

**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**

Once again spring is just around the corner bringing with it warm weather and a chance to do things outdoors again.

The club calendar is full of great opportunities for everyone no matter what you like to do best.

Watch the website and contact the chairman running events that you enjoy or want to try; then get on out and become part of the fun.

We are trying to get more in-depth information and pictures from all of our groups / special events and shoots onto our website to give you a better idea of what's going on so you feel more comfortable taking part.

If you can not find the information you want send me an e-mail and I will try to help you.

The most important thing is to come out and be a viable member of your own club. The few members who have been doing such a great job running all our events really need some help.

I am sure if you give it an honest try for a while you will be greatly rewarded by all the good times you will share and the friends you will make!

The future of the club and our outdoor sports in general depend on all of us putting in our time to promote our activities to those who have not had the good fortune to share what we enjoy.

We have guest speakers coming to our next (2) General Meetings;

On March 13th, Chad Laman from the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance will inform us of all the legislative attacks taking place against our sports and what we have to do to protect them.

On April 10th, Tom Mayor will share what is going on with the Scenic Rivers Program that has had success here in our area over the past few years.

Come on out for dinner, these meetings and enjoy our guest speakers.

— Bob Brown



**It Won't Be Long** - Until scenes like this one are common place once again. Flower and vegetable gardens will soon fill the now frozen regions of our backyards providing us with hours of wildlife viewing enjoyment and putting lots of tasty vegetables on our dinner tables. Send us your "Urban Wildlife" photos! (Fish & Game Photo By Tim Ankeney).

**Check Out These 2 New Features!**

We have added two new features to the newsletter starting this month and a third interactive feature is on the way.

This month's newsletter features a new **WHAT'S COOKING** section where members, (spouses welcome) can share their favorite recipes and a new **WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND** section, where members can share their thoughts about the club.

Member's are encouraged to share their thoughts about projects, policies and events at the club.

Your input is needed to make both these new sections work. Give us your recipe and we'll recognize you as the provider of recipe and the one responsible for making our taste buds pop!

We also want to here your input, both

**NEW MEMBER PACKETS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE MARCH 13th & APRIL 10th MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

good and bad, about events, changes, and practices here at the club.

All respectfully written replies will be shared with our members. We want it all, good and bad. Please provide your name and membership number when submitting.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://www.gcfng.com).

**12 GUN GIVEAWAY MONTHLY WINNER**

The winning ticket number for the February drawing was # 0532. The lucky winner was Scott Stradley of Fairborn, Ohio. Our congratulations go out to Scott!



**Greene County Fish & Game ASSOCIATION**

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**MARCH 2012 NEWSLETTER**

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**Club House: (937) 372-8261**

**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 SPOUSES, MINOR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN! THANK YOU.**

**HELP WANTED  
(PART-TIME CARETAKER)**

We are looking to hire a part-time caretaker. All applicants are required to be a current GCF&G member in good standing. They should also be very 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 part-time May - August position could be for you. The duties will vary slightly.

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 Membership Meeting to obtain an application.

All applications must be submitted prior to April 1st in order to be considered.

**FROM THE YOUTH  
ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN**

As Youth Chairman and one of your Directors, I welcome all new members to the club. The GCF&G is focused on getting our youth involved in OUR outdoor sports, without them we can't exist.

Archery, fishing, hunting and shooting, among others will not be activities that will be available to you or the younger members of your family in the future if we don't act now.

You may know that most of your club's money comes from our dues, but a significant amount comes from grants to our Youth Activities Programs.

The ODNR, NRA, NWTF and many other great Outdoor Sports related organizations help support our kid's programs financially and unconditionally.

With that being said; the kids won't get involved without their parents and/or grand-parents getting them and their friends out to club for our events.

All members are also being asked to help with running these events as safety is our primary concern. Teaching these sports correctly runs a close second.

I have a meeting planned for Sunday, March 18th, at 2 PM back in the Board Room. Ideas to keep the events exciting for the kids are needed.

Prizes of fishing equipment for our "Casting Events" no longer seem to be a thrill for many of our youths. They all get plenty of that at the Fishing Derby during the Annual Picnic weekend.

The kids accepted the plaques for our Rifle and Archery Events, but several mentioned they missed the stick type trophies we have given out in the past.

Trophies will be given at ALL Youth Events this year. The plan is for a back support on the trophies with an appropriate figure attached and an event tag on the base of each trophy.

If you can't make the meeting, please e-mail me your ideas through our website at [www.gcfng.com](http://www.gcfng.com) or call me. My contact information is on the website and in your membership packages.



Our dates for 2012 have been set, with us having only so many Saturdays during the summer, Sunday events could be added as necessary.

Black Powder introduction is always available for both youths and adults so just ask. Call me or e-mail me with thoughts you have that could help make our event better for the kids.

— Larry Rowland

**2012 EVENT DATES  
TO REMEMBER!**

- PPC / CCW CLASS - 4/1.
- 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.
- ARCHERY OHIO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT - 6/10.
- J.A.K.E.S. DAY EVENT - 6/23.
- ANNUAL PICNIC WEEKEND 2 DAY EVENT - 8/18 & 8/19.

