#### ASHTABULA COUNTY WILDLIFE CONSERVATION LEAGUE



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It is the mission of the Ashtabula County Wildlife Conservation League to promote the wise use and conservation of all wildlife and natural resources in order to pass on to future generations their absolute right to enjoy and participate our hunting and fishing heritage.

#### **ACWCL Officers** Wildlife Council 2015-16 Deer Hunting Proposal **President** Dale Sunderlin djss@roadrunner.com Officer Jason Warren informed the League that the Ohio Wildlife Council will vote on all pro-**V-President** posals for Deer Hunting, trapping and fishing regulations after receiving public input online and Don Hancock at the annual open house. Please plan to attend if you are interested in sharing input and particidmhsports@yahoo.com pating in Ohio's wildlife management process. ODNR Division of Wildlife biologists and law en-**Treasurer** forcement officers will be available to answer questions and receive comments. Open house for Tim Starkey District three will be held on Saturday, March 7 at the District Three office. Directions to the tsstarkey@roadrunner.com open house can be found at wildohio.gov or by calling 800-WILDLIFE (945-3543). Wildlife District Secretary / Newsletter Three office, 912 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron 44319. Iohn Kucera sales@network-cleaning.com **Executive Director of Committee's**

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# ODNR Conservation Club Grants

Remember ODNR Grants for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 are due by March 15, 2015. If you are interested in applying for your club here is a link to the grant application and information http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/Portals/wildlife/pdfs/education/DNR%208978.pdf

# Gazette News Club Fundraiser!

Bill Creed President and Publisher of The Gazette News Paper was in attendance for our January Meeting. Mr. Creed spoke about the Gazette's Pro-Gun/Pro-Conservation stance. Mr. Creed is offering Clubs who are in the ACWCL a way to make funds for their club. For every \$30 subscription sold they will send \$10 back to the individual club that sold the subscription. If you would like to participate in this fundraising effort please contact your clubs representative for subscription forms. Mr. Creed would also like to hear from the clubs about any upcoming events or activities so he can get them published in the paper. The Gazette has five different Newspapers and covers much of Ohio so please take the time and utilize this advertising tool. To reach Mr. Creed email him at bcreed@gazettenews.com.

# **ACWCL Trappers Wanted**

Ashtabula County League would like to invite members of clubs within the ACWCL family to trap beaver on the League property. If you are interested please contact your club representative for permission slips allowing trapping during the 2015-16 season. All State and local laws must be followed and trappers must possess a valid Ohio hunting license, trapping permit and signed trapping slip. The ACWCL permits will only be issued to committed trappers willing to help with the removal of these overpopulated nuisance animals.

# Changes to ACWCL/WTU Banquet Capital distribution Process

At the February 24th League meeting the following changes were made to the ACWCL /WTU Banquet Capital distribution Process. First Level: funding provided to the ACWCL clubs in equal amounts for banquet participation, the total being 60% of the funds raised by the banquet, plus 15% of the funds raised by the banquet for Outdoor Educational Weekend. No committee approval needed. The balance of 25% will fund the second level grants. Final amounts, to be determined by a vote of the representatives. Second level: any request for funding programs outside of the ACWCL organization but still meeting grant guidelines. Grant cannot exceed 50% of the ACWCL club's first level funding; committee approval required. If you have any questions or concerns please see you clubs representatives.

# Lake County Rod and Gun Club 2015 3D Archery

Winter is almost over and the 3D Archery Season is coming fast. Lake County Rod and Gun Club has one of the premier 3D courses in this part of the State. Whether you are a beginner just getting started, or an experienced archer looking for a place to compete come out and enjoy the beauty and quality of the 3D Archery Course at Lake County Rod and Gun Club. See page 3 for details.

# AMBOY's "Try it B4 You Buy It" Program

Amboy Rifle Club is offering an outstanding program for beginning and advanced shooters who would like to take the time to test that concealed weapon they are thinking about buying. This gives you the opportunity to find that perfect concealed carry handgun that fits you and your budget. If you know anyone interested in this FREE event Saturday March 28, 2015 from 10:00am until 4:00pm at Amboy Rifle Club please fill out the \$10 Refundable form on page 4. The \$10 refundable fee will be returned the day of the event once you register at the door. See page 4 for more details.

# 2015 ACWCL Information Packet

Treasurer Tim Starkey has provided ACWCL representative's with a comprehensive packet of the League's Policies and Procedures, Contact Information, By-laws and much more. Please see your League representative and take a look at this booklet to get a better view of our organization, it is definitely worth your time.

# **ACWCL Brochure Completed**

The County League Brochure in now complete please take a moment and look it over on page 5 and 6. If you have any additional ideas or comments to improve the Brochure please feel free to let us know. The League is going to start circulating the Tri-Fold starting with the LOOS convention. If your club would like information added or removed contact us at acwclnews@gmail.com. We thank everyone for your input.

# **County League Spring Banquet**

County League signed the contract for the Banquet Hall at Lenox New Lyme Community Center. This year the banquet will be on June 6, 2015, please mark your calendar.

# County League Shirts.

Shirts are now available and if you would like to purchase the new \$25 County League shirt contact Tim Starkey (tsstarkey@roadrunner.com).

#### **Newsletter Information**

The League would like to ask each club to submit their Newsletter to the editor so we may pass on any open events or activities to all the other clubs in the organization. Please email (acwclnews@gmail.com) your newsletter and let us know what information you would like passed on to other club representatives thorough our newsletter. The ACWCL newsletter will only be circulated through the Organizations representative and at their discretion will be sent out to their clubs committee members or their membership as a whole. If you would like to have the newsletter mailed directly to other officers or members in your club please send me the email of those recipients. Remember we will only pass on information that is approved by County Leagues club representative or club contact before it makes print.

# 2015 3D Archery Shoot

**Open To The Public** 

April 4-5......30 Targets, 3D

May 2-3.....30 Targets, 3D

June 6-7.....30 Targets, 3D

July 3-4-5 ....30 Targets, 3D

All kids (cubs and youth) shoot free with paid adult (2 kids max)

Aug 1-2......40 Targets, 3D

Sept 5-6 ...... 30 Targets, 3D

20 Deer Family and 10 Turkey

Registration: Sat. 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Sun. 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Holiday Weekend July 3-4: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm July 5: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Limited Youth Equipment Available Refreshments Available

Crossbows Welcome - target and field points only, no broadheads

Ground Blinds, Shooting Platforms and Steps

# Big Kahuna Competition (Red Stake)

Do you have the Arrows? Heck do you have the "Kahunas"

6299 East Loveland Road Madison, Ohio

Adults-\$10 Youth-\$8 Cubs-\$5 Big Kahuna

for information contact: Frank Bukhdder-440-259-5775 www.lakecountyrodandgundub.org



Women, beginners and veteran shooters here's your chance to try something new or different.

This is not a gun sale it is a "FREE" shooting event!



# "Try it B4 You Buy It"

When: Saturday March 28, 2015

Where: Amboy Rifle Club, 100 Hawthorne Dr. Conneaut Ohio 44030

Cost: "Free" There will be a \$10 Deposit to secure a time slot; REFUNDABLE the Day of the event once you show up to shoot.

Time: 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

What It Is: The actual use and firing of 3( three) separate firearms and 5 (five) shots per firearm in your choice of several popular calibers .22, .380, .38Spl., 9mm, .40 and .45 calibers. Also various makes and models, Glock, Smith & Wesson, Colt, Kimber, Walther, Sig Sauer and H&K What It Is NOT: This is NOT A Firearm Sale or A Firearm Training Course

## Purpose

The purpose of this event is to give prospective gun owners or gun owners who want to try another caliber or type of firearm a chance to, "Try it B4 You Buy It".

# Women and new shooters are encouraged to attend.

Event Agenda

- 1. Eight participants per firing line with a safety instructor supplied for each shooting participant
- 2. Each participant will shoot 5 rounds from 3 separate caliber handguns, 15 rounds total.
- 3. The firing range will be under the supervision of a NRA Certified Range Safety Officer.
- 4. Light lunch and beverages available for a modest fee.
- 5. No personal firearms will be allowed.
- 6. Participants must be 21 years old, no exceptions.

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#### ACWCL PUBLIC CLUB EVENTS

AMBOY RIFLE CLIIB

100 Hawthorn Ave Conneaut Ohio

www.amboyrifleclub.com

Practical Pistol 2nd Sunday Each Month See Website.

ASHTABULA ROD & GUN CLUB

6739 Ninevah Rd. Ashtabula Ohio

www.argconline.org

Skeet Every Sunday 10am Trap Every Saturday 10am.

ASHTABULA COUNTY COONHUNTERS

898 Griggs Rd. Jefferson Ohio

CONNEAUT FISH & GAME CLUB

80 Keefus Rd. Conneaut Ohio

Trap Every Saturday 10am.

GENEVA ROD & GUN CLUB

614 Atkins Rd. Geneva Ohio 44041

JEFFERSON CONSERVATION CLUB

3600 Stanhope - Kelloggsville Rd. Jefferson Ohio

LAKE COUNTY ROD AND GUN CLUB

6299 E. Loveland Rd Madison, Ohio 44057

www.lakecountyrodandgunclub.org

3D Archery Shoots See Website For Dates

MONROE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

4198 Center St. