

GCF&G ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2013 ARE DUE ON 12/31/12. YOUR RENEWAL DUES FOR 2013 CAN BE PAID BEGINNING ON 10/01/12. A RENEWAL FORM WILL NOW BE MAILED OUT FIRST CLASS TO EACH GCF&G MEMBER IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE....

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

It was great to see all the new members at the March meeting. Over the last 38 years I have seen attendance at our meetings drop dramatically.

The Annual fish Fry and Picnic are also suffering low numbers in spite of all the improvements / additions that have been added to both events.

Every group within our organization needs more participation to the point that we had to cancel some events last year.

We realize that times are tough and everyone is running in circles trying to keep up with all the things we have to do, but it is important to take some time for you and your family.

Look at all the activities coming up at the club, mark your calendar and plan to come out on a regular schedule.

Work is under way to update the info on our web page and it's being expanded in all areas.

Look at the new recipe section of the newsletter for some good eats and maybe share one of yours with us.

The "Suggestion Box" section of the newsletter is a great way to share your thoughts and opinions about your club, so let us hear from you.

— Bob Brown

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP WEEKEND REMINDER!

Don't forget that during our Annual Clean-up weekend on April 14th & 15th, the club will be closed to all non work party related activities from 8 AM until 5 PM both days.

That means no fishing, shooting, camping, archery, etc. Our New Members are encouraged to attend and get their required 8 hours work completed early.

New members who finish their obligations prior to the close of the 2012 Greene County Fair will be eligible to win a year's free dues to be given away during the Annual Picnic in August.

Tater will provide a great lunch on both days for everyone who participates.

12 GUN GIVEAWAY MONTHLY WINNER

The winning ticket number for the March drawing was # 0461. The lucky winner was Mel Yearick from Dayton, Ohio. Our Congratulations go out to Melvin!



Did you make it to the 20th Annual Field & Stream Ohio Deer & Turkey Expo? It seems many GCF&G members made it to the three day event and took advantage of some great show deals from the many of the more than 200 vendors that attended the event. There were seminars from the experts, the latest in state of the art hunting gear, raffles, an outdoor photo & trail cam photo contest and hundreds of impressive whitetail deer mounts on display. The weekend long event takes place every year in March and is held at the Ohio State Fair & Expo Center in Columbus. For more information on this great event visit their website at www.deerinfo.com, (Fish & Game Photo By Tim An-

Items that are helpful are chainsaws, pole-trimmers, weed-eaters and trailers. If you have them, please bring them with you. Come on out and meet some new folks. We hope to see everyone there!

HELP WANTED (PART-TIME CARETAKER)

We are looking to hire a part-time caretaker. All applicants are required to be a current GCF&G member in good standing. They should also be very focused, organized and versatile.

Some knowledge of farm / lawn care tools and equipment is also a must. If you like animals, the outdoors and people, this part-time May - August position could be for you. The duties will vary slightly.

For an application and more information including salary and a list of duties contact Ken Mitch at (937) 372-8261 or contact Bob Brown at any Membership Meeting to obtain an application.

All applications must be submitted prior to April 1st in order to be considered.

NEW MEMBERS MATTER.....

It was great seeing the 128 of you at the meeting in March picking up your member packets. The remaining 34 folks can pick theirs up on April 10th.

The primary member must be there in person with an I.D. so that we can ensure we hand your packet to you!

We will have an area setup at the meeting to pass out the remaining packets.

Make sure to come see me when you get there..... come early!

I will not hand packets out during the meeting; so get there early enough to pick it up.

Those of you who wish to get a second gate card need to contact Chuck Gibson. If you wish to purchase an additional vehicle bumper sticker. please contact Ed Rauch.

NEW MEMBER PACKETS CAN STILL BE PICKED UP AT THE APRIL 10th MEMBERSHIP MEETING



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APRIL 2012 NEWSLETTER

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ABSOLUTELY NO GUESTS ARE PERMITTED TO HUNT OR FISH WITHOUT EXPRESSED WRITTEN CONSENT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.THESE PRIVILEGES ARE RESERVED FOR OUR MEMBERS, THEIR SPOUSES, MINOR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN! THANK YOU.

Don't forget each new member needs to attend a minimum of (2) monthly club meetings and volunteer at least (8) hours of work at the club this year.

Each new member that completes this prior to the end of the Greene County Fair in August will be entered into a drawing for a free year's membership to the club!

