

THE ARGC NEWS

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FEBRUARY 2014

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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Gib Ingwer 1yr.
Dan Wyatt 1yr.
Property Chairperson - Kyle Raleigh Jr.

MONTHLY MEETING NEWS

The next ARGC membership meeting will be Thursday, March 6th, at 7 PM. As always there will be food and beverages available. The next ARGC Board meeting will be Thursday February 27th, 2014 at 7:00PM

First Readings:

- Bruce Schmidt
- Jason Starcher

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:

- Steve Polakof
- David Hurley

Congratulations to the above new members that were voted in at the January 2014 meeting.

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE

The progressive raffle number drawn for the February jackpot of \$67.00 was #1179, Brandy Hanousky. Brandy was not registered nor in attendance. The jackpot will continue to grow.

2014 DUES NOTICES

The 2014 Dues invoice notices were mailed to members during the last week 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 March membership meetings.

2015 DUES PAYMENT

Beginning in 2015, membership dues will be taken by mail only. Members will need to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope along with their check to receive their new membership card.

2014 WORK TIME

According to the Club By-Laws, 2014 work time must be performed and submitted by December 31, 2014.

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.

MEMBERSHIP IDENTIFICATION

Beginning with the March 2014 membership meeting, 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.

FRONT GATE KEY

The need to issue a front gate key to each member is eliminated for 2014. New membership ID cards 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.

MADDEN HOUSE ROOF

Membership unanimously approved a \$4000 expenditure to replace the Madden House roof. Funds are allocated.

INDOOR ARCHERY

The Monday night Indoor Archery "Winter 5 Spot League" began 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.

TRAP LEAGUE

The Spring 2014 County Trap League which runs for 7 weeks, typically from March to May is now in the planning stages. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jerry Jeffers or Steve Washock. You are also invited to attend the Tuesday night Trap Shoot event. We have individuals available that are willing to assist new shooters.

TRAP

The Saturday and Wednesday Trap Shoots will resume at 10:00AM Saturday February 8th, 10:00AM Wednesday February 12th and continue weekly. Dawn Johnston has volunteered to chair these events. Trap shooters and those that would like to be, come on out and support this activity.

CMP

CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program) shoots the 2nd Sunday of each month. All ARGC members are invited to come out and participate. The event schedule is listed:

- Feb. 9 - High Power Match
- Mar. 9 - Garand Match
- Apr. 13 - .22rimfire sporter

Ammo is available. Contact Gib Ingwer to sign up or for additional info.

DUES STRUCTURE - BY-LAWS CHANGE

In an effort to increase membership retention and promote membership growth, Paul Callender presented the following by-laws change for membership approval:

Dues Restructure -

Change By-laws to permit membership renewal if member pays the dues difference between working member and Social member rate for the year in which the work requirement was not met. member can choose membership class for renewal year.

Membership unanimously approved this proposal. The By-laws will be changed by the Board.

SKEET

A study has been commissioned to determine the actual cost to shoot a round of Skeet or Trap. Future pricing decisions will take the results of this study into consideration.

BIRD PRESERVE

The 2014 Hunt schedule is as listed and is posted to the ARGC website:

February 9 - "**Rescheduled to a later date**"

February 23

March 1

March 2

March 29

March 30

April - Open Dates

Anyone that wishes to schedule a hunt, wants to learn, come out, obtain info, and/ or volunteer to get their work time in (hours are flexible), 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 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>

PHEASANT HUNT RAFFLE - ARGC

The Preserve committee is raffling a 28 Bird Hunt with guide provided for 2 Hunters. Open date available. Proceeds to benefit Preserve area. 100 tickets will be sold at \$10.00 each. Contact John Hadsinski, John Kucera, Paul Callender, or Dennis Pasqualone for raffle tickets.

CONTACT LIST UPDATES

Please update your January 2014 Contact List with the following changes and additions:

Paul Callender - phone # change **440-261-9104**

Black Powder **Dave Sulecki**

Pond **Jack Lane**

Trap-Co-Chair **Steve Washock**

Trap-Co-Chair **Dawn Johnston**

SPLIT WOOD

Our supply of split wood for use at the Madden House is decreasing at a faster rate than we are burning. If you are taking and removing from club property, it is cause for membership expulsion. If you need for your event please ask an Officer or Trustee. Your cooperation is appreciated.

COUNTY LEAGUE

County League will allow clubs from outside Ashtabula County to join. The County League current dues structure will remain as is.

FINANCIAL AUDIT

A financial audit will be conducted by an experienced outside auditor. Cost will be \$400 to \$600 and was approved unanimously by membership

SPECIAL THANKS

A Special Thanks goes out to the following:

- Gerald Kolhoff for his \$50.00 donation.

NWTF BANQUET

The NWTF Lake Erie Chapter will be hosting their Hunting Heritage Banquet on Saturday March 8, 2014 at the Harpersfield Community Center, 5604 Cork-Cold Springs Road, Harpersfield, Ohio. Tickets are \$60 for single and \$85 per couple. Doors open at 5:00PM with dinner at 6 - 6:30PM. Contact Paul Callender at 440-261-9104 for tickets or additional info.

ODNR

ODNR officer Jason Warren gave members an overview of proposed Deer Hunting changes for the 2014/2015 Season. More info can be found at wildohio.com or by calling 800-WILDLIFE.

FOR SALE

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FRIENDS OF THE NRA

Rich Rosman, Chairman of Western Reserve Friends of the NRA stopped by to encourage ARGC members to support this year's Annual Banquet & Twin MEGA raffle (1 in 15 are winners!) with their attendance on Friday May 23, 2014. The Banquet will be held at the LaMalfa at 5785 Heisley Road in Mentor, Ohio. Grand Prize is \$3000 or Colt gun package. Winners can choose merchandise or cash prizes. Contact Mark Hepler for tickets or find ticket order form at argc.org



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FEBRUARY

Sunday 9 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -CMP - 10:00AM
 -Bowling Pin 10:00AM
 -Classic Hunt - **"Rescheduled"**
 -Archery Youth Shoot - 4:00PM

Monday 10 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 -Indoor Archery League - 6:30PM

Tuesday 11 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM
 -Trap - 6:00PM

Wednesday 12 -Trap - 10:00AM

Friday 14 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 15 -Trap -10:00AM

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 -Skeet - 10:00AM

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Friday 21 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 22 -Trap -10:00AM

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Monday 24 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 -Indoor Archery League - 6:30PM

Tuesday 25 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM
 -Trap - 6:00PM

Wednesday 26 -Trap - 10:00AM

Thursday 27 **-Board Meeting - 7:00PM**

Friday 28 -Skeet - 10:00AM

MARCH

Saturday 1 -Classic Hunt - 10:00AM
 -Trap - 10:00AM

Sunday 2 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -Action Pistol - 10:00AM
 -Classic Hunt - 10:00AM

Monday 3 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 -Indoor Archery League - 6:30PM

MARCH

Tuesday 4 -Indoor Archery - 6:00PM
 -Trap - 6:00PM

Wednesday 5 -Trap - 10:00AM

Thursday 6 **-Membership Meeting - 7:00PM**

Friday 7 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 8 -Trap -10:00AM

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