

THE ARGC NEWS

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MAY 2012

Club Dues

Initiation fee	\$50.00 plus tax
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ASHTABULA ROD AND GUN CLUB

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MONTHLY MEETING NEWS

The next ARGC membership meeting will be Thursday, June 7th, at 7 PM. As always there will be food and beverages available. The next ARGC Board meeting will be Thursday, May 31st, at 7:00PM.

First Readings:

- Gaylon Barney
- John W. Higgins
- Bridget Gregori
- James Nagy
- Brian Wisne
- Vernon Robertson III
- Brian Crouse
- John Darby
- Bryan Stright
- Anthony Arandas

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:

- Robert Gierman
- Denny King
- Jim Wawrowski
- Chuck Wiley

Congratulations to the above new ARGC members that were voted in at the May 2012 meeting.

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE

The progressive raffle number drawn for the March jackpot of \$119.00 was #1199, Michael Urbas. Michael was not registered nor in attendance. The jackpot will continue to grow.

2012 WORK TIME

According to the Club By-Laws, 2012 work time begins November 1, 2011 and must be performed and submitted by October 31, 2012.

WORK PARTIES

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

Saturday	May 12	9:00AM
Saturday	May 19	9:00AM
Saturday	May 26	9:00AM
Saturday	June 2	9:00AM
Saturday	June 16	9:00AM
Saturday	June 23	9:00AM
Saturday	June 30	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.

The Rifle Range committee will be pouring concrete on Saturday May 19th. This is another great opportunity to get your work time in. Please contact Gary Johnston and/or Dawn Johnston to sign up and or obtain additional info. Be sure to bring your wheelbarrows.

Mike Mitchell is looking for volunteers for a work party that he will be scheduling for June 2012. As chairman for the building committee, Mike has a substantial list of work to be done. This is an excellent opportunity to get your work time in. Give Mike a call to sign up.

SKEET LEAGUE

American Classic Skeet will again be shooting at ARGC in 2012.

When: April 18 - August 29
Time: Wednesdays at 6:00 PM
Where: Ashtabula Rod and Gun Club
Cost: \$25.00 League Fee
\$7.00 Weekly Fee

Weekly Dirty Bird prizes and end of season cookout and shooting events

This is a handicap league and all level shooters are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Contact John Knollmaier or Dean Brown with any questions.

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, May 19 9AM - 4PM
Sunday, May 20 9AM - 3PM

Modern & Antique Firearms & accessories. Sporting & Military Collectibles. Breakfast will be available.

ACWCL ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

The ACWCL Spring Banquet will be held on June 2, 2012 at the Morgan Hose Fire Hall, 3033 E. Water St., Rock Creek, Ohio. Social Hour begins at 4:30 PM with Dinner at 6:00PM, The Dinner ticket giveaway is a Traditions 50CAL Buckstalker Muzzleloader. Many Raffle and Silent Auction items will be available as well as many exciting Door Prizes. For tickets and/or more info, contact Paul Callender.

PHEASANT CLASSIC - THREE BIRD HUNT

The season ending Classic Hunt results are as follows:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Dog</u>	<u>Owner and Trainer</u>
1st.	Clay	Roger Miller
2nd.	Lady	Mike Losik
3rd	Buddy	John Hadzinski

Thanks to all of those in attendance during the 2011/2012 season hunts. A special thanks to our judge and committee chair, Mike Mitchell, and to committee chairs John Kucera and Dennis Pasqualone. Next season we are planning to hold 12 hunts. The schedule will be announced in advance. Our fields are now closed; training is not permitted until further notice. Contact John Hadzinski or any of the committee chairs for questions or additional info.

OUTDOOR WEEKEND

The Outdoor Weekend will be held in July from Friday July 13th through Sunday July 15th.

“ALL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED”

Outdoor Weekend is an activity for boys and girls ages 11 to 16. This event is a hands on weekend learning experience. Participants learn how to shoot black powder muzzleloaders, .22 rifle, trap, skeet, and archery. For children safety, shooting events are one on one with an instructor. Ear plugs and safety glasses are furnished. Hunters education topics will include hunter safety, bow hunting, survival, trap & field care, turkey hunting, and much more fun.

Tents are set up for sleeping and food is furnished. This event begins Friday evening at 6:00PM and ends Sunday afternoon. Sunday's activities will conclude with a test, that if passed, will allow participants to get their hunting license.

If your child has previously attended a hunter safety class (recommended) he or she can still attend this event. Participants need to bring a sleeping bag, flashlight, and their personal items.

This event is open to the public, however **attendance is by advance registration only**. Application forms, medical report (if taking medicine), and parental consent forms are to be completed and returned to Skip Craine by July 6, 2012. For more information, contact Skip Crain or Paul Callender. This is also a great opportunity to get your work time in; contact Skip if interested.

