

THE ARGC NEWS

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AUGUST 2013

Club Dues

Initiation fee	\$54.00 Incl. tax
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Social member dues	160.00 Incl. tax

ASHTABULA ROD AND GUN CLUB

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MONTHLY MEETING NEWS

The next ARGC membership meeting will be Thursday, September 5th, at 7 PM. As always there will be food and beverages available. The next ARGC Board meeting will be Thursday, August 29th, at 7:00PM.

First Readings:

- Jeff Rice

If someone knows of a reason that the above party 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:

- Jason Bovee

Congratulations to the above new member that was voted in at the August 2013 meeting

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE

The progressive raffle number drawn for the August jackpot of \$64.00 was #1676, Jim Wawrowski. Jim was in attendance, but not registered. The jackpot will continue to grow.

TRAP

The Scheduled Trap Shoot on Saturday and Wednesday mornings has been temporarily suspended until we can find members that are willing to run these shoots. Anyone that is interested can contact John Kucera or Paul Callender.

SKEET & TRAP SHOOTER CARDS

New numbered Shooter cards (Green) are being issued to replace the previous cards (Yellow). Beginning September 1, 2013, only the Green cards will be accepted. Please exchange your card with any Trap/Skeet range officer or Rich Moretti.

2013 WORK TIME

According to the Club By-Laws, 2013 work time must be performed and submitted by December 31, 2013.

WORK PARTIES

Work parties are scheduled each Saturday at 9:00AM during the months of August and September for the purpose of general maintenance, clean-up of the grounds, and buildings. You can just show up or contact Paul Callender for more information and/or sign up. Grounds Committee Chairman, Carlos Fuentes will be posting, a list of work items that need to be done, to the outside clubhouse bulletin board. We are asking workers to bring gloves, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, chainsaws, and anything you believe may be of assistance.

REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS

There are several repair, maintenance and improvement items that need to be made now and in the future. Some examples would be the Madden House structure, pond pavilion roof, equipment repair or replacements, and numerous others. The ARGC Board invites membership input to help create a Top 10 List of what needs to be done. Please submit your suggestions to the ARGC Secretary, who will maintain the list. We also need to determine how we will pay for these projects. A proposal submitted at the August meeting would be to use the Verizon lease income of \$600 per month. It was suggested that we use 50 percent to pay for these priority projects and 50 percent to establish an emergency fund for future use. Please bring your ideas/proposal to the next meeting for discussion. This will then be voted on at the October meeting!

OUTDOOR WEEKEND WRAP-UP

We had 48 students, including 10 Girls participating in the 2013 Outdoor Weekend. 25 Youths that scored 95 or better on the Hunter's Education Test will be invited back for the youth pheasant hunt this fall. The average test score for the class was 91.

Our heartfelt appreciation and thanks goes out to the following businesses that supported this event with donations, discounts, gift certificates, and prizes:

Gander Mountain	Mentor
Dick's Sporting Goods	Mentor
Outdoor Army Navy Store	Ashtabula
Karran Shop	Geneva
Sports Junction	Geneva
Giant Eagle	Geneva
Concealed Carry Class	Geneva
- Joe Webb	
- Rick Alderman	

Lake Erie Chapter NWTf Ashtabula

Without their help this event would not be possible!

A big thank you goes out to our Class Instructors:

Don Hancock -	Rifle
Randy Smith -	Rifle
Ron Bowser -	Pistol
Paul Callender -	Pistol
Terry Berkey -	Shotgun
Rick Piper -	Shotgun
Ed Crosby -	Archery
Marty Stroczyński -	Archery
Dave Sulecki -	Muzzleloader
Tedo Sircelji -	Muzzleloader
Skip Craine -	Turkey Hunting
ODNR Div. of Watercraft -	Water Safety
ARGC Black Powder Group -	For their demonstration of what life was like in the 18th century. Outstanding!

And all of those that participated in this event, Hunter Safety Instructors, Volunteers, and Sponsors, especially the ACWCL. A thank you also goes out to our kitchen staff, John Daugherty and his wife, Jackie. A very sincere thanks to Dale Sunderlin for his terrific write-up of this activity in the Star Beacon. Good publicity is always desirable.

A special thanks to our Co-Chairmen of the Outdoor Weekend, Skip Craine and Paul Callender.

