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*-To Preserve, Protect & Promote the Deer Industry in Pennsylvania-*



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2008 SPRING MEETING AND BENEFIT AUCTION**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2008**

**BLAIR COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER  
ALTOONA, PA**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Everyone:

Plans for our Spring Meeting and Benefit Auction are well underway. The event is planned for Saturday April 26, 2008 at the Altoona/Blair County Convention Center off I-99 in Altoona, PA. This is a relatively new facility that is large enough for future growth. The exhibit space for the Spring Meeting will be professional pipe and drape and offered to those donating to the auction at our (cost) \$100.00. You will soon be receiving a letter from me, along with information from Aaron Kanagy our auctioneer, about the upcoming meeting and I hope you will contribute an item or items to the auction. Our Fall Premier Trophy & Breeder Sale will also be held at this facility on September 12 & 13, 2008. Midwest Whitetail Deer Sales will once again be handling the fall auction.

The EHD committee chaired by Glenn Dice has been given the green light by the PDFA board to move forward with importation of the first wave of EHD vaccine for registered members. Rich Huff is handling the receipt of payments for the vaccine. Any PDFA member that registered for the EHD vaccine should contact Rich at 717- - to finalize payment before the vaccine can be released. Glenn will also moderate an EHD question and answer session during the Spring Meeting program. I want to personally thank Glenn for all the hard work he has put into this project.

The association was updated at the February board meeting by Andrew Goodman of our lobbying firm Milliron & Associates concerning the civil case of Johnna Seeton vs. Pa Game Commission (PGC). This case involves boars and what state agency, if any, has jurisdiction over them in Pennsylvania. The Supreme Court of PA ruled that the boar within the PA state forests should fall under the PGC. The Governor's office has established the Invasive Species Council. The council's defined purpose is to focus on the prevention and management of non-native invasive species that cause ecological, economic and human harm. This council has defined the boar as such a species. On June 29, 2006 Governor Rendell signed into Law our Bill 1580 which transferred regulatory oversight off all Cervid Livestock Operations to the PA Department of Agriculture (PDA). The importance of this bill was to make the regulatory dividing line between the PGC and the PDA our fences. Outside our fences would be the PGC and inside our fences would be the PDA. Our association hopes to get involved in the boar issue with a goal to keep the regulatory line of our fences where it currently is and protect our family businesses. If you currently operate a hunting ranch you will soon be receiving a confidential questionnaire from us to complete and send back. This is very important to us. The reason for the questionnaire is to give our board of directors a clearer understanding of who is housing boar on their operation so we can get their needed input to help our efforts with this issue in Harrisburg. If you do house boar and have information or ideas about this issue please attend one of our board meetings or forward the information to Bev Gruber. We are taking this situation very seriously and hope we can work together to get this situation under control.

Many of you got to know Jim Mann of Milliron & Associates. Jim has represented us at the capitol over the past 5 years and was instrumental in the Passage of Bill 1580. Jim has left Milliron & Associates to work with the House Republican Legal Staff. Jim was a great friend of ours and did an exceptional job representing us on the hill. We wish Jim the very best in his new position. Andrew Goodman and Ken Brandt are now our point men at Milliron and we look forward to working with them.

The industry recently lost a dear friend. Heidi Gourley, the wife of Dr. Dennis Gourley, passed away on February 9, 2008. Heidi was 47 years old. More information is available about Heidi's passing in this newsletter. Heidi was a part of our deer family and will be fondly remembered and sadly missed.

I am looking forward to our Spring Meeting and I hope to see you there.

Dave Griffith, President

## CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE FORMS STILL BEING ACCEPTED

The deadline for returning completed Census of Agriculture forms may have come and gone, but it's not too late for Pennsylvania farmers to speak up for their communities, their industry and their future. The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) reminds farmers that their voices are important and need to be heard. As a result, Census responses are still being accepted.

"A strong agricultural industry is a critical component in having a strong U.S. economy," said Marc Tosiano, director of the NASS Pennsylvania Field Office, "By providing town plan-

ners, community leaders, law makers and individual farm operators with the most comprehensive and accurate U.S. agricultural reports, they have the resources to make informed, sound decisions to ensure a solid future."

The deadline for submitting the Census forms was Feb. 4 and many farmers have responded. However, the remainder of those farmers who did not turn in their information by the original due date will receive another copy of the form in the mail to give them another opportunity to respond.

"We need the participation of every grower, no matter how small, to gener-

ate county statistics," Tosiano said. "These county numbers won't be update until the next Ag Census in 2012, so we want you to have the most accurate information possible."

Census responses are required and protected by law. This law safeguards the privacy of individual responses. Farmers can return their forms by mail or fill out the Census online. For more information about the Census, visit [www.ag.census.usda.gov](http://www.ag.census.usda.gov) or call toll free (888)4AG-STAT or (888)424-7828.

- from Lancaster Farming

## WANT YOUR VETERINARIAN TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER?

Working closely with a local veterinarian has always been important in the livestock business but with the recent EHD uprising it has become even more pressing. We need to keep our veterinarians up to date on industry happenings. If you would like them to receive a copy of our newsletter, please send us their address and they will be put on the mailing list at no charge. Send to PA Deer Farmers Association, PO Box 5, New Tripoli, PA 18066.

## OFFICIAL BALLOTS MAILED

On February 26, 2008 each of the regular member (those paying \$50.00 in dues) and life members were mailed an Official Ballot to elect five directors to the Board for the 2008-2011 year.

According to the Nominating Committee those running for the five positions included:

Richard Huff III  
David Creegan  
Jim Loree  
George Hazard  
Greg Lucas

Ballots were due back March 26. Winners will be announced at the April 26th Annual Meeting.

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

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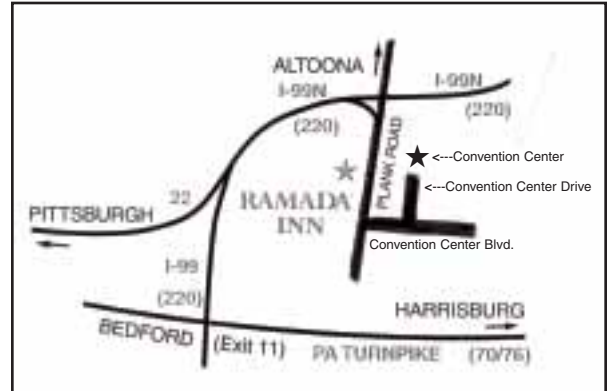
ALTOONA, PA 16602

**From Pittsburgh and West:** Route 22 East and Route 220/I-99North. Take the Plank Road Exit. Turn right, going south on Plan Road. Continue for approximately half a mile. Make a left onto Convention Center Boulevard. Make a left on to Convention Center Drive.

**From Harrisburg and Philadelphia:** Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Bedford(Exit 11). Take i-99 North to Altoona. Take the Plank Road Exit. Turn right, going south on Plank Road. Continue for approximately half a mile. Make a left onto Convention Center Boulevard. Make a left on to Convention Center Drive.

**From Points Northeast:** Route 81 south to Route 80 South at Miles Burg. Take I-99 South to Altoona. Take the Plank Road Exit. Turn left, going south on Plank Road. Continue for approximately half a mile. Make a left onto Convention Center Boulevard. Make a left onto Convention Center Drive.

**From Washington D.C. and Baltimore:** From Interstate 495 (Washington Beltway) or Interstate 695 (Baltimore Beltway) take Interstate 270 North. Take Interstate 70 West to Breezewood. Take PA Turnpike (Interstate 76/70) West to Bedford (Exit 11). Take I-99 North to Altoona. Take the Plank Road Exit. Turn right, going south on Plank Road. Continue for approximately half a mile. Make a left onto Convention Center Boulevard. Make a left on to Convention Center Drive.



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**PDFA SPRING MEETING  
DONATION FORM**

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FARM / CO. REPRESENTATIVE \_\_\_\_\_

PRODUCT TO EXHIBIT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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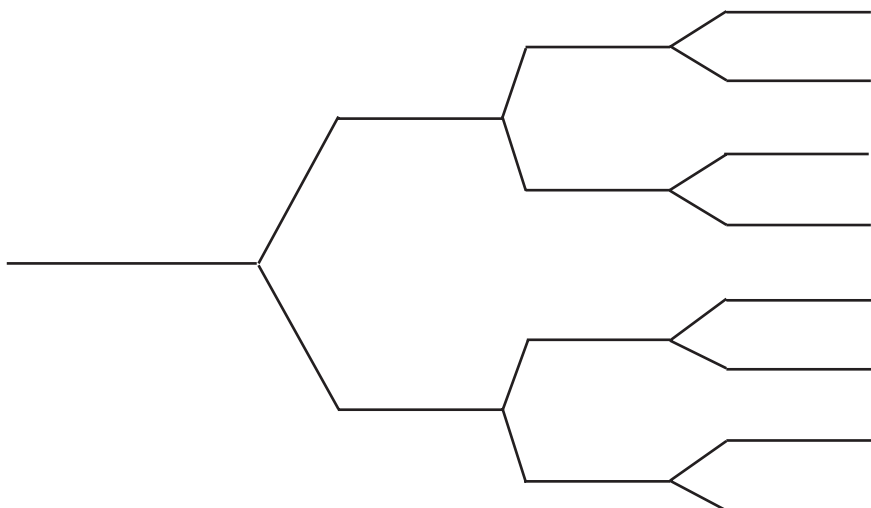
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                                 **Belleville, PA 17004**  
                                 **717-935-2939**

## PSCFO SPRING MEETING HELD

The Spring meeting of the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations was held recently at the State Capitol in Harrisburg. The Council is made up of eighty ag organizations, one of which is the Pennsylvania Deer Farmers Association. The Council's primary purpose is to promote the welfare of agriculture in Pennsylvania by bringing together farm organizations for the study, discussion and solution of mutual problems and to support legislation to help Pennsylvania agriculture.

The 2008 officers were elected. They are President Walt Peechatka, Penn Ag Industries; Vice President Bob Leiby, PA Association of County Ag Agents; Secretary-Treasurer Alexa Stoner, Ag Choice Farm Credit; and Executive Director Beverly Gruber.

Also elected were the following board members: Brenda Shambaugh, PA Association of Conservation Districts; Eugene Richards, American Mushroom Institute; and Jeff Nagan, PA Cattlemen Association.

The "Yellow Book" committee report was given by George Wolff, Wolff Strategies. This is the legislative agenda that is presented to the governor and the legislators.

Following the business meeting two presentations were given, one on health care and insurance and the second on agriculture education.

The day concluded with the Cornucopia: "Taste Pennsylvania" reception held for over 150 legislators and guests in the Lower Concourse of the Capitol with over eighteen organizations displaying their commodity products. Our organization was present and served deer sticks and jerky to the House and Senate guests. A big thank you to board member George Hazard and to our legislative consultants, Andy Goodman and Ken Brandt from Milliron and Associates for all their effort.



*Deer products were very popular with the legislators. Rep. Doug Reichley (Lehigh) is being served by Andy Goodman and George Hazard.*

## OVER THE BACK FENCE

*by Beverly Gruber  
Executive Director*



It has been a very busy month in the office. The Spring Benefit Sale is ready to roll. The tickets should be ready to go out by March 10th and the new directories were mailed on February 28th.

And for a little trivia:

Has anyone heard any spring peepers yet? I learned just this week that the "spring peeper" (tree frog) is only 1 and a half inch long and has a distinctive X design on his back. I think I'll take a flashlight and to to the pond and see if I can find one. As a kid I always knew when spring arrived when I heard the peepers.



*George Hazard brought Secretary of Ag Dennis Wolff up to speed on the deer industry.*

## *In Memory*

### **Heidi Dianne Gourley**

April 15, 1960 - February 9, 2008

Heidi was born April 15, 1960 at Fairbury, IL to parents Ernest and Jeanne (Rice) Kemnetz. She graduated from Clifton Central High School in Clifton, IL in 1978. Heidi continued her education by attending Joliet Junior College where she received her associate's degree in 1980. She was united in Marriage to Dr. Dennis Gourley on April 21, 2001 at Harper's Ferry, Iowa. Heidi and her husband owned and operated Elite Genetics and were very much involved with the Whitetail Deer Industry. Heidi has a great love for her family and her passion for animal gave her the name "Animal Whisperer".

Heidi is survived by her husband Dennis; daughter: Kacie George of Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, OK; sons: Jase George of Walworth, WI; John E. and wife Paige Gourley of San Diego, CA; and Matthew J. Gourley of Des Moines, IA; parents: Ernest and Jeanne Kemnetz of Clifton, IL; parents-in-law: Don and Virginia Gourley of Webster City, IA; brother: Mike and wife Donna Kemnetz of Chebanse, IL; sister: Sue and husband Rod Wolfe of Chebanse, IL; aunt: Jackie Kae, MD of Seattle, WA; and several nieces and nephews.

