

GCF&G ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2021 ARE DUE ON 12/31/20. YOUR RENEWAL DUES FOR 2021 CAN BE PAID STARTING ON 10/01/20. A RENEWAL FORM WILL BE MAILED OUT FIRST CLASS TO ALL GCF&G MEMBERS IN LATE SEPTEMBER, PLEASE MAKE A NOTE.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN.

I hope this finds everyone well. Unprecedented is a word I have heard used a lot lately describing the current situation.

I would have never guessed we would be right in the middle of a pandemic, but here we are. I can't believe how crazy people have gone.

The simplest everyday items are hard to get, ammo is gone again, People are taking things that are not theirs.

This is a time when we should be helping each other and leaving some for the next person that is in need just like you.

Someone, a member of our club, robbed the hand sanitizer and a dispenser from all of the porta johns at the club. I know this was a club member, because the gate has not been open for any public events.

This is a sad situation, and grounds for membership termination and criminal prosecution if the person is caught. All scheduled events are still off until we get through this pandemic.

This includes anything that is on our calendar. The club remains open for individual use but please be smart and do not come out if you are not well. Also keep the recommended distance from others.

I am doing my part by staying home. I have some high risk folks in my life and the last thing I want to do is kill them with this virus.

This is very serious for some folks. We all need to follow the advice of the experts here and get through this.

The sooner this passes, the sooner we can get back to work and doing the other things we love to do.

If you are coming to the club, remember to bring some hand sanitizer and toilet paper with you since some inconsiderate people put their needs above all others.

Stay safe and healthy!

— Gary Smith

(COVID-19)

Members,

Due to the current Pandemic, the State of Emergency and the recommendation of the medical experts to avoid crowds and gatherings, all scheduled activities at the club have been cancelled or postponed until further notice.

To be clear this includes anything on the club calendar. The calendar will not be changed as we have no idea when we will be able to resume normal activities.

Individual use of the club is permitted and left up to you. Please be smart and do not come to the club if you are not feeling well, and keep the recommended distance from others.

Campers, the campground will open as scheduled, and you will be permitted to camp. Please do not gather in groups, and stay home if you are in the high risk category, or not feeling well. Danny Gibson can answer your questions concerning fees and paperwork.

New Members, we will work with you on getting your meetings in. There will still be opportunities to get your work hours in individually. Please contact David Cope for those opportunities.

The Fish Fry may or may not go on. If it does not, people who purchased tickets will be reimbursed.

This website is the primary communication board for the Club. Check back here for updates. We will monitor the situation and update as things change.

We do not like this anymore than the next person, but we need to do what is best for our members and guests. This is a very serious situation that I hope everyone is paying attention to.

Hopefully if everyone does their part, this pandemic will pass quickly and we can get back to enjoying all the things we love to do.

We appreciate your patience in this matter,

The Board of Directors

12 GUN GIVEAWAY MONTHLY WINNER

The winning ticket number for the March drawing was # 0582.

The Lucky Winner was Rich Kostrzewa of Xenia, Ohio

Congratulations go out to Rich!

NEW MEMBER UPDATE!

Just so you know, you have not been forgotten. I am working with the President on ways to allow you to pick up your packets and get your work hours in. We are hoping these restrictions will pass quickly.

Until then, we will work with Individuals on ways you can complete your work hours while maintaining the required social distancing guidelines.

Your primary places to get further information will be our website, this newsletter, e-mails, and Facebook. Hang in there and bear with us. We will prevail.

— David Cope



Greene County Fish & Game ASSOCIATION



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APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

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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.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Greetings from the women's auxiliary. it is indeed disappointing that most of the club activities have been cancelled indefinitely, but I am grateful that we have technology and the people who use it to keep us in contact and connected.

I am certain that things will resume when all is safe. Who says we can't have an Easter egg hunt in July? Wishing you good health and sanity in these trying times

— Gail Walker

GUN & ARCHERY RANGES WILL REMAIN OPEN

As we navigate the uncharted waters of the COVID-19 Outbreak, our gun and archery ranges will remain open.

Group events at these ranges have been postponed until further notice. Individual use within the current safe use guidelines will be permitted.

Members should limit groups to 4 people or less and adhere to the new social distancing minimum of 6 feet. Thank you for your cooperation.

— Bill Clement & Steve Hilbun



WE HAVE BEEN TESTED BEFORE...

Every day is another entry in our life's journal. Some days we are rewarded and other days we are tested. In the long days that lie ahead, as a civilization, as a nation, as a family and as an organization, we will likely be tested as never before. We must face the unknown together, using everything that life has already taught us to make it through.

Our life challenges and victories make us stronger, our failures make us wiser, our losses give us perspective, and our DNA makes us fighters. In my teens, my biggest battle was an F-5 tornado. In my 40's, a distracted driver on a county rd. while riding my Harley tested me again. In my 50's, I fought early stage four Melanoma and won.

Now, as I sit here just months away from 60, the Coronavirus has stepped into the ring and the opening bell has sounded. Once again I am ready to fight. You need to be too. This will be an opponent we will face together. A challenger that we can't see doesn't make it any less real or less lethal.

The threat that COVID-19 presents to us all won't be fully understood unfortunately until it touches close to home; with the loss of a friend, a family member, or a loved one. I urge all GCF&G members to remain vigilant during the days ahead. Listen to health officials, heed their warnings and respect all pandemic guidelines and recommendations.

