

GCF&G ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2025 ARE DUE ON 12/31/24. YOUR RENEWAL DUES FOR 2025 CAN BE PAID STARTING ON 10/01/24. THE RENEWAL PROCESS BEGINS THEN.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I wanted to inform you that the upcoming March meeting will be a significant one for new members. It will be the first meeting where you can pick up your New Member Packet.

Please make sure you sign in, as this will ensure that you receive credit for your attendance. This year marks a significant shift in our membership processing, with more changes on the horizon for the processing of renewals in 2025.

As a new member, it's crucial to take advantage of the opportunity to log into the membership hub and update your profile. Currently, we have only entered the basic information provided on the tablets during New Member Day.

There is plenty to do to get those new member hours in and more. Remember, the eight hours work is a minimum, and there is **NO** maximum.

Fish Fry tickets will go on sale at the next meeting and are still only \$10.00 each. I will announce who will have the tickets, but they will also be available in the kitchen on meeting nights as well.

There are a limited number of tickets available, so do not delay in getting yours. There will be some special guests, fellowship, raffles, and some great food!

The Fish Fry will take the place of the May membership meeting. Hope to see you there!

We are also actively looking for existing members who are willing to take on key roles, in our organization.

If you have any interest in becoming a Chairperson for these openings, please email me at president@gcfng.com.

— Mike Given



HANG ON LITTLE BUDDY! Spring is on the way. Soon, we'll be fishing, shooting, camping, and more. Things are about to get really busy at the club. New members plan to get your work hours and meetings in early so that you can enjoy the many fun things to do at the club. The Fish Fry, the Annual Picnic and the Rooster Run are just a few of the activities you won't want to miss! It's your club, enjoy it often this summer! - (Greene Co. Fish & Game Photo by Tim Ankeney).

**SPRING CLEAN-UP
APRIL 13TH & 14TH.**

**A VERY IMPORTANT
WINTER WEATHER NOTICE!**

The arrival of winter weather brings with it the realistic possibility that events at the club could be affected by hazardous winter weather conditions. Since January 1st, 2000 we have used the following weather policy:

If Greene County has declared a level 1 or higher snow emergency and is listed as such in TV, radio, and news broadcasts at 3 pm the day of any board or membership meeting, that meeting will be postponed and rescheduled to the same day and time the following week unless otherwise indicated.

Common sense should always be used when deciding whether or not to attend any club activity during inclement weather. To further determine the status of other scheduled events at the club contact the chairperson in charge of that activity or refer to our website at www.gcfng.com or Facebook at Greene County Fish & Game.

12 GUN GIVEAWAY MONTHLY WINNER

February's gun was a Smith & Wesson "Governor .410 / .45 long Colt revolver. The winning ticket number was # 1022. Nick Granato III of Beaver Creek was the lucky winner. Congratulations go out to Nick! All ticket sales will end on 6/30/24, so please turn in your stubs now, Don't wait!!

Good Luck to Everyone this year! Thanks for your Support!

**GCF&G - SCTP
Scholastic Clay
Target Program**

The GCF&G SCTP season has officially started. We are excited to welcome eight new athletes to our team. Practices are held Sundays from 10 AM - 2 PM.

Thursday practices will begin March 14 from 6-8 PM. Any youth that are interested in joining the team are encouraged to attend one of the scheduled practices.

The team is currently gearing up for their first competitive event on March 23rd at Wright Patterson Rod and Gun Club.

— Lori Balmer



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FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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ABSOLUTELY NO GUESTS ARE PERMITTED TO HUNT OR FISH WITHOUT EXPRESSED WRITTEN CONSENT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THESE PRIVILEGES ARE RESERVED FOR OUR MEMBERS, THEIR SPOUSE, MINOR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN! THANK YOU.

THE NEWS & EVENTS PAGE

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The auxiliary will meet again on Thursday March 14th at 6:30 at the clubhouse to stuff eggs for the kid's annual Easter egg hunt. Bring a dish to share if you wish to participate in a carry in dinner prior to the stuffing. Paper goods are provided, bring your own beverages or use the vending machine.

The annual kids Easter egg hunt will be held on March 23rd, rain, shine or snow! Doors open at 10:30, the "hunt" starts at 11:00. Don't be late! A light lunch will be served following the hunt, while eggs are emptied and returned for next year.

Euchre will be Saturday, March 16th, doors open at 6 PM, cards start at 7 PM, you must arrive by 6:45 PM to play. Bring a dish to share and your own beverages or use the vending machine. Cost is \$5 and includes cash prizes for the top 3 places. This event is open to the public.

