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January 16, 2023	January Member Meeting	730pm
January 21st & 28th	Coyote Drives	900am
Feb. 4th, 11th, 18th	Coyote Drives	830am
February 13, 2023	February Corporate Meeting	630pm
February 20, 2023	February Member Meeting	730pm
March 13, 2023	March Corporate Meeting	630pm
March 20, 2023	Oyster Dinner <i>Bring a side dish to share!</i>	630pm
March 20, 2023	Member Meeting	730pm

Election Results for 2023 Officers & Trustees

Election night was held last month during the December meeting. The Trustees presented ballots with prospective Officers and Trustees for the membership to vote on. Up for re-election as trustees were Pete Cloyes and Kevin Smith. Jeff Drake opted not to run for re-election. Nominees for Trustee included Amber Nagy and Keith Swick. The 3 Trustee slots were filled by Pete Cloyes, Kevin Smith and Keith Swick.

Dave Black and Tom Moore ran unopposed for President & Vice President, and Janell Black opted to not run for re-election as Treasurer. Tori Swick accepted nomination for Treasurer and was elected. Last month Carol Day resigned as Secretary and Cindy Black has been acting as interim Secretary. Cindy will continue in this role until the position is filled.

PRESIDENT ***Dave Black***

VICE PRESIDENT ***Tom Moore***

SECRETARY ***Position Open***

TREASURER ***Tori Swick***

TRUSTEE ***Pete Cloyes***

TRUSTEE ***Kevin Smith***

TRUSTEE ***Keith Swick***

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Coyote Drives Update

We have our first coyote drive for calendar year 2023 set for January 14th. We hope for a great turn out and good weather for the hunt. For this hunt, all are asked to meet up at the Lake House as the Clubhouse is booked with another event. Hunters should meet at the Lakehouse between 9am-930am. We will be serving the typical lunch mid-day at a cost of \$5 per hunter. If you are able to help in the kitchen please plan to be there at 10:30 to help get things set up and then served.

Additional hunts are planned for the 21st and 28th of January and February 4, 11, 18 and 25. so far. For these hunts we will be back to meeting up in the Clubhouse at 830am and for lunch. We hope to see many of you at the hunts. Thanks again to James Gorsuch for keeping this tradition alive.



If you would like to volunteer to help out with the coyote drives please reach out to James Gorsuch via phone or text at (740) 501-8861.

Constitution Amendments

During the September Meeting a committee was established to review the current Constitution and develop suggested amendments for review by the Officers and Trustees and ultimately the membership. The committee included Mike Strawser (Trustee), Greg Meredith (member) and Craig Abbott (member). Over the course of October, November, December, the committee met and developed a number of suggested revisions. After meeting and a few conference calls the Committee sent the suggested edits off to John Tomich (member and attorney) for his input and assistance in proper wording and placement in the Constitution.

The committee presented the recommended changes at the Corporate meeting on December 12th for input. A final draft was then created and was distributed to the membership during

the December monthly meeting. Further discussion of the suggested amendments is planned for the January meeting and depending on comments, may be voted on during the January meeting. If further changes are deemed necessary during the January review, the changes will be made/distributed and read in February and then voted on in March.



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ODNR Conservation Club Competitive Partnership Grants and Step Outside Grants

Jon Decker and Craig Abbott have been working on grant applications with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. These grants, if awarded, could be used to cover some of the costs we as a club incur for various events we hold. The grant application period opens February 1, 2023 and is for events held between July 1st of 2023 and June 30th 2024. Grants must be submitted to ODNR no later than March 15, 2023 to be considered.

We will be submitting for grant funds for several of our events including; Public Fish Day, Youth Pheasant Hunt, Summer Clay Target Shoots, BB Gun Range Events and others. Funds can be used to purchase equipment, food/drinks, and other items. Jon is working with ODNR to clarify what qualifies as an approved grant expense.

We plan to have all our applications completed and submitted by the end of January to ensure we don't miss any deadlines.

Christmas Dinner

Prior to the December Member Meeting the Club hosted the annual Christmas Dinner. We had a very good turnout and a lot of really good food!. Many of the Members brought in White Elephant gifts for the Men's and Women's gift exchange. It was a great evening and it seemed everyone had a great time!

