

**PENNSYLVANIA DEER FARMERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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



**NEWSLETTER**

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**Pennsylvania Deer Farmers Association  
Whitetail Auction  
September 11-12, 2009  
Cambria County War Memorial Arena  
Johnstown PA**

Sale will be conducted by  
**Midwest Whitetail Deer Sales**

Jerry Campbell    Eric Pinkston  
17631 State Hwy. 3  
Elmer, MO 63538

**[www.midwestwhitetaildeersales.com](http://www.midwestwhitetaildeersales.com)**

**Schedule**

**Friday, September 11**

7:30 a.m.	Trade Show Opens
9:00 a.m. - Noon	Educational Information
Noon - 4:30 p.m.	Auction
4:30 - 5:45 p. m.	Dinner
6:00 p.m.	30 Bred Doe Extravaganza

**Saturday, September 12**

7:30 a.m.	Trade Show Opens
9:00 a.m.	Auction Starts
	Followed by Premium 15
	Grand Prize Drawing

*You should have already received information with participation  
information from Midwest Whitetail Deer Sales*

*This will be a Video Auction - No Live Animals  
Credit Cards will be honored on both sale dates*

*If you have questions concerning the sale, call Eric @ 660-825-2006 or Jerry @ 847-778-8327*

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Hello Everyone:

Plans are in high gear for this falls Pa Deer Breeders Superior Whitetail Auction and trade show to held September 11-12, 2009 at the Johnstown War Memorial. The dead line to submit consignments was July 1st, 2009. The auction will once again be put on by Jerry Campbell and Eric Pinkston of Midwest Whitetail Deer Sales. I expect this to be possibly another record setter. This year the Association is giving away a bunch of cash at the end of the auction. \$10,000.00 to be exact. Any lucky buyer whose named gets drawn could win from \$500.00 to \$2,000.00 WOW! So mark your calendar and plan to attend this big event.

Plans are also under way for the Spring Benefit Auction in 2010 with the Lancaster Host as the site. The board is still working to secure a facility for next years Fall Auction in 2010.

Andy Goodman and Milliron and Associates continue to work on our sales tax issue in Harrisburg. They are planning to pursue legislation to fix the sales tax problem since the PA Department of Revenue will not recognize our industrys' current exemption status.

The PA Department of Agriculture is currently working on regulations for PA Boar Facilities. Mike Gee, chair of the PA Hunting Ranch Council, is working with the Council to review the new regulations and give input to the PDA.

I am very optimistic that our economy has started to turn around. I'm sure as fall approaches the itch to hunt a big whitetail will kick in and our PA Hunting Ranches will be fully booked creating a good demand for bucks.

I will look forward to seeing all of you at the fall sale.

Dave Griffith, President



**2010 DIRECTORY**

The 2010 Pennsylvania Deer Farmers Membership Directory and Resource Guide will again be a major marketing piece for the Association.

The directory includes a listing of all members, listed both by name and farm, the current requirements and regulations, bylaws, as well as a calendar of events and hunting ranch directory.

The book will be approximately 90 pages and 1,200 will be printed.

Ads are truly a bargain. PDFA Member ad rates are:

	<u>1/2 page</u>	<u>Full Page</u>
Color	\$500	\$700
Black & White	\$260	\$500

Send in the contract included with the early August mailing or call 610-767-5026 to reserve your space. Final deadline is October 15 with payment due by November 15.

## TRADE SHOW

Along with the Trophy and Breeder Sale, a trade show will be held on September 11 & 12 in Johnstown. The cost for a 10x10 booth is \$400.

A table, two chairs and pipe and drape back-drop will be provided.

Setup time is Thursday afternoon from 3:00-7:00 and on Friday morning at 7:00 a.m.

The trade show will be open on Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or the close of the Sale.

If you are interested in participating, contact Midwest Whitetail Deer Sales at [www.midwestwhitetaildeersales.com](http://www.midwestwhitetaildeersales.com) or call 660-825-2006.

## MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: AUGUST 20, 2009

You will love the relaxed and comfortable atmosphere at the Johnstown Holiday Inn, just a short walking distance from the Cambria County War Memorial Arena where the sale will be held.

The hotel has 156 deluxe guest rooms, an indoor pool and fitness center. The room rate is \$109.00, with check-in after 3:00 p.m.

Call 814-535-7777 and reserve your room today. Cutoff date is August 20, 2009. Tell the operator you are with the Pennsylvania Deer Farmers Association to get the reduced rate.

Remember, the deadline is August 20 to get the quoted rate.



## YOUR ASSOCIATION WORKING FOR YOU

Interaction with legislators is important to our business and your members were busy during the spring months. Educating those who serve us is very important.

When the township supervisors from all over Pennsylvania were in the Harrisburg/Hershey area for their annual conference, we were asked by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to set up a booth and hand out venison deer sticks and deer bologna. Product was supplied and served by Larry Pittenger. We thank him very much. Over 1,000 delegates came to the Keystone Building in Harrisburg for the event.

It was a great spring evening and we answered many, many questions about the deer industry. It was time well spent.

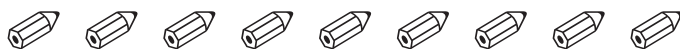


*Pictured above are Larry Pittenger and Andy Goodman working the PDFFA Booth.*

## PDFFA NEWSLETTER ACCEPTS ADVERTISING

Below is the rate schedule for newsletter advertising. If you are interested in taking out an ad, call the office. If you would like to advertise in all four issues you may do so for the price of three.

Reproduce a business card (2 x 3½) . . . . .	\$ 10.00
1/8 Page (2½ x 3½) . . . . .	15.00
1/4 Page (3½ x 5) . . . . .	25.00
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Full (7½ x 10) . . . . .	100.00
To enclose a one-page flyer (8½ x 11) . . . . .	250.00



## BREAKDOWN

An RV broke down along the freeway one day, so the driver eased it over onto the shoulder of the busy road. He jumped out of his driver side door, walked around his rig and opened the door to the RV. Out popped two men in trench coats.

The men stood behind the RV and immediately opened their coats, exposing themselves to passing traffic. The result was one of the worst pile-ups in the road's history.

Before long a police car drove up. An angry patrolman yelled, "What the heck is going on here??" The RVer replied, "I was broken down, so I just used my emergency flashers."



## 2009-2010 BOARD AND OFFICERS ELECTED

Elected to the Board for the years 2009-2012 are Amos Kauffman, Lower Meadow Whitetails, Honeybrook; David Lapp, Jr., Gap Ridge Whitetails, Kinzers; Dianne Miller, RDM Wildbunch, Knox; Steve Stem, Eagle Creek Whitetails Deer Farm, Wingate; and Harry Strawser, Mountain Ridge Whitetails, Hummelstown.

Filling unexpired terms are Josh Newton, Red Ridge Whitetails, Williamsport and Mike Heiter, WillPenn Whitetails, New Paris.

Officers were then elected at the May Board Meeting. President is Dave Griffith, Huntingdon, Vice President is George Hazard, Mifflintown, Treasurer is Rich Huff, Camp Hill and Secretary is Dianne Miller, Knox.



*Pictured above are the three newest members of the PDFFA Board of directors. Left to right: Mike Heiter, Josh Newton and Steve Stem.*



### SPRING CONSIGNMENT SALE SUCCESSFUL

April 4 was a great day for the Pennsylvania Deer Farmers Association. A big thank you to both the 177 buyers we had registered and the 129 consignors. Without each of you our bottom line of profit would not look so good.

At this 8th annual Spring Consignment Sale, a total of \$70,171.60 was deposited from the day's proceeds. Quite a few expenses are incurred putting on a sale, such as sale catalog, pipe and drape, building rental, etc., but the bottom line shows that close to \$30,000 was raised for the Association's work for the coming year.



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## SPRING REGIONAL MEETINGS HELD

Two educational meetings were held in Pennsylvania this spring. Diane Miller, our secretary, worked with two veterinarians to coordinate the meetings. Dr. Karen Martin, Region I vet for the PA Dept. of Ag coordinated the program held in Western PA and Dr. Deborah Landis, Londonderry Animal Hospital, Middletown, coordinated the Eastern Program.

