

THE ARGC NEWS

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OCTOBER 2013

Club Dues

Initiation fee	\$54.00 Incl. tax
Working member dues	64.00 Incl. tax
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ASHTABULA ROD AND GUN CLUB

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MONTHLY MEETING NEWS

The next ARGC membership meeting will be Thursday, November 7th, at 7 PM. As always there will be food and beverages available. The next ARGC Board meeting will be Thursday, October 31st, at 7:00PM.

First Readings:

- Henry Ebbert

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:

- David Simpson

- Jason Bowyer

Congratulations to the above new ARGC members that were voted in at the October 2013 meeting.

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE

The progressive raffle number drawn for the October jackpot of \$25.00 was #1200 and was won by Gib Ingwer. Congratulations Gib! A new jackpot will begin at the October meeting.

REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS

During the course of the previous two meetings, significant discussion was held with regards to repairs and improvements that are needed and how the club could fund these projects. The Verizon lease income was identified as a source for funding. Membership voted at the October meeting on the question of:

- Use Verizon lease income
- Put Verizon income in the Land Fund and find some other way to fund projects.

Membership chose to Use Verizon lease income for funding projects with a 58 yes to 18 no vote.

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 month of October. You can just show up or contact Paul Callender at 440-992-7596 to sign up. Carlos Fuentes will be posting, a list of work items to the outside bulletin board. A major work party is planned for October 19. Several projects are planned.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

The following individuals have been nominated to the elected positions for calendar 2014:

President	Paul Callender
V. President	John Kucera
	Gib Ingwer
Treasurer	Cindy Crosby
	Tina Kucera
Secretary	Dawn Johnston
	Ken Schreiber
Trustee - 3 Year*	
Gary Johnston	John Hadzinski
Gerald Senger	Jim Barchok
Denny Pasqualone	

*Two Trustees will be elected.

The elections will be conducted at the November 7th. membership meeting at 7:00PM. Absentee Ballot voting will be held on Saturday November 2, and Sunday November 3 between the hours of 9-12AM at the Club House. "You must be a member in good standing and have your current membership card with you to vote!!"

NRA GRANT FOUNDATION

Mark Hepler advised that the deadline, October 31, 2013, for submitting applications for NRA financial Grants is rapidly approaching. As stated on their website, "The NRA Foundation provides financial support to eligible projects, programs and organizations each year through its Grant Program. These grants are 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 in their historic, technological, and artistic context, or contribute to the general well being of the public at large. NRA Foundation State Fund Committee grants benefit a variety of constituencies including children, youth, women, individuals with physical disabilities, gun collectors, law enforcement officers, hunters, and competitive teams.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

An applicant may be any organization, association, or other entity with a unique federal employer identification number (EIN) issued by the Internal Revenue Service. Eligible organizations or groups may apply for a NRA Foundation State Fund Committee grant for a qualifying project or activity. Eligibility is determined solely by the Foundation. Applicants shall not discriminate against any member, person, or other user of its facilities or equipment on the basis of age, race, color, sex, or national origin. **Applicants are not required to be members of or have association with the NRA to receive funds under this grant program.**

Projects must promote, advance and encourage firearms and hunting safety. Educate individuals, including the youth of the United States, with respect to firearms and firearms history and hunting safety and marksmanship, as well as with respect to other subjects that are of importance to the well being of the general public.

REFRIGERATOR

We are in need of a refrigerator. If you have or know of anyone that has a good working used refrigerator that they would be willing to donate or offer for sale at a low price, please contact any ARGC officer or Trustee.

ARCHERY YOUTH SHOOT

An Indoor Archery shooting event for youths 17 and under will held at the ARGC clubhouse on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month beginning October 13, 2013. Shoots will run 4:00PM to 6:00PM with a cost of \$2.00 for youths, \$4.00 for members, and \$5.00 for non-members. Please contact Barry Palmer at to sign up or obtain additional information.

