

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

As a new year opens before us it is time to look over the list of things **YOUR** club needs help with if we are going to be a success.

Here they are in no particular order of importance since they are all important:

(A) Follow what is on our schedule by using our website or the newsletter posted in the clubhouse.

One of the things that the website does is enable the chairmen of each area to put up expanded information about each event they will have including pictures and descriptions of the activities.

This will give those who have not had a chance to experience that activity a better idea of what to expect and hopefully encourage them to take part.

(B) Support all areas of interest in **YOUR** club! Come out once in a while and shoot a round of trap, come to a pistol, rifle, CMP or black powder event and give them a look.

If you ask; someone will be glad to answer questions and probably offer to let you give it a try.

The Cowboy Action shooters put on a good show and they have instructional and .22 caliber shoots for those that want to share the experience.



Hang In There! - Scenes like this one taken during a January Muzzleloader hunt at the Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area in Trumbull County won't be around much longer as Spring is just around the corner. (Fish & Game Photo By: Tim Ankeney)

(C) Come out to the special events such as the Fish Fry in May, the Card Shoots in August and November, the County Fair in July and the Annual Picnic in August.

Also keep an eye on the Archery Events. They're another group who are ready and willing to welcome new shooters.

Don't forget the Fishing Tournaments that occur often during the warm weather months.

When you are out here on meeting nights, Thursday nights or Sunday afternoons, stop in an support **YOUR** kitchen.

Tater is always busy serving up good food and the kitchen is an important part of our organization.

If you need a hall for a special event you can rent the clubhouse and ask about catering for your event.

(D) Come to meetings and be a part of the process of running **YOUR** club!

(E) Watch the schedule for Youth Events. Bring your kids, grandkids and their friends out to the great programs that group puts on through the summer.

A Chain Is Only As Strong As It's Weakest Link; Don't Be That Link.

YOUR Club Needs YOU!

— Bob Brown

D.O.W. OPEN HOUSE

The Division of Wildlife Open House will be held in the clubhouse on Saturday, March 3rd, 2012 from noon until 3 PM.

Sportsmen don't miss this annual event. Your input is important. Preview changes in fishing & hunting regulations and give your input about possible changes.

A VERY 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 1st, 2000 we have used the following weather policy:

If Greene County has declared a level 1 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 re-scheduled 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 at www.gcfng.com.



Standing Room Only - On January 15th, more than 160 new member applicants swarmed the clubhouse in hopes of becoming GCF&G members in 2012. See page 3 for more photos and information.

12 GUN GIVEAWAY MONTHLY WINNER

The winning ticket number for the January drawing was # 0138. The lucky winner was Mark Gill of Xenia, Ohio. Congratulations go out to Mark!



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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 SPOUSE, MINOR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN! THANK YOU.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 1st, at 6:30 PM at Frisch's in Beavercreek.

February's Euchre Party will be held Saturday, February 18th. Doors will open at 6 PM, cards will begin at 7 Pm.

We will be serving chicken and noodles. Admission is \$6 per person and includes dinner, door prizes and an evening of fun!

Join us for a great night. Please bring a covered dish to share.

Contact Gail Walker at (937) 609-2215 with any questions regarding the Auxiliary and our upcoming events.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES NEWS & ORGANIZATIONAL MTG.

Our 2011 Youth Activities went well because of all the help we received at the events. Our JAKES Day, the Youth Hunt and all the other activities you volunteered for helped make them a success.

THANK YOU, to club members and the Division of Wildlife for your support!

We need even more help this year. New ideas are needed to "Spice up" the events for the new year. Score-able archery games, casting ideas and rifle match ideas will all be talked about at a meeting of those interested.

Awards need to be talked about also. Terry Cope's Youth Fishing Derbies, Dave Schock's Ladies & Youth Trap Camp and the JAKE'S Day Event have been and continue to be successful events.

These will remain as they have been held for a while. Perhaps ideas for another

event very similar to JAKE'S Day can be planned for a year or two down the road.

The yearly Calendar has been set and the dates are locked in.

I'd like to meet Sunday, March 18th at 2 PM in the Board Room. The new youth season starts in May. If you can't attend, then e-mail me at (larry.rowland@att.net) or call (937) 372-8739 with your suggestions

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.



ARCHERY MEETING

There will be an Archery Organizational Meeting on Saturday, February 11th, at 2 PM in the archery shack. Anyone with an interest in archery is encouraged to attend.

2012 EVENT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- D.O.W. DIST 5 OPEN HOUSE - 3/3.
- COWBOY ACTION OPENER - 3/4.
- ARCHERY CLEAN-UP DAY - 3/17.
- HUNTER ED. HOME STUDY - 3/24.
- W-AUXILIARY ANNUAL KIDS EASTER EGG HUNT - 4/7.
- .22 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.
- MEMORIAL DAY CALCUTTA - 5/28.
- 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.

FEBRUARY 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
RANGES WILL RE-OPEN 2/1/12 FOR NORMAL USE UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.			1 WOMEN'S AUX MEETING 6:30 PM FRISCH'S REST. BEAVERCREEK	2 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	3	4 ANNUAL EGG SHOOT WORK PARTY 10 AM
5 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM ANNUAL EGG SHOOT 9 AM.	6	7	8	9 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	10	11 ARCHERY PLANNING MEETING 2 PM
12 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM B.P. WINTER LEAGUE #3	13	14 BOARD MTG. 6 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING 8 PM	15	16 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	17	18 WOMEN'S AUX. EUCHRE PARTY 6 PM
19 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM B.P. WINTER LEAGUE #4	20	21	22	23 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	24	25
26 TRAPSHOOT 75 BIRD CALC. P & C 12-4 PM B.P. WINTER LEAGUE #5	27	28	29	OUR ANNUAL BLACK POWDER EGG SHOOT WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH . REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9 AM		

New Member Sign-up Day 1/15/12

Fish & Game Photos By: Sheridan Sebastian & Tim Ankeney

A cold morning gave way to a warm and productive afternoon which helped make the 2012 New Member Sign-Up Day one of the most successful club history.

Despite a very chilly start 164 area sportsmen and women, some from as far away as Columbus and some from just up the road applied for membership.

We have individuals from all walks of life joining our ranks this year.

There are mayors, city managers, businessmen and women and law enforcement officers.

A few doctors, lawyers, bankers and at least one Aeronautical Engineer joined our mission to protect the outdoor sports for future generations.

Two great fund-raising raffles were held during the 3 hour event. A collectible John Dillinger Print and an indoor machine gun shoot were given away.

New members also seized the opportunity to purchase the ever popular 12-Gun Giveaway tickets before they disappeared for good.

Membership in the Greene County Fish & Game Association and the value it offers has been one of the best kept secrets in the area for many years.

Judging from this year's turnout; it looks like the word is out!

It's refreshing during these trying economic times to see so much interest in our club and get so much support for our goals from the local community.

The kitchen was hopping and a good time was had by all. Bob Brown's entire crew performed like a well oiled machine.

This year promises to be a banner year for both new and long time members at the club as there is strength in numbers.

New members are urged to get their work hours and meetings in early and to



Nothing says happiness like full-auto!

New member applicant R.E. Orndorf won the prize raffle for a great indoor machine gun shoot put together by John Thyne from Peabody Sports (pictured), and the wonderful Folks at Sim Trainer.



attend as many club functions as possible during their first year.

In addition, new members and existing members alike should understand that there is responsibility that comes with membership in our Association.

The badge and bumper sticker are your ticket into the club, don't make ignoring the ground rules and a lack of good judgment your ticket out.

Thanks to everyone who's help made New Member Day a great success. You make me proud to be a member!

— Tim Ankeney



Filling the halls and lining the walls

A real good crowd of new member hopefuls showed up to take advantage of the best family entertainment value in Greene County. Many made new friends and a few adventurous souls got their first taste of the now world renown "Tater Burger".



Have you read the Ground Rules?

Director Perry Fitch interviews a potential member as part of the annual new member application process (top).

Two Great New Member Day Raffles

This cool John Dillinger collectible print was won by Randy Bloom (bottom).

NEW MEMBER PACKETS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE MARCH & APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS



Smiles and Hand-shakes

Treasurer Ed Rauch and Director Bill Clement sealed the deal with a receipt, a hand-shake and a GCF&G smile.

Looks like another great bunch of new members!