

THE ARGC NEWS

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MAY 2011

Club Dues

Application fee	\$50.00 plus tax
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MONTHLY MEETING NEWS

The next ARGC membership meeting will be Thursday, June 2nd, at 7 PM. As always there will be food and beverages available. The next ARGC Board meeting will be Thursday, May 26th, at 7:00PM.

First Readings:

- Larry Neubecker
- Carlos Fuentes
- Richard Fortune
- Christopher Fields
- Gary Woznicki

If someone knows of a reason that any of the above parties would not make an upstanding member of ARGC, please bring the matter to the attention of any Officer or Trustee of the club.

Second Readings:

- Richard Olexa
- Amanda Fell
- Randy Caruso
- James Semelroth
- Ralph Cristy
- Ernie Singleton
- John Valentic
- Norman W. Sage
- Dennis Soltis

Congratulations to the above new ARGC members that were voted in at the May 2011 meeting.

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE

The progressive raffle number drawn for the May jackpot of \$208.00 was #1010, Chuck Hauge. Chuck was not registered nor in attendance. The jackpot will continue to grow.

50-50 RAFFLE

The \$74.50 jackpot was won by Garrick Mishaga.

2011 WORK TIME

According to the Club By-Laws, 2011 work time begins November 1, 2010 and must be performed and submitted by October 31, 2011.

WORK TIME REGISTERING

Attention all working members! Your 2011 work time hours must be authorized by your Committee Chairman and logged on the Official work time sheets posted at the Madden House and Main Club House bulletin boards. This will allow your hours to be accurately recorded to the club data base and communicated back to you via the ARGC newsletter label or e-mail listing. All work time sheets are subject to a club audit.

WORK PARTIES

Work parties are scheduled for the purpose of general maintenance, clean-up of the grounds, and buildings:

Saturday	May 14	9:00AM
Saturday	May 21	9:00AM
Saturday	May 28	9:00AM

You can just show up on the designated date and time or contact Dan Wyatt at 440-344-0018 for more information and/or to sign up. We are asking workers to bring gloves, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, chainsaws, and anything you believe may be of assistance.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

Our Treasurer, Bill Wisnor is now accepting payment for the 2011 property assessment of \$50.00. Checks can be made out and mailed to Ashtabula Rod & Gun Club at P.O. Box 164, Ashtabula, Ohio 44005. Please include you name, Member ID number, and mark for land fund assessment on your check or money order. **Your 2011 assessment payment is due on or before Thursday July 7, 2011.** Multiple year advance payments are also accepted, recorded, and encouraged.

REVERSE RAFFLE

The ARGC Reverse Raffle, our largest fundraiser of the year is scheduled for Saturday May 7th. and will be held at the Kathryn Rose Party Center, 3116 North Bend Road, Ashtabula Ohio. Doors will open at 4:00PM, Bar at 5:00PM, and dinner at 6:00PM. 200 Tickets are now available at \$60.00 per couple.

Included in the ticket price is:

- Dinner for two
- Bar and Beverage service (Open Bar)
- \$1500 Main Board Drawing
- Dancing - after drawings

There will also be available:

- Bingo Sheets
- Instants
- Side Boards
- 50/50 raffle

Newsflash! Some tickets may be available at the door, so come out have fun and support your club. We are also looking for working volunteers. This is a great way to get your work time in. Contact Dave DeGeorge, Kevin Chandler, or Dan Wyatt at 440-344-0018 for tickets and/or to volunteer. Members; we need you to support this event!

CONCEALED CARRY CLASS

The Concealed Carry Class is scheduled at ARGC's clubhouse on the following days and times:

Saturday	May 14	8AM - 4PM
Sunday	May 15	8AM - 1PM

Class will be taught by Sgt. Joseph Webb and Park Ranger Rick Alderman; Ohio Police Officer Firearms Training Instructors. The class is 12 hours, 10 hours classroom and 2 hours range. The fee for the class is \$100 per person of which \$25 is donated back to the club. Get your \$25 deposit in to confirm your enrollment before the class fills up! To enroll and/or obtain additional information, please contact Rick Alderman; leave a message if no answer. Please do not call Rick or Joe at their place of work. This class is open to the public.

SKREET LEAGUE

American Classic Skeet will begin it's 2011 schedule on Wednesday, April 20 at 6 PM at ARGC. The league will run for 20 weeks ending on August 31st. Entry Fee is \$25.00 payable on April 20 and a payable weekly cost of \$3.00 per round/\$6.00 per week as we will shoot two rounds per week. Everyone is welcome no matter what your skill level. For more information contact John Knollmaier.

