

THE ARGC NEWS

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APRIL 2016

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MONTHLY MEETING NEWS

The next ARGC membership meeting will be Thursday, May 5th, at 7 PM. As always there will be food and beverages available. The next ARGC Board meeting will be Thursday April 28th, at 6:30 PM.

Please Note: The Board Meeting schedule has been changed to 6:30PM on the last Thursday of each month.

First Readings:

- Mike Knapp
- Jordan Vosberg
- Jason Burke
- Robert Coffield

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:

- Rick Kaska
- Paul Milkovich

Congratulations to the above new members that were Voted in at the April 2016 meeting.

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE

The progressive raffle number drawn for the March jackpot of \$171.50 was #1379, Lori Ingwer. Lori was registered and in attendance.

Congratulations and a Special Thanks to Lori for donating her winnings of \$171.50 to the ARGC building fund. A new jackpot will begin in May.

OUTDOOR WEEKEND

Mark your calendars, the 2016 Outdoor Weekend will be held July 15, 16 & 17. Chairman Skip Craine will have applications for Boys & Girls, ages 11 to 16 years, at the May membership meeting.

2016 WORK TIME DUTIES

The following is a list of duties that are available and are an ongoing process at ARGC beginning in late April and lasting through the end of October. Please feel free to bring any/all equipment that you may own to accomplish any of the listed tasks:

LAWN MOWING - Specifically around the pond, front entrance, septic fields, skeet/trap houses, CMP house & pavilion. (Using your own mower is OK)
WEED EATING - If it looks like it needs it please do it. The ditch along the driveway is easily an 8 hour card signing. If you want to be in charge of maintaining this, please call me.
CULVERT/DITCH DEBRIS REMOVAL - Culverts that drain water get clogged with leaves. Please clean regularly if you decide this job is for you.
FIREWOOD CUT, SPLIT, & STACK FOR THE 2016/2017
SKEET/TRAP SEASON - Probably the most needed work time for the year. Call me for details.
FLOWER BEDS WEEDING AND MULCHING - This needs done for the entire season. Weeding, turning over mulch and general bed maintenance. Its minimal, but it gets your card signed.
BRANCHES/STICKS REMOVAL - Another all year work time duty We all know when the winds blow. The burn pile is located east of the Madden House.
GUTTER CLEANING - All buildings need gutters cleaned in the spring and fall.
ROAD MAINTENANCE - If you are in charge of this, (Jeff Carrick) please maintain throughout the year for specific events. These are just a few of the work time duties that need accomplished. Please feel free to contact me at your convenience to set up work time as needed. I can get you in contact with committee chairman that need assistance throughout the year. If you decide to take projects on yourself with your own equipment, DOCUMENT. Meaning, take pictures with your phone and write down what you did specifically. Cards will be signed accordingly. Again if you have any questions, contact me at moosesoltis @att.net and leave detailed message. Thanks.

Paul Soltis
ARGC Grounds Committee Chairman

CMP

CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program) shoots the 2nd Sunday of each month. All ARGC members are invited to come out and participate. **The club does lend out a weapon for shooting this event!** Ammo is available.

- **April 17** will be a high-power/Garand match.

All members are welcome, come out and join the fun. Contact Gib Ingwer to sign up or for additional info.

“Please Note Date Change”

CONCEALED CARRY CLASS

The next Concealed Carry Class is scheduled at ARGC’s clubhouse as follows:

Saturday April 16 8AM - 4PM

Class will be taught by Sgt. Joseph Webb and Park Ranger Rick Alderman; Ohio Police Officer Firearms Training Instructors. The class is 8 hours, 6 hours classroom and 2 hours range. The fee for the class is \$100 per person, \$150 per couple of which \$25 is donated back to the club. To enroll and/or obtain additional information, please contact Rick Alderman. Please do not call Rick at his place of work. This class is open to the public. ***The Pistol Range will be closed on Saturday April 16, 2016 from 1 to 4:00PM.***

ACWCL ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

The ACWCL Spring Banquet will be held on June 4, 2016 at the Saybrook Banquet Center, 3116 N Bend Rd, Ashtabula, OH. Social Hour begins at 5:00 PM with Dinner at 6:00PM. Dinner ticket cost is \$20.00.. For tickets, contact Paul Callender.

3 - GUN SHOOT

We are in the planning stages of holding 3 - Gun Shoots at ARGC. 3 gun competitions is a fast growing and one of the most exciting of the shooting sports. It is a combination of handling skills, speed, and accuracy all in one with a pistol, shotgun, and a rifle. John Hadzinsky, Gary Johnston, and Dawn Johnston are leading the efforts to put this event on the ARGC schedule.

VERIZON TOWER

American Tower has acquired the management and operation of the Verizon Towers. This does not change the terms of our current 25 year lease agreement with Verizon. However, American Tower has contacted our club for the purpose of entering into discussions concerning a perpetual lease agreement. We will have an update with open discussions at our May membership meeting.

TREASURER

We are in need for a member to step up and fill our Treasurer vacancy. The Board has decided to outsource the book keeping portion of this position. (Includes Tax Filing & Quicken Books). The Treasurer will collect and deposit monies, issue receipts, pay bills, manage the petty cash, and work closely with the Book Keeper.

