11 and 17 years of age, and no experience is necessary, he says.

It's not just an alternative to traditional school sports. A number of

Club members have been awarded college scholarships with positions on rifle teams.

For more information about the Club, call Bob Cain at 724-834-8926 or email him at <u>twocrows3@gmail.com</u>.

Good luck to Post 228 at the Camp Perry competition in July!



Left, Morgan McFeely practices under the instruction of Associate Coach Victor Maccagnan at the ISA outdoor rifle range. Right, Rachel Mills cleans her rifle after practice.





Found

- Pair of binoculars
- Steel target
- Knife case

Call Jack Ruffner (724-744-2514) or Sam Petrill (724-523-9216) with descriptions

Drop us a Line!

Do you have a picture or story to share? Would you like to see more stories on a certain topic? Let us know! Email us at <u>myISAnews@gmail.</u> <u>com</u> or call Susan at 412-638-3063.

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Membership Information

Dues

- Annual \$30 Fee plus three work parties (One work party mandatory, \$10 may be paid in exchange for each remaining party missed.)
- One-time \$30 Initiation Fee
- Family membership only for children under 18
- Membership includes spouse (accompanied)

Meeting Schedule

- Officers Monthly, Second Thurs, 7 p.m.
- General Membership Monthly, Last Thurs, 7:30 p.m.

(Note: November and December meeting dates announced in fall.)

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