

**X-MAS PARTY THANK YOU!**

Our 11th annual Children's Christmas Party got off to a snowy start. We only had about half of our families that signed up, show up for the festivities because of bad weather. Even the weather couldn't keep the man in red, (aka Mel Curry) from showing up on time.

The club would like to thank him for his efforts this year and for all the past years he has made our children smile. I would like to thank Brenda Zehr, Sherry Wright, Dara Miller, Lee Ison and Austin Wright, as well as non-member Melodee Caudill. Without the help of all these folks, I could not have done this party this year.

I also want to give a special thank you to caretaker Ken Mitch for keeping the roads here at the club clear for the event. Thank you all very much!

—Joyce Ison

**ANNUAL CLEAN-UP WEEKEND**

Our Annual Clean-up Weekend will be held on April 12th & 13th. The entire club grounds will be closed to all activities on those dates except for clean-up related projects from 8 AM - 5 PM.

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- DOW OPEN HOUSE - 3/2**
- KID'S EASTER EGG HUNT - 3/8**
- OSBA ARCHERY SHOOT - 3/30**
- CLEAN-UP WEEKEND - 4/12 & 4/13**
- CAMPGROUND MEETING - 4/26**
- SPRING RENDEZVOUS - 5/2 - 5/4**
- ANNUAL FISH FRY - 5/13**
- ALL-NIGHT CATFISH TOURN. - 5/26**
- M-1 GARAND CLINIC - 4/26**

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**D.O.W GAME HEARINGS @ THE CLUBHOUSE ON SUNDAY MARCH 2ND, 2008**

Newsletter For February 2008

President: **Bob Brown**  
902-0090

Club House: 372-8261

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

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**PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

On Feb. 5th the Board of Directors will have reviewed those who applied for admission to the club and those accepted will be receiving their membership packet in a few weeks. We will also try to post information concerning this procedure on the bulletin boards in the clubhouse and on the club's website.

If you see new faces and/or people who appear to be unsure of what is going on and where, go up to them and introduce yourself. You were a newbie here at some point so remember those feelings and give them a hand by asking about their interests in the organization and by directing them to those who can help get them on the road to becoming a contributing member of **your club**.

The Division of Wildlife, Dist. 5 annual open house and game hearings will be held in our clubhouse on Sunday March 2nd, 2008 with doors opening at noon and running until 3 PM. If you enjoy and participate in hunting and/or fishing in Ohio come on out to see what proposals are being made to the Wildlife Counsel or make them aware of your thoughts and concerns.

There are rumors that some are talking about moving the opening day for deer gun season to the Saturday following Thanksgiving. What do you think about that? Come on out and be part of your sport. The following Saturday March 8th, from 9 AM until noon the women's auxiliary will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for the children and grandchildren of members. For more info contact the ladies and bring the kids out for a great time.

Our children are the only people that can carry this organization and our hunting, fishing and shooting sports into the future so make a special effort to bring them out so they can learn to participate safely and build a love for the things we profess to cherish.

We can do much better judging from last year when only 11 kids came out for the youth hunt. **That is one child for each 100 members.** If we continue in that manner the anti's will win by our lazy indifference. Let's get moving this year!

Don't forget to take a few minutes of your time to help our new members. I'm sure it will be greatly appreciated and you might make some great new friends at the same time.

— Bob Brown

**HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES**

New 2008-2009 licenses will go on sale statewide February 15th. You can now buy yours at the club and help support youth shooting activities right here at the club. If you don't buy while at the club, try to buy from one of the license agents in located here in Greene County.

**12 GUN GIVEAWAY WINNER**

The winning ticket number for January was #0062, and has not yet been sold and/or turned in.

**GCF&G ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2009 ARE DUE BY 12/31/08. DUES PAYMENTS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10/01/08.**

**HUNTER EDUCATION**

After many years of dedicated service Paul Bracci has stepped down as chairman of the Hunter Education Committee. I'm certain that everyone in our club will join me in thanking him for his commitment and ongoing service to this very worthwhile program.

As the new chairperson, I have some pretty big shoes to fill. I am old enough and smart enough to realize this program can not continue to achieve the degree of success it has without a tremendous amount of support from the club, it's membership and our Hunter Education Instructors.

To that end I am seeking input from our Hunter Ed. Instructors and our membership in general as to what they like and/or dislike about the program as it exists today. I would also like to update our data base to insure that all instructors who wish to participate in the program are identified.

I would appreciate very much if the instructors here at the club would contact me either by phone at (937) 619-3116 or by e-mail at ljdaloiso@aol.com and provide me with their contact information and determine to what degree they wish to be involved with the program this year.

I would be very interested in knowing if we are more in favor of home study courses or traditional courses. Are you willing to act as chief instructor? Are you interested in teaching an entire course or just segments within? If you are interested in just segments (chapters), which chapters are you most interested in and which chapters interest you least from a teaching perspective?

I would like to see us offer a course in February prior to Turkey Season and the club has advised me that February 18, 19 & 20 are available. Any instructors who would like to participate in this class are asked to contact me as soon as possible so I can get things finalized.

Within the next month or so (with input from our instructors) I will finalize with the Board the

proposed schedule of Hunter Ed. Courses to be held at GCF&G for the balance of the year. As soon as the schedule is finalized copies will be distributed.

Lastly, if there are any other individuals out there who would like to join the program as instructors please contact me using the contact information listed earlier

**BLACKPOWDER EVENTS**

February is a busy month for the smoke pole crew. The annual Egg Shoot will be held on Sunday 2/3 with a work party to prepare for the event on Saturday 2/2 at the Blackpowder shack. League shoots will be held on 2/10, 2/17 & 2/24. Don't forget about our upcoming Spring Rendezvous here at the club on May 2nd, 3rd & 4th. Come on out and join in all the exciting fun!

**FROM THE LAKE COMMITTEE**

Trout have been stocked in the small lake, more stocking is likely in early spring. Clean-up weekend is coming up soon. Want to help? Contact Terry Cope at (937) 371-2823 or Jody Rutherford at (937) 374-0258. For boat rack information and stickers contact Jerry McCormick at (937) 829-1927

**IMPORTANT WINTER WEATHER NOTICE**

The arrival of winter weather brings with it the realistic possibility that events at the club could be affected by hazardous winter weather conditions. Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000 our weather policy has been the same. If Greene County has declared a level 2 or higher snow emergency and is listed as such in TV, radio, and news broadcasts at 3 pm the day of any board or membership meeting, that meeting will be postponed and rescheduled to the same day and time the following week unless otherwise indicated.

Common sense should always be used when deciding whether or not to attend any club activity during inclement weather. To further determine the status of other scheduled events at the club contact the chairperson in charge of that activity or refer to our website

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4PM ANNUAL BP EGG SHOOT	4	5 BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM	6 WOMEN'S AUXILIARY 7 PM	7 TRAPSHOOT ATA, CALCUTTA & PRACTICE 5:30-10 PM	8	9 ARCHERY PLANNING MEETING 11 AM
10 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4PM BP LEAGUE #3	11	12 MEMBER MEETING 8 PM	13	14 TRAPSHOOT ATA, CALCUTTA & PRACTICE 5:30-10 PM	15	16 WOMEN'S AUXILIARY EUCHRE PARTY 6 - 11 PM
17 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4PM BP LEAGUE #4	18 HUNTER ED. 6:30 - 9:00 PM	19 HUNTER ED. 6:30 - 9:00 PM	20 HUNTER ED. 6:30 - 9:00 PM	21 TRAPSHOOT ATA/CALCUTTA & AND PRACTICE 5:30-10 PM	22	23
24 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4PM BP LEAGUE #5	25	26	27	28 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	29	

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