



The Defiance Co. Fish and Game Board of Directors

2010 Summer Newsletter



Board of Directors

Changes around the property: The comments about the improvements to the Fish and Game clubhouse are really appreciated and are coming from members, guests, and renters. This Spring there was siding installed on much of the clubhouse, which was completed by the hard work of many of the members, and we need to thank them for this. While the siding was off insulation was blown into the walls, which should help keep the heating costs down this Winter and eliminate some of the drafts. While the siding project was being completed, there was aluminum soffit installed, which not only makes the clubhouse look better, but also has made it difficult for the wasps to nest. The porch area has been changed and insulation and siding will be installed there in the next few months. The filling in of the ravine north of the Rifle and Pistol club and a section behind the outdoor backstop is, also, nearing completion. The 25 and 50-yard benches have been moved to the 100 yard area and target holders have been installed at 25, 50, and 100 yards. By all shooting being done from the 100 yard area, more than one person will be able to shoot and at different distances. Slowly, but surely, improvements are being made.

Hunting on the property: As stated in several of the past newsletters, hunting on the Fish and Game property is no different than hunting on any other private property – you need to have the written permission of the landowner. In the case of the Fish and Game this comes from the Board of Directors and is granted to **MEMBERS ONLY**. You may bring a non-hunting guest with you, but unless they are a member they may not hunt on the club's property. There are two times each year when the rules are reviewed and the written permission given out. One is at the end of the August Fish and Game meeting (August 12th this year) and the second Saturday in August at 2:00 p.m. (August 14th this year). You will need to attend one of these two meetings (and be a member) to hunt on the club's property.

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.

Defiance County Fish & Game Association

Jerry Latta, President

A BIG thanks goes to Ralph Hahn for heading up the six-gun raffle. As many of you know the \$20 raffle ticket allows you six changes to win a firearm. In July we held the first drawing and a drawing will be held at each of the meetings with the final drawing in December. One of the good things about this drawing is that your ticket goes back into the drawing for the following months. Ken Ott was recognized at the last meeting for his commitment to the sale of tickets.

Kids Day is scheduled for August 15th. It will be similar to last year with the different clubs hosting areas around the grounds with Archery, BB guns, Black Powder, & .22 Rifle shooting being offered to the kids. More information will be in the Crescent News and flyers around the county. Pre-registration is not required, but will qualify the kids for some drawing prizes.

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.

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.

Defiance County Rifle and Pistol Club

Joe Hiler, President

The Defiance County Rifle and Pistol Club's summer pistol matches have come to a close. This year we had thirteen participants shooting the eight week 50 and 25 yard bullseye league at the Defiance County Fish & Games' outdoor range. The outdoor range is still a work in progress and we hope to have a covered firing line and a concrete pad before next summer. The new stone driveway to the 100 yard line needs more work, and the backstop will be graded and seeded with a parking area installed close to the covered firing line.

Fall Pistol leagues will start Tuesday October 6th @ 7:00 p.m. and will be preceded by a business meeting starting at 6:30. This is an eight week bullseye pistol league and you may shoot 22 rimfire and/or centerfire pistols. The Pistol Club will be holding Tuesday night indoor practice beginning August 11th and running until the start of the October leagues. We usually start shooting around 6:30 p.m. and this is a good time to come out and check out the indoor range and join the club if you are not already a member.

For the last six months we have been having trouble with the cash box coming up short and the range brass being stolen. Someone is also taking the sign in sheets. Please help us to keep the fine honor system we have in place by reporting any suspicious activity to a board member or to the Defiance County Sheriffs Department.

Straightened Arrows Archery Club

Allan Hansford, President

The 2010 3D season started off great...then it started to rain, and rain and rain again. With all the bad weather the numbers to the shoots have been pretty good all-in-all. We still have 2 more shoots this season, July 24th and September 18th. Both of these are special shoots where anyone with a child younger than 18 with them will be allowed to shoot for free, and all the concessions will be no-charge, as well. This is thanks to the ODNR step-out-side program.

The 12-week 3D archery league just finished up with a good turn-out. This year we decided to only shoot the 3D league targets and everyone really enjoyed them. The outdoor archery practice range at the north on the pistol club has not begun as of yet. We are waiting on the completion of the leveling of the land and the planting of grass before we start. Most likely the range will be installed early spring.

The indoor archery range is coming along very well. The wall separating the 2 rooms has been removed and we are getting the indoor targets installed...most likely they will be in by the time you read this.

If you are interested in shooting the indoor leagues this winter, or need any information regarding the archery club contacts us at 419-439-3155.

3 Rivers Conservation Club

Steve Flory, President

The Three Rivers Conservation Club has completed it's first full year of operation. Club officers are putting the final wraps on some IRS paperwork as we speak and we hope to achieve our 501 tax status to help us with our fund raising efforts. We've done many great things with youth conservation projects and we're looking forward to doing even more in the near future. We're proud to keep every bit of our fund raising dollars in our local area.

3RCC's first annual Outdoor Expo was a success back in May. Minus the soggy weather conditions the show was well attended with just over 300 people walking through the doors. Many great prizes were given away throughout the day and the show was a great way to show off the Fish and Game's ever improving facility. 3RCC would like to thank this year's exhibitors for helping us "test the waters". We would encourage everyone to patronize these fine businesses that helped make our event a success; Fort Defiance Meats, Bill Richman, Eric's Taxidermy, Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry, Huggy Bear Campground, How Much? Consignment and Tactical, Burkholder Taxidermy, Blood Vein River Outfitters, Straightened Arrows Archery Club, Ottawa Ordinance, Stykemain GMC, McCabe Outdoor Power, National Wild Turkey Federation and Andy Driskel, Sherwood Locker, Lakedrive Marina, The Archery Spot, and C&C Archery and Guns. Awesome food was provided by Nickerson's BBQ and the Boy Scout Venture Crew. Hopefully next year will be even better!

We'll be planning our 2010/2011 still shoot schedule soon. We were very happy to donate money to the F&G to install a new sound system in the clubhouse and for the club grounds. What an improvement! Now there's no mistaking which still shoot heat is on the line :-). Watch the club calendar on the Fish & Game's website for the forthcoming still shoot dates.

3RCC is also in the early stages of planning our annual banquet or hog roast. No date has been set yet but we're looking forward to having another successful event with plenty of raffles, games and good food. Watch the calendar for this event also.

Finally 3RCC would like to encourage everyone to join us at our monthly meetings at the Fish and Game on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. It's always good to see a few fresh faces with new ideas on how to make our club successful. See you all at the F&G soon.