

**Picatinny Arsenal National Hunting and Fishing Day
September 11, 2010**

Finally, for a change, the weather cooperated and was perfect, conducive for a trout contest and the children and grandchildren of Picatinny's employees, military, retirees and guests from enjoyed some great fishing during the annual children's fishing contest sponsored by the Picatinny Rod and Gun Association (PR&GA). Around 300 trout to include some real lunkers were stocked courtesy of the PR&GA and the Civilian Welfare Council.

Prizes were awarded to the children in three age groups. The 6 and under group was won by **Connor Kelly**, 4 years old from Kinnelon, 3.10 Lbs, followed by **Lauren Errante** 6 years old from Rockaway, 1.06 1Lbs, and **Isabel Wilson**, 5 years old from Picatinny weighed her trout in at .85Lbs. The 7 – 11 group was lead by **Matthew Portilla**, 11 years old from Lafayette, 1.14 Lbs, followed by **Nicholas Errante**, 11 years old from Rockaway, 1.10 Lbs, and **Nicholas Forsythe**, 8 years old from Rockaway, 1.05 lbs. In the 12 – 15 age group **Francis Barr**, 13 years old from Boonton, 1.26 Lbs took the honors followed by **Kenny Frappier** 12 years old from Rockaway, 1.05 Lbs, and **Eric Sheng** 12 years old from Parsippany, .95 Lbs. Winners received rod & reel combo's, tackle boxes, nets and lures. Each child that participated in the contest received a small prize. Everyone went away a winner! The prizes were presented by LTC Thane President Picatinny Rod & Gun Club, and Mike Tutko, Chairman National Hunting and Fishing Day. There were 47 children that attended the event.

In addition to the trout contest the children were also given the opportunity to learn safe handling of firearms with Chuck Horvath using pellet guns and using a bow & arrow on archery target range by Art Reimer and the Dover Sportsmen's Club members. There was also a collection of black powder primitive weapons on display by Richard McDaniels and live pheasants on display courtesy of NJ Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife. Again this year young John Rogalo's Labrador Retriever (Dory) demonstrated her waterfowl retrieving techniques. The PR&GA annual pig roast was held at "Bucky's" that evening to cap off a perfect day.

A special thanks to those who helped prepare the pond for stocking Ernie Pulcini, Rich Swanson, Tim Cassidy & Tom Hartigan and those who prepared lunch & dinner (Sal Sacco, Nelsen Gravenstede, Jim & Megan Huff & John Morgan) and to all the sponsors and volunteers that made this years National Hunting and Fishing Day a success, without them this annual event would not have been possible!

MIKE TUTKO
Chairman NHFD