The cost of ammunition used for the shooting events has skyrocketed. ***Donations of ammunition, .22cal and 20ga, (No re-loads please!), kids door prize items, or monies are welcome.***

SPRING 2012- COUNTY TRAP LEAGUE

\$7.00 per 50 targets - Adult

\$5.00 per 50 targets - Junior

Sign Up Time: 12:00AM - 3:00PM

May 12, 2012 Monroe -
“Gary Ray Memorial Shoot”
25 - 16 yard targets and
25- Team - handicap targets

This is a **team shoot**, contact Jerry Jeffers for questions or additional information.

REVERSE RAFFLE

Dan Wyatt sends out his thanks to all who helped and supported the Spring 2012 Reverse Raffle either by working and/or attending. Your efforts resulted a net profit to the club of \$2829.77.

ARGC ANNUAL DECATHLON

The annual Decathlon will be held on the club grounds Sunday July 8, 2012 at 10:00AM.

“ALL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED”

Category classes for the event are: Pro, Men, Women, Junior (13—16 yrs), and Sub Junior (12—younger).

Events include:

Casting, Tomahawk, Archery, Air Rifle, Skeet, Trap, 22 Pistol, 38 Pistol, 22 Rifle, & Black Powder

All shooting devices are club furnished; Pro class is contestant's option. Anyone that has previously won a Men's division will shoot Pro class.

Cost for the event is:

Pro/Men - \$10.00 Women - \$5.00,
Junior - \$3.00, Sub Junior at no charge,
\$25.00 - max per family

Prizes will be awarded in each class, except Pro, for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Pro class prize will be the sum of the entire fee collected from the Pro participants.

Food and Drinks will be supplied by the club. We ask those that wish; to bring a covered dish. Events to begin at 10:00 with Food and Drink at 2:00 PM.

We are looking for volunteers to work this event, work starts at 8:00AM. This is a great opportunity to get your work time in. Please contact Paul Callender to sign up or obtain additional information.

U.S. SPORTSMAN ALLIANCE

Dan Wyatt received a letter of appreciation for ARGC's contribution and support of the Sportsman Alliance.

Through our club's membership, ARGC members have access to numerous benefits including discount shopping mall, insurance programs, and discounts on health care products. These benefits can be accessed by going to www.ussainsure.com. The user name is **ussaben** and The password is hunt2012. There are further benefits through www.ussportsmen.org.

On a sad note, we received word of the passing of Don Smith. Don, a long time volunteer and dedicated member of the U.S. Sportsman Alliance had visited ARGC several times to provide Sportsman Alliance updates and solicit our support. Don will be missed.

FRIDAY SKEET

We are pleased to announce that Dean Brown and John Knollmaier Jr. will co-chair the Friday Skeet shooting event.

ARGC ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

Brandy Hanusosky will once again be in charge of the Kid's Fishing Derby. Please mark your calendar for Saturday June 9th, 2012. Registration begins at 9:00 AM with fishing from 10:00 AM to Noon, followed by lunch. Fishing equipment for use that day or donations of unwanted fishing equipment would be greatly appreciated. Donations are also needed for prizes. Please contact Brandy or Brandy's Parents, Rick Piper or Marcella Piper for further information. Anyone who can help out at this event or preparing the grounds prior to the event will get credit for work time. Hoping for a good turnout, see you all there!

ARGC GAS & OIL LEASE OPPORTUNITY

Ashtabula County is in the beginning stages of a large gas and oil boom. Land speculators and drilling companies are attempting to get large blocks of land under their control. Terry Berkey has researched the opportunity for ARGC and has talked to the following companies:

- NELA (Northcoast Envr. Landowners Assoc.)
- Wishgard LLC
- Gas Lease Professional LLC

The listed companies have different lease terms and payments for gas drilling rights. Maximum income (\$2500 to \$4500 per acre) would be for an evasive (Drilling on property) lease but take 5 to 8 years to receive or we can enter into a non-evasive lease agreement with payment (\$1280 per acre) received in 6 to 9 months. This would provide our land fund with (98 acres times \$1280) \$125,440 taxable income. This would allow quick repayment of our land debt and eliminate the current need for land assessments. This was discussed with members in attendance at our May membership meeting. We will ask members to approve the non-evasive faster payment option at the June membership meeting.

ODNR

Jason Hadsell, our district ODNR officer stopped by our May meeting to provide members with a current update and answer questions.

- Jason mentioned that the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Natural Areas program consists of over 800 acres in Ashtabula County
- Baiting Wild Turkey is illegal, please call ODNR at 1-800-POACHER to report this activity
- Perch availability is picking up on the lake as fishermen are getting their limit in 47 ft. of water.
- Give ODNR a call with any Black Bear sighting.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks goes out to the following:

- Harold Buck for his generous \$150 donation to the land fund.
- Mark Hepler for his donation of fishing tackle, ammo, and prizes for the Outdoor Weekend event.

