

GREENE COUNTY FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION

Your Newsletter For **March 2008**

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Visit our Website @ www.gcnfg.com

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

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Welcome to all of our new members! This is your first newsletter. We were all new members at some point, so when you are visiting the club feel free to ask your fellow members what events are coming up and how to become a part of things. The website has a calendar of events that will help you plan for the future too.

With spring just around the corner, I hope **All** members, new and long timers, will consider coming out to help with the many projects that are required to keep a place this size running. There are tasks that can be done by members of all ages and health conditions and they are all important.

The highest priority we have should be getting a solid youth program up and running at our club. The lakes, conservation, archery, trap and ranges all have youth activities here every year that are fun, educational and safe for kids, but the turnout is extremely low. I understand that we are all very busy and so are our children, but if we don't expose them to our activities when they are young, they could be lost to us in the future.

We need a chairperson to work with all the areas to help promote and coordinate the kids programs in the worst way. If you can not devote the time to be a chairman, then volunteer to be part of the committee at the very least. Give me a call and sign up now, (937) 902-0090.

Sunday March 2nd the DOW Open House and Game Hearings will be held in the clubhouse from noon until 3 PM. Get out and let your thoughts be known to the folks at District 5.

Our Annual Clean-up weekend is going to be held April 12 & 13 from 8 AM to 5 PM each day. Remember the entire club grounds will be closed to all activities except for clean-up related projects during those times.

Fish Fry Tickets are available in the kitchen or by contacting Bob Brown at (937) 902-0090, Ken Robinson at (937) 426-6980, or see Ed Rauch at the meetings or on Thursday night at the trapshoot. Only 200 tickets will be sold so don't wait too long to buy!

This is also a wonderful opportunity for new members to get their work hour in. Call Bob Brown today to volunteer.

— Bob Brown

ANNUAL FISH FRY - REMINDER

Our annual Fish Fry will be held on Tuesday evening May 13th. **So remember there is no membership meeting during the month of May.** Tickets are only \$7 each and are now available so buy yours today!

BLACKPOWDER EVENTS

The entire Smoke Pole Crew would like to thank everyone who participated for the outstanding turnout at the recent Egg Shoot. Thanks for all the help and support! Don't forget about the Spring Rendezvous here at the club on May 2nd, 3rd & 4th. Come on out and join in all the exciting fun!

FROM THE LAKE COMMITTEE

Trout have been stocked in the small lake, more stocking is likely in early spring. Clean-up weekend is coming up soon. Want to help? Contact Terry Cope at (937) 371-2823 or Jody Rutherford at (937) 374-0258. For boat rack information and stickers contact Jerry McCormick at (937) 829-1927

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 www.gcfng.com.

HELP WANTED!

We are looking to hire a part-time caretaker. Applicants must 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 Bob Brown at (937) 902-0090. Applications must be submitted prior to April 1st, 2008.

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP WEEKEND

Our Annual Clean-up Weekend will be held on April 12th & 13th. The entire club grounds will be closed to all activities on those dates except for clean-up related projects from 8 AM - 5 PM. New members are encouraged to come out and meet new people while they get their work obligation to the club fulfilled. Please report to the clubhouse and sign-in before beginning to help with any project.

HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES

New 2008-2009 Ohio licenses went on sale statewide on February 15th. You can now buy yours at the club and help support youth shooting activities right here at the club. If you don't buy while at the club, try to buy from one of the license agents in located here in Greene County.

12 GUN GIVEAWAY WINNERS

The winning ticket number for January was #0062, and has not yet been sold and/or turned in. The winning number for February was #0007 and the winner was Victoria Hix of Xenia. Tickets will only be available through the month of June so buy yours now!

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

We are holding our annual Easter Egg hunt for the kids on Saturday March 8th. The clubhouse doors will open at 10 AM for snacks and crafts. The Egg Hunt begins at 11 AM. Don't forget to bring a basket or bag for each child to collect their eggs with. (Rain date is Saturday March 15th, same time).

There is a Euchre Party slated for Saturday March 15th with a St. Patrick's Day theme. \$6 per person. Doors open at 6 PM, Game starts promptly at 7 PM. Bring your own drinks and a snack to share. We look forward to seeing you there.

The playground fund is now at \$7,927.84. Thank You to GCF&G for setting up a \$2,500 CD for the new playground equipment. Our Grand Total with the CD is \$10,427.84. We would like to thank each and every one of you who have contributed to the playground fund. With your help

and support it won't be long before the kids will be playing on a brand new playground.

Attention Ladies!!! The Women's Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you are the spouse of a member or a member yourself, we would love to have you join us. We meet at the clubhouse on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 PM.

If you would like to be added to our contact list and be informed of Euchre Parties and other upcoming events, please e-mail us at fishngamewa@gmail.com. If you would like to help with any event, please see any W/A member or e-mail the Women's Auxiliary.

REQUIRED CAMPGROUND MEETING

A required meeting for all members who now have or are seeking to place a camper in the campgrounds will be held on Saturday April 26th, 2008 at 3 PM. Members will not be permitted to camp until their current campground registration documentation is completed and submitted.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

DOW OPEN HOUSE - 3/2
KID'S EASTER EGG HUNT - 3/8
USBA ARCHERY SHOOT - 3/30
CLEAN-UP WEEKEND - 4/12 & 4/13
M-1 GARAND CLINIC - 4/26
CAMPGROUND MEETING - 4/26
SPRING RENDEZVOUS - 5/2 - 5/4
ANNUAL FISH FRY - 5/13
ALL-NIGHT CATFISH TOURN. - 5/26
NWTF JAKES EVENT 6/21
NWTF WITO EVENT 8/23