SKEET LEAGUE

A 10 week Skeet league will be shooting at ARGC in 2016.

When: May 4 - July 6

Time: Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

Where: Ashtabula Rod and Gun Club

This is a handicap league and all level shooters are welcome and encouraged to participate. Contact Joe Krizmanich, or John Hadzinsky to sign up or for more information.

INDOOR ARCHERY GUN RAFFLE

The Indoor Archery committee drew the winning tickets for this raffle at the conclusion of our April meeting. The winners are:

Smith & Wesson, AR15, rifle - Mike Ward
\$200 Second prize - John Timmins
\$100 Third prize - Clinton Cook

Thanks goes out to all who supported this fund raising event. For your information, our Monday night league is done for the season, however the Tuesday night shoots will continue through the end of April.

SPRING TRAP LEAGUE

The Ashtabula County Spring Trap League began on April 2, 2016 at the Geneva Gun Club. The remaining schedule is as follows:

Ashtabula	April 9, 2016
Monroe	April 16, 2016
Conneaut	April 23, 2016
Orwell	April 28, 2016 (Thursday)
Rock Creek	May 5, 2016 (Thursday)

Gary Ray Trophy Shoot*

Ashtabula May 14, 2016
25 - 16yard targets and 25 - Team Hdcp. Targets

*Must shoot min. of 2 league shoots to be eligible

50 Targets at the 16 yard line. Price is \$8.00 for adult shooters and \$6.00 for junior shooters (16 and under). Sign ups are from 9:00AM to 3:00PM on Saturdays and 2:00PM to 8:00PM on Thursdays. Schedule is subject to change. For additional information see or contact Jerry Jeffers.

VINTAGE MILITARY RIFLE SHOOT

For the 2016 Season a Vintage Military Rifle Shoot will be held at 9:30 AM on the Second Saturday of every month starting in April 2016 and ending November 2016. Registration at 9:30AM, following registration sighting in if needed - shooting starts at 10:00AM. Cost is \$5:00 per person.

Items you supply: A safe working Rifle – Bolt Action or Semi Auto – No M14/M1A1, AR15/M16 - No Optics – only iron sights or peep – **Course of fire - is 40 rounds** of surplus, commercially or hand/loaded ammo, extra ammo would be advisable. **Eye and ear protection mandatory.** Sandbags and spotting scopes are optional. Open bolt indicators must be used or can be provided for one time only. Will shoot from 50 yards – 100 yards. Optional money shoot at end of course - mystery target and yardage - winner takes pot.

Vintage Rifle examples:

Mosin Nagant 91/30, Mauser K98, SKS, Yugo M48, M1 Garand, 1903 A# and .303 Emfield just to name a few.

Contact Mike Urbas for additional information -
mprjb.urbas@att.net

BIRD PRESERVE

The Bird Preserve committee held the “Chucker Classic” on Sunday March 20 at 9:00AM. Eleven participants turned out and brought in \$1100 to ARGC.

First place went to - Sharon Dwertman
Dog - Willie

Second Place went to - Ken Skorpa
Dog - Baron

Field preparations will begin the end of April for the upcoming year. Thanks goes out to everyone that helped this past season.

John Hadzinsky

PISTOL— CHAIRMAN NEEDED

We are currently hosting an Action Pistol activity that shoots the first Sunday of each month. This event is Chaired by Tim Portik. We also host a Bowling Pin Pistol activity that shoots the second Sunday of each month. **We are looking for a Chairman for this event.**

Tim has also advised that he is going to retire in little over a year and will give up the pistol event that he chairs. **Tim is willing to help a new Chairman with the Bowling Pin and Action Pistol event.** This is a great opportunity for a younger/newer member with little experience to get some outstanding “On the Job Training” All you need to bring is a willingness and a strong desire. Contact Tim Portik and/or Gib Ingwer at 440-862-0424 with your interest.

ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

This year’s fishing derby will be on Saturday, June 11th with registration beginning at 8:00a.m. Fishing will be from 9:00-11:00a.m. with lunch to follow. We found the fishing often slows down after 11:00 especially if it’s hot. As always I am looking for multiple volunteers to assist with the event by being there at 7:30a.m. to help set up, rig poles, and work a Passport to Fishing station. Barry Palmer and the Venture Crew will be assisting with the passport to Fishing program for interested youth starting at 8:00AM. During the event we have to measure fish, pass out worms, assist with lunch, and then clean up. Help for all or part of that day would be greatly appreciated. I also need help prior to the event. The grass needs mowed, the pond needs weed whipped a few days prior to the event, the picnic tables need to be set up and washed, the leaves need to be raked out of the pavilion, etc. So please don’t hesitate to assist in any way you can. Please call me or Rick Piper and let us know what you are able to do so we can plan accordingly. Lastly, for those of you unfamiliar with our event, every kid goes home with a prize. So if you know anyone or a business who would be interested in making a donation, please ask them. I will supply thank you letters to all donors for tax purposes. Thanks for helping to make the event a big success!