A total of 236 members attended the two programs. 148 participated in the West, with Dr. Shane Donley as the speaker and 88 participated in the East with Dr. Doug Wagner as speaker.

The members seemed to really enjoy the programs. These meetings will probably held again in 2010.

## DEER SEMINAR AT VET CONFERENCE

For the first time, the PA Veterinary Medical Association is including a deer track in their annual meeting program. The PDFA was asked to help sponsor this session, so we are assisting to the tune of \$2,000.

The event will be held on August 13-15, 2009 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in Hershey, Pa. A 55-booth trade show accompanies the three-day meeting.

Any member who wishes to attend the conference at a reduced rate may do so. If you are interested, contact the PDFA office at 610-767-5026.



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## 2009 GUN RAFFLE IS SUCCESSFUL

The gun raffle was again a good fund raiser for the PDFA Political Action Committee. \$22,990.00 was generated from the sale of the tickets and from the raffle the day of the sale. A big thank you to each of you for your support. The list of winners were as follows:

### 1. Grand Prize: Up to 145" class Hunt at Mountain Run Ranch

Sponsored by Joe Peachy & Harry Strawser

2. Marlin Model 925C, bolt, mossy oak camo, 22LR
3. Savage Model 93R17GV, bolt, 17 HMR
4. New England Firearms, Lam. thumbhole, Slug Hunter, 12 Ga.
5. \$100 Cash
6. Marlin Model XL7, bolt, 30-06
7. Marlin Model 917VSCF, bolt, heavy barrel, SS, 17HMR
8. H&R Ultra Hunter, thumbhole stock, 22-250
9. \$100 cash
10. Stoeger Model P350, pump, camo, 12 Ga.
11. Remington Model 770 Sportsman, bolt, with 3-9X40 scope, 30-06
12. Taurus Thunderbolt, pump, 45 LC
13. \$100 Cash
14. Remington Model 700 ADL, bolt, 30-06
15. Remington Model 770, SS, with 3-9X40 scope, 300 Win Mag
16. Henry Golden Boy, lever, 17 HMR
17. \$100 Cash
18. Henry Golden Boy, lever, 22 Win Mag
19. Stevens Model 512 Goldwing O/U, 12 Ga.
20. Browning X-bolt Hunter, bolt, 7mm Rem. Mag
21. \$100 Cash
22. Tikka T3 Laminated, SS, 30-06
23. Browning Silver, semi, 20 Ga.
24. \$500 Cash
25. Thompson Center Icon, bolt, wood stock, 243 Win.
26. Remington 700 CDL, Limited Edition, SS, 17 Rem. Fireball
27. \$1,000 Cash

### Aaron J. Becker, New Oxford PA

Charly Seale, Medina TX  
Joe Burkholder, Narvon PA  
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Stevie Stoltzfus, Honey Brook PA  
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Kevin Gular, Tomah WI  
Bill Gelnett, Great Cacapon WV  
Bruce Ritchey, Chambersburg PA  
Sam Kinsinger, Gordonville PA  
Eric Neeb, Lehighton PA  
Terry Ross, Dunbar PA  
James Dixon, Hazleton PA  
Glenn Weaver, Mt. Pleasant PA

*Congratulation, Winners!*

## TWO VETS RECOGNIZED

The *Special Friend of PDFA* award was presented to two ladies at the 2009 Spring Consignment.

Our two recipients are both graduates of the University of Pennsylvania and are both veterinarians. Both of these ladies worked very hard putting together our Spring educational meetings.

Dr. Karen Martin is the Veterinary Medical Field Officer for the Pennsylvania Department of Ag Region I, Meadville, Pa. She has worked for PDA since 1993, first serving in the Altoona area. She has been interested in white tail deer for many years.

Dr. Martin's roots are in agriculture, growing up on a farm in Venango County, graduating from Grove City College and the University of Pittsburgh before going to vet school. Her hobbies include kayaking and gardening.