Your club will still be here when this Health Emergency is over, with the right responses and the Grace of God, You and I will be too.

— Tim Ankeney

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Congratulations! You made it, but that was the easy part.. As the very first order of business; read your Ground Rules!

Maybe even put a copy in your vehicle so that you can refer to them when needed. We can't stress this enough.

We recommend that you get your two meetings and eight work hours done early and often.

The eight hours is the minimum, you can put in as many hours after that, as you like.

It's a great way to learn about the club and meet other members who share the same interests as you.

Safety is our #1 goal at GCF&G.

The Board of Directors...

APRIL 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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5	<p>ALL GROUP EVENTS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE! SEE PAGE #1</p> <p>INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITES ARE PERMITTED DURING THIS PERIOD, PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF SOCIAL DISTANCING & GROUP SIZE GUIDELINES. WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME.</p>					11
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WE'RE MAKING SOME CHANGES!

Our club was founded more than 100 years ago as an organization dedicated to Wildlife Conservation and preserving our Outdoor Heritage.

A close look at our current membership demographics seems to indicate a subtle yet concerning shift in member interests and practices.

For more than a decade both interest and participation has declined in most of our youth related programs and activities at the club. It's a trend that as sportsmen, we can't allow to continue.

In October of last year a committee was formed to take a closer look at our Youth Hunt and make changes if necessary, to give it a shot in the arm.

The formation of the committee was obviously too late to have any big impact on the 2019 event, so our focus turned to the future and this year's event.

Last year there were only 8 member youth that participated. As disappointing as that is to hear, it's even more disappointing as a club member to say.

To know that out of over 1,400 member families only 8 kids wanted to participate is difficult to understand.

Our committee met for the very first time in early March. Constructive conversation took place about previous events and ways to improve the attendance and the entire experience for everyone involved with this great annual event.

Goals and guidelines were set as everyone shared their thoughts and feelings about what the event used to be, what it should be and what it could become again.

What quickly became clear is that everyone currently involved with our Youth Hunt is passionate about this event.

We set our goals and expectations high. We feel that with a little creativity, some forward thinking and a lot of hard work, we can achieve them all.

Preparations are currently being made to host up to 30 member children and / or grandchildren and their families at this year's event.

This year's event will focus on getting everyone involved with investing in the future, from members of the club to members of our communities.

Whether it's time, dollars, donuts or dinner, everyone can play a supporting role and take pride in knowing they made an investment in the future.

Every club member, even those who may be mobility challenged can have a positive impact and never leave their seat at a club meeting.

Untimely Health Restrictions related to the Coronavirus Outbreak have put many of our big plans and efforts on hold for now, but we are ready to start working hard




2020 "READY OR NOT" ROOSTER RUN

ANNUAL YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT & POT LUCK LUNCH.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2020
GCF&G CLUB GROUNDS

**Doors will open at 8 AM for Check-in & Donuts
Safety Meeting & Hunt from 9 AM until ?**

- Cost \$20.00 per hunter (Already provided by Club Sponsors).
- Ages 10 – 17.
- Ohio Hunting License Required.
- Guns and all equipment provided if needed or bring your own.
- Youth will hunt over steady pointing dogs (for safety reasons).
- All youth will be supervised by experienced handlers at all times.
- Youth will have the chance to take up to (2) birds.
- A world class "Pot Luck" lunch will be provided with plenty of surprises to follow.

(Hunter Orange Required & Provided)

Registrations are required before Saturday, November 7th due to a limit of 30 shooters. It will fill up quickly!



Please contact Tim Ankeney at (937) 532-9395 or roosterrun@gcfng.com for more information or to offer assistance with this "investment in our future" project, or see me any club meeting Thank You!

**INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
ONE YOUTH AT A TIME, FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS.**

when these restrictions finally lift.

As always we'll start with a safety briefing, and then move outside for some clay target shooting before heading into the fields.

Kid's will hunt in age groups, under the supervision of experienced handlers. Launched birds will be an option for novice hunters, but not a given to all.

The purpose of this program is to build strong outdoor skills and ethics and to reward a job well done.

We'll share more details here each month as the event gets closer. Sign-up sheets (required), will be available in the coming months

This event will be top notch from start to finish with a world class pot luck lunch and a few surprises at the end!

— Tim Ankeney



ROOSTER!!!! - This youngster knows what to do! I bet he'll be back this year! (Fish & Game Photo by Toni Dobbs).

ANNUAL YOUTH HUNT PAGE

Check here every month for event updates and helpful information.

Learn how as a member, volunteer, or business owner, you can help make this year's Youth Hunt event special by contacting the committee at :

roosterrun@gcfng.com OR (937) 532-9395.

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**CALL DON DOBBS - (937) 902-6540 OR THE
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- To receive important legislative alerts that will keep you apprised of potential threats to your 2nd Amendment Rights.
- To become a working part of the most recognized and influential gun owners group in the world today and make your voice heard.
- To help promote Youth & Adult Firearms Education Programs.
- To receive additional Insurance coverage for you and your guns.
- To receive an official "Members Only" shooter's cap.
- To receive your choice of (3) monthly NRA Magazines.




Here are two easy ways for you to join the fight to protect your Second Amendment Rights!

You can click on this Direct Link to the NRA:

<http://membership.nrahq.org/default.asp?campaignid=XC020263>

Or You Can:

Fill out the Membership Application below and forward it to one of our Club Representatives.

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