

GREENE COUNTY FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION

YOUR NEWSLETTER FOR **MAY 2009**

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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

We have been getting reports of people not following the rules on the gun ranges that are very disturbing.

These violations go from leaving a mess behind, shooting the wires and nuisance issues of that nature, to dangerous things concerning muzzle control not being maintained, the short shooting of cans which could lead to ricochets and rapid fire.

All of these unsafe practices and others are covered in the ground rules that you received in your membership pack and they are posted at the range so “**I didn't know**” will not work if you are brought before the Board over a safety violation.

Be advised that the last (2) people that were found in violation of safety rules are now known as “**Ex-Members**”. We must enforce the range rules strictly for the safety of the shooters and everyone else on the grounds.

If you see someone breaking these rules you have the right and responsibility to advise them what they are doing is wrong and ask the to stop the dangerous practice immediately.

If they don't wish to cooperate, you should ask them for their club ID (or look at their badge number) and report it to the President or any Officer/Board member so the incident can be investigated.

If you are afraid to approach the violators then look for other members to help or get what ever information you can get and call the clubhouse at (937) 372-8261.

Besides the trauma of having someone hurt, the shooting sports have always been high on the list of things that should be outlawed by the liberals and with those now in power we can expect them to attack us now more than ever.

So don't give them anything they can use for an attack. **Do YOUR part to help.**

— Bob Brown

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Coonskin applications should be ready near the end of May. All past participants will know what this is, but for those new to the club, this is a 3 day weekend (Aug. 28, 29 & 30, 2009) where kids will learn outdoor skills as taught by experts.

Your club sponsors children and their adult sponsors so they may attend. Read more about Coonskin Cap Brigade West on our website or contact our Youth Chairman for more information about this great event.

Our first youth competitions are upon us. May 9th, 4-6 PM is our first rifle match. Members have stepped forth to offer help at this match. Thank you, and new members will get hours at each match for their help.

The Casting Contest is May 16, from 8-11 AM. We still need offers for help during this event. Parents can jump in and help score. May 23rd from 4-6 PM is our first Field Archery match.

Ray Conn and Scott Cordell have stepped forward from the archery group to run these matches as they should be run. I'm sure they will need added help from both archers and novices.

Safety concerns, scoring, and encouragement are jobs anyone can handle during any of these activities

Bring your own equipment (especially ammo). Don't let NOT HAVING a rifle or bow stop your child from having the experience of competing in the matches. We have loaner rifles and bows available.

FROM THE LAKES

It's time to get those fishing poles out, new line put on and head out to the lakes and go fishing!

Visit us on the web at WWW.GCFNG.COM

Our tournaments get started this month, so check the newsletter, website and the information board at the big lake for dates and times.

The Catfishathon gets started during the first All-night Catfish Tournament and runs through the membership meeting in September. Over 40 Catfish will be tagged and worth different cash amounts. One will be for a year's paid dues.

The first kid's tournament is on May 16th, so parents and grandparents grab the kids and head out. No child will go home empty handed.

Contact info: Terry Cope @ (937) 371-2823 or for boat rack info and to obtain your 2009 stickers Jerry McCormick @ (937) 829-1927.

The ticket sales chairman is all out of 12-Gun Giveaway tickets. If anyone has tickets signed out and they feel like they are not selling, please get them back to Gary Smith so those tickets can be sold at the club. Ticket sales are going fantastic!

Don't forget if you have tickets, that all 12-Gun Giveaway tickets, sold or unsold must be turned back into the club before 6/30/09 in order to be eligible for our drawings.

— Gary Smith

HAVING GATE CARD ISSUES?

Contact Chuck Gibson at (937) 372-2793 or via e-mail at technology@gcfng.com.

Our gate is working well, but if you have a gate card that does not currently work the gate, contact our Technology Chairman Chuck Gibson at technology@gcfng.com through our website or give him a call @ (937) 372-2793.

CONSERVATION EARLY REMINDER

The 2009 Greene County Fair begins on Monday, August 2nd and concludes on Saturday August 8th. We encourage new and seasoned members to be involved. Set aside an afternoon or evening to benefit the club.

Fair week is an opportunity to introduce and represent the Greene County Fish & Game Association and it's conservation message to Greene County residents.

It is also an excellent time for new members to fill their required work hours.

FROM THE TICKET MAN!

