

FALL HUNTING

Registration deadline nears for junior pheasant hunts

From staff reports

HARRISBURG — Junior hunters this fall will get two shots at taking part in a special pheasant hunt just for them.

In an effort to better accommodate the busy schedules families often have, the Pennsylvania Game Commission this year is allowing the sportsmen's clubs that host Junior Pheasant Hunts some leeway in planning their events.

In previous years, all Junior Pheasant Hunt events statewide were held on the same Saturday. But this year, clubs are permitted to host events on either Saturday in the junior pheasant season.

And some clubs have re-

sponded by scheduling two events — one each on Oct. 12 and Oct. 19.

Time is running out for youngsters interested in taking part in a Junior Pheasant Hunt. The registration deadline is Sept. 25.

"We're glad to see clubs stepping up to meet the growing interest our junior hunters have demonstrated," Game Commission Executive Director Carl G. Roe said.

Junior Pheasant Hunts are events for youngsters between the ages of 12 and 16 years old who have successfully completed a Hunter-Trapper Education course. The events are held on Saturdays during the one-week junior pheasant season, which occurs be-

tween the two scheduled hunts.

Junior Pheasant Hunts all are held on lands open to public hunting, and the Game Commission provides clubs with about 3,000 pheasants to stock for the hunts. The commission stocks another 15,000 pheasants statewide ahead of the junior season, and this year plans to release more than 200,000 pheasants across Pennsylvania.

Youngsters taking part in a Junior Pheasant Hunt event are not required to purchase a license, but they must wear the necessary amount of fluorescent orange and be accompanied as required by law.

Juniors who register to hunt in a special event, or

who otherwise hunt pheasants in the junior season, must adhere to Pennsylvania's long-standing daily bag limit of two pheasants and may only harvest cock pheasants in select wildlife management units.

"Ask anyone who has been involved in our Junior Pheasant Hunts and they'll tell you there's really not a better opportunity out there for young hunters to get a taste of excitement and success afield," Roe said.

Nearby pheasant hunt locations listed by the game commission include clubs in Centre County and Blair County.

In Centre County, 3 Point Sportsmen Club will host its junior pheasant hunt in Sproul State Forest, reclaim

strip mine land, Clarence, for 60 juniors on Oct. 12. Register online at www.register-ed.com/events/view/35543.

In Blair County, Smokey Run Rod & Gun Club, Martinsburg Sportsman Club,

Henrietta Sportsman Club, and Loop Sportsman Club will host a junior pheasant hunt on State Game Lands

147 for 25 juniors on Oct. 12. Register online at www.register-ed.com/events/view/33480.

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