

It's the Pennsylvania Outdoor Life!

A message from Don Jacobs



It doesn't take much to talk true fishermen into going fishing and it certainly doesn't take a lot

of convincing to get a hunter into the field in the fall. The same can be said about the Pennsylvania Outdoor Life team. We live in and work for the people of Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania and it doesn't take much to get us out of the studio and into the field. With fall just around the bend it's time to start planning for a new round of hunting and late season fishing stories. We will also explore a few mushroom programs as well as a wildlife biology story or two. The possibilities are endless.

Pennsylvania Outdoor Life is now starting its twenty sixth year of production and I'm proud to be a part of it all. The program kicked off in the fall of 1982 and we're happy to say it continues to grow in popularity. One true testimony to the show's notoriety is the breathtaking turnout we saw at the Pennsylvania Outdoor Life Expo this spring. The four day event attracted thousands of viewers to the Columbia Mall near Bloomsburg.

We would like to say thanks to all who helped make this family oriented event such a huge success.

Coming up with new stories each year is quite easy. We listen to our viewers, accept invitations and get out in the public for suggestions. We try and focus on the people of Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania while concentrating on the great outdoors. Pennsylvania has a lot to offer for the outdoor enthusiast and we are rich in hunting and fishing heritage. I can honestly say I'm proud to be a Pennsylvania Sportsman and I enjoy meeting and covering stories about other dedicated Pennsylvania sportsmen and sportswomen.

Co-host Ken Hunter and I are always on the search for new and interesting people and stories to highlight. We were both raised in the woods of Pennsylvania. We share many common interests and we strive to bring our stories to you with a little education and humor mixed in. We enjoy all kinds of outdoor activities including fishing, hiking, hunting and boating. I guess you can say, if it happens outside we'll try it.

The majority of the camera work and editing for Pennsylvania Outdoor Life is done by Shamokin native Brian

Hollingshead. Brian is the technical producer of the program and he is also a sportsman in his own right. Over the years Brian has captured countless hours of incredible wildlife video for the team. It is through his eyes that we get to witness the close up hunting experiences and outdoor adventures.

The Pennsylvania Outdoor Life Field Staff played a major role at the Pennsylvania Outdoor Life expo and they continue to bring new and interesting stories to the program. Field Staff includes Rick Koval. Rick is a naturalist for the North Branch Land Trust and just this spring he introduced us to over twenty species of reptiles and amphibians. Rick is just like our other Field Staff members in that they like to share their knowledge and love of the great outdoors. They are good people with a willingness to share their expertise. Bob Hawkins is our go-to bass guy. Dale Butler can talk turkey with the best of them. Jackie Vass is a true woman of the outdoors. Jim Costolnick knows his fly-fishing while Dave Aucker is responsible for our muzzle-loading stories. Susan Gallagher is our resident naturalist with an interest in animal rehabilitation. Randy Reynolds helps us understand sportsmen with special needs

and Debbie Jacobs keeps us in touch with useful family tips. There is no doubt in my mind that we have assembled a team of good people. You can expect to see Field Staff tips from all of them this fall.

We would like to thank you, the people of Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania, for being part of our family and for helping us keep the hunting and fishing heritage of our area alive and well. For me it's all about family traditions and values. You can expect to see and hear more about family values and traditions by welcoming us into your home on Sunday evening.

If you have a comment on our program or a story idea for the show, you can e-mail me at pol@wnep.com or by calling me toll free at, 1-800-982-4374. We are proud to serve all of the sportsmen, women, and children of Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania.



ELLEN

Beloved television icon and entertainment pioneer, Ellen DeGeneres' distinctive comic voice has resonated



with audiences from her first stand-up comedy appearances through her work today on television, in film and in the literary world.

DeGeneres has made a home for herself in the daytime arena with her hit syndicated talk show, "The Ellen DeGeneres Show." The show now in fourth season has recently won six Daytime Emmys, including Outstanding Talk Show and Outstanding Talk Show Host, earning the show a total of twenty one Daytime Emmy Awards during its

first three seasons. Additionally, DeGeneres won two People's Choice Awards for Favorite Daytime Talk Show Host and Favorite Funny Female Star for the second year in a row. She also won the Producers Guild Award for the second consecutive year for Outstanding Variety Television Show. DeGeneres was also selected as one of Time Magazine's 100 most influential people and was voted "Favorite TV Host" in a Time Magazine poll, up against such competition as, Oprah Winfrey, Regis Philbin, Kelly Ripa and Meredith Vieira. In addition, DeGeneres hosted the 79th Annual Academy Awards on February 25, 2007.

"The Ellen DeGeneres Show" was launched in September 2003 to great success and critical acclaim. In its freshman year, the show won four Daytime Emmys, including Outstanding Talk Show, after garnering a record twelve nominations.

Prior to the launch of her talk show, DeGeneres scored a rare coup in 2004 with simultaneous achievements on stage, film and in the literary world. She enjoyed unprecedented popular and critical response to her character, 'Dory,' the fish with an extremely short term memory, in the blockbuster Disney/Pixar animated feature film, "Finding Nemo." Written and directed by Andrew Stanton, and co-starring Albert Brooks and Willem Dafoe among others, the Academy Award winner for Best Animated Film has made over \$850 million dollars worldwide to date, making it one of the highest grossing computer-animated films in history, as well as one of the highest domestic grossing films of 2003. In addition, DeGeneres was nominated for a 2004 MTV Movie Award for Best Comedic

Performance for her work in the film.

In October 2003, Simon & Schuster published DeGeneres' second book, The Funny Thing Is..., comprised of the author's comedic short stories and essays. The book hit the New York Times' Bestseller list upon its release. In 2005, DeGeneres was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Comedy Album for the audio version of the book.

DeGeneres' career began as an emcee at a local comedy club in her hometown of New Orleans, which led to national recognition in 1982 when her videotaped club performances won Showtime's "Funniest Person In America." When DeGeneres moved to Los Angeles she filmed her first HBO Special "Young Comedians Reunion," then in 1986 "Women of the Night." That same year, DeGeneres scored a first by becoming the first and only comedienne to be summoned by Johnny Carson to sit down with him after her performance. DeGeneres followed in 1989 by receiving a Cable Ace nomination for her "Command Performance: One Night Stand" special. She was also named "Best Female Stand-Up" at the 1991 American Comedy Awards.

DeGeneres began her acting career in television on Fox's sitcom, "Open House." She moved on to ABC's "Laurie Hill," prior to being offered "These Friends of Mine" by ABC. After the first season, the

show was renamed "Ellen." Running from 1994 to 1998, the show garnered record ratings with DeGeneres receiving Emmy nominations each season in the "Best Actress" category. In 1997 DeGeneres was the recipient of the coveted Peabody Award as well as earning an Emmy for writing the critically acclaimed "Puppy Episode" when her character came out as a gay woman to a record 46 million viewers. DeGeneres followed with the CBS sitcom, "The Ellen Show," which ran from 2001 to 2002.

In the course of producing and starring in "Ellen," DeGeneres received numerous accolades including The People's Choice Award in 1995, two Golden Globe nominations and two Screen Actors Guild nominations. Other television credits include Executive Producing and starring with Sharon Stone in the Emmy nominated "If These Walls Could Talk II" for HBO as well as a guest appearance on the "Larry Sanders Show," for which she received another Emmy nomination.

DeGeneres' feature film credits includes "EDTV" for director Ron Howard, "The Love Letter" for Dreamworks, New Regency's "Goodbye Lover," "Coneheads" and "Mr. Wrong" in which she starred with Bill Pullman.

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