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to  
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Our Website  
at***

***www.padfa.com***

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

The following people have joined PDFA since the 2008 Member Directory and Resource Guide was printed:

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Beals Deer Farm  
475 Stringtown Hollow Road  
Hyndman PA 15545  
814-842-6432

Dennis Danner  
Dannerholz Whitetails llc  
13105 Isle of Mann Way  
Highland MD 20777  
301-854-3326

James F. Eshelman  
ADM Alliance Nutrition  
132 Detterline Drive New  
Enterprise PA 16664  
814-766-3243

Stacy Fry  
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1024 Middle Road  
Muncy PA 17756  
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1270 Pine Ridge Road  
Sugar Grove PA 16350  
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Amanda Manelick  
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814-757-4759

Greg Manelick  
Allegheny Trophy Whitetails  
PO Box 553  
Russell PA 16345  
814-757-4759

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Parker PA 16049  
814-358-2414

Julie Willier  
Diamond V Mills, Inc.  
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Lititz PA 17543  
717-471-1380



### **FALL SALE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 12 AND 13**

The 2008 Fall Sale will be held at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona on September 12 and 13, 2008.

The hotel for the Sale will be the Marriott Courtyard, located next door to the Convention Center. The room rate will be \$109.00 for a queen bed plus the applicable taxes. Cutoff date is August 13, 2008.

The Sale will be managed by Midwest Whitetail Deer Sales, Jerry Campbell and Eric Hoover. You can read more about this company by going to [www.midwestwhitetaildeersales.com](http://www.midwestwhitetaildeersales.com).

Both days will feature a trade show and Sale as well as a dinner on Friday evening.

See you in Altoona in September.

***Mark  
Your  
Calendar***



# CONSIDER A BOOTH AT THE SPRING BENEFIT AUCTION

## PDFA SPRING EXHIBITOR FORM

I wish to exhibit at the 2008 PDFA Spring Consignment Sale at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona on April 26, 2008. Your booth will be 10 foot pipe and draped with one skirted table and two chairs. Make check payable to PDFA or fill out the credit card information below and **mail entire form to:**

Beverly Gruber, PDFA Executive Director

PO Box 5

New Tripoli PA 18066

Fax 610-767-5034

Phone 610-767-5026

Please keep one copy of this contract for your records.

10 x 10 foot wide area booth with electricity:

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Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Representative \_\_\_\_\_

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Credit Card : \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Master Card

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Credit Card Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## EHD UPDATE AND SIGN-UP

Pennsylvania's non-adjacent herd permit has been approved and our EHD vaccine has arrived. Please read through and follow the steps below to acquire the EHD vaccine. Upon receiving your vaccine remember to keep it refrigerated but DO NOT allow it to freeze. Freezing of the product destroys the ability of the vaccine to offer your animal any protection.

Pennsylvania Deer Farmers Association is planning to hold a panel discussion forum on EHD and the EHD vaccine at the spring benefit in Altoona on April 26, 2008. Please plan to attend.

One must be a member of the Pennsylvania Deer Farmers Association to be eligible to acquire the vaccine through the association. The Pennsylvania Deer Farmers Association has purchased the vaccine in volume in order to take advantage of economies of scale and pass the savings onto its members. There are two Pennsylvania distribution practitioners from whom your veterinarian can acquire the vaccine. The EHD vaccine is available in 50 dose bottles (100ml per bottle) each costing \$250.00 wholesale. PDFFA is passing the vaccine on to its members at cost. It is important to point out that each distribution practitioner and each producer veterinarian will need fifty cents (.50) per dose for handling and holding expense. Therefore, the producer will pay to

PDFFA \$250.00 per bottle and then pay to their veterinarian all shipping and holding expenses. The following outline will describe how to acquire and pay for the EHD vaccine.

**Step 1.** Send a check to PDFFA treasurer Rich Huff for EHD vaccine. All checks should be made out to Pennsylvania Deer Farmers Association. Checks should be in \$250.00 increments based on how many bottles are being requesting.

**Step 2.** Include with your check the name and phone number of your veterinarian as well as the distribution practitioner you wish your veterinarian to acquire your vaccine through. Remember, the distribution practitioners are separated with Douglas Wagner in the east part of the state and Judy Jaxheimer in the west part of the state. If one of these distribution practitioners happens to be your farm veterinarian you may acquire the vaccine directly from them.

**Step 3.** Once Rich Huff has received a check he will call the distribution practitioner the producer indicted and release the number of bottles which were paid for in full. Rich will also call the producer back to inform them their bottles have been released

**Step 4.** It is your responsibility as the producer to contact your veterinarian and insure that he/she contacts the distribu-

tion practitioner to initiate the vaccine shipment.

