

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 noted in this newsletter and on the website, our 2012 New Member Sign-up will be held on Sunday, January 15th with the doors opening at noon.

If you have friends or family wishing to join, plan to be here because it will probably be the only opportunity this year.

The kitchen will also be open so come hungry!

We will also have (2) raffles to support the club. The first will be 50 chances at \$10 each to win a machine gun shooting session featuring multiple guns.

This event will be held inside so it would be a great boredom break this winter, John Thyne of Peabody's Sports will be here with some of the machine guns to display.

The other raffle is for the "Dillinger Print" containing an authenticated slug from a Tommy Gun which John and his gang stole when they busted him out of the slammer.

Those 50 chances are \$5 each. Winners for both raffles will be drawn when the last ticket is sold. Good prizes for a good cause!

The Campground Planning Committee met Dec. 8th and some good dialog was exchanged.

All the members of this group that I have had an opportunity to speak with, said things went very well.

Another meeting is scheduled for January 12th so if you have thoughts you wish to have included in the proceeding, get them to one of the committee members or to me and I will forward them.

We will have a guest speaker from the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance present at the January 10th meeting.

Come on out that evening for a burger, friendship and information about what we need to do to protect the hunting/shooting sports.

By the way; only (3) members asked about the rumor of us going out of business..... That's Scary!

— Bob Brown



Added Features - Going to an on-line format will allow us so much more freedom. There won't be anymore size restrictions and / or omissions because of size restraints. We now even have the ability to post photos from committee chairmen and club events, as well as other important information. The change will also save the club almost \$5,000 in valuable membership dollars annually. (Fish & Game photo by Tim Ankeney).

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Hunsucker family, we would like to send our personal thank you to the GCF&G and to the Women's Auxiliary for a wonderful Kid's Christmas Party.

This year's party was again as great as past years. The work, planning and effort it took by Gail, Jan and their spouses along with the other ladies helped make this year's party a great success!

I also would like to thank the GCF&G for sponsoring the event and for providing all the food and presents for the children.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Santa for dropping by.

— Gary Hunsucker

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 4th, at 6:30 PM at the Cold Beer & Cheeseburger location in Beaver Creek.

January's Euchre Party will be held Saturday, January 21st. Doors will open at 6 PM, cards will begin at 7 Pm.

We will be serving chili. 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.

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.

12 GUN GIVEAWAY MONTHLY WINNER

The winning ticket number for the December drawing was # 0860. The lucky winner was Herman Geisecke of New Carlisle, Ohio. Congratulations go out to Herman!



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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 likely be present on and off at the big lake throughout 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

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.

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, they might not.....

**2012 EVENT DATES
TO REMEMBER!**

- NEW MEMBER ENROLLMENT - 1/15.
- BLACK POWDER EGG SHOOT - 2/5.
- 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 - 8/11 & 8/12.
- ANNUAL GOOSE DRAWING - 8/14.
- UPLAND SEASON OPENS - 11/2.



October Wild Flowers - Autumn can be breath taking at the club. These colorful New England Asters were in full bloom near the card shoot range during the first week of October. Early evening walks like the one I took this photo on are full of great photo opportunities. (Fish & Game Photo by Tim Ankeney).

JANUARY 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM	2	3	4 WOMEN'S AUX MEETING 6:30 PM	5 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	6	7
8 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM	9	10 BOARD MTG. 6 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING 8 PM	11	12 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	13	14
15 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP DAY NOON - 3 PM	16	17	18	19 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	20	21 WOMEN'S AUX. EUCHRE PARTY 6 PM
22 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM B.P. WINTER LEAGUE #1	23	24	25	26 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	27	28
29 TRAPSHOOT 75 BIRD CALC. P & C 12-4 PM B.P. WINTER LEAGUE #2	30	31	<u>OUR GUN RANGES WILL RE- OPEN FOR NORMAL USE 2/1/12.</u>			

Hunter Education Instructors Needed.

Greene County Fish and Game has a very active Hunter Education Program. Using a team concept, each team is responsible for teaching one or two specific classes a year. Teams usually consist of three to five instructors who teach either a Traditional style course or the Home Study style course.

Currently we schedule 7 classes a year, 4 traditional and 3 Home Study. We would like to continue at this level and even increase the number of classes if we can obtain sufficient instructors to teach the additional courses.

Through attrition we have lost several instructors and are in the process of rebuilding two of our teams so that we can continue to provide the number of and the quality of courses that we have provided in the past.

Traditional courses usually run three evenings from 6 to 9:30 PM or a Friday Evening from 6-9:30 PM and Saturday from 10AM to 3:30 PM. In these classes the instructors cover in detail information listed in the 9 chapter Hunter Education Manual.

Home Study courses are currently held on Saturdays from 9AM to 2PM. Home study courses require that students download the Hunter Ed Manual from the internet, read the manual at home and answer the chapter questions in writing which are then turned in as "Homework" at the Saturday review/test session. Instructors in these classes conduct a 4 hour broad based review of information contained in the 9 chapter manual.

Testing is conducted at the end of both styles of class to insure the students meet the necessary educational requirements of the course.

In both style classes instructors impart real world knowledge to students based on life experiences in the shooting sports.

The next Hunter Education Instructors Course will be held on March 16th & 17th (2012) at the Izaak Walton League of America, 450 Beissinger Rd. Hamilton, Ohio 45013. To register call: 1-800-WILDLIFE, you must be registered at least two weeks prior to take the course. For additional information please contact either Lou D'Aloisio Chairperson, Greene County Fish and Game Hunter Education Committee at 937-619-3116 or Brant Fulks Wildlife Communications Specialist (ODNR) at 937-372-9261.

Members or non members who hold existing Hunter Education Credentials and have an interest in joining our teaching program are invited to do so by contacting Lou D'Aloisio Chairperson at (937) 619-3116.



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