

GREENE COUNTY

FISH & GAME

ASSOCIATION

Your newsletter for January 2010

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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

Here's hoping that 2010 will bring you happiness and prosperity.

Plans have been made and the volunteers who work so hard to put on our events are ready to do what they can to make things happen here at your club.

Make a resolution to take part in these activities this year. You will see old friends while making new ones and it won't cost a fortune to have a good time.

Watch the Calendar and web page or call a chairman to learn what's going on in the areas that interest you.

Getting involved is a win - win situation with you and your family having somewhere to have outdoor fun while YOUR CLUB grows with your help and input.

— Bob Brown

2010 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 second Tuesday in 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 (1/17/10), 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 they become 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 cannot 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 applicants that are accepted will receive a membership packet within a few weeks and those who are rejected will have the entire amount of their fees returned to them within 2 weeks.

GOOSE HUNTING REMINDER

Just a reminder that goose hunters will be present on and off at the big lake through the month of January. Please look for the yellow saw-horse and be aware they are not required to wear blaze orange. Upland hunters should also consider their possible presence as well if they choose to hunt in the areas around the big lake and in field #6 at the Southeast corner of the club.

CONSERVATION CHAIR NEEDED!

After many great years as our Conservation Chairman Tom Kohler is stepping aside. As a result we are in need of someone to oversee and direct the conservation committee.

We realize these are some pretty big shoes to fill, but Tom and Ralph Richardson have offered to work closely with a new chairman to help insure a smooth transition.

For more information regarding the duties required of a conservation chairman, contact Bob Brown by phone at (937) 902-0090 or via e-mail through the club website at www.gcfng.com.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Please join us for the January Euchre Party on Saturday January 16th. Doors will open at 6 PM and cards will begin promptly at 7 PM; \$6 per person. Bring your own drinks and a snack to share. We look forward to seeing you there and as always, non members are welcome.

The Women's Auxiliary is currently seeking new members. Call Jennifer at (937) 478-4209 for more information. Call us today!

12 GUN GIVEAWAY WINNERS!

The winning # for the December 12-Gun Giveaway was ticket # 0831. The lucky winner was Wendy Smith of Xenia, Ohio, and the winning # for the October Gun (which was previously unclaimed), was ticket # 0801. The lucky winner was Al Sawyer of Spring Valley, Ohio. Congratulations to both our latest winners! Be sure to get your tickets now for our big 2010 Giveaway!

ADDITIONAL 12 GUN NEWS! BE PART OF THE SELECTION TEAM!

Our members will have an opportunity to help decide which guns will appear on our 2011 Giveaway List. A poster with potential firearm selections will be placed in the clubhouse for members to indicate their suggestions.

Members can also submit their comments, suggestions and recommendation electronically, via our website @ www.gcfng.com. This format will help the Board of Directors make confident final choices as indicated by member requests.

CONSERVATION

The 2009 - 2010 hunting seasons are winding down. The club allows rabbit hunting throughout January, with January 10th marking the final day of the pheasant season. Waterfowl hunting extends through January 24th.

Remember, "Courtesy and Safety First" always applies when in the field with dogs and firearms.

The early season went well with split hunts on both opening day and Thanksgiving. Hunter participation and success equaled last year's numbers. About 2/3 of the pheasants released were harvested. Thanks for your cooperation.

The November Youth Hunt also went well. The weather was warm and the turnout was up slightly with 23 young hunters participating.

Most hunters harvested launched birds and later field hunted with parents with parents and volunteers with working dogs.

As always, a big "THANK YOU" to those who helped out.

Pheasant releases will continue up until the January 10th closing date. Those dedicated hunters can continue to enjoy the hunting as hunters can continue to enjoy the hunting as shooting slows down on public hunting areas. It's your club and your dues are making this possible!

COME OUT & ENJOY!

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS! IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You can now check the status of your required work hours and meetings on-line at our club's website @ www.gcfng.com. Just log in and follow the drop down menus to check your status today. In the interests of privacy and safety, you will only be listed on-line by your member # so you will need to know it.

Your membership # appears next to your name on your newsletter address label and on your member badge. For any additional information you can contact Terry Sebastian at (937) 718-6675.

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 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.

READ YOUR GROUND RULES!!!

This year when your renewal package arrives, open it, take out your new copies of the Ground Rules and Constitution and read them!!!!

There are a significant number of changes that have been made to both documents.

Being aware of these changes will keep you current with policies and events at the club and even keep you out of trouble.

Knowing about all of the great opportunities available can certainly help make your family oriented events much more enjoyable!

GUN RANGES ARE CLOSED!

The gun ranges will only be open on Wed. & Sun. from November 1st until January 31st. Additional closings are also possible. Now through Jan 31st.

TENTATIVE
2010
EVENT DATES

B.P. WINTER LEAGUE - 1/10
NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP - 1/17
ANNUAL B.P. EGG SHOOT - 1/31
ARCHERY ORG. MEETING - 2/6
DOW OPEN HOUSE - 3/6
CCW CLASS - 3/21
ARCHERY OPEN SHOOT - 4/11
NRA PISTOL LEAGUE - 4/22
CAMPGROUND MEETING - 4/24
NDR PISTOL LEAGUE - 4/29
B.P. SPRING RENDEZVOUS
4/30, 5/1 & 5/2
M-1 GARAND CLINIC - 5/1
CAMPGROUND OPENS - 5/1

**** PLEASE WATCH THE NEWSLETTER AND CHECKOUT OUR CLUB'S WEBSITE AT WWW.GCFNG.COM FOR ADDITIONAL EVENT INFORMATION OR CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE HOSTING ANY OF THESE GREAT EVENTS!**

**GCF&G ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2011 ARE DUE BY 12/31/10.
RENEWAL DUES FOR 2011 WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10/1/10.**

January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4 PM	4	5	6 WOMEN'S AUX. MEETING 7 PM	7 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	8	9
10 TRAPSHOOT R, P, & C 12-4 PM B.P. WINTER LEAGUE	11	12 BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS 6 & 8 PM	13	14 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	15	16 WOMEN'S AUX. EUCHRE PARTY 6 PM
17 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4 PM NEW MEMBER ENROLLMENT DAY	18	19	20	21 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	22	23
24 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4 PM B.P. WIN LEAGUE 31 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4 PM B.P. EGG SHOOT	25	26	27	28 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	29	30 B.P. EGG SHOOT WORK PARTY