

THE ARGC NEWS

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AUGUST 2011

Club Dues

Application fee	\$50.00 plus tax
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MONTHLY MEETING NEWS

The next ARGC membership meeting will be Thursday, September 1st, at 7 PM. As always there will be food and beverages available. The next ARGC Board meeting will be Thursday, August 25th, at 7:00PM.

First Readings:

- Thomas F. Mazur
- David P. Murphy
- Burthen Maynard

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 Reading:

- James Sabatos
- Timothy J. Seese Sr.

Congratulations to the above new ARGC members that were voted in at the August 2011 meeting.

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE

The progressive raffle number drawn for the August jackpot of \$280.00 was #1111, William Roberts. William was not registered nor in attendance. The jackpot will continue to grow.

RYDER FARM

Dan Wyatt advised the membership that the property acquisition process is now done. Congratulations goes out to all members, you have added an additional 35 acres to your club. \$20,000 was put down and owner financing obtained for the \$119,000 balance. Payments are based on a 10 year payment schedule. Our goal, with everyone's help, is to pay off the loan much sooner.

2011 WORK TIME

According to the Club By-Laws, 2011 work time begins November 1, 2010 and must be performed and submitted by October 31, 2011.

WORK PARTIES

Work parties are scheduled for the purpose of general maintenance, clean-up of the grounds, and buildings:

Saturday	August 20	9:00AM
Saturday	August 27	9:00AM
Saturday	September 3	9:00AM
Saturday	September 10	9:00AM
Saturday	September 17	9:00AM
Saturday	September 24	9:00AM

You can just show up on the designated date and time or contact Dan Wyatt at 440-344-0018 for more information and/or to sign up. We are asking workers to bring gloves, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, chainsaws, and anything you believe may be of assistance.

RIFLE RANGE

The rifle range access driveway will be closed for 2-3 days to replace the culvert. Work will begin Saturday August 20 at 9:00AM. We need your help! This is a great opportunity to get your work time in. Call Dan or just show up!

9-11 MEMORIAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A 9-11 memorial pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday 9/11/2011 from 8AM to 12PM at the ARGC clubhouse. All proceeds will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. Ticket donation is \$10 and is tax Deductible. We need your help and donations to make this work! Please contact John or Tina Kucera for ticket information, donation of time, or service.

OUTDOOR WEEKEND WRAP-UP

We had 29 students, including 9 Girls participating in the 2011 Outdoor Weekend. 9-10 parents and club members also tested with the students. Youths that scored 95 or better, will be invited back for a pheasant hunt this fall.

Our heartfelt appreciation and thanks goes out to the following businesses that supported this event with donations, discounts, gift certificates, and prizes:

Dick's Sporting Goods	Mentor
Outdoor Army Navy Store	Ashtabula
Karran Shop	Geneva
Sports Junction	Geneva
Giant Eagle	Geneva
Concealed Carry Class	Geneva

- Joe Webb
- Rick Alderman

Lake Erie Chapter NWTf Ashtabula

Thanks also goes out to ARGC member John Herkes for his donation of 500 rounds of ammo.

Without their help this event would not be possible!

A big thank you goes out to the Seminar Leaders:

Jim Beitel	-	Waterfowl Dog Training
Ed Crosby	-	Turkey Hunting
Skip Craine	-	Turkey Hunting
Mark Titman	-	Bow Hunting
Marty Stroczyński	-	Shooting Demo
Dave Sulecki	-	Black Powder
Greg Lloyd	-	Black Powder
Duane Kemp	-	Black Powder

And all of those that participated in this event, Hunter Safety Instructors, Volunteers, and Sponsors, especially the ACWCL. A thank you also goes out to our kitchen staff, John Daugherty and to Bill Haly for having the grounds in excellent shape.

A special thanks to our Co-Chairman of the Outdoor Weekend, Skip Craine and Paul Callender.

FROM THE BIRD PRESERVE

With a very good year last season, even with the above average snow fall of 36", I am happy to report that almost \$6700 was grossed as income with about \$2000 in profit being reported. Thanks to all the members and Trustees who made this a success. We are looking forward to an even better year this year and hope that the weather will be in our favor. We will be open in September with the date to be published in the next newsletter. The 1st Classic Hunt is September 18, 2011.

