



# The Defiance Co. Fish and Game Board of Directors

## 2009 Fall/Winter Newsletter



### Board of Directors

Allan Hansford, Chairman

This summer Lynn Gaylord and John Nichols asked to be excused from the board due to family and time concerns. We granted their request and asked Jerry Latta to have 2 other representatives from the fish and game club fill-in for the remainder of the year. Jerry Latta and Joe Daly were voted to represent the fish and game on the board.

As was stated in the last board letter, the board of directors requires any member to have written permission to hunt on the property. In August the board held 2 meetings for members that wanted to hunt on the fish and game property this season. The meetings went well and we have around 30 members that have been granted written permission to hunt for the 2009 hunting season.

If you have been to the outdoor range in the past few days, you have probably noticed improvements beginning to the backstop. Dirt has been secured and plans to increase the backstop height, length, and to add safety fencing to the range have begun. In addition, the 25/50/100 yard shooting benches will have a cement pad added under them for more stable shooting. Parking and safety will be improved with a new stone drive and parking lot out at the 100-yard bench.

Please take the time to inquire with anyone you see shooting or fishing on the grounds. Ask to see their membership card if you can speak to them, or write down the license plate and call any board officer if you can't speak with them directly.

This letter, current dates, range closings and much more current club information is available to you every day by visiting your website at [www.dcfishandgame.com](http://www.dcfishandgame.com).

### Defiance County Fish & Game Association

Jerry Latta, President

Thanks to lots of work and despite the heat, the first Kids Day in several years was an overwhelming success. With the help of all the clubs affiliated with the Fish and Game and the ODNR Division of Wildlife, the youth had the opportunity to participate in: archery, BB guns, black powder guns, and .22 rifles. I had hopes of having a good response, but there was no way that I expected the 92 youth and 57 parents that came out for the afternoon. What a day it was! If you have internet access, you can check it out on the ODNR Division of Wildlife's site <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/Default.aspx?tabid=21984>. It was a very nice way for our clubs to be honored for the work that day.

The monthly meetings have been well attended and we have been shooting shotguns prior to the start of the meetings. This has not been an organized trap-shooting event and scores are not kept, but it has been a good time and has introduced several new members to shotgun shooting.

New shooting benches have been built by Joe Daly and are ready for members to use. The cost of the benches came from a donation by Larry Fritch and a \$500 grant from the Tri-State Gun Show. Plans are still under way to get leveled concrete pads for the new benches.

We would like to give a special thanks to Eric Nethercutt for his work on restoring several of the mounts in the clubhouse. Needless to say they look MUCH better. Thanks Eric.

I would encourage all shooters at the outdoor range to make sure that they are shooting at targets and not at the frames that have been installed. Shooting by vandals destroyed the original backing boards installed this summer. The new frame that is up has also been shot. If you see anyone intentionally shooting the frames, please call the sheriff's office.

There are tickets for the December Raffle attached on the last page of the newsletter. If you would like to purchase additional tickets or have tickets to sell at work, you can copy the page or let any of the officers know that you need more.

### Defiance County Rifle and Pistol Club

Joe Hiler, President

The Defiance County Rifle and Pistol Club's eight-week fall league will come to a close Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup>. There were 25 participants involved in rimfire pistol competition this fall. The second and forth Wednesdays, November thru March, we will be running 22 pistol fun matches. They will start at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the public. This involves a lot of rapid fire shooting, and there is a \$5.00 charge to participate.

Saturday January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010 at 1:00 p.m. will be our yearly Dixon Trophy Match. This 22 bullseye match is open to the public and the winner is allowed to keep the traveling trophy for one year. Winter pistol leagues will begin Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The league is preceded by a business meeting at 6:30 p.m. with election of the 2010 club officers.

The Pistol Club has made many improvements over the last four years, and has grown to over 190 members. With a lot of hard work from volunteers, private donations, and grants from the Friends of the NRA, the indoor range has really undergone a transformation. There is no better time than now to support the NRA, exercise your firearm freedoms, and come out to the club. You will have fun, meet a lot of nice people, and improve your shooting skills.

**Straightened Arrows Archery Club**

**Allan Hansford, President**

The archery club has just put the finishing touches on its 2009 archery season. Each year we continue to improve and grow, both with shooters at the shoots and with people to help make things happen. The last shoot of the year was in September and we again had over 80 shooters with many of them less than 18 years of age. Many had come to the fish and game kids' day in August and wanted to "shoot again". It is so good to see future sportsmen and women coming out and having fun! Our next club event will be the annual meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010 at 6:00 P.M., where we will have a brief club information session to discuss the upcoming season and then share a meal together. All members of the archery club will get an invitation and information will be posted on our website [www.straightenedarrows.org](http://www.straightenedarrows.org) with dates and times of upcoming events. If you are interested in archery feel free to call me at 419-439-3155.

**3 Rivers Conservation Club**

**Steve Flory, President**

The Three Rivers Conservation Club is off and running. Our first membership drive was a success and Bob Flory won the membership drive raffle. We ended the drive with approximately 60 new members.

The 3RCC 1st annual hog roast and gun raffle was a huge success. With about 90 people in attendance we were able to raffle off and give away 7 guns and a compound bow. Every youngster (17 years old and younger) in attendance was drawn for at least one prize each. The committee members all agree that we are here to support our youth and we were very proud to have all of them at our first banquet. A big thanks to all who attended and to all who helped make things happen. We would also like to thank our sponsors who pitched in a little extra and made the night extra successful: Burkholder Taxidermy, MW Concrete and Septic Tanks, Highland Center Electric, Eric's Taxidermy, G.L. Lloyd Earthmoving, Timcor Inc., and Jeff and Annette Niese and Family.

Still shoots have also started and are becoming very well attended. 3RCC will continue to hold a still shoot on the 3rd Sunday of each month starting at 12:00 pm. The last shoot of the season will be in April. Lunch, coffee, and pop are available at each shoot. Everyone is welcome, so bring the family and come on out to the Fish and Game on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Just a reminder; every single dollar that is raised by 3RCC at our fund raising events stays in our local area and is used to support our local conservation and youth projects.

If anyone is interested in learning more about our new club, check out the website at [www.dcfishandgame.com](http://www.dcfishandgame.com), or come to a meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Fish and Game.

**Defiance County Fish and Game Annual Membership Renewal**

**Please Print**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal of my membership \$**20.00** – checks payable to Defiance County Fish and Game Board of Directors

Completed renewal application with payment can be mailed to:  
The Defiance County Fish and Game Board of Directors  
P.O. Box 1011  
Defiance, Ohio 43512

**If you wish to have your membership card mailed to you, please include a self addressed stamped envelope.**

For further information, visit our website at: [www.dcfishandgame.com](http://www.dcfishandgame.com) or phone Joe Hiler at: 419-784-3559.

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