Any questions, please call or text Gail at 937-609-2215.

— Gail Walker

2024 GCF&G DATES TO REMEMBER

- COWBOY ACTION SHOOT - 3/3.
 - SCTP TRAP BEGINS - 3/3.
 - W/A EASTER EGG HUNT - 3/23.
 - ARCHERY ORG. MEETING - 3/30.
 - RIM-FIRE LEAGUE OPENER - 4/9.
 - ANNUAL CLEAN-UP WEEKEND 4/13 & 4/14.
 - NRA PISTOL LEAGUE - 4/18.
 - NDR PISTOL LEAGUE - 4/18.
 - SPORTING DOG TRAINING - 4/20.
 - ARCHERY BAG SHOOT - 5/1.
 - CAMPGROUND OPENS - 5/1.
 - CMP LEAGUE SHOOT - 5/1.
 - B.P. SPRING RENDEZVOUS 5/2, 5/3, 5/4 & 5/5.
 - M1 GARAND CLINIC - 5/4.
 - KID'S FISHING DERBY - 5/11.
 - STEEL CHALLENGE SHOOT - 5/11.
 - 5-STAND SPORTING CLAYS - 5/19.
 - ALL-NIGHT CATFISH TOURN. - 5/25.
 - GCF&G ANNUAL YOUTH DAY - 6/22.
- SEE THE CLUB CALENDAR FOR MORE GREAT CLUB EVENTS!
CHECKOUT OUR WEBSITE AT: WWW.GCFNG.COM FOR ADDITIONAL DATES.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY KID'S EASTER EGG HUNT - 3/23.

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP WEEKENED - 4/13 & 4/14 @ 8 AM.

GCF&G ANNUAL FISH FRY - 5/14/24 @ 6 PM.

Hang on to your current red GCF&G Membership Badge, it's about to become a collector's item. The last club badges were issued to new members In 2023. The new membership card you received in your packet this year is now your official club I.D.. So, keep it with you when you are at the club.

MARCH 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER MANDATORY CAMPGROUND MEETING - 3/16 @ 1 PM. W/A EASTER EGG HUNT - 3/23 @ 10 AM. MARCH SCTP DATES: 3/3, 3/10, 3/14, 3/17, 3/21, 3/24, 3/28 & 3/31.					1	2
3 C-BOY ACTION 8:30 AM SCTP TRAP 10 AM. B.P. WINTER LEAGUE 10 AM.	4	5 COWBOY ACTION PRACTICE 5:30 PM.	6	7	8	9
10 B.P WINTER LEAGUE 10 AM. SCTP TRAP NWTF MTG. 6 PM.	11	12 BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MTGS. 6 & 8 PM	13	14 SCTP TRAP 6 PM. W-AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30 PM.	15	16 W-AUX EUCHRE PARTY 6 PM. ARCHERY MTG. 12 PM.
17 B.P WINTER LEAGUE 10 AM. SCTP TRAP 10 AM.	18	19 COWBOY ACTION PRACTICE 5:30 PM.	20	21 SCTP TRAP 6 PM.	22	23 .22 COWBOY ACTION SHOOT 9 AM. W/A EASTER EGG HUNT 10:30AM.
24 B.P WINTER LEAGUE 10 AM 31 B.P WINTER LEAGUE 10 AM	25	26	27	28 SCTP TRAP 6 PM.	29	30 ARCHERY MTG. 1 PM.

MEMBERSHIP WORKS

Taking the Next Step

LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS

Well our first renewal year using the new "Membership Works" system is over and the results are in. Honestly, they were pretty impressive. Almost 80% of our membership chose to pay online using a credit or debit card. Only 267 members chose to do things the old fashioned way and mail their renewals in or pay them at a meeting. While updating the membership information of those members who chose to mail their renewals in, I learned some very interesting things. Many of the members who chose not to pay online had valid email addresses and total access to the Membership Hub, but still chose to pay the old fashioned way. Only eight additional GCF&G bumper stickers were purchased this year. A bumper sticker that could go away completely in 2025. The number of member children that we usually get, who chose to join the club using the renewal process, dropped to only one this year.