Thanks, John Hadzinski
Preserve Chairman

ARGC DECATHLON RESULTS

We had 59 shooters participate in the 2011 ARGC Decathlon. The winners by class are:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>
Youth	Kadin Ingwer
Junior	Ben Urbas
Women	Tista Wolf
Men	Mark Hepler
Pro	Gib Ingwer

Thanks goes out to all of the members that helped out. This event would not be possible without your support. Also a special thanks to John Travis and Dicks Sporting Goods for all of the prizes and to Denise Callender and Theresa Wyatt for running the sign-up stations again this year.

PIG ROAST

I want to thank the following for their help with putting on a successful Pig Roast:

Dave DeGeorge	Paul Soltis
Cathy Welsh	John Kucera
Tina Kucera	Vince Slocum
Mike Schubert	

and to all who sold tickets and supported this event.

Joe Slocum
Committee Chairman

TRADER DAY

A Trader Day is scheduled for Saturday August 13th, 9:00AM to 3:00PM at the ARGC clubhouse and grounds. Tables will be available inside the clubhouse for \$20 each. Outside space will be available for \$20 per site. Outside pavilion tables are 2 for \$20.00. Dealers are welcome. Tables and sites are limited, get your reservation in now. A non-refundable prepayment is required to reserve your site.

Proceeds will be donated to the Land Fund. Food and soft beverages will be available; alcohol will not be permitted. The ARGC Rifle Team is hosting this event. Please contact Gib or Cindy Ingwer for more information.

LAND FUND CASH RAFFLE

Cathy Welsh and Dawn Johnston have volunteered to co-chair a committee to hold a Fall Cash Raffle that benefits the ARGC Land Fund. 1000 tickets at \$5.00 each will be sold beginning August 13 for a cash prize of \$1000 with the drawing being held at the November, 2011 membership meeting. Cathy and Dawn need 4 or 5 members to help with this project. Contact Cathy or Dawn to help or obtain additional information.

HUNTER TRIALS

The 2011/12 Hunter (Dog) Trials schedule has been Established. The trials will consist of Flushing and Pointing as in previous seasons The season schedule is as follows:

September 11, 2011	September 25, 2011
October 2, 2011	October 16, 2011
November 6, 2011	December 5, 2011
January 8, 2012	February 5, 2012
March 4, 2012	March 18, 2012
April 7, 2012	April 22, 2012

For registration and/or more information call Joe Slocum.

POND

Committee Chairman, Tina Kucera reported that the Pond was being treated to kill the Algae; a small portion at a time.

LAND SURVEY

With the recent land acquisition and the ongoing Verizon tower discussions, we have a need to have our land surveyed within the next three to five months. If any member is a surveyor or knows of a surveyor that you can recommend, please contact Terry Berkey. The land survey project received unanimous approval at the August membership meeting.

VERIZON DISCUSSIONS

A motion was made to support the Board in continuing good faith discussions with Verizon with regards to the location of a communications tower on ARGC property. A majority of Membership approved the motion with only 2-3 dissents. This is a financial opportunity that can offset future land assessment payments for members.

FRIDAY SKEET SHOOT

We are looking for a member to run the Friday AM Skeet Shoot on a regular basis. This is an excellent opportunity to get your work time in. Please contact Terry Berkey if you are interested.

PERSONAL INFO CHANGE

Please contact the ARGC Secretary whenever you have a change of personal information. (Address, email, phone, cell í í) You can obtain a Change Form from Secretary John Kucera, in person, by mail c/o ARGC, or from our website: http://www.argconline.org/files/Personal_Information_Change.pdf

HUNTER'S EDUCATION CLASSES

The next Hunterø Safety Class scheduled for:

Wednesday	September 7	- 6:00PM
Saturday	September 10	- 9:00AM
Wednesday	September 28	- 6:00PM
Saturday	October 1	- 9:00AM

New this year, 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 the following tips on what to expect:

How to Prepare -

Though it varies by instructor and location, most classes take place over two days. Seating is often limited, so be sure to call to confirm availability and/or register.

Study materials will be provided in the class, but you will need to bring a pencil or pen and a highlighter.

What to expect in class -

Your instructor will cover a range of topics, from conservation, safety, and ethics to the proper handling of shotguns, handguns, bow hunting gear, and more. You should not bring firearms or archery equipment to class - all necessary equipment will be provided.