BIRD PRESERVE

The 2013/2014 Hunt schedule is as listed and will be posted to the ARGC website:

September 29	October 5*
October 6	October 20
November 10	November 24
December 8	December 22
January 12	January 26
February 9	February 23
March 1	March 2
March 29	March 30

April - Open Dates

Anyone that wishes to schedule a hunt, obtain info, and/or volunteer to get their work time in, please contact John Hadzinski or John Kucera.

***Youth Pheasant Hunt**

The first Dog Trials for the 2013/2014 season were held On Saturday 9/29 with a good turnout of 14 Dogs.

Anyone wishing to use any of the fields to train dogs must purchase new bird tags for the 2013/2014 season at \$10.00 each. Contact John Hadzinski or any Preserve committee member to purchase. Pheasant pricing for members and non-members will be published on the ARGC website at <http://www.argconline.org>

OUTDOOR ARCHERY

Targets are up on the outdoor range for open shoots. Field points only, please!

MEMBERSHIP IDENTIFICATION

Beginning in 2014, all members will be required to wear their membership card, in a manner that allows for visual recognition and identification as an ARGC member, when visiting club grounds. If needed, you will be able to pick up an ID card badge holder when you pay your dues in person. Badge holders will not be mailed.

NEW WILDLIFE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO ASHTABULA COUNTY

ODNR Officer, Jason Warren visited our October meeting and introduced himself to all. The following is the official announcement:

"Wildlife Officer Jason Warren was recently assigned as the new Ashtabula County Wildlife Officer. Warren's assignment follows the transfer of Wildlife Officer Jason Hadsell to the ODNR Division of Wildlife Lake Erie Law Enforcement Unit.

Wildlife Officer Warren is a native of Perry, Ohio in Lake County and a 2006 graduate of Hocking College. He holds an Associate Degree in Wildlife Management. Until recently, Warren has served the residents of Wayne County since 2010."

PROPOSAL BY-LAWS CHANGE

ARGC Member Bill Haley made a motion to amend the By-laws in a manner that would change the Senior Membership from being at no cost or 50% off the working dues rate to \$50 a year. He or she will not be subject to work time. Senior Citizen membership shall have full rights and privileges of membership. This change would apply to all Senior memberships. The motion was seconded by Ken Freede. A reading of this proposal and subsequent discussion was held at the October meeting. **This issue will be voted on at our annual meeting in November.**

WHITETAILS UNLIMITED

The annual banquet "Buck Fever Night" will be held at the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds on Friday November 29th. in Jefferson. 50% of all net proceeds will go directly back to your local area for conservation-related activities. Proceeds from this event will benefit youth programs in cooperation with Ashtabula County Conservation League. Early Bird Drawing: Purchase your Buck Fever tickets by November 15 and be automatically entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$100 book of gun raffle tickets! Please support the ACWCL activities by purchasing your ticket to the Banquet.

ACTION PISTOL

A 3 gun shoot is scheduled for Sunday October 27th, at 10:00AM on the rifle range. Shooters will need 1 pistol at least 9mm, a 12ga. Shotgun that will hold at least 5 rounds (bird shot and slugs), and a rifle or carbine with at least a 10 round capacity. Contact Tom Portik with any questions or additional info.

SOMEONE WITH LOG SPLITTER

Someone with a log splitter is needed to split, load, and stack wood for Skeet & Trap. Would like to get done before or on October 19th. Great opportunity to get your work time in. Contact Rich Moreti for more info.

LEARN TO SHOOT SKEET

Rich Moreti has offered to make time available and schedule a training class for Skeet Shooting. If you or someone you know is interested in learning how to shoot skeet please sign up on the sign-up sheet at the ARGC clubhouse or contact Rich.

COUNTY LEAGUE

Paul Callender presented the new Dues Structure proposals that the County League will be voting on for 2014 Club Dues. Paul proposed to support the \$2 per member for the 1st 50 members, \$1 per member for each additional member alternative. Membership voted to unanimously to accept Paul's recommendation.

