

GREENE COUNTY FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION

Your newsletter for December 2008

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Absolutely no guests are permitted to hunt or fish, only members, their spouse, minor children & grandchildren, may hunt & fish!

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As another year winds down at your club, a look in the rearview mirror shows us that a lot of minor and major projects have been undertaken during 2008. Most have been successfully completed and the rest are about to reach completion.

I am not going to try to name those individuals that made things happen because I would surely miss someone, but those of you that come out on a regular basis know who they are.

They are part of the 50 or so members that do 99 percent of the chores that keep this place running. If you are not one of this great group of outstanding members you can join them by just showing up to help a few days a year.

We have also gone through another election cycle which was disappointing in the fact that so few wished to run for office. Both Vice-presidents are leaving office after many years of service to the club as Officers / Directors, but they will be around helping with events throughout the years to come.

Thanks Steve and Ralph for your efforts. John Holton was unable to run for re-election to the Board due to scheduling conflicts. But I bet he will be back in the future. Thanks to you John.

We have two new faces to welcome as 2009 dawns. Joe Schmidt will become the newest member of our Board and Gary Smith will assume the seat to my right as 1st Vice-president. We are looking forward to their input and ideas for the future.

Larry Rowland has stepped up to chair our Youth Programs at the club and has already been working with other chairmen to rev up this most important project. I think that we will see many great opportunities to help kids in the near future, but the best plan in the world will not reach its potential without your support.

If you can't do anything else at the club, please help make this work.

I hope that you all have a Happy Holiday Season and may many deer crowd around your stand.

— Bob Brown

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

We will be having the Annual GCF&G Children's Christmas Party on Saturday December 13th. Doors open @ 11 AM and Santa will arrive around noon.

We will be serving light hors d'oeuvres and cold beverages. There will be crafts and lots of fun. We hope to see you there!

Please come out and see the new playground equipment. Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help get the new equipment installed.

Attention Ladies: We are looking for new members. Our meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at the clubhouse. Please come join us.

CONSERVATION

Conservation has resumed its standard upland hunting practices for the remainder of the season. A big thank you goes out to all those hunters who helped make our two new split days a great success.

We had very manageable crowds on both opening day and Thanksgiving as well as some great hunting opportunities for everyone. A good number of birds were harvested on both days and our fields were much safer.

GOOSE HUNTING REMINDER

Goose Season continues Oct. 18. - Nov. 2 and again Dec. 6 - Jan. 18. Hunters use the yellow saw-horse so that members know they are at the big lake. We encourage members to be courteous and fish the small pond when the saw-horse is up.

HELP WANTED!

We are currently accepting applications for the positions of Caretaker, License Agent, Budget Advisor and Technology Director. If you have an interest in any of these positions contact Bob Brown at (937) 902-0090 or come to any club meeting to obtain an application.

You must be a dues paying member in good standing to apply and possess the appropriate skills for the position that you are applying for. All applications must be completed and returned prior to January 1st, 2009 in order to be considered.

12 GUN GIVEAWAY NEWS!

Congratulations to November's lucky 12-Gun Giveaway winner Leonard Morella of Kettering. His winning ticket number was # 0161.

B.P. HO-HO MEAT SHOOT!

The smoke pole crew is hosting their annual holiday meat shoot on Sunday Dec. 21st at 10 AM. Come on out and escape the madness at the mall. Spend the morning with them on the range.

NEW MEMBER ENROLLMENT

Look for New Member Enrollment date(s) in the January 2009 GCF&G Newsletter!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Having accepted the Youth Activities Chairman's position, I welcome all youth project ideas from our members and their families. What activities do you want to have your club offer your children and grandchildren?

Kid's, what do you want to do with the club's help? Sure, everyone likes the giveaways of the Easter season and Christmas Party, but the kids need more outdoor activities.

Many things are possible with good parental support in putting projects together. Field trips to several area wildlife related sites are possible.

Expanding opportunities for learning club related sports will be also available; such as shooting rifles, shotguns and bows, with age level competition in each discipline.

Most of these things will be available to the community that helps support some club functions. Yes, public events, which we can apply to the DOW, for future funding.

Private club events can be expanded if our youths become interested. The Conservation Co-Chair has taken a wise step in the direction of expanding the Youth Hunt with some instruction on clay target shooting as well as making dates more desirable.

The Lakes Chairman is allowing side competition during the youth tournaments in the form of casting contests. Those kids that want to break away from the lake will have a chance to hone their skills there.

With member support we can give our children and grandchildren the experiences they deserve.

Give me your ideas. Help mold the children into the type of sportsmen and sportswomen that will pass our passions on to their children.

Let's do what it takes that could encourage them to become lifelong members themselves. My e-mail address is larry.rowland@att.net and my phone number is in the book.

Feel free to contact me anytime. We have neglected the kids in the past, but it's not too late as new youths come into our lives each day.

— Larry Rowland

PLEASE NOTE: THE LEGAL START TIME FOR UPLAND HUNTING SEASON AT GCF&G HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 8:00 AM. THANK YOU!

**DUE TO UPLAND SEASON AT THE CLUB
OUR GUN RANGES WILL ONLY BE OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS & SUNDAYS NOW THROUGH
JANUARY 31ST, 2009
THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**

2008 GCF&G HUNTER ED. CLASS DATE

DECEMBER

**8TH, 10TH & 12TH FROM 6 –9:30 PM
CALL 1-800-WILDLIFE TO REGISTER!**

December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 GUN RANGES ARE OPEN	4 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5 PM	5	6
7 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4 PM	8 HUNTER ED. 6 - 9:30 PM	9 BOARD MEETING 6 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING 8 PM	10 HUNTER ED. 6 - 9:30 PM GUN RANGES ARE OPEN	11 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5 PM	12 HUNTER ED. 6 PM - 9:30 PM	13 ANNUAL KID'S X-MAS PARTY 11 AM - 2 PM
14 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4 PM	15	16	17 GUN RANGES ARE OPEN	18 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5 PM	19	20
21 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4 PM BP HO-HO MEAT SHOOT 10 AM	22	23	24 GUN RANGES ARE OPEN	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27
28 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4 PM	29	30	31 GUN RANGES ARE OPEN			

2009 DUES

Name _____ Birth Date _____
Street _____ City/State _____
Zip Code _____ Phone # _____ County _____
Email _____
Occupation _____ Spouse's Name _____
Name and birth date of any kids under 18 _____
NRA member ____No ____Yes—Member # _____
NMLRA member ____No ____Yes—Member # _____
*****MEMBER NUMBER (FOUND ON YOUR ADDRESS LABEL) _____**

MARK ONLY 1 (one) Activity you want most to participate in:
____ Archery ____ Fishing ____ Muzzle Loaders ____ Camping ____ Hunting
____ Trapshooting ____ Conservation ____ Marksmanship ____ Youth Activities

DUES ARE \$95.85 WHICH INCLUDES OHIO SALES TAX. ALL DUES MUST BE PAID OR POSTMARKED BY DEC 31ST, 2008.

Make check payable to Greene Co. Fish & Game Assn. and **send with this completed form** to the club at **PO BOX 64, Xenia, OH 45385**. One extra bumper sticker is \$.50. Gifts in support of club programs are welcome!

____ **I am enclosing an additional \$20 for a 2009 12 Gun Giveaway ticket.**
____ I am the son or daughter of a current member in good standing (member _____), who is now required by the GCF&G Constitution to have his/her own dues paying membership.

***** THIS MEMBERSHIP IS NOT TRANSFERABLE *****