Immediately following the dinner and gift exchange we rolled into the December Member Meeting where we reviewed constitution ammendments and held elections.



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ODNR NEWS & INFORMATION



Governor Dewine / Director Mertz Announce Rollout of Body Cameras for ODNR Officers

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) — Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Director Mary Mertz today announced that ODNR has begun outfitting all natural resources and wildlife officers with body cameras.

"Body cameras are becoming an increasingly important piece of technology in all areas of law enforcement," said Governor DeWine. "These new cameras have the ability to protect natural resources and wildlife officers while also offering transparency to the public."

ODNR officers are certified peace officers who are required to enforce all laws and statutes of the state within their jurisdictions. Governor DeWine directed ODNR to begin the process toward outfitting their officers with body cameras last year. Following that directive, ODNR pursued approval from the Ohio Controlling Board to use \$3.5 million in federal funding from the Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to purchase the new cameras.

"Our officers have been well-trained in the use of this new technology that will help them better protect the people of Ohio," said ODNR Director Mary Mertz. "We are excited to rollout these new cameras to increase the trust of our visitors while keeping our officers safe on the job."

Body-worn cameras have become a key tool for law enforcement in recent years to accurately document arrests, critical incidents, and other interactions with the public. The cameras also allow for detailed documentation of crime and crash scenes, enhance the accuracy of incident reports and court testimony, and help to improve community-police relations.

The rollout of ODNR body-worn cameras is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

At Governor DeWine's direction, the Ohio State Highway Patrol has also outfitted state troopers with body cameras and a grant program was developed by the Ohio Department of Public Safety to assist local law enforcement agencies with the costs associated with camera equipment and video storage.

The 2022 Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp is available for purchase.

Fourteen dollars of every \$15 Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp sold are invested in the state's Wildlife Diversity Fund. This fund supports habitat restoration, wildlife and habitat research projects, creation of wildlife educational materials, and efforts that restore and conserve endangered and threatened species. No state tax dollars are contributed to this fund.

The stamp proceeds support:

- habitat restoration, land purchases and conservation easements
- keeping common species common
- endangered & threatened native species
- educational products for students and wildlife enthusiasts
- wildlife and habitat research projects

Order a stamp for \$15 through the Ohio's Wildlife Licensing System at home or at any store that sells hunting and fishing licenses.

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ODNR - Officer Field Reports

Central Ohio – Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officers Antoinette Freet and Tyler Eldred, assigned to Licking and Morrow counties, respectively, patrolled Knox Lake in July. They contacted a group of anglers from Florida. One adult was found not to have a current nonresident Ohio fishing license and was written a summons for the offense. The nonresident pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$70 for fishing without a license and \$110 in court costs.

State Wildlife Officer Tyler Eldred, assigned to Morrow County, spoke to high school students participating in a hunter education course at Cardington-Lincoln High School. The environmental science class, now in its second year, is a class where students build an understanding of science through the lens of conservation, with an emphasis on real-world activities. The curriculum centers on wildlife conservation and outdoor recreation. In addition to the hunter education course, the students participate in activities such as hunting and fishing, to include the harvesting, processing, packaging, and consumption of wild game as well as learning to fish and tie knots and flies. Though most students had not hunted or fished before taking the class, they were excited to ask Officer Eldred questions and learn about wildlife law enforcement.

Northwest Ohio – Wildlife District Two

In early November, State Wildlife Officer Anthony Lemle, assigned to Lucas County, received a call from the Turn-In-A-Poacher (TIP) hotline about subjects hunting waterfowl during the closed season. Officer Lemle located three hunters illegally hunting waterfowl. Two of the three hunters were using shotguns capable of holding more than three shells. The appropriate citations were issued, and six wood ducks were seized as evidence. The case is pending in court. Reports of wildlife violations can be submitted anonymously via the TIP hotline at 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437).

State Wildlife Officer Brock Williamson, assigned to Seneca County, and Outdoor Skills Specialist Jaron Beck taught a class about mammals to four participants in the Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist program for the Seneca County Park District. The course provides practical knowledge of Ohio's diverse ecology; environmental education and interpretation techniques; and skills for education and outreach, community science, program support, and stewardship. Officer Williamson led the class on a walk through a woodlot and taught the volunteers about common mammals and signs that can be found in northwest Ohio. Staff and volunteers discovered mole tunnels, groundhogs, chipmunks, squirrels, hickory nuts left by rodents, and signs of deer rubs on trees.