Dr. Deb Landis is a practicing veterinarian at the Londonderry Animal Hospital in Middletown, Pa. She started her career in Huntingdon and then moved to her home area when she came back to the greater Harrisburg vicinity. Dr. Landis is married and they are the proud parents of twin girls.

Her hobbies are traveling and her passion is deer.

Congratulations to these two fine ladies. If you see them, tell them thank you.



Dr. Karen Martin accepts award at Spring Sale

## BELIEF IS ALL YOU NEED

A man was lost while driving through the country. As he tried to read a map, he accidentally drove off the road into a ditch. Though he wasn't injured, his car was stuck deep in the mud. So the man walked to a nearby farm to ask for help.



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The farmer hitched the mule to the car. With a snap of the reins he shouted, "Pull, Fred! Pull, Jack! Pull, Ted! Pull, Warwick!" And the mule pulled the car from the ditch with very little effort.

The man was amazed. He thanked the farmer, patted the mule and asked, "Why did you call out all of those other names before you called Warwick?"

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-James W. Moore, in *Dimensions*

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*Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time. ~John Lubbock*

**DIRECTIONS TO THE  
CAMBRIA COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL**

**From Altoona / State College and Points North:**

Follow I-99 South to US Route 22 West. Follow Route 22 West to Route 219 South. Take 219 South to Exit 56 West - the Johnstown Expressway. At the 1st traffic light, make a right onto Napoleon Street. The Conference Center is on the right and War Memorial on the left.

**From Pittsburgh / Ohio and Points West:**

Take the PA Turnpike (I-76) East to Exit 226-Monroeville(16). Then follow signs for US Route 22 East to the exit for 56 East into Johnstown. Turn left at the fourth traffic light after the Point Stadium. The Conference Center is on the right hand and War Memorial on the left.

**From Points East & South:**

Take Route 56 West from the Bedford Exit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Johnstown. About 45 minutes driving time. In the East Hills of Johnstown, Route 56 joins Route 219 North (a four lane divided highway). Take 219 North and get off at the second exit (West 56 Johnstown Expressway). Get off Route 56 at the third exit (Bedford Street). At the end of the off ramp, there are two lights. Make a left after the second light which is Vine Street. Proceed thru one traffic light, and at the second light make a left onto Market Street and you will see the Conference Center and War Memorial straight ahead.

**Mark  
Your  
Calendar**



2009 PDFA Director Meeting Dates  
Thursday, Aug. 13  
Huntingdon Hoss's Steak & Seahouse

Friday, Oct. 16  
Friday, Nov. 20  
(no meeting in December)

Directors Meetings are held at 6:00 at  
the Huntingdon County Ag Extension  
office across from the Huntingdon  
County Fairgrounds.  
All members welcome.

PDFA Fall Sale at the Cambria County  
War Memorial Arena  
Johnstown, PA  
September 11 & 12, 2009

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# Pennsylvania Deer Farmers Two Day Summer Picnic



August 14-15

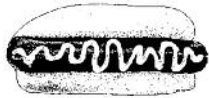
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Off Route 655 Between Reedsville & Belleville

### Friday Night:

6:00 - 8:00

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### Saturday Morning:

FREE Coffee & Donuts



### Saturday Noon:

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## Great Fun Great Food Great Weekend

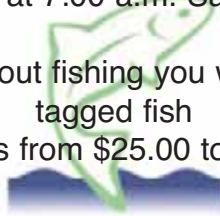
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*Optimum Whitetails  
Jesse & Lydia Detweiler*

*Saddlers Run Whitetails  
Joe & Mary Peachey*

*Steel's Whitetails  
Mearl Steel*

*Stone Mt. Whitetails  
Aaron & Anna Mary Kanagy*

*Swamp Hollow Whitetails  
William & Leah Swarey*

*Tall Tales Whitetails  
Daryl & Amy Stickler*



Reply to William Swarey  
3245 E. Back Mountain Rd.  
Belleville, PA 17004-8784

RSVP by  
August 1, 2009

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

(Quiet time after 11 p.m. Friday night)

