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August 2018

The Official Newsletter of The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club

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& PHIL PHEST

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH

1 P.M. - 9 P.M.

4 P.M.- ELIXIR OF LIFE CEREMONY

AT GOBBLER'S KNOB

TICKET PRICE: \$25

Ticket Includes: Yard Games, Food, Live Music, and Snacks. There will be complimentary beverages. There will be a corn hole tournament beginning at 1 p.m. that is free to enter!

LUNCH MENU
LUNCH SERVED FROM
1 P.M. - 3 P.M.

HAMBURGERS
HOTDOGS
KIELBASA
MACARONI SALAD
BAKED BEANS
WATERMELON
DESSERT

DINNER MENU
DINNER SERVED FROM
5 P.M. - 6 P.M.

STEAK
BAKED POTATO
A VEGETARIAN OPTION
CORN ON THE COB
PASTA SALAD
DESSERT



For more information & tickets visit
www.groundhog.org or call 814-618-5591

Phil Travels to Rochester, NY !

By: The Stump Warden



On Friday, June 29, Phil and several members of the Inner Circle along with their wives and kids traveled to Rochester, NY to be special guests of the Rochester Red Wings AAA Minor League Baseball Team. Along with meeting countless Phil Phollowers from the Rochester Area, Phil and his entourage also got to throw out the first pitch. Phil opted not to throw since he did not want to injure himself so in his place each of the Inner Circle members attempted to get the baseball from pitchers mound to home plate.

I was first up with a throw was about 10 feet wide to the left of home plate, then Sky Painter Jeff Grube bounced one in the dirt, and finally Big Chill Jason Grusky's throw went wide right...way wide right!!

Phil's Handler John Griffiths was confident that he could have made a successful first pitch, but he was holding Phil at the time and did not get that chance. During the game, the Red Wings players wore specially made Punxsutawney Phil jerseys which were auctioned off after the game.

Also, between innings, tee shirts depicting the "6:00 alarm clock" from the movie "Groundhog Day" were shot into the crowd while scenes from the movie and footage from Groundhog Day 2018 in Punxsutawney were shown on the big board. Those in attendance were also treated to a spectacular firework display at the conclusion of the game.





The 6th Annual Worldwide Adventures of Phil Photo Competition

There is still some time to participate Groundhogggers!! Planning any last-minute trips? Do have a lot of great things in your very own back yard and community? Participate in the Worldwide Adventures of Phil Photo Competition! Why- you might ask? Why not! It's fun and free! We love seeing where all of Phil's friends take him!

How to participate?

The first step is to request a photograph of Phil; all participants will be given the same 5x7 photograph copy of Phil to use. Participants then can take "Phil" to the following examples: different sights and events in their town, on vacation, to meet family and friends. These are just some examples so remember- be creative! As they show Phil around, they are to take pictures of his adventures and submit them with a description.

The Groundhog Club Inner Circle will determine the winners based on creativity, uniqueness, description, photo quality, and overall submission.

There will be 4 categories; the top 3 pictures in each category chosen will be awarded prizes! The categories are: National, International, Groundhog Club Member, Phil Phans 12 and Under!

** The 'Groundhog Club Member' is a category for members of the Groundhog Club only. This category will include both national and international pictures submitted by Groundhog Club Members.

** Phil Phans 12 and Under is a category for kiddos 12 old and younger.

Prizes for National, International, and GHC Member Category

1st Place: 2 Inner Circle Section Passes for Gobbler's Knob on Groundhog Day 2019, a Gobbler's Knob Parking Pass, and a Groundhog T-Shirt

2nd Place: 2 Inner Circle Section Passes at Gobbler's Knob on Groundhog Day 2019 and a Groundhog T-Shirt

3rd Place: 2 Inner Circle Section Passes at Gobbler's Knob on Groundhog Day 2019

Prizes for Phil Phriends 12 & Under

1st Place: \$50 Worth of Groundhog Day Souvenirs

2nd Place: \$25 Worth of Groundhog Day Souvenirs

3rd Place: \$10 Worth of Groundhog Day Souvenirs

Check out some of the Worldwide Adventures of Phil on our social media platforms every Wednesday!



The deadline to submit entries is **Oct. 5th 2018!** Pictures of Phil can be requested by emailing: director@ghogclub.com Pictures must be submitted with a brief description and contact information. Please Submit pictures to director@ghogclub.com



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 2018
AT GOBBLER'S KNOB**

Registration Time/Check In: 9 a.m.

