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CLUB BANS SHOOTING TO CONSERVE WATERFOWL

In an all-out effort to cooperate with the Federal Government in its program to conserve the fast-dwindling supplies of ducks and geese along the Atlantic flyway, the Penn Manor Club of Morrisville, Pa., has advised the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service that it will be closed entirely to waterfowl shooting during the 1947 hunting season.

E. T. Balderston, secretary of the club, notified Robert J. Hawley, U. S. game management agent at Toms River, N. J., that the definite decision to close the club lakes and marshes to waterfowl hunting had been made at the fall board meeting on September 25. The matter had been under discussion by the members for some time.

The Penn Manor club has more than 400 members and, according to Mr. Hawley, is the largest club in his district, comprising southeastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and the first to come out with a program of this kind.

Mr. Balderston also advised that club members plan to make their property a feeding as well as a sanctuary area and have requested the placing of Government "Baited Area Warnings" around the area. The officers of the club are arranging for the posting of trespass notices in accordance with the state laws of Pennsylvania. The club area includes 6,000 acres of fields and lakes.

"The closing of Penn Manor to waterfowl hunting," Agent Hawley said, "because of the low ebb of ducks and geese at the present time is a big boost to conservation in this district and can be held up as an example throughout the entire nation."

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