

GREENE COUNTY FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION

Your Newsletter For JANUARY 2009

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

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 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 at www.gcfng.com.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Ready or not here comes another year headed right for us. From all the signs it may be a tough one, but you have ways to make it a little better for you and your family because you are a member of the club.

With the cost of everything going up you can come out and enjoy a picnic, go fishing, take a hike, do some shooting on the ranges or go to the archery range to fling some sticks. We also have a few short term camp spots available for you to enjoy.

Chairmen of all the different groups have been planning special events in all areas for those of you that want a structured program. Watch for those dates to be posted on the website soon.

The more members that participate in these events, structured or not, the more fun they will be and larger numbers cut the costs while spreading the work load. Give it a try, just relax and be a part of our outdoor community with the other members.

One area that will be seeing a lot of activity and will need your support is the youth program. The new chairman Larry Rowland, has the planning under way to make it a super year for the kids.

It has been established that with more of us in urban areas away from country life and with many school systems being reluctant to share hunting, fishing and the shooting sports, that fewer new young adults are likely to follow us into the fields and woods.

On top of those situations, add competition from video games, soccer, baseball, football, basketball and the hectic work schedules of the parents and the problem gets even larger. To change these circumstances choices must be made.

Those choices are not made by the kids, but by their parents! Please think about the future of the children and our sports and be part of showing them why we care so much about the outdoor sports.

— Bob Brown

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone who helped stuff membership renewal envelopes back in November. They are in no particular order; Randy Bloom, Mel Yearick, Perry and Nancy Fitch, Chuck Gibson and Larry Rowland. I apologize if I missed anyone. Your help is worth every pizza and cold drink that I still have to buy!

— Tim Ankeney

HELP WANTED!

We will be looking to hire a part-time caretaker soon. Applicants will need to be a current GCF&G member in good standing. They should also be 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 May - August position is for you. The duties will vary.

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 of the Board or Membership Meeting to obtain an application.

HAVING GATE CARD ISSUES?

Our gate is working well, but if you have a gate card that does not currently work the gate, contact our Technology Chairman Chuck Gibson at technology@gcfng.com through our website or give him a call @ (937) 372-2793. He can also be contacted before any Board or membership at the club in order to get your problem resolved.

Members are asked to scan their cards whenever they are at the club even if the gate is locked open. This allows us to verify the working status of everyone's gate cards.

Scanning your card now could save you a lot of headaches later.

GOOSE HUNTING REMINDER

Waterfowl season is still in through January 18th, 2009 at the club, so be on the lookout for goose hunters around the big lake. The familiar yellow saw-horse should be placed across the road between the clubhouse and the big lake when ever hunters are present around the big lake or in field #6.

CCW TRAINING

Classes are available now! Check our website at www.ppctraining.com for upcoming class information.

HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES

New 2009-2010 Ohio licenses will go on sale statewide on February 15th. You can buy yours at the club and help support youth shooting activities right here at home. If you don't buy while at the club, buy from one of the many license agents that are located here in Greene County.

12 GUN GIVEAWAY WINNERS

The winning ticket number for December was # 0372 and the lucky winner was Terrence Murphy of Yellow Springs. Gary Smith sold the most tickets to earn a \$150 prize, while Paul Keller won the \$250 prize drawing for members who sold 25 or more of our 12-gun tickets.

ARCHERY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Our Archery Committee will be holding its annual organizational meeting on Saturday February 21st at 1 PM in the Archery Shack. The 2009 schedule and other important dates will be discussed. If you are an archer or just have an interest in pursuing archery, you don't want to miss this early season meeting.

2009 NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP INFORMATION

**** This is a general outline and is for general information purposes only.**

At the September meeting of the Board of Directors, they establish the cost of renewal and new memberships and set a ceiling for the total number of memberships for the upcoming year.

At the Board meeting held on the first Tuesday of January, the secretary details the number of members on the roll after renewals closed on Dec. 31st of the preceding year.

The board will determine at that time, how many new members to accept (if any). The Board then sets a date for prospective new applicants to apply.

This date is usually the third Sunday of January, but could be changed due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. The date and details will be posted in the clubhouse and on our website as soon as it becomes available.

The doors will open at noon on the established date and those wishing to join will be asked to sign in and will then receive a ticket for a blind drawing that will be used to distribute applications so that everyone applying for membership has an equal chance of getting one of the often limited openings.

Only those actually wishing to join may sign up for the drawing. The drawings will be held in group lots with the next drawing coming up when the prior group has been processed and only if openings still exist.

After receiving their membership application materials, the prospective member will read our mission statement and fill out the required papers.

They will then return the mission statement and ink pen to the front of the room before heading to the board room to be interviewed by a member of the Board and to pay their application fees.

If prospective members can not fulfill the requirements stated on the application, they should pass on the membership to make room for those who can.

All applications will be presented for review by the full Board at their meeting in February and will then be accepted or rejected by their vote.

Those accepted will receive a membership packet within a few weeks and those rejected will have the entire amount of their fees returned to them.

TENTATIVE 2009 EVENT DATES

January 17th

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY EUCHRE PARTY

February 1st

ANNUAL GROUNDHOG DAY EGG SHOOT

April 4th

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

April 27, 28 & 29

B.P. SPRING RENDEZVOUS

May 12th

ANNUAL FISH FRY

August 8th & 9th

ANNUAL PICNIC WEEKEND

**JANUARY MEETINGS:
BOARD MEETING - 1/6
MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 1/13.**

January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3
4 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4 PM	5	6 BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM	7	8 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	9	10
11 TRAPSHOOT R, P, & C 12-4 PM	12	13 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 8 PM	14	15 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	16	17
18 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4 PM	19	20	21	22 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	23	24
25 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4 PM	26	27	28	29 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	30	31

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