

GREENE COUNTY FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION YOUR NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 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

Well there went summer; but we still have good things to do at the club for the rest of the year.

Saturday Oct. 3rd will be the Fall Clean-up Day from 8 AM until 5 PM. **All activities except for work parties will be closed during that time.** Saturday October 10th ODNR Division of Watercraft will be holding a boating safety clinic in the clubhouse from 8 AM until 5 PM. Please call ahead to register.

On Tuesday the 13th, we will have the general meeting at which anyone qualified can put their hat into the ring and run for any of the Officer / Director positions that are open. They will have (3) minutes to explain why they should be elected so that you can make an informed decision at the election in November.

Nominations will be closed at the end of that meeting so if you want to be involved contact a member of the nominations committee today.

On Sunday Nov. 8th, we will have our Annual Turkey (Card Shoot) starting at 10 AM. If you have never tried this come on out and we will show you how easy it is to win.

I am sure someone would be happy to loan you a gun and give you a hand. We are forced by the cost of shells, prizes and other related costs to raise the price of the shoots from \$2.00 to \$2.50, (The last time we raised the price Pedro had dark brown hair and didn't wear glasses).

Nov. 6th is the first day of Upland Season so the ranges will be closed except for Sunday's and Wednesday's beginning on Nov. 2nd. There will be times that the ranges will be closed so the conservation crews can release birds, but they will be short. Please follow these rules to insure everyone's safety.

See You at Your Club!

— Bob Brown

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Please join us for the October Euchre Party on Saturday October 17th. Doors will open at 6 PM and cards will start promptly at 7 PM; \$6 per person. We will be serving chili. Bring your own drinks and a snack to share. We look forward to seeing you there.

Non-members are always welcome. We will also be having a costume contest and prizes will be awarded for the scariest, funniest and overall best.

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 @ 7 PM. Call Jennifer with any questions @ (937) 478-4209.

CONSERVATION

Dig out the shotgun and throw a few clay birds... It's that time again!!! Upland Game season begins on November 6th. Pheasant season runs through Jan 10th and rabbit hunting continues until January 31st.

Again this season opening day (Nov. 6th) and Thanksgiving Day (November 26th) will both be split hunting days. A pheasant release on the day prior to these dates will provide shooting for the first 50 hunters. The first group will hunt from 8:00 until 11:30 AM. A second release of pheasants between splits will provide afternoon action for another 50 hunters.

The second group will hunt from 12 until 5 PM. As most members know, this program began last season to help reduce congestion and improve safety. Only the excellent cooperation of the membership last season made this workable.

We will again this season to try to provide hunting throughout the season by making weekly releases. Several of these releases will target weekend hunters.

Please read and follow all club ground rules as well as state regulations. Check in and out using the sign-in sheet located in the clubhouse. Wear plenty of hunter orange and be careful and considerate of others.

Let's shoot straight, harvest plenty of birds and have another safe season!

ALSO NOTE: Hunting will be closed the morning of Saturday November 14th for the annual youth hunt.

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 when they choose to hunt field #6.

ANNUAL YOUTH HUNT

Our annual Youth Hunt will be held on Saturday November 14th. Bring the kids and grandkids to enjoy a day in the field.

The program begins with some safety tips from our youth instructors before moving to the trap range for some practice trap shooting. Instructors will lend a hand to novice shooters.

Finally, we move to the field where all will get the chance to shoot at launched pheasants. The (2) bird limit can be taken with launched birds or those experienced youth hunters can field hunt with adult supervision.

Last year, we had a good turnout and plan to expand the program. We will try to launch birds from two locations, complete with instructors and retrieving Labradors. So plan now to attend!

CAMPGROUND HALLOWEEN PARTY

The annual Campground Halloween Party will be held on Saturday Oct. 10th. The fun starts at 3 PM. There will be hayrides, games, trick-or-treating at the campers, a haunted trail and dinner at 5 PM along with a chili cook-off. Please bring a covered dish.

There will also be awards given out for the best costumes and the best decorated trailer. For more info on the event or to volunteer contact Dave Steiner at (937) 372-3014.

CARD SHOOT VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are still needed for this year's Annual Card Shoot. If you would like to lend a hand or still need your required new member hours, contact Shoot Chairman Ralph Richardson at (937) 486-4007.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The kids have started school classes. With the annual closing of ranges for hunting season, the main youth activities will take a break until next May. I hope each of the kids are excelling as much in school as they have in the outdoor sports that they've competed in.

We have already scheduled another full year of events for the kids in 2010. Any child or adult that wants to learn a little about shooting muzzle loaders during this time can contact me. Don't just buy a front loader the day before the season you wish to hunt begins and expect to be proficient in shooting it.

The Youth Winners of our second .22 Rifle Match have graciously been awarded special Ohio Senate Commendations. Four have not received them as of yet; Chase Struewing, Parker Struewing, Justin Koricki and Brad Eakle all have certificates waiting to be picked up.

These gentlemen can e-mail Larry Rowland at Larry.rowland@att.net or call him as (937) 372-8739 to make arrangements to pick these certificates up.

By the time you read this, Coonskin Cap Camp for this year will be history. I made plans to attend the camp on Saturday Aug 29th, so that I'd be just a bit more knowledgeable about this great youth program. Watch for a report on my day at camp!

12 GUN GIVEAWAY NEWS!

The winning # for the September 12-Gun Giveaway was ticket # 0896. The lucky winner was Mike Richardson of Dayton, Ohio.

