



Continuing Our Traditions

You are cordially invited to attend

PFSC's Fall Convention

September 17, 18, 19, 2010

At the

Holiday Inn Conference Center

7736 Adrienne Drive

Breinigsville, PA 18031

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Hosted by:

The Southeast Division of the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

Meeting Agenda & Events

(Tentative)

Friday – September 17th

8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Registration Table Open
10:00 am – 11:00 am	PWF Board Meeting
11:00 – Noon	PFSC Endowment Board
Noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch on Your Own
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	PFSC Board Meeting
6:00 pm – ?	Local Club Event
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Hospitality Suite hosted by SE Division

Saturday – September 18th

7:30 am – 4:00 pm	Registration Table Open
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Delegate Session
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Membership Development
10:00 am – 11:30 am	Fish & Boat Committee
11:00 am – Noon	Awards Committee (Hall of Fame, Laudadio, Legislator of the Year)
11:30 am – Noon	Game/Trapping Committee
Noon – 1:00 pm	Life Member Lunch (Reservations Required) OR Lunch on Your Own
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Game/Trapping Committee
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Nominations Committee
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Firearms Committee
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Conservation Committee
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Banquet/Awards Presentation <i>Cash Bar Opens at 6:00 pm</i> <i>Dinner served at 7:00 pm</i>
10:00 pm - ?	Hospitality Suite hosted by SE Division

Sunday – September 19th

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Prayer Service
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	General Session
12:00 pm	Safe Travels Home



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DATE: August 2, 2010
TO: All PFSC Members
FROM: Ted Onufrak, President
RE: State of Affairs

Please find enclosed your invitation to our Fall Convention. I hope you'll attend the convention and join us as we discuss a number of issues important to not only the resource but to this organization and its future progress.

I've had a number of inquiries about the status of our state organization as well as our office staff and what the future holds for the PFSC. It's obviously difficult to try and attend every county and/or club meeting and also speak personally to all of our "individual" members. Since it appears we also continue to have problems with our delegates and board members getting the word out to the membership, I thought this would be a good method for getting many of you updated on where we currently stand.

- Most of you should be aware that over the course of the last six months all of our full time staff has left for other positions. At Fall Convention the Board will be discussing the recruitment and funding of new staff for our state office.
- In the interim, the Executive Committee has hired Susan Hughes to staff the state office on a part-time basis, for three days per week. Susan will handle all office management duties including the bookkeeping, membership applications and other day to day office functions.
- Melody Schell was also retained to handle the publication of On Target, management of the website and to get our email list up and running again, including the legislative updates that many of you have become accustomed to.
- Over the past several months we've used Susan, Melody and another contract employee, Ken O'Donnell, to get our financial records in order and complete the tax return forms for the PFSC, PWF and the Endowment Foundation. Those tasks were completed by the July 15 deadline which was the second (and final) extension for filing requested by our Auditor.
- A recommendation by the Board at our January Board meeting to restructure the Board was accomplished at our June Board meeting when bylaws revisions were finally adopted by the Board. These revisions will reduce the size of the Board as well as create a new membership category.