# DEPARTMENT OF AG UPDATE

BY MARY MARTIN



## PENNSYLVANIA VETERINARY LABORATORY (PVL) NECROPSY INFORMATION

Due to staffing changes at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA), Pennsylvania Veterinary Laboratory (PVL) in Harrisburg, effective immediately and until further notice, the PVL Pathology Services must strictly limit the number of necropsy cases it receives. We are working to fill critical professional staff positions, but in the interim it is necessary for clients to call the laboratory and speak to a Pathology staff member before submitting any case for diagnostic necropsy or carcass disposal. Animal/samples that arrive without prior arrangements may be turned away. Delivery of animal carcasses after business hours without prior approval is no longer possible. We regret this necessity.

In the event that PVL in Harrisburg is unable to accept a pathology case, the other two Pennsylvania Animal Diagnostic Laboratory System laboratories at Pennsylvania State University and the University of Pennsylvania, New Bolton Center may be able to accommodate your needs, but you will need to contact them in advance to confirm their availability. Staff at the Animal Diagnostic Laboratory at Penn State can be reached at 814-863-0837 during business hours, and the laboratory has overnight and weekend deliv-

ery facilities. The Veterinary Laboratory at New Bolton Center may be contacted at 610-444-5800. The New Bolton Center laboratory does not have facilities for overnight or weekend specimen delivery. Driving directions are available at [www.padls.org](http://www.padls.org).

*Craig E. Shultz, DVM, Director  
717-787-8808 – PVL*

## OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION DEADLINE IS PAST

The deadline to have all cervids 12 months of age and older identified with official ID for animals on the Herd Certification Program (HCP) was June 1, 2009. Upon inspection this year, if the animals do not have the official ID in place, the herd will be changed to Herd Monitored Program (HMP) status OR if animal movement may occur in the future, they would be changed to HCP year one. At that time, the owner would have six months to get the animals identified with official ID. If the identification is not in place when the re-inspection occurs, it is unclear at this moment what the consequences may be. It may either be that the herd would fall to HMP permanently or the owner could receive a citation.



## NEW USDA CWD CONTACT

Dr. Kate Bowers has joined the staff at USDA in Harrisburg. She will be working primarily from her home in Lititz. She will be visiting some farms in the near future with Mary Martin to get to know more about the industry, their processes and different species of cervids. Her contact information is 717-514-8946 HYPERLINK "mailto:Kate.A.Bowers@aphis.usda.gov" Kate.A.Bowers@aphis.usda.gov

### \*\*\*\*\*Attention\*\*\*\*\*

The Bureau of Animal Health & Diagnostic Services (BAHDS) has authority under the CWD quarantine order to issue citations if program standards are not met as outlined in the quarantine order. This includes but is not limited to:

- Failure to sign up susceptible species for either of the two mandatory CWD programs
- Failure to provide enrollment information requested
- Failure to provide correct and complete inventory sheets
- Failure to test for CWD cervids of test eligible age or not following proper procedures for the sample collection
- Non compliance of inspection policy
- Fence height not corrected if asked to do so
- Other program requirements as documented

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## THE HARRISBURG PERSPECTIVE

Milliron Associates

John Milliron, Ken Brandt and Andrew Goodman

### Legislative Report by Andy Goodman

Although the Commonwealth's budget is supposed to be completed by June 30 of every year, the legislature has gone past that deadline for the 7th year in a row. However, a break in the budget logjam seems to be occurring. Hopefully an agreement has been reached before you have read this!

Milliron Associates has been working on critical deer farming issues for the past 4 months and the additional budget time has given us a larger window to produce results. We have been working with legislators, staff and Department employees to resolve two key issues.

The first is taxation on your feed. The Department of Revenue has decided to promote sales tax on the cost of

feed. Furthermore, we have concerns of additional taxation within the deer farming industry. We are currently trying to amend language that would finalize tax exemptions for the cervid industry through legislation. We are hopeful that we can do it before the budget is agreed to, but there is a solid chance we will be pushed back until the fall. Asking for tax help when the Commonwealth is short \$3.2 billion is tough, although we like a good fight. Be sure to keep all receipts on your feed if you are paying sales tax.

