



## The Defiance Co. Fish and Game Board of Directors Winter Newsletter



The 2009 Board of Directors opened its term with its first meeting December 29 2008. Your Board Officers for 2009 are Chairman; Allan Hansford, Vice Chairman; John Nickels, Treasurer; Lyn Gaylord, Secretary; Joe Hiler, Building and Grounds; Chris Stanfield and Roger Sisco. As most of you know in November 2006 Ohio adopted smoking bans that no longer are people permitted to smoke in-side public areas. In accordance to this ban the Defiance County Fish and Game buildings and the entrance to the building is to be smoke free. Signs are to be posted at all entrance points and all ashtrays are to be removed. Smoking is permitted at the outdoor shelter house and on the back piano and anyplace more than 50 feet away from the entrance to the building. Anyone breaking this ban is subject to the fines associated with Ohio's ban. You can visit their website at [www.odh.ohio.gov/alerts/ohiosmokingban.aspx](http://www.odh.ohio.gov/alerts/ohiosmokingban.aspx); call 1-866-559-6446 or email Ohio smoking ban at [NoSmoke@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:NoSmoke@odh.ohio.gov) to get the details on the fines that would be imposed. These are set by Ohio and can be as high as \$2500 per day for failure to comply with the ban.

The board also discussed the possession of alcohol on the grounds. Liability concerns make allowing alcohol on the grounds a **HUGE** liability issue for all officers and members. To protect each member from possible legal action in the event of a suit the board passed a motion to limit alcohol only to personal rentals that will not have firearms on the property. Also when the building is rented the rental contract will release the Defiance County Fish and Game and all officers and members from any liability and the renter will be named personally responsible.

These changes are needed to continue to grow and protect this organization. Each person on the board of directors is committed to protecting the membership, grounds, increasing membership, and activities that are offered. Our goal is to get the next generation interested in the outdoors. As you all know hunters and outdoor shooting sports as a whole have not been growing recently. But with the Venturing crew and 4H clubs that we are sponsoring (another reason we can't allow smoking. There are strong rules governing smoking around these kids) we are working on the next generation of outdoor men and women and providing an inviting environment here at your Defiance County Fish and Game.

For more up-to-date information check out the new website @ [www.dcfishandgame.com](http://www.dcfishandgame.com) or contact any board officer.

Fish and Game dues for 2009 are \$20. Life membership is \$ 175. Please mail your dues to The Def. Co. Fish and Game Board of Directors, P.O. box 1011, Def. OH. 43512. If you would like to have your membership card mailed to you, **please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope**. You may also choose to pick up your membership card at a regular monthly meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7pm.

The Def. Co. fish and game is also home to Boy Scouts of America "Shooting Sports" Venturing Crew 71. Sponsored by the Def. Co. Fish and game Board of Directors, this organization membership is open to young adults, both male and female, between the ages of 14-20. Active participation in classes on different types of firearms, firearms safety, firearms maintenance, shooting doctrine, target acquisition, proper use of various sights, outdoor skills, and trap and skeet shooting are just a few topics explored by this group.

Several archery shooting disciplines with various types of equipment, clothing and safety practices are planned for 2009. Members of the crew receive "range time" and are allowed to shoot at each meeting as time permits.

Venturing Crew 71 is a youth run organization with adult advisors. Mike Keber (419-782-1983) and Mark deter (419-393-2565) can be contacted with questions about the Venturing Crew and their next meeting date. Lynn Gaylord, Fish and game Board of Directors Liaison can be contacted by calling 419-782-8437. For additional information visit <http://www.scouting.org/venturing.aspx>

**The Def. Co. Rifle and Pistol Club** has just had its yearly Dixon Trophy match. The winner of the traveling trophy this year was Roger Sisco with a score of 270-5x. Winter leagues at the Pistol Club started Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> and will run for 10 weeks. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Pistol Club, you may stop out on a Tuesday evening or Contact Joe Hiler, (419-784-3559) for additional information. The Def. Co. Rifle and Pistol Club Inc. is a NRA and CMP affiliated organization that sponsors educational and youth group activities. Thursday evenings at the Pistol Club are alternately reserved for the Boy Scouts, The 4-H, or the Def. Co. Sheriffs Dept. Come out and visit the newly remodeled indoor range.

**The Straightened Arrows Archery Club** The archery club is preparing for another exciting season. New targets have been purchased and we are almost to 100% with the Rinehart targets. We have also been blessed with Chris Stanfield as our new webmaster. He built a new site and is seeing to the current information on that site. Check it out for yourself at [www.straightenedarrows.org](http://www.straightenedarrows.org) .

Our first club function for 2009 will be the annual meeting held on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. in the clubhouse. We will be ordering pizza after we take a head count and then will have a brief meeting to get ready for the season. Please attend this meeting if you are interested in membership, offices or anything pertaining to the archery club. For any questions on the archery club please visit the website or call Allan Hansford at 419-439-3155.

2009 3-D Archery Shoot Dates for Straightened Arrows Inc. Are:

- January 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Meeting (6pm)
- March 28<sup>th</sup> 3D Shoot
- April 25<sup>th</sup> 3D Shoot
- May 16<sup>th</sup> 3D Shoot
- June 27<sup>th</sup> 3D Shoot
- July 25<sup>th</sup> 3D Shoot and Youth Shoot
- September 19<sup>th</sup> 3D Shoot and "Hunter Special and Youth Event"

You can come and shoot anytime between 8am to 2pm. Come out and try your hand at archery. We have some bows and related equipment that we let people use at no charge if you want to give it a try! As always all youth under 18 shoot for free.

Hope to see you at a shoot!

**From the President of the Def. Co. Fish and Game Assoc. Jerry Latta**

It was great to see both familiar and new faces at the January meeting. If you have friends that think they might be interested in joining the Fish and Game, bring them out to a meeting. Even if they are not interested in joining, but would like to attend a meeting, bring them along since guests are always welcome. I want to thank Allan Hansford and Joe Hiler for providing the program at the January meeting and telling us more about their clubs. These are both excellent programs and have much to offer our members.

The still shoot for January has been cancelled and the officers will be discussing the still shoots at our next officer meeting. We have talked about having the still shooters become a club, similar to the rifle & pistol and the Straightened Arrows clubs. If you, or several of you, are interested in organizing a Still Shooters Club, please let any of the officers know.

Meeting Time Change: At the January meeting there was a vote taken to change the meeting time for Fish and Game meetings from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. With a program section being added and our desire to get youth and their parents involved, the earlier start time will help.

There is interest being shown for getting the trap shooting range opened again. Right now it is in the early planning stages with a couple of members who are willing to head up the project. If you have interest in helping please let any of the officers know.

There has also been discussion about forming a rifle shooting club. Like the trap shooting, this is in currently in an exploratory phase. For more information or to discuss your ideas, please call Lynn Gaylord at 419-782-8437.

There is one remaining 2006 Fish and Game Club Case bone handled knife available. One blade is etched with Ohio Defiance County Fish & Game Club and the other blade has a picture of hunting and fishing and the 2006 year. This comes in a tin commemorative case tin and can be yours for \$75.00. Let Jerry know if you are interested in this becoming yours.

For those of you with internet access, and with many thanks to Chris Stanfield for setting up the site, you can now get much more information about the Fish and Game and the clubs that meet there by going to <http://dcfishandgame.com/> One of the features on the site is a calendar of events that are being held at the Fish and Game which will help members know when the club is rented or special activities are happening.