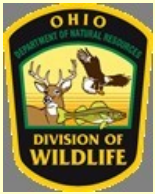
INCREASED FLEXIBILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

With the creation of Membership Works, members will experience more freedom and admittedly take on some new responsibilities. Members were able to purchase 12-Gun raffle tickets this year with their renewals. Soon the ability to pay camping and other member related fees will likely follow. The ability to access, edit, and provide member information is now available 24/7 to anyone who wants to use Membership Works. You can even create a profile and share your outdoor and sportsman related interests with others. You can update your mailing address, change your area(s) of interest, and much, much more. A whole new world will be opening up for those with the courage to embrace and explore it. The club is finally moving into the 21st Century.

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

The membership card that everyone received this year will replace your red badge, hang on to it as it just became a collector's item. **Hang onto your new card, you won't get a new one every year.** You do need to make sure that all your contact information; email, mailing address, and phone number are current and up to date. You will have to use your real name, not a nick name or an alias. Thank you!

— Tim Ankeney



Become a Certified Ohio Hunter Education Instructor Sign-up Now!



The District 5 Instructor Class will be held on Saturday, July 20th & Sunday, July 21st, 2024 at the Spring Valley Range. Don't wait, Sign-up Today! A background check is required.

Click the link below for information on how to register for the class!

<https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/education-training/hunter-education/huntered-instructors>

The GCF&G's 5TH ANNUAL

ROOSTER RUN Youth Pheasant Hunt & Potluck Lunch

will be here before you know it! Registration Forms will be posted on the club website (<https://gcfng.com>) and available in the clubhouse on May 1st, 2024. Participants will be accepted in the same order their applications are received.

Sponsors for this great event are currently being sought, and volunteers are being registered now! Contact Tim Ankeney today at (937) 532-9395 or at roosterrun@gcfng.com and become part of the fun, the excitement, and the success!!!

Support the NRA..... Join or Renew Today!

We're making it even easier for you.

Just fill out the NRA Join / Renewal form at the bottom of this page. Simply mark the membership type you would like, pick out your magazine choice and complete the form. Once it's completed give a copy of the form to our club NRA Recruiter or click onto our new direct link to the NRA and join now!

CALL DON DOBBS - (937) 902-6540 or the FISH & GAME OFFICE - (937) 372-8261



- JUST A FEW GOOD REASONS TO JOIN THE NRA:**
- The National Rifle Association does more to protect the rights of all sportsmen and gun owners than any other single organization in the world.
 - To receive important legislative alerts that will keep you apprised of potential threats to your 2nd Amendment Rights.
 - To become a working part of the most recognized and influential gun owners group in the world today and make your voice heard.
 - To help promote Youth & Adult Firearms Education Programs.
 - To receive additional Insurance coverage for you and your guns.
 - To receive an official "Members Only" shooter's cap.
 - To receive your choice of (3) monthly NRA Magazines.
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Here are two easy ways for you to join the fight to protect your Second Amendment Rights!

You can click on this Direct Link to the NRA:

<http://membership.nrahq.org/default.asp?campaignid=XC020263>

Or You Can:

Fill out the Membership Application below and forward it to one of our Club Representatives.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION			XC020263 <small>NRA RECRUITER ID#</small>
DATE: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> NEW MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL # _____	MEMBERSHIP TYPE
NAME: Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ <small>FIRST LAST M.I.</small>		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 YEAR \$45 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 YEAR \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 YEAR \$150 <input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR (18 years & under) \$15 <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATE (no magazine) \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE MEMBERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Reg. \$1500 <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. \$750 <input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished - age 65+ \$750 <input type="checkbox"/> EASY PAY* <input type="checkbox"/> PAID IN FULL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN POSTAGE (per year: \$5 Canadian - \$10 other)	
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN RIFLEMAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN HUNTER <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICA'S 1 ST FREEDOM <input type="checkbox"/> SHOOTING ILLUSTRATED <small><input type="checkbox"/> Print or <input type="checkbox"/> Digital* <input type="checkbox"/> Print or <input type="checkbox"/> Digital* <input type="checkbox"/> Print or <input type="checkbox"/> Digital* <input type="checkbox"/> Print or <input type="checkbox"/> Digital*</small>	
PHONE: (____) _____ E-MAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: ____/____/____		<input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> CHARGE TO: <input type="checkbox"/> AMEX <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MC <input type="checkbox"/> DISCOVER	
CHOOSE ONE MAGAZINE (Junior Members under age 15 receive NRA Family Insights Insider e-newsletter, 15 and older choose magazine)		ACCOUNT # _____ EXP. DATE _____ <small>MO. YR.</small>	
MEMBER SIGNATURE (credit card only) _____		TOTAL \$ _____	

*EPL \$25 down payment then \$25 quarterly payments until the total dues are paid.

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