Certification testing -

Once you've completed the course work, you will be given a 100-question test which includes a mix of multiple choice, matching, and true/false questions. A student must score 80% or higher on the test to pass and obtain certification.

The Ohio hunter education program is for people with little or no knowledge of hunting or firearms. If you've had experience with hunting, shooting, and the outdoors you may be able to skip hunter education through proficiency testing.

NRA RANGE GRANTS

Gib Ingwer proposed that ARGC considers becoming an NRA-affiliated club due to the Grant Funds that are available. Mark Hepler had previously advised membership that Range Grant funds are available at the NRAø discretion to qualifying NRA-affiliated clubs and associations. To qualify, applicants must be a 100% NRA membership NRA-affiliated club. Up to \$5000 per year is awarded for qualifying projects or activities that promote firearms and hunting safety, enhance the marksmanship skills of those participating in the shooting sports, educate the general public about firearms, or contribute to the general well-being of the public at large.

SPECIAL THANKS

A Special Thanks goes out to the following:

- Terry Berkey for his efforts and work in getting the equipment and grinding the stumps.
- Carlos Fuentes for donating Steel Target Silhouettes, Carrousel Target, and a .22 cal. Knock-down Target that he made for the Pistol Range.
- Rick Alderman & Joe Webb's CCW Class for \$375

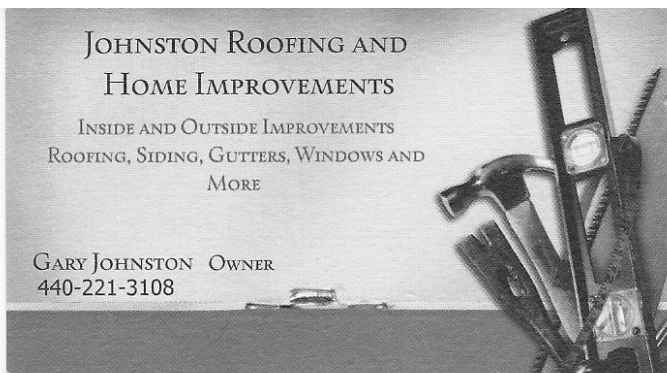
ASHTABULA COUNTY GUN SHOW

A Gun Show will be held at the Kathryn Rose Party Center, 3116 North Bend Road, Ashtabula Ohio. This show is open to the public:

Saturday, August 6 9AM - 4PM

Sunday, August 7 9AM - 3PM

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ARGC CALENDAR

AUGUST

Friday 12 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 13 -**Trader Day - 9:00AM**
 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 14 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -CMP - 10:00AM
 -Bowling Pin - 10:00AM
 Monday 15 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 16 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 17 -Trap - 10:00AM
 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM
 Friday 19 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 20 -**Work Party - 9:00AM**
 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 21 -Black Powder - 9:30AM
 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Monday 22 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 23 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 24 -Trap - 10:00AM
 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM
 Thursday 25 -**Board Meeting - 7:00PM**
 Friday 26 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 27 -**Work Party - 9:00AM**
 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 28 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Monday 29 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 30 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 31 -Trap - 10:00AM
 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 1 -**Membership Meeting - 7:00PM**
 Friday 2 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 3 -**Work Party - 9:00AM**
 -Trap - 10:00AM

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 4 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -Action Pistol - 10:00AM
 Monday 5 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 6 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 7 -Trap - 10:00AM
 -**Hunter's Ed. Class - 6:00PM**
 Friday 9 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 10 -**Hunter's Ed. Class - 9:00AM**
 -**Work Party - 9:00AM**
 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 11 -**Memorial Breakfast - 8:00AM**
 -**Hunter's (Dog) Trials - 8:30AM**
 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -CMP - 10:00AM
 -Bowling Pin - 10:00AM
 Monday 12 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 13 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 14 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Friday 16 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 17 -**Work Party - 9:00AM**
 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 18 -Black Powder - 9:30AM
 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Monday 19 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 20 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 21 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Friday 23 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 24 -**Work Party - 9:00AM**
 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 25 -**Hunter's (Dog) Trials - 8:30AM**
 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Monday 26 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 27 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 28 -Trap - 10:00AM
 -**Hunter's Ed. Class - 6:00PM**
 Thursday 29 -**Board Meeting - 7:00PM**
 Friday 30 -Skeet-10:00AM