**MARCH 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	2	3 D.O.W. DIST. 5 OPEN HOUSE 12 - 3 PM
4 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM COWBOY ACTION SHOOT	5	6	7 WOMEN'S AUX MEETING 6:30 PM	8 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	9	10
11 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM B.P. WINTER LEAGUE #6	12	13 BOARD MTG. 6 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING 8 PM	14	15 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	16	17 WOMEN'S AUX. EUCHRE PARTY 6 PM ARCHERY CLEAN-UP
18 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM YOUTH ACT. PLANNING MEETING 2 PM	19	20	21 ARCHERY FIELD COURSE SHOOT	22 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	23	24 HUNTER ED. HOME STUDY 9 AM - 2 PM COWBOY ACTION .22 SHOOT
25 TRAPSHOOT 75 BIRD CALC. P & C 12-4 PM B.P. WINTER LEAGUE #7	26	27	28 ARCHERY FIELD COURSE SHOOT	29 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	30	31

**TO OUR NEW MEMBERS.....**

All the new members can pick up their membership packets at the club meetings on March 13th and/or April 10th.

You must be there in person with a photo I.D. so we can ensure we hand the right packet to you!

We will have an area set up at the meetings to pass out the packets. Make sure you come see us when you get there.... Come early!

Don't forget each new member needs to attend a minimum of (2) monthly club membership meetings and volunteer at least (8) hours of work for the club this year.

Each new member that completes this prior to the end of the Greene County Fair in early August will be entered into a drawing for a free year's membership dues to the club. So get your meetings and hours in early.

Here are some upcoming dates and opportunities for you to get those hours in:

**March 3rd, 12 - 3 PM**

DOW Open House (at the clubhouse)

**March 4th, 8 AM - 3 PM**

Cowboy Action Shoot

**March 17th**

Archery Clean-up Day

**April 1st, 8 AM - 3 PM**

Cowboy Action Shoot

**April 7th - 10 AM**

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

**April 14th & 15th, 8 AM - 5 PM**

Annual Clean-up Weekend

**April 30th - 5 PM**

Black Powder Rendezvous Work Party



**\*\* New Members don't miss the Annual \*\***  
**\*\* Clean-up Weekend April 14th & 15th. \*\***

# A NEW FEATURE!

## WHAT'S COOKING WITH THE CLUB? (Tasty Recipes From Our Members)

**Submitted By Member: Tim Ankeney**  
**TIMMY'S REINDEER BALLS**

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 LB. – Fresh Ground Venison
- 1 LB. – Bob Evans Breakfast Sausage
- 1 LB. – Bob Evans Italian Sausage
- 1/2 – Large White or Red Onion
- 1 – tbsp Minced Garlic
- 1 – 7.5 OZ. Bag (2 cups) of Kraft Pepper Jack Cheese
- 1 – Cup Bisquick Mix
- 2 – 12 OZ. Bottles of Heinz Chili Sauce

This dish is great for work place carry-in dinners during the holidays, cookouts, (with chili sauce) or as a compliment to homemade spaghetti or fettuccini noodle main courses (without sauce). This recipe makes approximately 80 Meatballs, roughly half filling a 6 Qt Slow Cooker.

Prep time: Up to 1 hour, (not many shortcuts exist when you're making meatballs from scratch). Having onions chopped finely ahead of time will save a few minutes.

**DIRECTIONS:**

Place meats, onion and garlic into a large mixing bowl and mix with your hands. Add Bisquick mix moderately during the process until the entire contents of the cup have been added. Mix until color and composition are consistent, then hand rolls balls to approximately the size of ping-pong balls.

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees while rolling balls. Put rolled balls onto foiled and buttered cookie trays, spacing evenly. Cook at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Remove from oven and let stand for 2 minutes. Remove balls from the trays and place into a 6 Qt. Slow Cooker. Add 1 ½ bottles of chili sauce and stir occasionally. Stir and warm on low until balls are hot and well covered. Serve when ready.

Get a hold of the chairman for any of these events and let them know that you'd like to help. If you don't know who to talk to, send me an e-mail and I'll get you in touch with the right person.

Remember all work must be done through a chairman and the chairman will send me the information on your completed work hours.

Don't forget to check out other areas of the club that you don't know too much about.

This club has more to offer than most of us know about!

Check out the Archery Shoots, Cowboy Shoots, Pistol Shoots, Trap Shoots and Women's Auxiliary events, etc. to get a better understanding of your club.

You may even meet some real nice folks!

You will be able to keep track of the meetings you attend and the hours you have worked on our website as well as on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

I will post an updated list each month on which you will be listed by your membership number. That number appears on the badge included in your membership packet.

If there are any problems, please contact me and let me know. There will be an "As Of" date on the page as well, so you will know when the list was last updated.