Northeast Ohio – Wildlife District Three

During the white-tailed deer gun hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Aaron Brown, assigned to Wayne County, received a complaint from a landowner who heard a gunshot on his property. Officer Brown located two individuals nearby with a dead deer. Officer Brown confirmed that both individuals had hunted on the landowner's property without permission. The hunter with a deer in his possession had not invalidated his deer permit. Officer Brown issued a summons to the shooter for failing to invalidate a permit or game check a deer before moving it. The hunter paid fines and costs totaling \$154.50. Further, the second individual was found to have a protection order preventing possession of a firearm. Officer Brown seized the firearm as evidence and the individual was charged through Wayne County Municipal Court for violating a protection order. He was ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$281.50.

State Wildlife Officer Zach Hillman, assigned to Cuyahoga County, received a Turn-In-A-Poacher (TIP) complaint from the Barberton Police Department about an individual hunting within city limits. The hunter was found to be in possession of a recurve bow. The individual did not have permission to hunt the property and did not possess a valid Ohio hunting license. The bow was seized by the Barberton Police Department as evidence. Officer Hillman issued one misdemeanor summons for hunting without a valid Ohio hunting license. The individual was found guilty and ordered to pay \$219 in fines and court costs. He was also charged by the Barberton Police Department for criminal trespass and ordered to pay an additional \$154 in fines and court costs. Reports of wildlife violations can be submitted anonymously via the TIP hotline at 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437).

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Southeast Ohio – Wildlife District Four

On the first day of the white-tailed deer gun hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Ted Witham, assigned to Jackson County, was made aware of a potential wildlife violation regarding a spike buck that was game checked as a button buck. The hunter was found to have harvested a spike buck with antlers 4 and 7 inches in length and later harvested a 10-point buck. Under Ohio law, a deer with at least one antler 3 inches or longer must be game checked as an antlered deer. The hunter was issued one citation for harvesting two antlered deer in a season and another for providing false information to a check station. He appeared in Jackson County Municipal Court and was found guilty of both offenses. He paid \$1,485 in fines and restitution, and the second buck was forfeited to the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

During the 2022 white-tailed deer gun hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Mark Basinger and Wildlife Officer Supervisor Dan Perko investigated a hunting complaint in Perry County. A doe was harvested and retrieved on private property by someone who did not have permission to be on the property. The individual was charged with hunting without permission and the deer and gun were forfeited as evidence. The individual pleaded not guilty and the case is pending in Perry County Municipal Court.

Southwest Ohio – Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officer Gus Kiebel, assigned to Adams County, responded to a call from a deer hunter who lost the bottom portion of his tree stand. The hunter was stranded in the tree on the seat platform. Officer Kiebel responded and got the standing portion of the stand back to the hunter. After the incident, Officer Kiebel talked the hunter into continuing his hunt. Later, the hunter excitedly called Officer Kiebel to let him know he had harvested a deer.

January Recipe: Black n Blue Venison Sliders

Ingredients:

2 Tbsp Olive Oil
1 small onion, chopped
1 pound ground venison mixed w/ pork or beef fat in a 90/10 ratio
1 Tbsp blackening seasoning
1 package of 12 Hawaiian rolls
You favorite burger toppings

Crème Blue Cheese Sauce

1/2 tsp olive oil
1 garlic clove, minced
4 oz crème fraiche
4 oz Blue cheese crumbles
1 tsp blackening seasoning
2 dashes Worcestershire sauce

In a skillet add 1 tbsp olive oil and the chopped onions and cook over low heat until the onions are carmelized, then set aside and let cool

Mix ground venison, carmelized onions and blackening seasoning and form 12 small patties to fit the Hawaiian rolls.

Add the other tbsp of olive oil to griddle/skillet and heat to medium high. Add the venison patties and allow one side to blacken before flipping them. Flip then cook another 2 minutes.

For the sauce add the olive oil and minced garlic to a sauce pan on medium heat and sweat the garlic for 1 minute.

