

**GCF&G ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2012 ARE DUE BY 12/31/11.
RENEWAL DUES FOR 2012 WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10/1/11.**

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

2011 FONRA BANQUET

The Friends of the NRA is a non-profit organization that promotes the shooting sports throughout the nation.

One half of the funds raised in a community by their local chapters are returned to shooting clubs, scouting groups, FFA groups, law enforcement agencies, etc in that community in the form of a grant during a meeting in January of each year.

These grants are voted on and allocated by members of FONRA chapters from across the state to ensure a fair distribution of the funds.

Last year GCF&G received over \$8,500 to help us upgrade our ranges, make repairs and add access roads for work parties. This work is complete and would not have been possible at this time without the grant from our 2010 banquet.

In 2011 we are going to request money to purchase equipment for our youth / ladies programs and possibly establish an ISPC range that could be used by our members on a registered shoot basis and also by local law enforcement groups for training.

On Thursday, September 29th we will be holding the 18th annual dinner banquet and we need you to be there to support us in making this an even bigger event than last year.

Look at the information in the clubhouse and on the webpage to purchase tickets. *(Tater will also have the order forms in the kitchen.)*

This is a critically important program that must be funded, so please do your part to help make it a success.

— Bob Brown

**COWBOY ACTION
SHOOT AUGUST, 7TH.**

Our next Cowboy Shoot will be held on Sunday, August 7th. Registration will begin around 8:30 AM.

Come on out and try our new .22 caliber Cowboy Shoots. We'll be shooting the 4th Saturday of each month until Upland Season starts, except for the month of September.

Here are the remaining Cowboy Action .22 shoot dates for 2011:

Saturday - August 27th
Saturday - October 22nd

We hope you can come out and give Cowboy Action Shooting a try!

— Ruger Ray

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Thank you to all who attended our July meeting!

Our next meeting will be at 6:30 PM at the Frisch's Restaurant on Fairfield Rd. in Beavercreek on Wednesday, August, 3rd.

We will be finalizing plans for the August picnic activities - we need your support, so come on out.

There will not be a euchre party this month as we are again focusing our energies on the annual picnic.

Join us again for another great evening of card playing in September and remember to bring a dish to share, your favorite drinks along with family or friends.

If you have any question contact Gail Walker at (937) 609-2215.

ATTENTION CAMPERS!

**CAMPGROUND LUAU
SATURDAY AUGUST 20TH!**

Our annual Campground Luau will be held on Saturday, August 20th. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a covered dish to share and your favorite drink if you prefer anything besides water.

We'll have hamburgers, hot dogs and brats! Things will get started around 3 PM at the archery shelter house.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES
JAKE'S DAY SUMMARY**

On June 25th, your club hosted a very successful outdoor conservation field day event, better known as a "JAKES DAY" like many sportsmen's clubs and organization do annually across the nation.

This is a program that originally began under the capable supervision and implementation of the NWTF - National Wild Turkey Federation.

The ODNR's Division Of Wildlife provided us with some much needed equipment and personnel which helped make this year's event another huge success.

Forty-three youths from around the area, age 17 and under, accompanied by an adult, took part in our event this year and were able to participate in six different outdoor recreational activities.

Our young participants were also given

**12 GUN GIVEAWAY
MONTHLY WINNER**

The winning ticket number for July was # 0837. The lucky winner, was Daniel Osterday of Dayton, Ohio. Congratulations go out to Daniel!

a unique opportunity this year and were able to spend some informative time on the newly constructed Cowboy Action Range.

Supervised instruction was given and the kids were all able to give trapshooting, .22 rifle, pistol, air rifle, muzzle loading and archery a try in a controlled environment.

Fish & Game members and instructors manned many of the event stations and gave instruction as required and requested.

Many of the youths were participating in these outdoor skills for the very first time.

Grant's from the DOW helped make this worthwhile event possible.

**RANGE CLOSURES
WILL BE COMING SOON.**

For more than a decade now we have been closing our gun ranges on November 1st, in preparation for upland hunting season. This year will be no exception.

Despite our predictable plans and best efforts to make people aware, the Board of Directors always seem to field a number of e-mails, phone calls and letters from upset members who were caught by surprise.

We decided to try getting the word out early this year. Summer is winding down, Autumn is moving in and range closures are on the horizon.

Don't be that member standing in the parking lot with a truck full of firearms and a gaggle of friends staring at a "Ranges Closed" sign with a deer in the headlights expression on your face.

We all hate range closures but they are a necessary evil as safety must always be foremost in our minds.

So sight in those out of state deer rifles, Ohio slug guns and black powder rifles early this year and don't forget your eye and ear protection!

NEW MEMBER MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that time has gone so quickly since that cold snowy day in January that you applied for membership.

We want to thank all those members who have completed their work hours and meetings obligations to the club and we urge those who haven't to stop procrastinating.

Fall is a busy time of year for most sportsmen. Many of us find our way to the woods and waterways so many activities at the club will be winding down soon.

Fewer organized activities will mean fewer opportunities for new members to get their obligations in. As more time passes it we become increasingly more difficult.

Contact the chairman of your favorite committee today or call the Caretaker Ken Mitch at the clubhouse at (937) 372-8261 to set something up.



**Greene County Fish & Game
ASSOCIATION**



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AUGUST 2011 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.

**ANNUAL PICNIC REMINDER
AUGUST 13TH & 14TH!**

Our Annual Picnic weekend is a great time for all the new members to meet new friends and / or get their work hours in if they are so inclined.

The picnic is a two day event that features a large Kid's Fishing Derby and Casting Competition from 8 - 11 AM on Saturday morning at the big lake.

We throw in a challenging 5-stand course in the morning down on the 100-yard range and couple that with a night time card shoot from 5 - 11 PM just to provide a sure fire recipe for family fun.

Late Sunday morning, we'll all gather under the circus tent and around the shelter house where Rick Brown and the Blaze Band will be pumping out our favorite rock, country and oldies tunes.

Did I mention that we're also going to feed you? That's right; pulled pork, burgers, hot dogs, fried chicken and more!

There will be games, giveaways, raffles and good times for everyone who shows up. The Women's Auxiliary will be providing the organization with much needed support, so tell them thanks!!!

Don't forget the Annual Sweepstakes Grand Prize drawing at 5 PM. This is a great time to introduce your family and friends to your club and it's all free.

Just bring your lawn chairs and/or a blanket, your choice of beverage, and a covered dish to share with everyone.

The best part about Sunday is that all the food is free! Bring a dish if you can. Let your child or grandchild bring a long a friend. They can fish the kid's tournament together on Saturday, then just hang out during the day on Sunday.

Hopefully the weather will cooperate and you can bring along grandma and grandpa too. We are strong because of our members and very proud of our club.

This is our way of saying Thank You for another great year. This would be a great weekend to invite a friend or family member who might like to join us in 2012. Bring them out and show them around!



GOOSE DRAWING

Don't miss the annual Goose Drawing at this Month's Meeting on 8/9 for your chance to Waterfowl hunt this season at the club.

2011 HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS DATES

AUGUST 27 (HOME STUDY)
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 12, 14 & 16
6 - 9:30 PM NIGHTLY

OCTOBER 3, 5 & 7
6 - 9:30 PM NIGHTLY

NOVEMBER 4 & 5
6 - 9:30 PM FRIDAY
10:00 AM - 3:30 PM SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 12 (HOME STUDY)
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

DECEMBER 5, 7 & 9
6 - 9:30 PM NIGHTLY

Call 1-800-WILDLIFE To Register.

SECRETARY'S REMINDER!

If you move and/or have a change in mailing address, please take a moment to visit the club website at (www.gcfng.com), and submit a "Change of Address" request.

This will insure that an interruption in the delivery of your club newsletter and other important correspondence (renewal form), doesn't occur.

Don't forget to include your new phone number if it also changed with the move.

— Tim Ankeney

**2011 EVENT DATES
TO REMEMBER:**

Annual Goose Drawing - 8/9

Annual Picnic - 8/13 & 8/14

Hunter Ed. Home Study - 8/27

ODNR Safe Boating Course - 8/27

Archery Deer Hunt Qualifier - 9/11

Friend of NRA Banquet - 9/29

C.G. Halloween Party - 10/8

B.P. Fall Rendezvous
10/28, 10/29 & 10/30

Upland Season Opens - 11/4

Annual Youth Hunt - 11/13

Annual Turkey (Card) Shoot - 11/5

Ohio Deer Gun Season
11/28 thru 12/4

Annual Kid's X-Mas Party - 12/10

AUGUST 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 ARCHERY 3-D BP SUMMER LEAGUE #1 W-AUX MTG. @ Frisch's B/C.	4 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM NRA PISTOL NDR PISTOL	5	6
7 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM COWBOY ACTION SHOOT 8:30 AM	8	9 BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS 6 PM & 8 PM GOOSE DRAWING AFTER	10 ARCHERY 3-D BP SUMMER LEAGUE #2 CMP LEAGUE	11 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM NRA PISTOL NDR PISTOL	12	13 ANNUAL PICNIC WEEKEND (SEE ABOVE)
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21 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM	22	23 TRAPSHOOT LEAGUE #7	24 ARCHERY 3-D BP SUMMER LEAGUE #4 CMP LEAGUE	25 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM NRA PISTOL NDR - AWARDS	26	27 <u>SATURDAY AUG. 27TH EVENTS</u> HUNTER EDUCATION HOME STUDY 9 AM - 2 PM ODNR SAFE BOATING COURSE
28 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM	29	30 TRAPSHOOT LEAGUE #8	31 ARCHERY 3-D BP SUMMER LEAGUE #5 CMP LEAGUE	DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL PICNIC WEEK-END ON AUGUST 13TH & 14TH! There will fun for the entire family, good food, shooting events, great music and lots of prizes!		