- Another recommendation in January and discussed extensively at Spring Convention, was the need to revise our dues structure. A committee chaired by Bob Rittenhouse has been working on this and they will have their recommendation at Fall Convention – another good reason to try and attend. Currently, out of an approximate annual budget of \$185,000, membership dues accounts for about \$90,000. The Committee has been discussing proposals that will increase that amount by anywhere from \$15,000 to \$25,000 annually. Membership dues should be covering about 90% of the organization’s costs, but many feel that is unacceptable. The Board has provided input to the committee at the March and June board meetings, so hopefully information was carried back to the division meetings by board members.
- I’ve heard there are rumors that the PFSC is going bankrupt. Not true. I’ve spent the past couple months going through our financial records with the above mentioned contract employees as well as our auditor. There’s definitely been some very poor record keeping over the past year, which has resulted in confusing financial reports, but there’s been no indication of any fraud or theft, just poor money management and lack of oversight of expenses.
- If there’s been any big gap in our funding, it’s been due to the lack of any fundraisers over the past 12 to 18 months. Our budget typically relies upon fundraising revenue of \$50,000 to \$80,000 per year. We need to reinstitute some fundraising activities to fill that budget gap.
- One of the larger PFSC expenses has been the cost of maintaining our state office building, which is owned by our Endowment Foundation. The Foundation has currently taken on those expenses (approximately \$26,000 per year) and is renting office space to PFSC at \$595 per month. Because the Endowment cannot afford to continue to cover those expenses indefinitely, they have put the building up for sale, with the hopes that any prospective buyers will continue to rent space to PFSC.
- Treasurer Ray Martin has recently submitted his resignation from the PFSC, the PWF and Endowment Foundation, so those positions will need to be filled at Convention. As many of you know, Ray has been with us for many years and we thank him for his service and wish him the best. We need members to step forward and let the nominating committee know of their interest in serving as Treasurer for each of these organizations.

It’s been a hectic past several months trying to get things in order. We are slowly making progress, and with Susan and Melody under contract things will continue to improve. But don’t be mistaken, we still have a ways to go to return to the level of operation that many of you have come to take for granted. How soon we can get back to that level of operation will depend largely on the outcome of any proposed dues structure as well as more members stepping forward to help with things such as fundraisers and increasing membership. There will be much discussion at the Fall Convention on these issues, as well as decisions about the direction the members want to see the organization take, so please try and attend. And if any of you have questions or concerns you should contact your county delegate and/or division chairman, but if you fail to get the answers you want please feel free to email me at tonufrak@uplink.net or call me at 814-574-3134.

Convention Highlights

FRIDAY: Watch PFSC in action as we hold PWF, Endowment & PFSC board meetings throughout the day.

FRIDAY NIGHT EVENT: Join us for dinner and an evening of fun & fellowship at a local sportsmen's club.

COST: \$30 per person

SATURDAY: Attend PFSC's committee meetings where you'll hear from representatives from our resource agencies & other guest speakers, with updates on all the current issues and events affecting our resources and outdoor heritage. There are a lot of important issues affecting PFSC's future that will be discussed, so don't miss it!

LIFE MEMBER LUNCHEON: Saturday at noon; a Luncheon Buffet for our Life Members and their guests.

COST: \$25 per person

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET: After a buffet dinner, we will present the Hall of Fame Award. We'll wrap up the evening raising some much needed funds for PFSC.

Cash bar opens at 6:00 p.m. Dinner served at 7:00 p.m.

COST: \$40

SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE: After Breakfast on your own, join us for a short Sunday morning non-denominational prayer service before the General Session.

Hospitality Suite will be open Friday & Saturday evening after each night's events, sponsored by the SE Division.

Join PFSC as we continue to work to meet our mission to ensure proper protection of our wildlife resources, the habitat, our outdoor heritage and our 2nd Amendment Rights at our Fall 2010 Convention, September 17th - 19th, at the Lehigh Valley Holiday Inn, near Allentown.

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Registration Steps

- Please return your **registration form** AND payment to the State Office by **September 1, 2010**
 - *Anyone paying their registration fees after this date will be charged an additional **\$10 late fee**
- Mail completed Registration Form and Payment to:
 - PFSC
 - 2426 North Second Street
 - Harrisburg, PA 17110
- **Room Reservations at the Holiday Inn must be made by August 17th to receive the guaranteed rate.**
 - *Room rates and availability cannot be guaranteed after this date.
 - *The room rate is \$99 per night, plus applicable taxes.
 - *Room features: Voicemail, coffee maker, mini fridges, hair dryers iron/board, high speed internet access
- Be sure to check the registration table for any last minute changes in schedule and/or events throughout the weekend.



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