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HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES

New 2009-2010 Ohio licenses went on sale statewide in February. You can buy yours at the club now and help support youth shooting activities right here at home.

12 GUN GIVEAWAY WINNERS

The winning ticket number for our April drawing was # 0351 and the lucky winner was Charles Rosell of St. Paris, Ohio.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

A big "Thank You" to everyone that helped make the Annual Easter Egg Hunt a success.

Please join us for the May Euchre Party on Saturday, May 16th. Doors open at 6 PM and cards start promptly at 7 PM, \$6 per person. We will have a cold cuts meat tray and pasta salad. Bring your own drinks and a snack to share. We look forward to seeing you there. Non-Members are always welcome, so bring your friends and family.

The Women's Auxiliary is currently seeking new members. We would love to have you join us. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month in the clubhouse at 7 PM. This month we will have a game night following the meeting. BYOB, snack and a board game. Come join us for fun! Call Jennifer with any questions @ (937) 478-4209.

Look Forward to another Euchre Party in June!

TRAPSHOOT LEAGUE

Our Trap League will start Tuesday evening May 19th and will end on August 25th. This year's league is back to 8 weeks in length.

We will shoot on the last two Tuesdays of every month. You can shoot league make-ups on Thursday evenings and Sundays as always. Call Justin Liniger at (937) 974-8996 for more details.

ARCHERY NEWS

Wednesday May 6th will mark the start of our 3-D shoots here at the club. On May 9th & 10th the USBA will be at the club hosting a buckle shoot and everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a USBA member or GCF&G member to participate.

Start time on Saturday will be 2 PM. Registration on Sunday will be held from 9 AM - 12 PM. On May 1st, 2nd & 3rd the Clinton County Sportsmen's Club will be hosting the IBO Ohio State Championship shoot and everyone is welcome.

Additional open shoots in the area will be held on May 24 & 25 by the Caesar Creek Bow Hunters and on May 31st at Hueston Woods. The first leg of the IBO Triple Crown will be held on May 15, 16 & 17 in Bedford, Indiana.

CONSTITUTION VOTE!

A membership vote on proposed changes to our club's Constitution will be held on Tuesday June 9th, 2009 at the general membership meeting. The vote will take place during the monthly meeting. All club members are encouraged to attend and vote.

THANK YOU!

We'd like to thank everyone who came out for clean-up weekend and gave us their time and skills. Many much needed projects were completed and many new friends were made by the many new members who participated. GREAT JOB!

Upcoming Events

May 1st

CAMPGROUND OPENS

May 3, 4 & 5

BP SPRING RENDEZVOUS

May 9th

USBA ARCHERY OPEN SHOOT

May 12th

ANNUAL FISH FRY

May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 BP SPRING RENDEZVOUS	2 BP SPRING RENDEZVOUS
3 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4 PM BP SPRINGRENDEZ VOUS	4	5 BOARD MTG. TRAPSHOOTR & P.	6 WOMEN'S AUX. MEETING 7 PM. ARCHERY 3-D SHOOT #1 CMP LEAGUE	7 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5:30 - 10 PM NDR LEAGUE NRA LEAGUE	8	9 Y/A .22 CALIBER RIFLE SHOOT USBA ARCHERY SHOOT BASS ONLY TOURNAMENT
10 TRAPSHOOT R, P, & C 12-4 PM USBA ARCHERY SHOOT	11	12 ANNUALFISH FRY6 PM	13 ARCHERY 3-D SHOOT #2 CMP LEAGUE	14 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5:30 - 10 PM NDR LEAGUE NRA LEAGUE	15	16 KID'S FISHING DERBY & CASTING CONTEST W/A EUCHREPARTY 6 PM
17 TRAPSHOOT R, P, & C 12-4 PM	18	19 TRAPSHOOTLE AGUE #1	20 ARCHERY 3-D SHOOT #3 CMP LEAGUE	21 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5:30 - 10 PM NDR LEAGUENRA LEAGUE	22	23 ALL-NIGHT CATFISH TOURNAMENT Y/A ARCHERY FIELD SHOOT
24 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4 PM 31 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4 PM	25 TRAPSHOOT MEMORIAL DAY CALCUTTA	26 TRAPSHOOT LEAGUE #2	27 ARCHERY 3-D SHOOT #4 CMP LEAGUE	28 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5:30 - 10PM NDR LEAGUENRA LEAGUE	29	30