OUTDOOR WEEKEND

The Outdoor Weekend will be held in July from Friday July 15th through Sunday July 17th.

"ALL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED"

Outdoor Weekend is an activity for boys and girls ages 11 to 16. This event is a hands on weekend learning experience. Participants learn how to shoot black powder muzzleloaders, .22 rifle, trap, skeet, and archery. For children safety, shooting events are one on one with an instructor. Ear plugs and safety glasses are furnished. Hunters education topics will include hunter safety, bow hunting, survival, trap & field care, turkey hunting, and much more fun.

Tents are set up for sleeping and food is furnished.

This event begins Friday evening at 6:00PM and ends Sunday afternoon. Sunday's activities will conclude with a test, that if passed, will allow participants to get their hunting license.

If your child has previously attended a hunter safety class (recommended) he or she can still attend this event. Participants need to bring a sleeping bag, flashlight, and their personal items.

This event is open to the public, however **attendance is by advance registration only.** Application forms, medical report (if taking medicine), and parental consent forms are to be completed and returned to Skip Craine by July 7, 2011. For more information, contact Skip Crain or Paul Callender. This is also a great opportunity to get your work time in; contact Skip if interested.

The cost of ammunition used for the shooting events has skyrocketed. Donations of ammunition (No re-loads please!) or monies are welcome.

ARGC ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

Brandy Hanusosky will once again be in charge of the Kid's Fishing Derby. Please mark your calendar for Saturday June 11th, 2011. Registration begins at 9:00 AM with fishing from 10:00 AM to Noon, followed by lunch. Fishing equipment for use that day or donations of unwanted fishing equipment would be greatly appreciated. Donations are also needed for prizes. Please contact Brandy or Brandy's parents, Rick Piper or Marcella Piper for further information. Anyone who can help out at this event or preparing the grounds prior to the event will get credit for work time. Hoping for a good turnout, see you all there!

MEMBERSHIP ID

Please carry your membership ID when at the club. You may be asked to present if you are not recognized.

LETTER TO MEMBERS

To: argcnews@gmail.com,

In the April issue of THE ARGC NEWS you published a letter from Dick Berg regarding the future of the Ashtabula Rod & Gun Club. I want to "second" Mr. Berg's sentiments and add some additional perspectives. I was a member of the club in the early '70's before my first transfer out of state and rejoined last year even though I currently live in New Jersey 450 miles from ARGC. One of the major reasons I rejoined is that shooting opportunities in NJ continue to decline. Many ranges here have been closed because of urbanization and complaints from the "neighbors". Finding places to shoot becomes more and more problematic, and often requires driving into Pennsylvania, and the fees to shoot there are considerably higher than at ARGC. I will be happy to take any current ARGC member who thinks buying the neighboring property at ARGC as a "buffer" a bad investment on a tour of this state so he or she can see what lies ahead for our club. The club needs to take every opportunity to acquire surrounding property to protect the current "core" shooting facilities or it too will find itself eventually challenged by the neighbors who dislike the noise or just the fact that our members enjoy shooting. Any member who fails to understand this is living in the past. The choice is actually easy. Support the efforts to protect ARGC or find another hobby. Personally, I will be more than willing to pick up another \$50 or \$100 a year to keep the club open for shooting. Compared to the other alternatives it is a bargain.

S. Duane Ruland
Milltown, NJ

HUNTER'S EDUCATION

18 Students took the test from our last class and scored an average of 94.6. The next class will be during the Outdoor Weekend, July 15, 16, 17, 2011. Contact Skip Craine or Paul Callender for more info or obtain applications.

ASHTABULA COUNTY GUN SHOW

A Gun Show will be held at the Kathryn Rose Party Center, 3116 North Bend Road, Ashtabula Ohio. This show is open to the public:

Saturday, May 21	9AM - 4PM
Sunday, May 22	9AM - 3PM

Modern & Antique Firearms & accessories. Sporting & Military Collectibles. Breakfast will be available.

ARGC ANNUAL DECATHLON

The annual Decathlon will be held on the club grounds Sunday July 10, 2011 at 10:00AM.

"ALL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED"

Category classes for the event are: Pro, Men, Women, Junior (13—16 yrs), and Sub Junior (12—younger).