Should anyone have any questions relating to the vaccine you may contact Glenn Dice Jr. or Rich Huff.

The PDFFA would like to thank all those who have worked so diligently in acquiring our Non-adjacent herd permit (NAHP) which grants permission from PDA and USDA to import the vaccine into the state. Those folks now volunteering their time to insure the distribution model works effectively and efficiently to get EHD vaccine to you also deserve a "thank you" next time you bump into them.

### PA Distribution Practitioners:

**West:** Judy Jaxheimer  
23479 Hollow Road  
Neelyton, PA 17239  
814-259-3828

**East:** Douglas Wagner  
5081 Lincoln Highway  
Kinzers, PA 17535

### PDFFA Treasurer

Rich Huff  
82 Hillside Circle  
Camp Hill, PA 17011  
717-497-9744

### PDFFA EHD Chairman

Glenn Dice  
143 E. Queen St.  
Chambersburg, PA 17201  
717-658-6373

If you did not apply for the non-adjacent herd permit and are still interested in giving the vaccine to your animals, please fill in the request form below and return to the PDFFA office by April 26, 2008. This second group should have approval by June 1, 2008.

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### Non-Adjacent Herd Permit Application

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Producer Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(First and Last Name) (Name of Farm/Ranch)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Location of Animals)

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Herd Size \_\_\_\_\_

Vet Name \_\_\_\_\_

Vet Address \_\_\_\_\_

Vet Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Possible number of doses of vaccine you are interested in \_\_\_\_\_

Return to PDFFA Beverly Gruber, Executive Secretary P. O. Box 5 New Tripoli, PA 18066 or fax to 610-767-5034

## SENDING RARE AND ENDANGERED SPECIES “HOME”

*by Laurie Prasnicki, Executive Director  
Cervid Livestock Foundation*

Charly Seale, Executive Director of the Exotic Wildlife Association, presented the Scimitar Horned Oryx Reintroduction Program to the Captive Wildlife & Alternative Livestock Committee at the recent United States Animal Health Conference held in Reno, Nevada. His presentation was well received by the committee members.

Seale gave an overview of the partnership that the private exotic wildlife industry in Texas has with the Sahara Conservation Fund in reintroducing rare and endangered species from the United States back into their native countries. His presentation focused on the propagation of endangered species by the U.S. breeders. He stated how endangered species are virtually

extinct in their native lands, but are flourishing in the United States because of the right to buy, sell and trade these rare and exotic animals.

Seale said the success of the private game ranch industry in breeding rare and endangered species is an example of how private conservation can affect the worldwide preservation of such animals.

Seale went on to say how the endangered species act, which was originally passed to protect rare and endangered animals, is actually causing the demise of many of the species it was designed to protect. He stated government officials need to be concerned with captive breeding only to the point of the general health and welfare of the animals and should do everything in their

power to encourage the propagation of the species, not discourage it.

The Alternative Livestock Industry gained new appreciation at this year's conference by showcasing its unique abilities in preserving endangered species and simultaneously continuing to protect the rich heritage of hunting. Many new lines of communication were opened by Seale's presentation and he has been invited back to present a follow up of the reintroduction project at next year's conference. The Alternative Livestock Industry continues to make great strides in educating our regulatory counterparts of the tremendous benefits to be gained by working together.



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# THE HARRISBURG PERSPECTIVE

Milliron Associates

John Milliron, Ken Brandt and Andrew Goodman

## Legislative Report by Andy Goodman

The 2007-08 legislative session is quickly moving along. It is difficult to put a finger on the direction of the legislature for the up-coming final 9 months of the session. We do, however, expect the issues surrounding health-care, transportation, energy and internal politics to reign supreme. Mix those topics with an extremely competitive election year and we are in for a wild ride.

This summer PDFA will host a legislative tour of a Pennsylvania Deer Farm for the House and Senate Agriculture Committees. Milliron Associates is working with the Committee's staff to ensure a successful tour.

Pennsylvania's boar situation has rapidly become PDFA's focal point. Your Board, in conjunction with state agencies and Milliron Associates is investigating all avenues to pursue

relating to this issue. As news unfolds, we will be sure to keep you well informed.

Back in 2004, an animal rights activist sued for enforcement behind hunting ranch fences. The case is ongoing; however, our firm is working with all agencies involved. We are also working with the Governor's invasive species council. The case should be resolved in Commonwealth Court within a year. The outcome will have an effect on the way your family business operates. Therefore, it has become our priority to ensure the best possible strategy is used.

You may be asking, so how does this affect me? Well, if you operate a hunting ranch this Court decision could have an impact on the regulation of your preserve. It could potentially open the door for the PGC to enforce behind the fence. However, much remains

speculative because a final decision has not been offered. Because our past efforts were designed to ensure that the fence is the dividing line, we want to be sure that line continues. Please answer and return the PDFA's survey. It will be critical for our office to have the correct information when we approach officials regarding this issue.

PDFA and Milliron Associates are working together with all involved Departments. The difficulty is that nothing can be done to direct our concerns to the Commonwealth Court. We do, however, have other options that are being explored. Our office will continue to deliver any news pertinent to the boar case.

If you have questions regarding legislation, do not hesitate to contact Andy Goodman from Milliron Associates.

### HELPING HAND AWARD GIVEN TO PENNSYLVANIANS

Each year Midwest Whitetail Deer Sales, Inc., at the February Mid Select Sale, gives a "Helping Hand Award to deserving individuals or couples. This years award went to two couples, who have been instrumental in the formation and growth of the Pennsylvania Deer Farmers Association, Rod and Dianne Miller along with Bob and Linda Lieberum. As the awards read they are "always willing to give a helping hand and by your side will always stand." Congratulations.

### AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

You will soon be contacted by mail or by a fellow Deer Farmer for your donation for the Spring Auction. As most of you know this event is what keeps our association afloat.



A format similar to last year will be followed. We will have a silent auction as well as a regular auction. Last years auction totaled just over \$108,000.00, so lets try to top that this year.

Send your auction item information to Aaron Kanagy, 60 Pleasant Maple Lane, Belleville, PA 17004. He can be reached at 717-935-2939.

If you have time please consider asking others in your community to support our association you do not have to be a member to donate. We will recognize their donation and give them recognition.

### PDFA Lifetime Members

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# GUN RAFFLE BENEFITS ASSOCIATION

Ten Gun raffle tickets will be mailed to each PDFFA member on March 10th by first class mail. The proceeds from this fund-raiser goes to support our legislative efforts in Harrisburg. The Raffle Committee has worked very hard to put together an impressive number of guns, cash awards amounting to \$2,000.00 and the grand prize of a Hunt with up to a 140" class buck at Quest Haven Lodge near Tyrone, PA donated by Russ Walk.

The ticket stub and payment can be mailed back to the PDFFA office or brought to Altoona the day of the drawing. If you need more tickets contact Bev Gruber at 610-767-5026. The drawing will take place at the Spring Meeting on April 26 in Altoona.

Be sure to make you checks out to PDFFA Political Action Fund. No corporate checks can be accepted.

The raffle prizes are as follows:

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Grand Prize: Up to 140" Class Buck at Quest Haven Lodge donated by Russ Walk | 9. \$100 CASH                                            | 19. H&R 20ga. CAMO Laminated thumbhole heavy slug hunter |
| 2. Remington Model 700 VTR 308 (New for 2008)                                   | 10. Remington Model 700 SPS 204 Ruger                    | 20. Remington 700 SPSV Varmint 17 Rem. Fireball          |
| 3. Savage MAKD Laminated Thumbhole Stock 22LR.                                  | 11. H&R 12ga. CAMO Laminated thumbhole heavy slug hunter | 21. \$100 CASH                                           |
| 4. Browning A-bolt 222 Composite Stalker Limited Edition                        | 12. Taurus thunderbolt 45 L.C. Pump                      | 22. Thompson Center ENCORE 45CAL.                        |
| 5. \$100 CASH                                                                   | 13. \$100 CASH                                           | 23. Remington Model 700 ADL. 30-06                       |
| 6. Mossberg Model 835 Tactical turkey CAMO 12ga.                                | 14. Ithaca Model 37 CAMO pump 12ga. turkey               | 24. \$500 CASH                                           |
| 7. Browning BPS Field 20ga.                                                     | 15. Mossberg over/under 28ga.                            | 25. Browning A-bolt 222 CAMO STALKER Limited Edition     |
| 8. Thompson Center Encore 209X50                                                | 16. Remington 700S PS 300 win. mag.                      | 26. SAKO Tikka T3 Laminated STOCK SS                     |
|                                                                                 | 17. \$100 CASH                                           | 27. \$1,000 CASH                                         |
|                                                                                 | 18. Savage MAKO Laminated thumbhole STOCK 17HMR          |                                                          |



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