HELP WANTED!

We are currently accepting applications for the positions of Caretaker, License Agent, Budget Advisor and Technology Director. If you have an interest in any of these positions contact Bob Brown at (937) 902-0090 or come to any club meeting to obtain an application.

You must be a dues paying member in good standing to apply and possess the appropriate skills for the position that you are applying for. All applications must be completed and returned prior to November 30th, 2009 in order to be considered.

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS! IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You can now check the status of your required work hours and meetings on-line at our club's website @ www.gcfng.com. Just log in and follow the drop down menus to check your status today. In the interests privacy and safety. You will only be listed on-line by your member # so you will need to know it.

Your membership # appears next to your name on your newsletter address label. For additional information you can contact Terry Sebastian via phone at (937) 718-6675.

ELECTION REMINDER

Club elections will be held on Nov. 10th. There are (2) officer & (5) director seats up for re-election. All interested members must declare themselves a candidate with the Nominations Committee prior to the close of the October 13th membership meeting. The committee is Bob Ziegman @ (937) 372-4043, Terry Allen @ (937) 862-4161, Al Sawyer @ (937) 848-2664 or Dale Allen @ (937) 431-8247.

NDR PISTOL LEAGUE HIGH AVERAGES

The 2009 NDR Pistol League has come to a close. We had a safe year which is of the utmost importance. We had 26 shooters with 13 or more shoots to qualify for awards.

The following were the high average shooters for the year:

MEN:

Bob (Ziggy) Ziegman 493.2, Drew Watkins 489.8, Jeff Shingler 487.5 and Tom Cryder 484.1.

WOMEN:

Sheila Bloom 430.6, Kathryn Brown 424.5, Traci Weimer 418.3 and Andrea (Andy) Cryder 414.9.

I want to thank everyone for their participation. We had great groups of shooters. We hope to see everyone next year.

— Bob Ziegman

FISHING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Our August 22nd All Fish Tournament results; 7 anglers total. 1st-place: Dennis Coates, 2nd-place: Darrell Brown Jr., 3rd-place: Darrell Brown Sr. No Big Fish entries.

September 5th All-night Catfish Tournament results; 15 anglers total. 1st-place: Mark Violet, 2nd-place: Darrell Brown jr., 3rd-place: Dave Cochran. Big Fish Winner: Donnie Swallows.

2009 GCF&G HUNTER ED. additional Class Dates

NOVEMBER

6TH: 6 - 9:30 PM & 7TH: 10 AM - 3:30 PM
14TH (HOMESTUDY) 9 AM - 2 PM

DECEMBER

7TH, 9TH & 11TH FROM 6 -9:30 PM

CALL 1-800-WILDLIFE TO REGISTER!

This newsletter is gold for a reason.
Turn to page # 2 and find out why!

It's renewal time!
Don't forget to pay your
2010 dues!

OCTOBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5 PM NRA PISTOL LEAGUE	2	3 CAMPGROUNDH -WEEN ORG.MEETING & WORK PARTY
4 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4 PM	5 HUNTER ED. 6 PM - 9:30 PM	6	7 WOMEN'S AUX. MEETING HUNTER ED. 6 PM - 9:30 PM	8 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5 PM NRA PISTOL LEAGUE	9 HUNTER ED. 6 PM - 9:30 PM	10 CAMPGROUND HALLOWEEN PARTY - 3 PM YOUTH TRAPSHOOT CAMP - 9 AM
11 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4 PM	12	13 BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS	14	15 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5 PM	16	17 WOMEN'S AUX. COSTUME THEMED EUCHRE PARTY 7 PM
18 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4 PM	19	20	21	22 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5 PM	23	24
25 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 12-4 PM	26 BP REND. WORK PARTY 4 PM 'TIL DARK	27 BP REND. WORK PARTY 4 PM 'TIL DARK	28	29 TRAPSHOOT R, P & C 5 PM	30 BP FALL RENDEZVOUS	31 BP FALL RENDEZVOUS

2010 DUES RENEWAL FORM

Name _____ Birth Date _____
Street _____ City/State _____
Zip Code _____ Phone # _____ County _____
Email _____
Occupation _____ Spouse's Name _____
Name and birth date of any kids under 18 _____
NRA member ___ No ___ Yes—Member # _____
NMLRA member ___ No ___ Yes—Member # _____

*****MEMBER NUMBER (FOUND ON YOUR ADDRESS LABEL)** _____

MARK ONLY 1 (one) Activity you want most to participate in:

___ Archery ___ Fishing ___ Muzzle Loaders ___ Camping ___ Hunting ___ CMP

___ Pistol ___ Trapshooting ___ Conservation ___ Rifle ___ Youth Activities

DUES ARE \$106.50 WHICH INCLUDES OHIO SALES TAX. ALL DUES MUST BE PAID OR POSTMARKED BY DEC 31ST, 2009.

Make check payable to Greene Co. Fish & Game Assn. and send with this completed form to the club at **PO BOX 64, Xenia, OH 45385**. One extra bumper sticker is \$.50. Gifts in support of club programs are welcome!

___ **I am enclosing an additional \$20 for a 2010 12 Gun Giveaway ticket.**

___ I am the son or daughter of a current member in good standing (member _____), who is now required by the GCF&G Constitution to have his/her own dues paying membership.

***** THIS MEMBERSHIP IS NOT TRANSFERABLE *****