The second issue is regulations being drafted to fight the release/escape of swine from farms and maintaining swine on farms. We have already been in contact with the

Department of Agriculture on this upcoming issue. Furthermore, your Board has met with key Department figures over the past year on this critical issue. The Commonwealth is unhappy with the amount of invasive species gaining a foothold. One of the biggest problems, according to the state, is feral swine. Your Board, our firm and membership will have the opportunity to discuss and work with the Department of Agriculture to ensure only the best possible regulations are promulgated. As always, if you have questions or I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact Milliron Associates or Beverly Gruber.

#### NEW DEER FARMING SEMINARS

Where: Apple Creek Whitetails – Gillett Wisconsin

August 31-September 4

Cost: Monday – Tuesday \$695 (Safe Capture Seminar)  
Wednesday-Friday \$195

Seminar Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Friday – AI Training 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

All meals included

First 20 registrations will receive free lodging at Apple Creek Whitetails

Call Apple Creek Whitetails to register: 877-431-4868

Call Laurie Prasnicki for questions: 715-314-0455

Hosted by: Cervid Livestock Foundation

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A new deer farming seminar is being offered at Apple Creek Whitetails in Gillett, Wisconsin (near Green Bay). Safe Capture classes will be offered Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday of the seminar will cover topics such as general herd health, fawn care, genetics, feed and nutrition, fencing, pen design, deer handling, marketing, and record keeping. Wednesday morning's session will also include tranquilization training and target practice. Friday's session will be artificial insemination training and proper semen handling.

Registration can be made for all five days, two days for Safe Capture classes, or for the three days of general topic discussions. For those wishing to attend only Friday's AI training, please call to make arrangements for a one day registration. Registration fees will be reduced by \$50.



#### The Snake That Poisons Everybody

It can topple governments,  
and wreck marriages.

It can ruin carriers  
and bust reputations.

It causes headaches, nightmares  
and indigestion.

It spawns suspicion and  
generates grief.

It dispatches innocent people to cry  
in their pillows.

Even it's name hisses.

It's called Gossip.

Office gossips,  
shop gossips, party gossips,  
and neighbor gossips.

It makes headlines and heartaches,  
Before you repeat a story,

ask yourself;

Is it true?

Is it fair?

Is it necessary?

If not - just be quiet.

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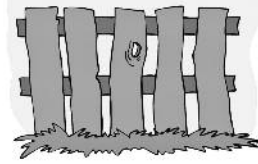
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**GET ANSWERS  
BEFORE  
YOU BUY OR SELL**

## OVER THE BACK FENCE

*by Beverly Gruber  
Executive Director*



Your office staff has worked hard this spring trying to find a suitable facility for our Spring and Fall Sales. Twenty-one places have been researched and the final decision for Fall 2010 (Sept. 9 & 10) should be made at the August board meeting.

For the Spring Consignment Sale we will be at the Lancaster Host Resort. The date for Spring is April 10, 2010.

The Association goal is to be working dates a couple of years out so that we have more facilities to choose from.

Membership dues are coming in very well and it will soon be time to consider taking an ad in the 2010 Directory and Resource Guide. We will be mailing this info out in early August.

Hope to see many of you at the picnic/campout in August.

Sincerely,  
Bev Gruber

## WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOUR DEER IN OUR PUBLICATIONS

PDFA publishes a quarterly newsletter (in print and online) and a yearly Directory and Resource guide. We are always looking for great deer photos for these pieces. If you would like to have photos of your deer in PDFA publications, we would love to use them.

Hard copy photos or disks can be mailed (and will be returned if requested) to PDFA, P. O. Box 5, New Tripoli PA 18066. High-resolution JPG files can be emailed to lowhill@rcn.com.

Be sure to include a release with your photos that states that PDFA has the right to use those photos in print or online. We will not share your photos with any entity outside of our office except individuals involved with publication.

Send your photos now... we will begin work on the Directory and Resource guide soon!



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Friday 2 Meat Buffet Meal - September 11, 2009 - 4:30 p.m.**

Reservation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of Children (under 12) \_\_\_\_\_ at \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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