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Changes to Antlerless Licenses

Starting this year, the pink envelope system previously used to purchase antlerless deer licenses will disappear. Licenses will now be sold in rounds, which limits hunters to one license at a time. No applications will be needed to purchase one; however, you will need to purchase them at a license issuing agent or online.

Antlerless licenses and general licenses go on sale Monday, June 26 at 8:00 AM. This will begin the first round of purchases and is only open to Pennsylvania residents. Nonresidents can purchase on Monday, July 10 at 8:00 AM. **Please note: no hunter is able to obtain more than one antlerless license during round one.**

The second round will open for all license buyers on Monday, July 24 at 8:00 AM. A hunter with one license can get an additional license for any Wildlife Management Unit where licenses remain available. The exception: Mentored hunters are only permitted to purchase one antlerless license total per license year.

The third round begins on Monday, August 14 at 8:00 AM. The Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) permits will also go on sale.

The fourth round begins on Monday, August 28 at 8:00 AM where hunters can buy additional antlerless licenses for WMUs where they remain, to reach their personal limit of six.

If purchasing online, paper licenses and harvest tags will be sent by US mail and may take up to 10 business days to arrive.

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ISA Post 228 Junior Rifle Club Inc.



Pictured Left to Right: Nathan, Gianna, Cameron, Logan, Parker, Evan

The team members were presented with awards from the March NRA Sponsored match at the May ISA Members Meeting. A cake was enjoyed by everyone in attendance, especially the team.

The team continues to practice weekly for the upcoming National competition at Camp Perry in July. The National Matches are held annually at Camp Perry in Port Clinton, OH. They include the CMP National Trophy Pistol and Rifle Matches, the National Smallbore Matches, the National Air Gun Matches and the National Mid and Long Range Matches. The matches are conducted by a partnership of the CMP and Ohio National Guard. This national shooting sports competition has grown to host over 4,500 annual participants.

Our team will be sending 3 members: Nathan, Logan and Cameron. The team, along with coaches and parents will spend a week on the base competing and taking courses.

Practices will be held on the rifle ranges starting June 5 and held each Monday & Tuesday thru the end of July. This is a great opportunity for you, the members, to come and see the talent among the kids!

You can continue to help support the team by purchasing monthly raffle tickets and purchasing hoagies. Please contact Coach Paul to get your tickets. We sell Triangle Bar hoagies each month at the following locations:

- Manor Car Wash
- S&T Bank on Route 130 in Penn Township
- Lot beside Earl's Dairy Whip (off Clay Pike in North Huntingdon)

Our next hoagie sale is Saturday, June 17 starting at 10:30 AM.

Awards Presentation



Sporting Events in the Area

June 10 Wild About Nature Event: Casting Activity, Fayette County Fairgrounds,
10:00 AM—3:00 PM

[Event - Wild About Nature Event - Casting Activity - June 10, 2023 in Dunnbar, PA \(register-ed.com\)](#)

June 12 2nd Amendment Rally, Capital Steps, Harrisburg, 11:00 AM

[2023 Second Amendment Rally Flyer.pdf \(wsimg.com\)](#)

June 17 Youth Field Day, White Oak Rod & Gun Club, 8:00 AM—5:00 PM

[Event - Youth Field Day - June 17, 2023 in North Huntingdon, PA \(register-ed.com\)](#)

June 18 Father's Day Fishing Derby, Twin Lakes Park, 8:00 AM—1:00 PM

[2023 Schedule of Events | Westmoreland County, PA - Official Website](#)

ISA Events

June 1: Outdoor Pin Shoots, 5:00 PM

June 4: Trap Shoots, Noon, \$4.00 per person/round

June 6: Ladies Pistol Instructional League, 6:30 PM, \$5.00/person

June 7: ISA Member Work Party, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM

June 8: ISA Officers Meeting, 7:00 PM

June 11: Trap Shoots, Noon, \$4.00 per person/round

June 14: ISA Member Work Party, 9:00 AM—11:00 AM

June 14: ISA Member Work Party, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM

June 15: Outdoor Pin Shoots, 5:00 PM

June 17: ISA Post 228 Jr. Rifle Club Inc. Hoagie Sales: Purchase a Triangle Bar hoagie for \$8.00 at Manor Car Wash, S&T Bank on Route 130 or the lot beside Earl's Dairy Whip from 10:45 AM—Sold out

June 18: Trap Shoots, Noon, \$4.00 per person/round

June 20: Ladies Pistol Instructional League, 6:30 PM, \$5.00/person

June 21: ISA Member Work Party, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM

June 25: Trap Shoots, Noon, \$4.00 per person/round

June 28: ISA Member Work Party, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM

June 29: ISA Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM

ISA Fundraising

Memorial Day Ticket

All tickets sold for the Memorial Day Meat Ticket. Congratulations to the lucky winner, Joyce Lichtenfels!

Labor Day Ticket

The ticket committee met on May 18 to discuss running another meat/smoker package for Labor Day since the Memorial Day ticket was a hit. Ticket sales will start in June. The winning numbers will be pulled on August 25. All stubs and money will be due by August 10. If you are interested in helping to sell or want to purchase any, please see an ISA Officer.

Fall Gun Tickets

A fall gun ticket will start being sold in September to coincide with our annual ISA Open House. We plan to sell 250 tickets that will contain 4 numbers. The cost of each ticket will be \$15.00 each. This combo ticket will feature gun and ammo for Men and Women (2 different guns). The ticket will go off on October 6. All stubs and money will be due back to the club by September 14.

ISA Member Work Parties

This is your opportunity to save money on your dues next year!!!! We need members to help keep the grounds usable. Work parties are held every Wednesday from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. On the second Wednesday of each month, we also run a work party from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM.

Duties vary at the work parties such as grass cutting, weed eating, pulling weeds, branch pickup, painting, cleaning/dusting inside the clubhouse, bathroom cleaning, etc. We realize not everyone is physically able to do the manual labor. Please contact an officer and we will work with you so you can get your 3 work party credits.

Anyone who does come for a work party will be required to sign the book at the end of the session in order to get credit.

PA State Park Spotlight

Each year, many of us venture out on lavish vacations to get away from everyday life. Unfortunately, the cost of hotels, amusement parks, vacation rentals, etc. have skyrocketed making it unrealistic for many living on budgets. Myself, like many others, want to get away from the stress of life but can't afford big trips. While exploring a local store recently, I discovered a book "50 States; 500 State Parks: An essential guide to America's best places to visit". Inside it featured 5-10 top rated state parks for each state. I bought the book and have decided that is our family challenge for this year: Tackle the Pennsylvania State Parks featured and explore wildlife and beauty right in our backyards.