AMBOY RIFLE CLUB

Representatives, Gary Russell and Denny Huffman, of the Amboy Rifle Club attended our membership meeting to offer their sincerest thanks to ARGC members for our cash support and loan of youth rifles for their new 4-H Shooting Sports initiative. They presented a Certificate of Appreciation and advised that the "Amboy Sharpshooters" club is up and running with 16 youth members.

LARRY PACKE YOUTH MEMORIAL HUNT

The Ashtabula County Coon Hunters Association will be hosting the Larry Packe Youth Memorial Hunt on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at their Club Grounds at 898 Griggs Road, Jefferson Ohio. Kim Braden, Youth Hunt Director, has invited ARGC members to come out and see what their program is all about. The Licensed Bench Show deadline is 4:00PM and the Licensed Nite Hunt deadline is 8:00PM. All donations will be used to support the hunt. Contact Kim Braden with any questions and for more information.

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SHOTGUNS: MOSSBERG 410 GA 18.5" YOUTH #50358 \$299; MOSSBERG 20 GA 18.5" YOUTH #50485 \$299; MAVERICK 88 12GA WITH 20" AND FULL TUBE 8 RD CAP \$249; Mossberg 590A1 bantam stock 18.5" Ghost ring sights \$499

RIFLES: ROSSI SINGLE SHOT .223 \$199; ROSSI SINGLE SHOT .243 NICKEL \$229; used Weatherby Vanguard .257 Mag like new \$399; used Weatherby MKV 20" .308 with full and youth stock \$449

Spikes Stripped Lowers \$139

REVOLVERS: S&W Nightguard 357 mag 7-shot scandium frame \$699; Charter Arms Off Duty 38SP #53811 \$299; Charter Arms Undercover Lite 38SP #53820 \$299; Taurus 85 Titanium 38SP \$399; S&W Model 629 44 Mag 6" #163606 \$799; Taurus 94 Stainless 22LR 9 shot 2" \$299; Ruger GP 100 in newer .327 Fed Mag 7 shot 4" \$529; S&W Model 60 SS 3" 357 Mag 5-shot \$599

1911 PISTOLS: Auto Ordnance/Kahr new parkerized 1911A1 Army \$499; Regent (made in Turkey) stainless \$549; Dan Wesson Heritage \$1,199; Rock Island Armory 9MM \$399; Colt 38 Super \$899.

Thanks for looking – please honor my request that this offering is ONLY to ARGC members and your immediate family. We want to liquidate some inventory prior to our next show and these prices are good only for a limited time.

THIS CAN BE YOUR SPACE

Club members can advertise here for \$3.00 per month per classified ad. Any member who has a business can place their business card in the newsletter for the cost of \$5.00 per month to reach approximately 400 members and families. You can either mail advertisement with payment to the Club address listed on Page 1 of the newsletter, e-mail to argcnews@gmail.com and send payment to club, or submit to newsletter editor at the general membership meetings.



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ARGC CALENDAR

MAY

Friday 11 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 12 -**Work Party - 9:00AM**
 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 13 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -CMP - 10:00AM
 -Bowling Pin 10:00AM
 Monday 14 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 15 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 16 -Trap - 10:00AM
 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM
 Friday 18 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 19 -**Work Party - 9:00AM**
 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 20 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -Black Powder - 9:30AM
 Monday 21 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 22 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 23 -Trap - 10:00AM
 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM
 Friday 25 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 26 -**Work Party - 9:00AM**
 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 27 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Monday 28 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 29 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 30 -Trap - 10:00AM
 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM
 Thursday 31 -**Board Meeting - 7:00PM**

JUNE

Friday 1 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 2 -**Work Party - 9:00AM**
 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 3 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -Action Pistol - 10:00AM

JUNE

Monday 4 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 5 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 6 -Trap - 10:00AM
 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM
 Thursday 7 -**Membership Meeting - 7:00PM**
 Friday 8 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 9 -**Fishing Derby - 9:00AM**
 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 10 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -CMP - 10:00AM
 -Bowling Pin 10:00AM
 Monday 11 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 12 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 13 -Trap - 10:00AM
 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM
 Friday 15 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 16 -**Work Party - 9:00AM**
 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 17 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 -Black Powder - 9:30AM
 Monday 18 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 19 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 20 -Trap - 10:00AM
 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM
 Friday 22 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 23 -**Work Party - 9:00AM**
 -Trap - 10:00AM
 Sunday 24 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Monday 25 -Skeet - 6:00PM
 Tuesday 26 -Trap - 6:00PM
 Wednesday 27 -Trap - 10:00AM
 -Classic Skeet League - 6:00PM
 Thursday 28 -**Board Meeting - 7:00PM**
 Friday 29 -Skeet - 10:00AM
 Saturday 30 -**Work Party - 9:00AM**
 -Trap - 10:00AM