

GCF&G ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2012 ARE DUE BY 12/31/11. RENEWAL DUES FOR 2012 WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10/1/11.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Ready or not here comes another year; which means you must make that list of resolutions. If they concern making you a healthier, happier, more involved person I certainly hope they all come to pass.

Here are a few more resolutions you can follow;

Attend some meetings to see old friends, make some new ones and add your thoughts about the way things are done at **YOUR** club.

Come out and participate in some of the shooting events or maybe just to watch. Don't miss the Card Shoots, Sporting Clays and Annual Picnic.

If you see a new member looking lost, introduce yourself and give them a hand finding out where things are and how to get started in the fun.

Introduce a friend or relative to the outdoor sports, especially young people.

We have great grounds, equipment, programs and chairmen at **YOUR** club and all we need to make it better is **YOUR** presence.

So mark the calendar and get started. Hope to see you all soon!

— Bob Brown

PLEASE READ YOUR 2011 GROUND RULES!!!

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

This will be the last year these documents will be mailed with the annual renewal packages.

12 GUN GIVEAWAY MONTHLY WINNER

The winning ticket number for December was # 494. The lucky winner for the second month in a row was Marsha Chambliss of Xenia, Ohio.

Congratulations Marsha!

GCF&G's NEW MEMBER MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE DELIVERY PROCEDURE HAS CHANGED FOR 2011.

In years past we have always mailed all new member packets to any new member applicant who was accepted prior to the March Membership meeting.

This was a process that proved to be both cumbersome and costly because of the amount of materials that are being now sent to each member.

The membership badges and gate cards increase both the weight and the overall mass of each package and put them into a rather expensive postal class.

In an effort to make wiser use of club dollars we are changing that process and a few others over the course of the next year or so.

Beginning with our new members this year all new members will be required to pickup and sign for their new member packages.

These packages will be made available to all new members who have been accepted prior to both the March and April Meetings between 6 - 7:30 PM.

Each new member will be required to pickup his or her own package, show proper ID and sign for the package.

Since getting our new members to their two required meetings has also been a matter of concern, new members will be encouraged, but not required to stay for the meeting that will follow.

Any new member applicant who has his or her application declined for any reason, will have a letter of explanation sent and their dues returned to them via the U.S. mail before February 15th.

Changing this process will save the club somewhere between \$400 -\$1,000 a year depending on how many new members applications are finally accepted.

Beginning with the mailing of renewal packages for 2012, copies of the annual changes to our Club Constitution and Ground Rules will no longer be sent in the renewal packages.

Instead one full size sheet outlining the different methods through which copies of these documents can be obtained will be included.

These documents will likely be made available as PDF files for download from the club website at www.gcfng.com.

Members without internet access will be able to pickup a hard copy of either document just by asking for it at any of the monthly meetings.

This change in operational procedure will once again result in major savings for

the club by decreasing our annual printing and postal expenses.

Don't be surprised if someday this very newsletter stops appearing in your postal mailbox completely and begins arriving each month electronically, via e-mail.

It isn't likely that this change will occur any time soon, but it has been discussed.

We realize that some of our longtime members are somewhat hesitant to accept certain technological changes and we respect that.

There has also been some talk of replacing our current membership badges and bumper stickers with a plastic placard that could be displayed from your vehicle's rearview mirror.

Don't panic; we are a long ways from retinal scanners, but we are constantly finding it necessary to update our procedures and safeguards to keep your club safe, healthy and secure.

If you have any questions regarding any of these changes, speak to any Board Member or see us at one of the monthly meetings.

I'd like to thank everyone in advance for their cooperation regarding these matters.

— Tim Ankeney



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.



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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.

**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

**DO YOU OWN A PIECE OF
GCF&G HISTORY?**

We are currently seeking any information we can find about the history of the Greene County Fish & Game Association and / or The Greene County Coon Hunters Association.

If you have any old photos, event bills or historic items, badges, newsletters and etc. Please contact us.

We would love to copy them and or photograph them for archival use.

There should still be a great deal of information around relating to our humble beginnings and the years that followed.

If you have any items that you think may be of interest contact Bob Brown at (937) 902-0090 or Tim Ankeney at (937) 372-6400

ARCHERY MEETING

There will be an archery organizational meeting on Saturday February 12th, at 2 PM in the archery shack. Anyone with an interest in archery is encouraged to attend.

12 GUN GIVEAWAY NEWS!

**BE PART OF This
year's
SELECTION TEAM!**

Our members will have an opportunity to help decide which guns will appear on our 2012 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.

**DOW DIST. 5 OPEN HOUSE
ON SATURDAY MARCH 5TH**

Don't miss the Annual Division of Wildlife District 5 Open House on Saturday March 5th; from noon until 3 PM.

The event will be held in our clubhouse and all those attending the informative event will be able to discuss 2011-2012 hunting season proposals.

Division staff will listen to your concerns and answer your questions regarding current and proposed regulations and wildlife management programs.

DON'T BE A "NO-SHOW"

If you promise to sponsor someone on new member day this year, be sure and get there! Don't assume that one of your buddies will cover for you.

Show the person that you promise to

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Please join us for the January Euchre Party on Saturday, January, 15th. Doors open at 6 PM and cards start promptly at 7 PM. Cost is \$6 per person.

Bring your own drinks and a snack to share. The meal will be sloppy joes with a football theme.

We look forward to seeing you there. As always Non-Members are very welcome.

The Women's Auxiliary is currently seeking new members. We would love to have you join us.

We meet the first Wednesday of each month in the clubhouse at 7 PM.

TRAPSHOOT LEAGUE

The Annual Trap League will start in March this year and will shoot the last two Tuesdays each month through the end of August.

Ed Rauch will run the league this year. He is looking for anyone who would like to get involved and help out this year!

If you have any questions about what helping out might involve or any questions about the league, contact Ed or myself. Watch the newsletter for further details.

— Justin Liniger

**2011 EVENT DATES
TO REMEMBER!**

2011 New Member Day - 1/16

Annual Egg Shoot - 1/30

Ranges Re-open Daily - 2/1

DOW Dist. 5 Open House - 3/5

JANUARY 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ATTENTION - RANGES CLOSED!!!!!! OUR GUN RANGES WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL JAN. 31ST. RANGES WILL ONLY BE OPEN FOR USE ON WEDNESDAYS AND SUNDAYS UNTIL TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST.						1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
2 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM	3	4	5 WOMEN'S AUXILIARY MEETING 7 PM	6 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	7	8
9 TRAPSHOOT P, & C 12-4 PM BP WINTER LEAGUE #1 10 AM	10	11 BOARD MTG. 6 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING 8 PM	12	13 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	14	15 W/A EUCHRE PARTY 6 PM
16 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP DAY 12 PM	17	18	19	20 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	28	29 EGG SHOOT WORK PARTY 10 AM
30	JANUARY 23RD EVENTS TRAPSHOOT P & C 12 - 4 PM & BP WINTER LEAGUE #2 10 AM					
JANUARY 30TH EVENTS TRAPSHOOT P & C 12 - 4 PM & ANNUAL EGG SHOOT 9 AM						