If you provided us with an e-mail address, you should have received an e-mail from me. I had several of them fail, so we don't the correct e-mail for some of you.

So if you have not received an e-mail, please let me know your current e-mail address.

— Brad Sabo

**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY**

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March, 7th, at 6:30 PM at the clubhouse. We will be stuffing Easter Eggs

March's Euchre Party will be held Saturday, March 17th. Doors will open at 6 PM, cards will begin at 7 PM.

We will be serving chicken and noodles. Admission is \$6 per person and includes

dinner, door prizes and an evening of fun!

Join us for a great night. Please bring your drinks and a covered dish to share.

Contact Gail Walker at (937) 609-2215 with any questions regarding the Auxiliary and our upcoming events.

### DO YOU KNOW ME?



I took this picture of a "Pumpkin Toting Princess" at the 2005 Campground Halloween Party. If you know who her parents are please contact Tim Ankeney at (937) 372-6400 or via e-mail through the club website at [www.gcfng.com](http://www.gcfng.com).

— Tim Ankeney

### TELL US WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND!

We'd like to know what you think about the club, good or bad. If you can write it respectfully, we'll print it in this newsletter.

Tell us what you think about any of our programs, policies and procedures. Tell us what you like best about your club, what you hate the most, or simply ask us a question.

All we ask is that you keep it respectful, appropriate for print, and that you include your name and membership # with your honest e-mail.

You can send us your thoughts and/or comments through our website attn: Secretary at [www.gcfng.com](http://www.gcfng.com).

This is a brand new feature of the club newsletter and we need your input. After all it's YOUR club.

Maybe there is something you'd like us to add to this newsletter or a club member you'd like to thank for a good deed.

### FISH FRY TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

We will be hosting our Annual Fish Fry on Tuesday, May 8th in the clubhouse. Tickets are only \$8 per person for all the fish you can eat.

Additional menu items include french fries, onion rings, cole slaw, green beans, dinner rolls, choice of dessert and a cold beverage.

There will be door prizes, raffles, guest speakers and plenty of fun for everyone who attends.

If you would like to acquire tickets, contact Bob Brown at (937) 902-0090 or see Tater in the kitchen.

Doors will open at 5 PM with serving to start around 6 PM.

Only 175 tickets will be sold for this great event and when they are gone, there won't be any more until next year's event!

### ANNUAL CAMPGROUND MEETING

This year's Annual Campground Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 21st .

All members with a camper currently in the campground and all members who are wanting to place a camper in the campground are required to attend.

Some changes have taken place that everyone needs to be brought up to speed on and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Contact Mark Drake at (937) 286-3904 for additional meeting information.

### 2012 HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS DATES

(Classes held at the Club)

**MARCH 24 (HOME STUDY)**  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**AUGUST 11 (HOME STUDY)**  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER 10, 12 & 14**  
6 - 9:30 PM NIGHTLY

**OCTOBER 1, 2, 3 & 5**  
6 - 9:30 PM NIGHTLY

**NOVEMBER 2 & 3**  
6 - 9:30 PM FRIDAY  
10:00 AM - 3:30 PM SATURDAY

**NOVEMBER 10 (HOME STUDY)**  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**DECEMBER 3, 5 & 7**  
6 - 9:30 PM NIGHTLY

**Call 1-800-WILDLIFE To Register.**

### ANNUAL CLEAN-UP WEEKEND REMINDER!

Don't forget that during our Annual Clean-up weekend on April 14th & 15th, the club will be closed to all non work party related activities from 8 AM until 5 PM both days.

That means no fishing, shooting, camping, archery, etc. Our New Members are encouraged to attend and get their required 8 hours work completed early.

New members who finish their obligations prior to the close of the 2012 Greene County Fair will be eligible to win a year's free dues to be given away as part of the Annual Picnic.

Tater will provide a great lunch for everybody on both days. Items that are helpful are chainsaws, pole-trimmers, weed-eaters and trailers. If you have them, please bring them with you.

We hope to see everyone there!

### COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING UPDATE

The Cowboy Action Shooting season is about to take off! The Greene County Cowboy's first shoot of the year will be held on Sunday, March 4th.

If anyone wants to see if Cowboy Action is their cup of tea, come on out and check it out the first Sunday in March.

We will also be having .22 caliber Cowboy matches on the 4th Saturday of each month unless otherwise noted.

There will also be a New Shooter Orientation on Saturday, April 28th, starting at 10 AM. If you have any questions please contact me at (937) 422-4595.

— "Ruger Ray" McCoy

## ANNUAL DIVISION OF WILDLIFE DISTRICT 5, OPEN HOUSE Saturday, March 3rd

This informative annual event will be held at the GCF&G clubhouse on Saturday, March 3rd, from Noon until 3 PM. It's your chance as a sportsman to make an impact on the sports that you enjoy. Get answers from the Division on all your hunting and fishing questions. Tell them what you like or dislike and let them know what you would like to see. It's free and open to the public.

Tater will have the kitchen open so plan on staying for a great lunch!