Brandy Hanusosky
Rick Piper

SMALLBORE SILHOUETTE

Smallbore Silhouette will begin the 2016 season on Sunday May 22 at 9:00AM - 1:00PM. Cost is \$5.00 first match. \$2.00 for additional matches. Juniors first match \$3.00. \$2.00 for additional matches.

Any safe .22 Rimfire Chambered for Short, Long, or Long Rifle. Unlimited Scope Power NO STINGERS, MAGNUMS, OR .17 CAL All shots from the standing position. No slings or supports. For questions or additional info, contact Greg Keefer:
greg.keefery@yahoo.com

RIMFIRE BENCHREST MATCHES

Rimfire Benchrest Matches will begin the 2016 season on Sunday May 1 at 9:00AM - 1:00PM. Cost is \$3.00 per match. Competitors fire from a bench with their rifle either on a front rest and rear sand bag or on a bipod and rear bag. One piece front/rear rests are also allowed (lead sleds). Any safe .22 Rimfire Chambered for Short, Long, or Long Rifle. Unlimited Scope Power For questions or additional info, contact Greg Keefer:
greg.keefery@yahoo.com

BOY SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Various Boy Scout troops contact ARGC with requests to hold an event or wishing to use our ranges. Please refer all inquiries involving Boy Scout activities to Barry Palmer. Barry has agreed to be the ARGC Boy Scout Liaison.



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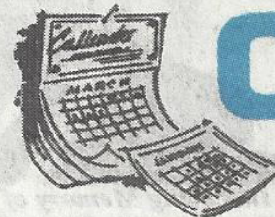
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ARGC CALENDAR

APRIL

Saturday 9 -Trap - 9:00AM
-Hunter Education Class - 9:00AM
 -Vintage Military Shoot - 9:30AM

Sunday 10 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Monday 11 -Skeet - 6:00PM

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

Wednesday 13 -Trap 10:00AM

Friday 15 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 16 -Trap - 9:00AM
-Concealed Carry Class - 8:00AM
-"Pistol Range Closed" - 1:00 - 4:00PM

Sunday 17 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -Black Powder - 9:30AM
 -CMP - 10:00AM
 -Venture Crew - 2:00PM
 -Youth Archery - 4:00PM to 6:00PM

Monday 18 -Skeet - 6:00PM

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

Wednesday 20 -Trap 10:00AM

Friday 22 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 23 -Trap - 9:00AM

Sunday 24 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Monday 25 -Skeet - 6:00PM

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

Wednesday 27 -Trap 10:00AM

Thursday 28 **-Board Meeting - 6:30PM**

Friday 29 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 30 -Trap - 9:00AM

MAY

Sunday 1 -Rimfire Benchrest - 9:00AM
 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -Action Pistol—10:00AM
 -Venture Crew - 2:00PM
 -Youth Archery - 4:00PM to 6:00PM

MAY

Monday 2 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 3 -Trap - 6:00PM

Wednesday 4 -Trap 10:00AM
 -Skeet League - 6:00PM

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

Friday 6 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 7 -Trap - 9:00AM

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

Monday 9 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 10 -Trap - 6:00PM

Wednesday 11 -Trap 10:00AM
 -Skeet League - 6:00PM

Friday 13 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 14 -Trap - 9:00AM
 -Vintage Military Shoot - 9:30AM

Sunday 15 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -Black Powder - 9:30AM
 -Venture Crew - 2:00PM
 -Youth Archery - 4:00PM to 6:00PM

Monday 16 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 17 -Trap - 6:00PM

Wednesday 18 -Trap 10:00AM
 -Skeet League - 6:00PM

Friday 20 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 21 -Trap - 9:00AM

Sunday 22 -Smallbore Silhouette - 9:00AM
 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Monday 23 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 24 -Trap - 6:00PM

Wednesday 25 -Trap 10:00AM
 -Skeet League - 6:00PM

Thursday 26 **-Board Meeting - 6:30PM**

Friday 27 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Saturday 28 -Trap - 9:00AM

Sunday 29 -Skeet - 10:00AM

Monday 30 -Skeet - 6:00PM

Tuesday 31 -Trap - 6:00PM

TRAP CHAIRMAN

Dawn Johnston has resigned her position as Trap Chairman. Effective immediately Jerry Jeffers has agreed to accept this position. Our thanks goes out to Dawn for all of her work and dedication with this event.

SKEET

We are in need of someone that has a dump truck or has access to one. Please give Skeet Chairman Rich Moretti a call to schedule moving target and/or other material.

NEW CMP RULES

Optical Sights For Service Rifles. For several years, the CMP has recognized that optical sights are the wave of the future for Service Rifle shooting. Military recruits today do all of their training with optical sighted rifles. Service Rifle rules have traditionally tried to keep abreast of military rifle and training developments so opening Service Rifle shooting to optical sights became an inevitable change. The 2016 rules will, for the first time, permit M16/AR15-type rifles to have optical sights with a maximum magnification of 4.5X. Legal scopes can be fixed power or variable, but the maximum power of variable scopes may not exceed 4.5X.