



PIONEER BEAGLE CLUB NEWS

November/December 2006

DECEMBER 7TH ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting is December 7th. We are looking for a good turnout for the dinner that begins at 6 pm and the vote for the new officers. The annual meeting usually has a rather large turnout and we are hoping that this one will be no different. There are a few board members that are not going to run again so we have many open spots, maybe you can fill a much needed role in the club.

Important Dates

12/7/06

December Club Mtg.

1/25/07

January Club Mtg.

WORK PARTIES

In the near future we will again be working on the grounds with work parties. Please bring any opinions and bring them up in the next couple of meetings. There are many things that we need to have done on the grounds, cutting more wood for cash, cutting down the blocks that have trees the size of your wrist and no cover underneath, killing the vetch that has taken over. We would like to also have opinions on winter work parties, winter time may be a good time to trim apple trees and some of us may like to work in the cold to keep from being overheated. How about getting more participation in work parties? Your suggestions are important. Let's put our heads together and get the club in great shape for the future.

PRESIDENTS CORNER

We've had a great year in 2006. We fought for tax reductions, logged our wooded grounds with safe practices and equitable outcome, had some fantastic trials, parties and all out camaraderie. We had record numbers of trapped rabbits, a good amount of deer were harvested. We brought in new members and saw some monumental members retire from Beagling (Cesar). We have raised the participation to a much greater level then the past knowing we can always improve. This brings me to our December 7th Meeting consisting of a dinner of spaghetti and more importantly, the voting for members to hold volatile positions in our organization. Please make every attempt to support your club by attending and voting. The dinner will start at 6:00 with a short agenda followed with the elections. If you are interested in running for any positions, please notify any Board member. We would like to have a ballot filled prior to the meeting.

Thanks again for a great year.

Your President,
Joe Cimino

DEER STORY

This 2006 year has been a very productive and rewarding year for me during deer season. I took a beautiful eight pointer during Archery Season, passed on some smaller bucks opening week of gun, and took a few nice doe. I participated in a hunt for White-tail in Pennsylvania (PA) with some friends, one of them was Andy Valeriotti. We hunted on a farm in Potter County that consisted of a few thousand acres of wooded ravines and hollows. Absolutely gorgeous country that at one time was home to hundreds of deer. The past few harsh winters had left many of these deer short of food and greatly diminished the heard. PA set some new standards a few years ago consisting of a minimal number of points required for a legal harvest. The area we hunted was a 3 points or better on at least one side for a legal shoot. We started the venture on Sunday the day before opening day setting up tree stands and ground blinds. My hunting camp was fifteen minuets from the farmers property making our accommodations very practical. Andy and I headed off in one direction while my friends John Shembra and Dominic Dividio proceeded in another. John and Dominic have hunted this property for many years and needed only to locate there favorite spots and install their stands. Andy and I were looking for the best guess scenario to place our stands and blinds. I chose a wooded hillside with a cut cornfield on one side and a hollow on the other. Andy picked a hedge row on the same cornfield but attached to a different hard woods. We awoke the next morning at 4 am had a cup of coffee a light breakfast and hit the road. We were in our stands before 6 am by the way, 13 bear were harvested off this same hill three days previous. By first light, two rifle shots blazed across the hillside on the adjacent hill. shortly there after the third rifle shot barked much closer then the previous two. I immediately contacted Andy with our GMS two way radios to inquire as to his success. Andy calmly replied a just downed a nice 7 or 8 pointer. By 9 am another shot echoed above me to the west and Dominic responded that he harvested a nice 6 pointer (was an 8 but a couple points were severed in an obvious scuffle). John and I were still waiting for our chance to pull the trigger. By noon, I had only laid eyes on three doe while John seemed to be inundated with pesky doe, spikes and buttons. Approximately 1:30 John cranked up the 7 millimeter and dropped a five pointer. How could this be, we had talked to all the locals who showed great discouragement due to the lack of deer in the area. We were a party of four and had three bucks in the bag by 2 pm. I relocated my stand to Johns area only to see more doe. Tuesday morning the same routine was followed with the exception of Andy. By first light, A monster 10 point or better appeared out of nowhere at 90 yards. I was in the same tree as John with my climber attached when this trophy appeared. John had been looking in a different direction and never saw the deer but noticed my drawing of the Kevlar Bell Carlson Remington 270 the great buck snorted and broke while my trigger finger was in route to seal the deal. As the deer ran , I tried my dammedest to locate him in my scope but was unsuccessful. This was one of my most memorable hunts, I will attest to the fact that I was disappointed in the final outcome but had a great time with great friend and enjoyed Gods country.

Happy Hunting and Happy Holidays!

PBC President

Joe Cimino