Events include:

Casting, Tommy Hawk, Archery, Air Rifle, Skeet, Trap, 22 Pistol, 38 Pistol, 22 Rifle, & Black Powder

All shooting devices are club furnished; Pro class is contestant's option. Anyone that has previously won a Men's division will shoot Pro class.

Cost for the event is:

Pro/Men - \$10.00	Women - \$5.00,
Junior - \$3.00,	Sub Junior at no charge,
\$20.00 - max per family	

Prizes will be awarded in each class, except Pro, for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Pro class prize will be the sum of the entire fee collected from the Pro participants. Food and Drinks will be supplied by the club. We ask those that wish; to bring a covered dish. Events to begin at 10:00 with Food and Drink at 2:00 PM.

We are looking for volunteers to work this event, work starts at 8:00AM. This is a great opportunity to get your work time in. Please contact Paul Callender to sign up or obtain additional information.

PIG ROAST

The Dog Training Committee is holding a Pig Roast on Saturday July 23, 2011. Cost is \$15 per person, \$25 per couple, & \$50 per family of 4. Children under 10 eat free.

Members can camp Friday and Saturday nights. Contact Joe Slocum for tickets and or more info.

TRADER DAY

Gib Ingwer announced that he would chair the committee to hold a 2011 Trader Day at the ARGC clubhouse and grounds provided he can get enough people committed in advance to help. The sign-up sheet was available at the May meeting. Call to let Gib know that you want Trader Day and are willing to help. This is another great opportunity to get your work time in.

POND COMMITTEE

Tina Kucera has been appointed Chairman for the Pond Committee. Please update your contact list.

PERSONAL INFO CHANGE

Please contact the ARGC Secretary whenever you have a change of personal information. (Address, email, phone, cell.....) You can obtain a Change Form from Secretary John Kucera, in person, by mail c/o ARGC, or from our website: http://www.argconline.org/files/Personal_Information_Change.pdf

FREEZER & MEAT RAFFLE

A raffle to benefit ARGC "youth activities and land fund" was conducted with the drawing held during the May ARGC membership meeting. The 14.5 cu. ft. freezer and \$300 gift certificate from Trumbull Meat Locker was won by Kevin Moss. A big thank you goes out to Cathy Welsh and her outstanding team of ticket sellers for conducting this very successful fund raising activity. We also wish to thank all that supported this fundraiser.

NRA RANGE GRANTS

Mark Hepler advised membership that Range Grant funds are available at the NRA's discretion to qualifying NRA-affiliated clubs and associations. To qualify, applicants must be a 100% NRA membership NRA-affiliated club. Up to \$5000 per year is awarded for qualifying projects or activities that promote firearms and hunting safety, enhance the marksmanship skills of those participating in the shooting sports, educate the general public about firearms, or contribute to the general well-being of the public at large. Mark proposed that ARGC adopts NRA membership as a condition for ARGC membership.

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ARGC CALENDAR

MAY

Friday 13 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 14 -**Concealed Carry Class - 8:00AM**
 -**Work Party - 9:00AM**
 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 15 -**Concealed Carry Class - 8:00AM**
 -Black Powder - 9:30AM
 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Monday 16 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 17 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 18 -Trap - 10:00AM
 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM
 Friday 20 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 21 -**Work Party - 9:00AM**
 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 22 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Monday 23 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 24 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 25 -Trap - 10:00AM
 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM
 Thursday 26 -**Board Meeting - 7:00PM**
 Friday 27 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 28 -3D Shoot - 8:00AM
 -**Work Party - 9:00AM**
 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 29 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Monday 30 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 31 -Trap - 6:00PM

JUNE

Wednesday 1 -Trap - 10:00AM
 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM
 Thursday 2 -**Membership Meeting - 7:00PM**
 Friday 3 -Skeet - 10:00AM

JUNE

Saturday 4 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 5 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -Action Pistol - 10:00AM
 Monday 6 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 7 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 8 -Trap - 10:00AM
 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM
 Friday 10 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 11 -**Fishing Derby - 9:00AM**
 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 12 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -CMP - 10:00AM
 -Bowling Pin 10:00AM
 Monday 13 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 14 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 15 -Trap - 10:00AM
 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM
 Friday 17 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 18 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 19 -Black Powder - 9:30AM
 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Monday 20 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 21 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 22 -Trap - 10:00AM
 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM
 Friday 24 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 25 -3D Shoot - 8:00AM
 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 26 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Monday 27 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 28 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 29 -Trap - 10:00AM
 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM
 Thursday 30 -**Board Meeting - 7:00PM**