Pymatuning State Park



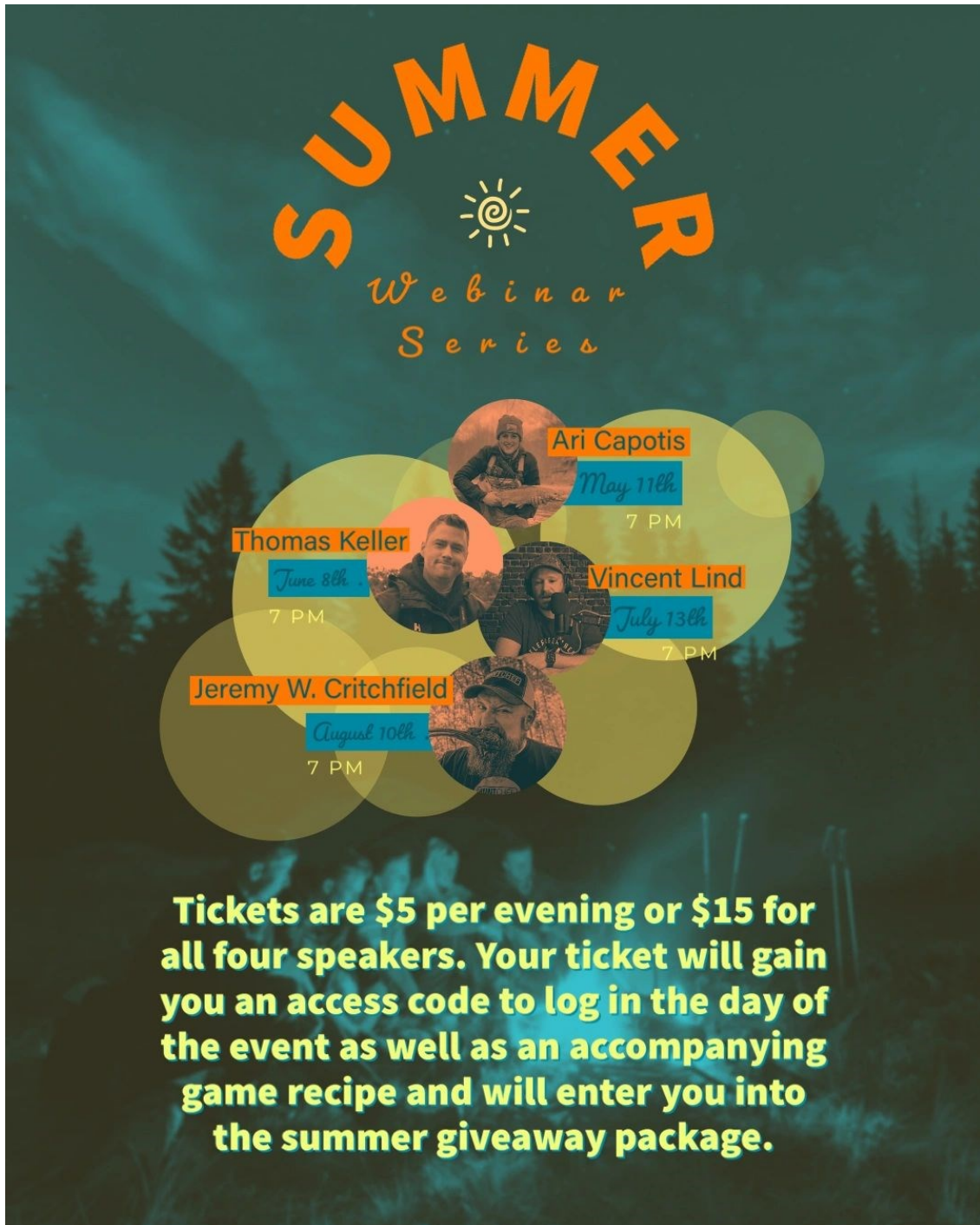
Pymatuning State Park consists of 16,892 acres and is one of Pennsylvania's largest state parks. Bald eagles are often found nesting in the park, a portion of which stretches into neighboring Ohio. Pymatuning Reservoir is the largest lake in the commonwealth and features some of the biggest carp you will ever see. Pymatuning is also one of the most visited state parks in Pennsylvania. Known as "The place where ducks walk on the fish", people flock from all over to see the large carp, toss stale bread and watch in amazement.

There are a variety of activities to do here outside of gazing at fish. The man-made lake is popular for fishing, boating and water skiing. There are over 10 boat launches, three beaches and numerous marinas available at the park. If you are looking to spend a night at the park, a large on-site campground is available. They even have cabin rentals for those that don't want to "rough it".

Things to do while visiting this park:

- *Fishing:* There are a variety of fish species including walleye, muskellunge and crappies.
- *Spillway:* Stop at the spillway to observe the massive carp. The concession stand sells stale bread for \$1.00 a bag. You will laugh watching the underwater wrestling that occurs while feeding the carp.
- *Wilsons Launch:* This is a great viewing spot for catching the various eagles that call the park home.
- *Jamestown Marsh Trail:* This easy-to-navigate pathway spans 2.5 miles, making it suitable for any hiker or outdoor lover. With benches along the way and several stopping points, you will travel through marshlands, forest and have great viewing of the lake.
- *Linesville Fish Hatchery:* Houses 20 different species of fish. This is a great stop where you can learn about the hatchling and fish rearing processes. The hatchery offers a glimpse into how fish get from egg to adult size. Visitors will enjoy the massive 2 story fish tank that has some incredible species within.
- *Duck Blind:* Located on the north end of Pymatuning Reservoir, the Dick Blind offers visitors the opportunity to watch hundreds of ducks gather.
- *Robinson Trail:* This 5 mile trail starts at Jamestown Marina Parking lot and ends at Tuttle Picnic Area.

Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen & Conservationists

A poster for the "Summer Webinar Series" set against a background of a forest at dusk. The word "SUMMER" is written in large, orange, block letters, with a sun icon in the center of the 'M'. Below it, "Webinar Series" is written in a smaller, orange, cursive font. Four circular portraits of speakers are arranged in a cluster, each with a date and time label. The speakers are Ari Capotis (May 11th, 7 PM), Thomas Keller (June 8th, 7 PM), Vincent Lind (July 13th, 7 PM), and Jeremy W. Critchfield (August 10th, 7 PM). At the bottom, a green text box contains the ticket information.

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Tickets are \$5 per evening or \$15 for all four speakers. Your ticket will gain you an access code to log in the day of the event as well as an accompanying game recipe and will enter you into the summer giveaway package.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen & Conservationists will be hosting a summer webinar series to run every second Thursday at 7:00 PM from May until August. The lineup of guests include experts in their field to men and women who own or operate their own businesses in the outdoor world. Once the series is over, a winner will be drawn from all of the ticket holders for the Summer Giveaway Package. Purchase your ticket online at <https://pfsc.org/online-store/ols/categories/events>

June 8: Thomas Keller: "Marten Reintroduction Plan"

July 13: Vincent Lind: "Hunting and Podcasts to Encourage New Hunters"

August 10: Jeremy W. Critchfield: "Hunting from the lens of a Trained Chef"

Opportunities to Earn Work Party Credits

- * Attend ISA Member Work Parties that are held each Wednesday
 - * We have a variety of tasks that can be completed for all skill levels
- * Attend Monthly Membership Meetings
 - * Attendance at 4 meetings = 1 Work Party Credit
- * Monitor the ranges
 - * Instructions for this duty are inside the binder in the Club House room. Make sure to sign-in for credit and borrow a safety vest.
- * Help clean up Sandy Hill Road up to the intersection of Route 130.
 - * Contact Jack Ruffner or Smoky Burdin
- * Help sell monthly tickets with the Post 228 Jr. Rifle Club Inc.
 - * Contact Paul Angelicchio
- * Help sell a minimum of 10 tickets for ISA
 - * Contact Dan Nave
- * Contact an ISA Officer to inquire about additional opportunities that may be coming up

Membership Renewal Cards

If you did not include a Self-Addressed-Stamped-Envelope with your dues payment, your new card is at the club and may be picked up at any regularly scheduled meeting.

PA Legislation Updates



It is up to each of us to contact our local reps and express our views on legislation and how it affects our freedoms. Although we are not able to sway you one way or the other, we are allowed to provide information for you to stay informed and speak up.

PA HB 1018 Extreme Risk Protection Order: Passed PA House by vote of 102-99

Title: In firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms and for abandonment of firearms, weapons or ammunition; in community and municipal courts, further providing for masters; adding provisions relating to extreme risk protection orders; imposing duties on the Office of Attorney General; and imposing penalties.

Description: An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms and for abandonment of firearms, weapons or ammunition; in community and municipal courts, further providing for masters; adding provisions relating to extreme risk protection orders; imposing duties on the Office of Attorney General; and imposing penalties.

[Bill Information - House Bill 1018; Regular Session 2023-2024 - PA General Assembly \(state.pa.us\)](#)

PA HB 714 Universal Background Checks: Passed PA House by vote of 108-92

Title: In firearms and other dangerous articles, repealing provisions relating to sale or transfer of firearms.

Description: An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, repealing provisions relating to sale or transfer of firearms.

[Bill Information - House Bill 714; Regular Session 2023-2024 - PA General Assembly \(state.pa.us\)](#)

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