

THE ARGC NEWS

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NOVEMBER 2013

Club Dues

Initiation fee	\$54.00 Incl. tax
Working member dues	64.00 Incl. tax
Social member dues	160.00 Incl. tax

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MONTHLY MEETING NEWS

The next ARGC membership meeting will be Thursday, December 5th, at 7 PM. As always there will be food and beverages available. The next ARGC Board meeting will be Thursday, November 21st, at 7:00PM. **Please note that the Board meeting is scheduled 1 week early due to Thanksgiving Holiday**

First Readings:

- Bradley M Knapp
- Rich Gephart
- Kenneth Graves

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:

- None

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE

The progressive raffle number drawn for the November jackpot of \$26.50 was #1576 and was won by Leonard Deneen. Congratulations Leonard! A new jackpot will begin at the December meeting.

ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The Treasurer needs to conduct the Annual Audit with all Committee Chairmen or event coordinators who have ARGC working funds and/or petty cash. This can occur at the November 21st Board but prior to the December 5th, 2013 membership meeting. Please contact Treasurer, Bill Wisnor to schedule an appointment.

2013 WORK TIME

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

WORK PARTIES FOR 2014

One large work party will be initiated for each month of the outdoor work season. Several officers and committee chairman will be present. A monthly schedule will be announced. A list of several things to be done will be posted on the Clubhouse bulletin board by Carlos Fuentes, Grounds Chairman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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

President	Paul Callender
V. President	John Kucera
Treasurer	Tina Kucera
Secretary	Dawn Johnston
Trustee - 3 Year	Gary Johnston
Trustee - 3 Year	Dennis Pasqualone

Congratulations to our Officers & Trustees for calendar year 2014.

PROPOSAL BY-LAWS CHANGE

The proposal to change the Senior Membership from being at no cost or 50% off the working dues rate to \$50 a year was defeated. **The Senior Membership will remain as is stated in the current By-Laws.**

2014 DUES NOTICES

The 2014 Dues invoice notices will be mailed to members during the last two weeks of December 2013. Annual dues and land assessment payments are due by the March 2014 membership meeting.

ARCHERY YOUTH SHOOT

Indoor Archery shooting for youths 17 and under is being held at the ARGC clubhouse on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. 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 to sign up or obtain additional information.

REFRIGERATOR

We are still 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.

BLACK-POWDER

Mark your calendar, the November 17, 2013, the Black-Powder Shoot will be a Turkey Shoot. This event will be held on the 100 yard range. There will not be a shoot-off, everyone has a chance to win. We do need help! This is a great opportunity to get your 2013 work time in. Contact Dave Sulecki for additional info.

INDOOR ARCHERY

The Monday night Indoor Archery league began Monday November 4th and will run for 10 weeks. Shooting begins at 7:00 PM. For additional information, contact Kevin Chandler or Dan Wyatt.

INDOOR ARCHERY GUN RAFFLE

All of the 100 tickets were sold and the winner of the Taurus Slimline 9mm was John Wolf. Congratulations John.

REVERSE RAFFLE

The October 4th Reverse Raffle was a tremendous success that brought in over \$7500 in profit to our club. A huge thanks goes out to all who worked, donated, and supported this event.

PICNIC PAVILLION

Help is needed to work on closing in the pavilion for storage purposes. Please contact Rich Moreti for additional details.

SKEET & TRAP FEES

Effective immediately the Skeet and Trap fees will be established at \$3.00 per round for members and non-members. Only members can purchase a 10 round Shooters card.

BIRD PRESERVE

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

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.

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>

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.

DUES STRUCTURE - DISCUSSION

In an effort to increase membership retention and promote membership growth, Paul Callender presented the following ideas to think about and discuss at our next membership meeting:

Dues Restructure -

- Today a new member pays between \$218 and \$314, depending on membership class, for 1st year dues and land assessment. It is proposed that we change to initiation fee plus land assessment for year one. This is currently \$104 including tax. New member would choose membership class for second year and pay the rate in effect.
- Working members that do not complete their work time are billed the difference between the working member dues and the Social member dues plus they have to continue the next year of renewal membership as a Social member. It is Proposed that we change By-laws to permit renewal as a working member if member pays the dues difference for the previous year.