Add remaining ingredients for the blue cheese sauce and heat up and stir to break up the blue cheese crumbles. Remove from heat once it starts bubbling

ASSEMBLE

Remove rolls from package, separate and cut in half to create a top/bottom bun. Place cooked burger on each roll and spoon on the Crème blue cheese sauce and add your favorite toppings.

Enjoy!

If you have a recipe(s) you would like to share, please submit them to Craig Abbott; hartfordcontracting@gmail.com

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We continue to need members volunteering on work days and events. To maintain good standing, members need to contribute 28 hours of volunteering annually. Eight of these hours must be associated with Swappers Day, either helping set up, working during the event or help cleaning up after. Below is a list of upcoming events and opportunities to get your hours. Contact any of the trustees or Clyde for any other volunteer opportunities. We can always use help mowing, trimming and picking up sticks around the grounds, and general maintenance now that we are into Spring/Summer.

Other opportunities for getting your volunteer hours are always available. We can always use help mowing the lawn areas, trimming around the buildings and ponds, picking up sticks/debris around the grounds. Clyde Phipps (Caretaker) always has a "To Do" list of items to be tackled. Reach out to Clyde or any of the trustees to coordinate helping out around the property or for more information about upcoming planned work days. Contact info for trustees is listed on last page of this newsletter.

JCSC - Volunteer Opportunities - 2023

Date	Location	Activity	Lead Contact	Contact Info	Arrive Time for Volunteers
1/14/2023	Lake House	Coyote Drive - Shuttling Hunters etc	James Gorsuch	740 501-8861	830am
1/14/2023	ClubHouse	Coyote Drive - help with lunch	James Gorsuch	740 501-8861	1030am
1/21/2023	Lake House	Coyote Drive - Shuttling Hunters etc	James Gorsuch	740 501-8861	830am
1/21/2023	ClubHouse	Coyote Drive - help with lunch	James Gorsuch	740 501-8861	1030am
1/28/2023	Lake House	Coyote Drive - Shuttling Hunters etc	James Gorsuch	740 501-8861	830am
1/28/2023	ClubHouse	Coyote Drive - help with lunch	James Gorsuch	740 501-8861	1030am
2/4/2023	Lake House	Coyote Drive - Shuttling Hunters etc	James Gorsuch	740 501-8861	830am
2/4/2023	ClubHouse	Coyote Drive - help with lunch	James Gorsuch	740 501-8861	1030am
2/11/2023	Lake House	Coyote Drive - Shuttling Hunters etc	James Gorsuch	740 501-8861	830am
2/11/2023	ClubHouse	Coyote Drive - help with lunch	James Gorsuch	740 501-8861	1030am
2/18/2023	Lake House	Coyote Drive - Shuttling Hunters etc	James Gorsuch	740 501-8861	830am
2/18/2023	ClubHouse	Coyote Drive - help with lunch	James Gorsuch	740 501-8861	1030am
2/25/2023	Lake House	Coyote Drive - Shuttling Hunters etc	James Gorsuch	740 501-8861	830am
2/25/2023	ClubHouse	Coyote Drive - help with lunch	James Gorsuch	740 501-8861	1030am
3/20/2022	Clubhouse	Oyster Dinner - Kitchen help	Troy Gilliam	614 736-3140	430pm
4/1/2023	Hamburger Stand	Cleaning up stand for PF Youth Event	Tom Moore	614 209-3872	9a
4/7/2023	ClubHouse	Set up for PF Youth Event	Tom Moore	614 209-3872	830a
4/8/2023	Parking Field	PF Youth Event	Tom Moore	614 209-3872	830a
4/8/2023	Parking Field	PF Youth Event - Shotgun Range	Jeff Drake	614 402-5070	830a

There are plenty of opportunities for getting your hours in this year. In addition to the list above, you can contact Clyde Phipps for other opportunities such as mowing, picking up sticks/debris around the club and many other general maintenance tasks. We will be scheduling work days also, so keep an eye out for work day notifications.

FOR A FULL LIST OF ALL ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED AT THE CLUB, VISIT THE CLUB WEBSITE AND CLICK ON THE GOOGLE CALENDAR

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Please submit any photos or stories to Craig Abbott for inclusion in the monthly newsletter, or call to discuss anything you would like to see included in the newsletter.

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