So get your meetings and hours in early. A big thanks to the new members that have already completed their hours!

Remember this is YOUR club, so you don't have to stop at 8 hours! We just need to document the first eight.

You may find like many folks already have; that working at the club is fun and sometimes even quite rewarding.

Look on the bottom of page #3 of this newsletter for a partial listing of work hour opportunities in April & May. These are just a few, many other opportunities also exist, so just ask!

Don't call me for work hours though! I don't need the help, our other chairmen do, so contact them directly!

If you don't know who you need to talk to, send me an e-mail and I'll get you in touch with the right person.

Remember all work must be done thru a chairman and the chairman will send me the information on your work hours.

The Annual Clean-up Weekend is a great time to come out, work, get fed and have a chance to meet other members.

Members new and old will be there to help keep the club looking nice. Remember this is YOUR club, so it is up to you to keep it looking nice.

You will be able to keep track of the meetings you attend and the hours you have worked on our website. They will also be posted in the clubhouse.

I will post an updated list each month. It will be listed by your member number, which is on your badge in your member packet.

That information will be posted here: <http://www.gcfng.com/membership/NewMemberHours.html>. If there are any problems, please contact me and let me know.

There will also be an "as of" date on that page as well to let you know when the page was updated last.

New members are as much members as someone that has been in the club for 20 years. Remember to read your ground rules and the constitution,

If you observe someone doing something that is prohibited by the rules - let them know! Remember, safety is always rule #1!

Here Are a couple of range rules I have noticed being broken in the past:

Range and Safety Rules:

14.) Rapid fire shooting is not permitted unless required in a sanctioned competition.

15.) Rapid fire is defined as anything more than a three (3) round burst, in a one second interval. Such bursts shall be followed by a marked lull or pause before continuing to fire.

Those of you that have computers make sure you stop by the website to see what is happening at your club. If it's happening, it's on the website!

— Brad Sabo

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ANNUAL CAMPGROUND MEETING 4/21 - 3 PM

This year's Mandatory Campground Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 21st @ 3 PM in the clubhouse to discuss ground rules that have changed and to make your payments.

The start of camping season is May 1st and there are open spots still available in the campground.

If you are interested in camping this season contact Mark Drake today at (937) 286-3904 to get your name put on the waiting list.

2012 EVENT DATES TO REMEMBER!

RIM-FIRE LEAGUE OPENER - 4/10.

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP - 4/14 & 4/15.

REQ'D CAMPGROUND MTG - 4/21.

COWBOY ACTION NEW SHOOTER ORIENTATION - 4/28.

BLACK POWDER SPRING RENDEZVOUS - 5/4, 5/5 & 5/6.

CMP M-1 GARAND CLINIC - 5/5.

KID'S FISHING TOURNAMENTS 5/12, 6/16, 7/14, 8/11.

ALL-NIGHT CATFISH TOURNAMENT - 5/26.

ARCHERY OHIO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT - 6/10.

J.A.K.E.S. DAY EVENT - 6/23.

ANNUAL PICNIC WEEKEND 2 DAY EVENT - 8/18 & 8/19.

APRIL 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM COWBOY SHOOT CCW	2	3	4 ARCHERY FIELD COURSE WOMEN'S AUX MTG 6:30 PM	5 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	6	7 ANNUAL KID'S EASTER EGG HUNT 10 AM
8 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM B.P. WINTER LEAGUE #8	9	10 BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MTGS 6 & 8 PM RIM-FIRE LEAGUE 5 PM	11 ARCHERY FIELD COURSE	12 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	13	14 ANNUAL CLEAN-UP WEEKEND
15 ANNUAL CLEAN-UP WEEKEND	16	17 RIM-FIRE LEAGUE 5 PM	18 ARCHERY FIELD COURSE	19 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM NRA PISTOL	20	21 CAMPGROUND MTG. 3 PM WOMEN'S AUX EUCHRE PARTY 6 PM
22 TRAPSHOOT SPECIAL EVENT B.P. WINTER LEAGUE #9	23	24 RIM-FIRE LEAGUE 5 PM	25 ARCHERY FIELD COURSE CMP LEAGUE SHOOT	26 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM NRA PISTOL NDR PISTOL	27	28 COWBOY ACTION NEW SHOOTER ORIENTATION D.O.W. PASSPORT TO FISHING SEMINAR
29 TRAPSHOOT 75-BIRD CALCUTTA B.P. WINTER LEAGUE #10	30 B.P. SPRING RENDEZVOUS WORK PARTY 5 PM	<p>TRAPSHOOT SPECIAL EVENT - SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND</p> <p>Doubles & Handicap Champion of Champions Shoot (Prizes will be awarded in both classes). Contact Justin Liniger @ (937) 974-8996 for additional information.</p>				

THE GCF&G SUGGESTION BOX

TELL US WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND!

We'd like to know what you think about your club, good or bad. If you can write it respectfully, we'll print it in this newsletter.

Tell us what you think about any of our programs, policies and procedures. Tell us what you like best about your club, what you hate the most, or simply ask us an important question.

All we ask is that you keep it respectful, appropriate for print, and that you include your name and membership # with your honest e-mail.

You can send us your thoughts and/or comments through our website attn: Secretary at www.gcfng.com.

This is a brand new feature of the club newsletter and we need your input. After all it's YOUR club.

Maybe there is something you'd like us to add to this newsletter or a club member you'd like to thank for a good deed.



Annual Clean-up Weekend April 14th & 15th

A new coat of paint - There is always plenty to do during the club's Annual Clean-up Weekend. This year is no exception. We could use your help! Grab a brush, a broom, or a rake and come on out and spend the day! (Fish & Game Photo By Tim Ankeney).

FISH FRY TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

We will be hosting our Annual Fish Fry on Tuesday, May 8th in the clubhouse. Tickets are only \$8 per person for all the fish you can eat.

Additional menu items include french fries, onion rings, cole slaw, green beans, dinner rolls, choice of dessert and a cold beverage.

There will be door prizes, raffles, guest speakers and plenty of fun for everyone who attends.

If you would like to acquire tickets, contact Bob Brown at (937) 902-0090 or see Tater in the kitchen.

Doors will open at 5 PM with serving to start around 6 PM.

Only 175 tickets will be sold for this great event and when they are gone, there won't be any more until next year's event! There's plenty of room, so get your tickets!

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 4th, at 6:30 PM at the clubhouse. We will be stuffing Easter Eggs for the hunt.

The Easter Egg Hunt for children 2 - 10 will be at the clubhouse on Saturday 4/7. Doors open at 10 AM for coloring, activities, cookies and juice.

Our hunt will begin promptly at 11 AM.

The April Euchre Party will be held Saturday, April 21st. Doors will open at 6 PM, cards will begin at 7 PM. Please arrive by 6:45 if you wish to play.

Bring a snack or covered dish to share and your own beverages. Cash prizes, raffle and door prizes too!

Come join us for an evening of fun. This event is not limited to club members so you can bring your family and friends (over 18).

Admission is \$6 per person. We hope to see you there!

— Gail Walker

2012 HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS DATES

(Classes held at the Club)

AUGUST 11 (HOME STUDY)
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 10, 12 & 14
6 - 9:30 PM NIGHTLY

OCTOBER 1, 2, 3 & 5
6 - 9:30 PM NIGHTLY

NOVEMBER 2 & 3
6 - 9:30 PM FRIDAY

10:00 AM - 3:30 PM SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 10 (HOME STUDY)
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

DECEMBER 3, 5 & 7
6 - 9:30 PM NIGHTLY

Call 1-800-WILDLIFE To Register.



Don't miss the Spring Rendezvous! - May 4th, 5th & 6th down by the big lake. Take a step back in time and enjoy things the way they used to be. Campfire gatherings, wood stoves, and canvas tents will be everywhere! There's a "woods walk" muzzleloader shoot, a tomahawk toss and much, much more! (Fish & Game Photo By Tim Ankeney).

NEW MEMBER WORK HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Here are upcoming dates to get your work hour completed:

4/1 - Cowboy Action Shoot
8 AM - 3 PM.

4/7 - Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Starts at 10 AM.

4/10 - Rim-fire League Opener
Starts at 5 PM.

4/14 & 4/15 - Annual Clean-up
8 AM - 5 PM Both Days

4/28 - Cowboy Action
New Shooter Orientation

4/30 - B.P. Rendezvous
Work Party Starts at 5 PM

5/6 - Cowboy Action Shoot
8 AM - 3 PM

5/12 - Kid's Fishing Tournament
8 - 11 AM