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.

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.

WOUNDED WARRIOR

A silhouette that was sold at silent auction at the Reverse Raffle with proceeds earmarked for the Wounded Warrior project brought in \$75.00. John Kucera asked membership for approval to increase the total amount donated to \$200. Membership approval was unanimous.

FRONT GATE KEY

The need to issue a front gate key to each member will be eliminated in 2014. New membership ID cards will contain a 4 digit pass-code to a lockbox that contains the front gate key attached to a cable. Members will be required to enter the pass-code, access the key, open the lock, and return key to lockbox. Presently, the key in the lockbox is the same as the one issued to each member. A new key will be changed immediately following the March 2014 membership meeting.

COUNTY LEAGUE

Paul Callender reported that the officers for 2014 will remain the same as 2013. The dues restructuring issue, discussed at our October meeting, will be voted on at the next County League meeting.

AREA GUN SHOWS

Nov. 16th & 17th Medina Co. Fairgrounds Medina OH
Nov. 23rd & 24th Cuyahoga Co. Fairgrounds Berea, OH
Nov. 30th, Dec. 1st, K. Rose Party Ctr. Ashtabula, OH
Dec. 21st, 22nd Eastwood Expo Ctr, Niles OH
Shows begin each day at 9:00AM.

TRAP

The Scheduled Trap Shoots on Saturday, 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. 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 is 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.

POLITICAL INFO - HB 234

The following is additional detail for House Bill 234 as discussed by Paul Callender at the November Meeting:

"COLUMBUS -- Hunters would be allowed to use silencers on their firearms when stalking deer, wild turkey and other game, under legislation being considered in the Ohio House.

Backers say HB 234 would help prevent hearing loss and ease worries about gunfire during early morning and late evening hours.

"Suppressors or silencers can help reduce the noise of gunfire to safe hearing levels," Rep. Cheryl Grossman (R-Grove City), primary co-sponsor of the legislation, told members of the House agriculture committee Tuesday morning. "... Suppressors are a valuable asset in preventing noise-induced hearing loss. It is not unique to hear of hunters who require the use of hearing aids as a result of exposure to shooting."

Under the legislation, hunters who have valid licenses, who have paid the applicable taxes and who have completed background checks, could use silencers to hunt game birds and wild quadrupeds, including rabbits, squirrels, deer, boar and black bears.

Citing one study, Becker said there is little evidence silencers lead to increased crime. And he said more than two dozen other states already allow their use.

"Using a suppressor can make shooting firearms safer, more neighbor friendly and more enjoyable," Becker said."

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SPECIAL THANKS

A Special Thanks goes out to the following:

- Bill Swanson for his \$100 donation designated toward the John Deere tractor repair.
- Rick Alderman & Joe Webb for their CCW class \$200 donation to the Action Pistol event.
- Leonard Deneen for donating his Progressive Raffle winnings to the ARGC Land Fund.

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NOVEMBER

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
 -Indoor Archery League - 6:30PM

Tuesday 12 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM
 -Trap - 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
 -Indoor Archery League - 6:30PM

Tuesday 19 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM
 -Trap - 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
 -Indoor Archery League - 6:30PM

Tuesday 26 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM
 -Trap - 6:00PM

Thursday 28 -***"Happy Thanksgiving"***

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

DECEMBER

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

Monday 2 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 -Indoor Archery League - 6:30PM

DECEMBER

Tuesday 3 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM
 -Trap - 6:00PM

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

Friday 6 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Sunday 8 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -CMP - 10:00AM
 -Bowling Pin 10:00AM
 -Classic Hunt - 10:00AM
 -Archery Youth Shoot - 4:00PM

Monday 9 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 -Indoor Archery League - 6:30PM

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

Friday 13 -Skeet - 10:00AM

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

Monday 16 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 -Indoor Archery League - 6:30PM

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

Friday 20 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Sunday 22 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -Classic Hunt - 10:00AM
 -Archery Youth Shoot - 4:00PM

Monday 23 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 -Indoor Archery League - 6:30PM

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

Wednesday 25 -***"Merry Christmas"***

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

Friday 27 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Sunday 29 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Monday 30 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 -Indoor Archery League - 6:30PM

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