

# Easton Fish & Game

# NEWS

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## Spring 2009

### TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF EASTON FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION, INC.

My name is John Hershey, and I have been elected as President of this exceptional sporting club. I have accepted this job to aid the club on its mission of forward progress and therefore maintaining an exceptional place to shoot as well as providing the community some public service in the sporting arena.

However, I cannot nor could not do this massive charge as one person. Any organization is only as good as the membership that supports it. Your support of EF&G is not only through monetary means but your input and volunteering for work details is the basis to enable the club to become even better than we are now.

Use EF&G's WEBSITE "[www.efga.net](http://www.efga.net)" to obtain the most up-to-date information and schedules of various events.

Monthly General Membership meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evening, 7:30 P.M., at the clubhouse. The door is open, just come in and sit down. Voice your opinion(s) and/or bring in your concerns to be discussed and resolved in some manner. The EF&G Board of Directors meet on the Thursday before the General Membership Meeting.

One of my duties is to appoint various chairmen positions to aid in the club's internal business.

When our membership assumes this type duty and recruits other members to help them, the financial cost of operating our club is kept to a minimum. If we do not have the volunteer workforce, we must hire outsiders to complete this work and the financial cost will continue to rise. Ideally, our financial resources should be used to maintain and expand our ranges and other holdings.

I am looking forward to us working together as one organization and having SAFE FUN!

### FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our thanks to Bob Bajor and Bob Darwin for serving as President and Vice President for twenty plus years. Both have done an extraordinary amount of work for the Club and elected not to run for office in 2009. They deserve some R&R, and we look forward to seeing them on the ranges enjoying the various shooting venues.

The new elected Officers and Board Members represent long time advocates of all shooting disciplines, and the membership will find the change transparent. All have been and are dedicated EF&G Members. Many are Life Members, previous Board Members and/or Committee Chairmen. We welcome your input and support.

**Membership Meeting - Fourth Tuesday - 7:30 PM**  
**Clubhouse - 395 Industrial Drive, Easton (I-78 Exit 75, Near Exxon Station)**  
**Ranges Located on East Redington Road, Lower Saucon Township**

## CLUB OFFICERS

John Hershey, President, hersheyfam@rcn.com  
Roger de Socarras, Vice President  
Paul Sadowski, Secretary  
Christine de Socarras, Financial Secretary  
Eric Koons, Treasurer

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cliff Beers, Chairman  
Pat Kinney, Vice Chairman  
Neal Talijan, Member  
Howard Kinney, Member  
Bob Bajor, Past President

## RANGE HOURS

Monday - Saturday: 8:00 A.M. Until Sunset  
Sunday: 10:00 A.M. Until Sunset

Summer Hours (May 15 - August 15)  
Range Closes at 8:00 P.M.

## LOCK THE FRONT GATE

When you are done shooting, take note if you are the last shooter at the range. If you are, please lock the front gate on your way out. This will keep non-members and unauthorized persons out.

**DON'T LOCK THE GATE WHILE YOU ARE SHOOTING** since this is the quickest access for any Emergency Service vehicles in case of a health or legal problem. If you must use your cell phone to call in an emergency, be sure to give the **RANGE LOCATION** as **EAST REDINGTON ROAD, LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP.**

## COMMITTEE / CHAIRPERSON ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

**Bullseye Pistol** Pat Kinney  
Every Monday, May - September, 6:00 PM

**Tactical Carbine** Paul Sadowski  
First Sunday, April - November, 10:00 AM

**Cowboy Action Shooting** Roger de Socarras  
Third Saturday, March - October, 8:00 AM  
www.eastoncowboys.net

**IDPA** Ken Ortbach  
Fourth Sunday, March - October, 10:00 AM

**Black Powder** Bob Darwin  
Sunday, March 29, 10:00 AM

**CMP Juniors** Bill Bertele

**Range Officer & Scheduling** Neal Talijan

**Range Maintenance** Neal Talijan

**Technology** Eric Koons

**Trout Stocking** Bob Blasko

**Newsletter** Chris de Socarras

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*Be sure to check the Club Calendar  
on our Website for Upcoming Events  
and any changes in activity dates.*  
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## **URGENT! PLEASE READ!**

During the last few months, we have had two serious accidental discharges at our range. One A. D. occurred when a jammed semi-auto pistol was being cleared. The other happened when a loaded semi-auto pistol was being reholstered after firing. Both incidents resulted in police reports.

With the huge increase in firearms sales, we have members purchasing firearms that may have features that they are not familiar with. Before you use any firearm, it is important that you become totally familiar with its operation before bringing it to our range.

In a less serious circumstance, the accidental discharge may result in a police report and firearm confiscation, civil charges, expulsion from the club and embarrassment. In the worse case scenario, an accidental discharge may result in serious injury or death to you or a bystander.

Safe firearms handling is your responsibility!

*Roger de Socarras, Vice President*

## **MEMBERS**

***EVERYONE MUST WEAR THEIR MEMBERSHIP BADGE WHEN USING RANGES.***

***BE SURE TO WEAR HEARING AND EYE PROTECTION.***

***FOLLOW ALL CLUB AND GUN SAFETY RULES PRINTED ON THE BACK OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD.***

***REMEMBER TO USE SIGN IN BOOKS AT EACH RANGE.***

## **SUPPORT THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION**

We know that everyone who believes in the Second Amendment has concerns about what will happen to their right to buy and own guns and the evolution of gun clubs they belong to and gun shows they attend. More than ever, it is important to support the **NRA**. They continue to be our one hope in protecting our gun rights. They are the best and largest organization and keep members informed on the latest developments.

Many new EF&G members are not affiliated with the National Rifle Association. If you are already a member, encourage your friends to join. If you are not a member, talk to someone who is. Be sure to check out their website, [www.nra.org](http://www.nra.org)

It is up to all of us to prove that Americans still cherish their Second Amendment freedoms and that gun owners will fight to preserve the rights guaranteed by our Constitution. The **NRA** deserves your support. **BECOME A MEMBER NOW!**

## **FOLLOW EF&G CLUB RULES**

***Members should know them & follow them. If you see someone not following the rules, please give them a friendly reminder. If they are doing something UNSAFE, speak up immediately. If the member doesn't respond well, don't push the issue. If you don't feel comfortable speaking to them, try to get their vehicle's license plate number. Give that information to a Club Officer, and we will speak to them.***

## SHOOTING ACTIVITIES

Monthly shooting matches at our ranges start in the spring and continue through to the fall. March starts off with Cowboy Action Shooting, IDPA and Black Powder Shoot. Tactical Carbine matches start in April, and Bullseye Pistol follows in May.

**MARCH 21 COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING**  
**Third Saturday, March - October**

**MARCH 22 IDPA**  
**Fourth Sunday, March - October**

**APRIL 5 TACTICAL CARBINE**  
**First Sunday, April - November**

**MAY 4 BULLSEYE PISTOL**  
**Every Monday, May - September**

We also schedule training schools for students and adults. If you belong to or know of a group that would be interested in clubhouse instruction on the use of pistols and rifles and also hands on training at our ranges, contact Neal Talijan.



*Stop by and visit some of our monthly shooting activities.*

*Our members are dedicated to running a variety of matches. You'll be amazed at how interesting they are! Check them out, and see what you have been missing!*

*Remember to bring eye and ear protection.  
Have fun!*



## MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

We invite members to attend EF&G meetings the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December) at our Clubhouse in Easton at 7:30 P.M..

Starting with our April meeting, we will have a short informative talk covering a shooting sport or a subject of interest to the shooting community. These talks will be given every other month. If you have an idea for a program, please email Roger de Socarras, [tinear@epix.net](mailto:tinear@epix.net)

## SUPPORT OUR SPRING RAFFLE

It's time once again for our annual raffle. We would appreciate members purchasing or selling the tickets enclosed. Raffle proceeds give us the resources to improve and maintain ranges and helps to hold the cost of dues at a reasonable level.

The Raffle Drawings will be held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, June 16, at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome. Door prizes and refreshments will be provided.

Please mail ticket stubs and money in by May 31 to:

Easton Fish & Game Association, Inc.  
P. O. Box 3352  
Easton, Pennsylvania 18043-3352

The raffle tickets can also be dropped off at the clubhouse. The mail slot is to the left of the front door. You can also bring them to our membership meetings which are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 P.M.

EF&G Clubhouse location is 395 Industrial Drive, Easton, off I-78 Exit 75, near Exxon Station. Note this is not a mailing address.

## **NORTHAMPTON COUNTY JUNIOR CONSERVATION SCHOOL**

EF&G will again sponsor two campers at this one week school to be held July 19-26. Only 35 students, ages 14-17, participate in a comprehensive environmental education program with field trips that offer a hands-on learning experience.

If you are a teenager or know of one interested in this worthwhile summer camp, check out website [www.ncjcs.org](http://www.ncjcs.org) for more information. Previous participants at the school enjoyed the experience and gained a wealth of knowledge.

The program covers Shooting Sports, Forestry, Watershed Protection, Air Quality, Canoeing and Water Safety, Agricultural Issues, Hiking and Camping, Wildlife Management, Community Activism and other issues.

## **RANGE MAINTENANCE**

**THIS IS YOUR CLUB!**

**TREAT IT WITH RESPECT!**

Please clean up when you are finished shooting. Use the many trash cans provided. Before you leave, take down targets and throw away steel and aluminum cases to keep the area clean and prevent hazardous walking conditions.

Sweep up brass and shotgun shells when you are done. Take them home, throw them away or leave them in buckets for reloaders. We appreciate members assisting with Range Maintenance.

**VOLUNTEER ONE DAY A YEAR TO HELP  
WITH PROJECTS AT THE CLUB RANGES.  
THANKS!**

## **HUNTER - TRAPPER EDUCATION**

Our Club needs two or three volunteers to become Hunter-Trapper Education instructors. You will be trained by the Pennsylvania Game Commission and follow the course criteria shown on their website, <http://www.pgc.state.pa.us/> Click on the Hunter Education icon on the home page, then click on Calendar for school scheduling.

The course covers hunter responsibility and ethics, principles of wildlife management and conservation, firearms and ammunition (handling and safety), wildlife identification, field care of game, specialty areas of bow hunting and muzzle loading, trapping and fur taking, game laws, survival and first aid, and turkey hunting safety.

If interested, contact John Hershey via email, [hersheyfam@ren.com](mailto:hersheyfam@ren.com)

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## **FREE NRA COURSES**

*Check EF&G website for  
scheduling and subject matter.*

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## **JOHN'S GUN ROOM**

Our thanks to John for continuing to be a big supporter of our Club. He is responsible for signing up hundreds of members each year.

If you need to buy or renew a membership and you can't find a range officer, stop by and visit John at his shop, 2604 Freemansburg Avenue, Easton. Be sure to check out his inventory of new and used guns as well as fishing equipment.

## **CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM**

Want an M1 Garand or Carbine? Or, how about a .22 target rifle? Or 30-06 or M1 Carbine or .22 ammo? Visit the CMP web site for information on how to buy these and other items.

The CMP has evolved from the old DCM. Back in the 1960s, you could purchase surplus U. S. Military firearms at a very reasonable cost. Today, you can still purchase U. S. Military surplus long guns from the CMP.

About three years ago, I purchased an M1 Garand. They are available in different grades. A friend who had purchased several recommended the "rack" grade which is the lesser grade offered. I followed his advice and am very pleased with the rifle. Last year, when they became available, I purchased a "rack" grade M1 Carbine and again am very pleased. I have also purchased 30-06 and M1 Carbine ammo through the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

Visit the CMP web site at . [www.odcmp.com](http://www.odcmp.com) for details on what is available and how to order.

Roger de Socarras

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### **NOTICE**

***IF YOU HAVE ITEMS FOR THE  
CLUB RANGES,  
CONTACT NEAL TALIJAN.***

***PLEASE -- DO NOT LEAVE  
ANYTHING  
AT THE CLUBHOUSE!***

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## **LAFAYETTE COLLEGE YOUNG REPUBLICAN CLUB**

Twenty enthusiastic students met for classroom instruction given by Bill Bertele, assisted by Neal Talijan, at the clubhouse on Saturday, December 6. Afterwards, everyone proceeded out into the cold weather to try shooting Black Rifles, M1 Carbines, AR15s, Pistols, etc. at EF&G ranges.

Thanks to Bob Darwin, Bob Barutis, Eric Koons, Howard and Pat Kinney, Cliff Beers and Roger de Socarras for their support at the shoot. A special thank you to Bill Bertele and Neal Talijan for their instruction and arranging this event.

It was a very successful day due to members who shared their time and experience with students who were attentive, interested and appreciative. Those students graduating this year and returning home said they will miss their annual visit to our range. The Young Republican Club is already talking about coming back but waiting for warmer weather.

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### **BLACK POWDER SHOOT**

Sunday, March 29, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

#### **OFF HAND MATCHES**

B. P. Muzzleloading Rifles & Pistols  
25 yards

B. P. Muzzleloading Percussion & Flintlock Rifles  
50 & 100 Yards, NO SCOPE

Inline Rifle, 100 Yard, NO SCOPE

B. P. Percussion Revolvers  
20 Yard, Steel Plates

Prizes for each category.  
Contact Bob Darwin for information  
(610) 252-6367

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