TRAP

The Scheduled Trap Shoots on Saturday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 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 at 440-992-7596.

Former Chairman Jerry Jeffers has offered to provide training to someone that would volunteer to Chair this activity. This is an important revenue raising activity for ARGC and really needs your support.

HUNTER'S EDUCATION CLASSES

The next Hunter's Safety Class scheduled for:

Wednesday November 13 - 6:00PM

Saturday November 16 - 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 tips on what to expect and how to prepare.

CONCEALED CARRY CLASS

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

Saturday November 2 8AM - 4PM

Sunday November 3 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 or Joe Webb; 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.

SHOOTING ETIQUETTE

When using any of the stationary shooting ranges, please demonstrate good manners by putting back all targets and platforms that you set up for your shoot. It will be greatly appreciated by all that will follow you!

NEED ELECTRICIAN

Need someone that is a professional electrician or has strong electrical skills. We are experiencing outages of our outside lights and various problems with lighting inside the main clubhouse. Please contact any officer or Trustee if you can and are willing to help.

SPECIAL THANKS

A Special Thanks goes out to the following:

- Indoor Archery team for the new Outdoor Range targets that were funded by the Pistol raffles
- Everyone that helped to unload, move, and stack the clay pigeon targets.

INDOOR ARCHERY

Indoor Archery began Tuesday September 24th. New shooters are welcome, experienced shooters will help you learn. Contact Dan Wyatt for additional info.

FOR SALE

Three (3) "Raffia" natural skirts, 108" x 28". Great for blind coverage. NEW. \$25 for all.

New "Put Hut Duck Blind" (see puthutduckblind.com). Includes PVC stand, metal supports, 3-legged folding chair. Brushed. Excellent condition. Never Used. Asking \$110.

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Member FFL Transfers: \$25 hand gun & \$30 long guns

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

OCTOBER

Sunday 6 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -Action Pistol - 10:00AM
 -Classic Hunt - 10:00AM

Monday 7 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 8 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM

Friday 11 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 12 -Work Party 9:00AM

Sunday 13 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -CMP - 10:00AM
 -Bowling Pin 10:00AM
 -Archery Youth Shoot - 4:00PM

Monday 14 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 15 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM

Friday 18 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 19 -Work Party 9:00AM

Sunday 20 -Black Powder - 9:30AM
 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -Classic Hunt - 10:00AM

Monday 21 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 22 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM

Friday 25 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 26 -Work Party 9:00AM

Sunday 27 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -3 Gun Shoot - 10:00AM
 -Archery Youth Shoot - 4:00PM

Monday 28 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 29 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM

Thursday 31 -**Board Meeting - 7:00PM**

NOVEMBER

Friday 1 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 2 - *Concealed Carry Class - 8:00AM*
 - *Absentee Voting - 9 - 12:00AM*

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Sunday 3 - *Concealed Carry Class - 8:00AM*
 - *Absentee Voting - 9 - 12:00AM*
 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -Action Pistol - 10:00AM

Monday 4 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 5 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM

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

Friday 8 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Sunday 10 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -CMP - 10:00AM
 -Bowling Pin 10:00AM
 -Classic Hunt - 10:00AM
 -Archery Youth Shoot - 4:00PM

Monday 11 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 12 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM

Wednesday 13 -**Hunter's Education - 6:00PM**

Friday 15 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 16 -**Hunter's Education - 9:00AM**

Sunday 17 -Black Powder - 9:30AM
 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Monday 18 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 19 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM

Thursday 21 -**Board Meeting - 7:00PM**

Friday 22 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Sunday 24 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -Classic Hunt - 10:00AM
 -Archery Youth Shoot - 4:00PM

Monday 25 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 26 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM

Thursday 28 -**"Happy Thanksgiving"**

Friday 29 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -**"Buck Fever Night"**