5K Start Time: 10 a.m.

2.2K Fun Walk Start Time: 10:15 a.m.

Rain or Shine

Age Categories: 14 and Younger 15-19
20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

Awards

Overall top 3 male/female finishers and in each age group will receive awards.

Early Registration Fee: \$20

Registration Fee after 10/19/18: \$25

T-Shirts are not guaranteed if participant registers after 10/19/18.

Virtual 5k Run: \$25

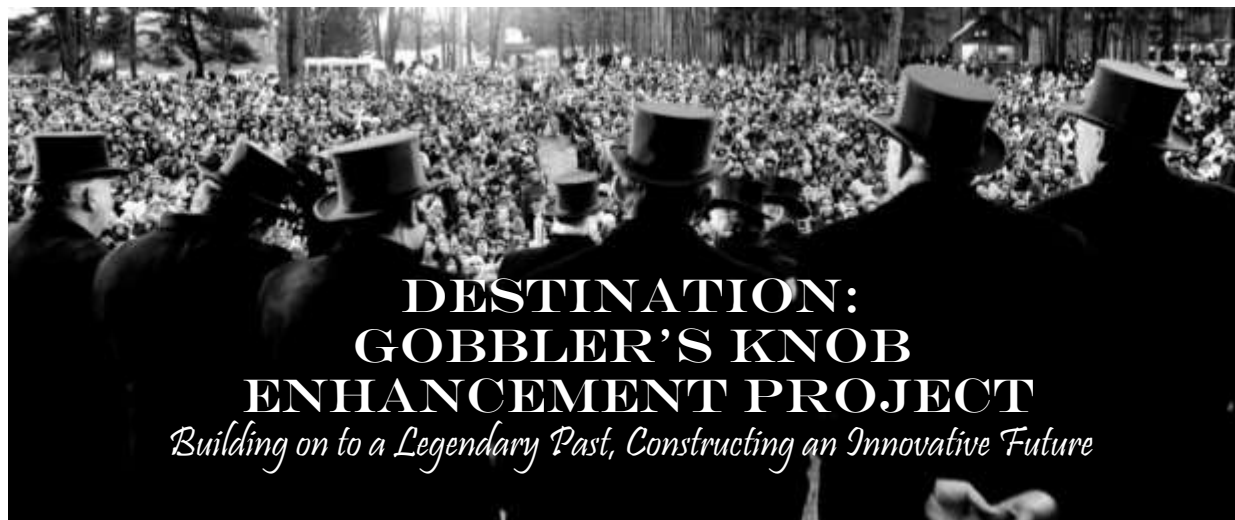
Can't make it to Punxsutawney, but still want to participate? All virtual runners will receive a t-shirt and participate medal. Virtual runners will not be in contention for timed place awards in age categories or overall places. All virtual runners must register by 10/19/18, medals & shirts will be sent out at the time of registration. Virtual Runners are encouraged to dress up and run their 5k in a costume and submit a picture with time to the Groundhog Club to be entered to when the Virtual Runner Costume Contest! Pictures will be shared on social media!

Course Information: The race and fun walk will begin at Gobbler's Knob 1548 Woodland Ave Punxsutawney, PA 15767. The course will include the grounds around the Knob, the Gobbler's Knob Trail, a portion of Woodland Ave Ext, and Pine Tree Road. The course will be distinctly marked. The race will finish with running the 'trek' past the Knob Stage.

The Groundhog Club is on...

Make sure to follow us on Instagram—punxsyphil





The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club is continuing its efforts to raise funding for the project called, Destination: Gobbler's Knob. The primary focus of this project is constructing a visitor center that will be an interactive learning environment, groundhog sanctuary, souvenir outlet, and historical memorabilia display. This visitor center will be the launching point for tourism in our area. The Groundhog Club is currently finishing the drawings for the building and will be putting out to bid early August!

How can you help?

There are many ways to support this project, here are few ways:

- Monetary Donations
- By visiting Punxsutawney now and after we have the project complete
- By communicating the exciting project to others
- Continued support of Groundhog Day and Punxsutawney Phil
- Communicate to us way that we can improve a visitor experience year-round

The goal is to have the visitor center ready and open for Groundhog Day 2019. It is going to be a fun and exciting year for the GHC and Punxsutawney. We would like to thank our current donors to the project and express our sincerest gratitude for the support.

[Click Here for more information!](#)



The Online Scavenger Hunt Contest is back!

Are you ready for a challenge?!

The dates for the Online Scavenger Hunt will be July 30th through October 5th

Week One Online Scavenger Hunt

Name the Fantastic Phil's based on the photographic clues.

Answer 6/10 correctly and get the answer correct for the week!



[Click here](#) to view the clue in a larger PDF!

A different weekly clue/ riddle will be given on Phil's social media, www.groundhog.org, and emailed to the GHC Membership once a week!

· All the answers to the clues/riddles will be found within the www.groundhog.org website.

· Participants are to solve the clue/riddle weekly and submit their answer to director@ghogclub.com.

· All clues/riddles will be given on Monday of each week and the answers must be submitted by Friday of that same week. Participants can not submit answers for previous weeks.

· All correct answers that are submitted will be in the running for that month's prize. Three winners will be selected at the end of each month.

· In order to qualify for grand prize drawing, the participant must submit at least 6 out of 10 correct answers over the course of the competition.

August Monthly Winners will receive:

A Groundhog Day T-Shirt

September Monthly Winners will receive: Cooking with Phil Cookbook

The Grand Prize Winner will receive:
Two Inner Circle Section Passes One,
Parking Pass for Groundhog Day 2019,
and one engraved brick that will be placed on the stage at Gobbler's Knob.

Any questions? Email director@ghogclub.com



Handler's Blog

By: John Griffiths

Well here's wishing everyone is having a great summer! Took it a little longer to get here than Phil anticipated but remember, his forecast was for six more weeks of winter for which he was absolutely correct. He is not responsible for the other six weeks we had after that.

With the warm weather comes an increase in requests for Phil to make appearances. He has done and is scheduled for appearances at local weddings, county fairs, parades, nursing homes, summer camps for kids and the list goes on and on. His longest trip to date was as a guest of the Rochester Redwings minor league baseball team. I'm still not sure who was more impressed with the trip, them or us after we received such gracious hospitality. We had a ball (pun intended).

For all who wonder, and I rarely touch on it, Phil and Phyllis are doing great. They are riding out the summer heat in their air conditioned burrow. Healthy, according to their Vet Dr. Emily, and eating like horses in preparation of their fall slowdown. Brrr....not ready to think about that!

So let's all enjoy the rest of the summer and if you see us in your travels please feel free to say hello. September 8th is our annual picnic where Phil receives the Elixir of Life so if your interested in attending, visit our website at groundhog.org or call our office at 814-618-5591.

Thank you all!
John Griffiths
"His Handler"



Trivia Question

Question: What local Punxsy business makes Punxsutawney Phil's Phantastic Phruit Phusion Wine?

Submit your answers to director@ghogclub.com. The first three people to answer correct will win a prize!!

GOT WINE?
GET YOUR 'PHIL' AT THE

Gobbler's Knob Wine Festival

Saturday, October 6th, 2018
Session 1: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Session 2: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.



The Gobbler's Knob Wine Festival will be held Saturday October 6th, 2018 at Gobbler's Knob.

There will be two sessions: the First Session is 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. and the Second Session: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

The regular ticket price is \$25 and you will receive a wine glass. This event is a complimentary tasting!

The designated driver ticket is \$10. All attendees of the wine festival must be 21 years of age or older, no matter the ticket type.

There will be great vendors will be present with some of your wine related needs! A vast spread of appetizers are included with the purchase of either ticket! The most important aspect of the event is, that each session will have an appearance by Punxsutawney Phil! There will be live music to enjoy during both sessions.

Here is the list of attending wineries so far- more will be added!

- Laurel Mountain Vineyard
- The Winery at Wilcox
- Bee Kind Winery
- Shadow Vineyard & Winery
- Woody Lodge Winery
- Deer Creek Winery
- Groundhog Winery
- Black Dog Wine Company
- Twisted Vine

[Click here](#) for tickets!



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August 2nd is ½ Way to Groundhog Day!

Yes, Groundhoppers! You read that correctly. Groundhog Day is a mere 6 months away. Do you have your plans made for the 2019 Celebration?

Share your favorite Groundhog Day pictures with us! Use the hashtags #punxsutawneyphil #halfwaythere #ghd2019

We would love to see your favorite memories!!

The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club Inner Circle

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