VANDALISM

We are continuing to experience destruction of club property by unknown person or persons. The most recent incident was the Super Gluing of the locks at the Madden House. This cost the club in excess of \$250. If you have any knowledge that can help identify the perpetrators, please contact any Club Officer.

ARGC DECATHLON RESULTS

We had over 100 in attendance with 43 shooters participating in the 2013 ARGC Decathlon. The winners by class are:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>
Pro	Gary Johnston
Men	Jerry Senger
Women -	Tabitha Skerl
Junior	Marshal Campbell
Youth	Michael Hoffman

Thanks goes out to all of the members that helped out, Also a special thanks to John Travis and Dicks Sporting Goods for all of the prizes.

REVERSE RAFFLE

The ARGC Reverse Raffle, our largest fundraiser of the year is scheduled for Friday October 4th. and will be held at the Perry Township Community Center, 2800 Perry Park Road, Perry Ohio. Social is 5-7:00PM with dinner at 7:00PM. Tickets are now available at \$60.00 per couple. Only 200 tickets will be sold!

Included in the ticket price is:

- \$2000 Main Board Drawing
- Buffet Dinner
- Option to buy Remington 870 raffle tickets

There will also be available:

- 50/50 raffle
- Side Boards
- Bingo Sheets
- Guns & more

A Remington 870 shotgun, Henry lever action rifle, and Horton Ultralight raffle ticket will be offered to everyone that purchases a dinner ticket. Only 100 raffle tickets for each item will be sold at \$10 each.. Winner must be in attendance for the drawing at the Reverse Raffle.

We are looking for working volunteers. This is a great way to get your work time in. Contact Dave DeGeorge for tickets and/or to volunteer.

BOWLING PIN PISTOL

Committee Chairman, Len Shapiro invites all members to come out on the 2nd Sunday of each month and participate in the Bowling Pin Shoots. The shoots are good practice events for Conceal Carry permit holders. Len also stated that burning of Pins on the Range is prohibited. This event is also in need of Bowling Pins. If you know of or have access to used bowling pins, please contact Len Shapiro.

GREAT LAKES OUTDOOR SUPPLY

The raffle for a Browning gun safe has been cancelled due to the length of time to sell out all of the tickets. Please contact Dan Wyatt for a refund of your ticket price.

ARGC FISHING DERBY RESULTS

It was great weather and 34 anglers caught 237 fish in the 2 hours they were fishing. For the first time ever, EVERY kid at the derby caught at least one fish! About 95 people attended and enjoyed lunch of Hamburgers and hotdogs, chips, water/soda, and watermelon provided by the club. Every child was able to take home a prize whether they caught fish or not. Many thanks to the Ashtabula Rod & Gun Club members for sprucing up the pond and pavilion area (Rick Piper and Bill Haley) and assisting the kids at the pond, measuring fish, preparing lunch, and for the new computerized check in and fish tallying procedure (Christine Semmelroth).

Largest Fish Caught:

1st Haley McDonald, 15	-	14.5"	Bass
2nd Halle Beesler, 8	-	13.5"	Bass
3rd Ashley Campbell, 11	-	13"	Bass
3rd Marshal Campbell, 14	-	13"	Bass

Most Fish Caught:

1st Haley McDonald, 15	-	39	Fish
2nd Marshal Campbell, 14	-	21	Fish
3rd Kylie Keefer, 9	-	18	Fish
3rd Halle Beesler, 8	-	18	Fish

Brandy A. Hanusosky

BIRD PRESERVE

Hunts will be available to members starting the end of September, 2013. The 2013/2014 Hunt schedule is in process and will be posted to the ARGC website and the September edition of the ARGC newsletter. Anyone that wishes to schedule a hunt or volunteer to get their work time in, please contact John Hadzinski.

ARGC GROUNDS

Grounds Committee Chairman, Carlos Fuentes asks campers to pick up unused wood/logs; this will make it easier on the mower. A call goes out to anyone with access to a stump grinder. We have approximately 7 stumps near the pond that need to be ground down. Please contact Carlos or a club officer if you can help.

2013 LAND ASSESSMENT

19 members have not yet paid their land assessment. You are now past due. Your prompt attention to this matter is welcome and appreciated.

SKREET HOUSE

Rich Moretti advised that he will be putting together a work party to paint and repair the Skeet Houses. We need volunteers. This is another good opportunity to get your work time in. Contact Rich.

HUNTER'S EDUCATION CLASSES

The next Hunter's Safety Class scheduled for:

Wednesday	August 21	- 6:00PM
Saturday	August 24	- 9:00AM
Wednesday	September 25	- 6:00PM
Saturday	September 28	- 9:00AM

Registration for this certification course is done by either calling 1-800-WILDLIFE or go online at www.dnr.state.oh.us. The course is free and will be held at the ARGC clubhouse.

The ODNR website provides the following tips on what to expect:

How to Prepare -

Though it varies by instructor and location, most classes take place over two days. Seating is often limited, so be sure to call to confirm availability and/or register.

Study materials will be provided in the class, but you will need to bring a pencil or pen and a highlighter.

What to expect in class -

Your instructor will cover a range of topics, from conservation, safety, and ethics to the proper handling of shotguns, handguns, bow hunting gear, and more. You should not bring firearms or archery equipment to class - all necessary equipment will be provided.

Certification testing -

Once you've completed the course work, you will be given a 100-question test which includes a mix of multiple choice, matching, and true/false questions. A student must score 80% or higher on the test to pass and obtain certification.

The Ohio hunter education program is for people with little or no knowledge of hunting or firearms. If you've had experience with hunting, shooting, and the outdoors you may be able to skip hunter education through proficiency testing.

CMP

Gib Ingwer advised that the August Shoot will be a sniper shoot. 20 rounds for each event, they may shoot 2 events. The September shoot will be the very popular .22 shoot. Gib invites all to come out and have fun on the second Sunday of the month.

ACWCL

Paul Callender reported that the Whitetails Banquet will be held on Friday November 29 this year. The money earned from this event helps support our youth activities; the Outdoor Weekend and Youth Pheasant Hunt. Please support the ACWCL activities by purchasing your ticket to the banquet!

SPECIAL THANKS

A Special Thanks goes out to the following:

- Western Reserve Title for their \$500 donation for Preserve field prep.
- Tom Pocza for use of his Log Splitter

INDOOR ARCHERY

Indoor Archery will begin in September on Tuesdays at 6:00PM. Contact Dan Wyatt for additional info.

FOR SALE

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As of the date we submitted this we have Springfield XDS compact 45ACP in black or bitone; FNS in 9MM and 40SW; FNX-40; Ruger SP101 357 Mag; Arsenal AK47 Milled 762x39; Romanian AK 74 5.45x39; plenty of others.

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ARGC CALENDAR

AUGUST

Sunday 11 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -CMP - 10:00AM
 -Bowling Pin 10:00AM

Monday 12 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 13 -Trap - 6:00PM

Wednesday 14 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM

Friday 16 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 17 -Work Party 9:00AM
 -Skeet & Trap - 5:30PM

Sunday 18 -Black Powder - 9:30AM
 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Monday 19 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 20 -Trap - 6:00PM

Wednesday 21 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM
-Hunters Education - 6:00PM

Friday 23-Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 24 -Work Party 9:00AM
-Hunters Education - 9:00AM
 -Skeet & Trap - 5:30PM

Sunday 25 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Monday 26 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 27 -Trap - 6:00PM

Wednesday 28 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM

Thursday 29-**Board Meeting - 7:00PM**

Friday 30 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 31 -Work Party 9:00AM
 -Skeet & Trap - 5:30PM

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -Action Pistol - 10:00AM

Monday 2 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 3 -Trap - 6:00PM

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 5 -**Membership Meeting - 7:00PM**

Friday 6 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 7 -Work Party 9:00AM
 -Skeet & Trap - 5:30PM

Sunday 8 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -CMP - 10:00AM
 -Bowling Pin 10:00AM

Monday 9 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 10 -Trap - 6:00PM
 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM

Friday 13 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 14 -Work Party 9:00AM
 -Skeet & Trap - 5:30PM

Sunday 15 -Black Powder - 9:30AM
 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Monday 16 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 17 -Trap - 6:00PM
 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM

Friday 20 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 21 -Work Party 9:00AM
 -Skeet & Trap - 5:30PM

Sunday 22 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Monday 23 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 24 -Trap - 6:00PM
 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM

Wednesday 25 -**Hunters Education - 6:00PM**

Thursday 26 -**Board Meeting - 7:00PM**

Friday 27 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 28 -Work Party 9:00AM
-Hunters Education - 9:00AM
 -Skeet & Trap - 5:30PM

Sunday 29 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Monday 30 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 31 -Trap - 6:00PM
 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM