

THE ARGC NEWS

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DECEMBER 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

Due to the Holidays, the next ARGC membership meeting will be moved out one week to Thursday, January 9th, at 7 PM. As always there will be food and beverages available. The December ARGC Board meeting will be **cancelled!** The next Board meeting will be Thursday January 30th, 2014 at 7:00PM

First Readings:

- Steven Polakof

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:

- Bradley M Knapp
- Rich Gephart
- Kenneth Graves

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

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE

The progressive raffle number drawn for the December jackpot of \$26.50 was #1646, Dennis Soltis. Dennis was not registered nor in attendance. The jackpot will continue to grow.

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.

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.

PICNIC PAVILION

Help is needed to work on closing in the pavilion for storage purposes. Please contact Rich Moreti for additional details. **This may be the last chance to get your work time in for 2013!**

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. Payment can be mailed or paid in person at the membership meeting.

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.

SPECIAL THANKS

A Special Thanks goes out to the following:

- Fraternal Order of Eagles #2243 for their \$300 donation to be used for our Youth Hunt and Preserve field preservation; and to John Hadsinsky for procuring this donation.
- Geneva VFW Post #6846 for their \$1000 donation; and to Homer Amspaugh for his efforts in making this happen.
- Ken Schreiber for fixing the club outdoor and indoor lights.
- Jack Martin for donating a flag for the Rifle Range.

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.

INDOOR ARCHERY

The Monday night Indoor Archery "Winter 5 Spot League" will begin Monday January 20th and will run for 10 weeks to March 24, 2014. Doors open at 6:30PM, Shooting starts at 7:00 PM. For additional information, contact Kevin Chandler or Dan Wyatt.

SKEET & TRAP FEES

Effective immediately the Skeet and Trap fees will be established at \$3.00 per round for members and non-members. **The shooters card program has been discontinued and new cards are not being sold!**

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.**

AREA GUN SHOWS

Dec. 14th & 15th Medina Co. Fairgrounds Medina OH
Dec. 21st, 22nd Eastwood Mall Expo Ctr. Niles OH
Jan. 4th & 5th Cuyahoga Co. Fairgrounds Berea, OH
Jan. 18 & 19 Ashtabula Co. Fairgrounds Jefferson, OH
Shows begin each day at 9:00AM.

BIRD PRESERVE

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

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>

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.

WESTERN RESERVE FRIENDS OF THE NRA

The 7th Annual Banquet and Fundraiser is scheduled for May 23, 2014 at the LaMalfa Party Center in Mentor, Ohio. This will be a Giant Raffle with more and better prizes, new games, and money prizes. Mark Hepler advised that you can save \$30 by buying your ticket by December 24, 2013. Contact Mark for tickets.

LOOKING FOR A GOOSE HUNTING PARTNER

Looking for an interested "Water fowler" to partner-up with me to field hunt Canada geese. I have all the equipment: decoys, blinds, etc. Just bring your shotgun! Partner will assist in setting up blind (s), laying-out decoys and help in securing new venues to hunt. Partner must have a valid Ohio Hunting license, Ohio Hunter Safety Course, and all required stamps, etc. Being available on weekdays a plus.

2014 Goose season ends January 30.

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DECEMBER

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 - "Cancelled"**

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

JANUARY

Friday 3 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Sunday 5 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -Action Pistol - 10:00AM

Monday 6 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 7 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM
 -Trap - 6:00PM

Thursday 9 -**Membership Meeting - 7:00PM**

Friday 10 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Sunday 12 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -CMP - 10:00AM
 -Bowling Pin 10:00AM
 -Classic Hunt - 10:00AM
 -Archery Youth Shoot - 4:00PM

Monday 13 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 14 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM
 -Trap - 6:00PM

Friday 17 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Sunday 19 -Black Powder - 9:30AM
 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Monday 20 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 -Indoor Archery League - 6:30PM

Tuesday 21 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM
 -Trap - 6:00PM

Friday 24 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Sunday 26 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -Classic Hunt - 10:00AM
 -Archery Youth Shoot - 4:00PM

Monday 27 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 -Indoor Archery League - 6:30PM

Tuesday 28 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM
 -Trap - 6:00PM

Thursday 30 -**Board Meeting - 7:00PM**

Friday 31 -Skeet - 10:00AM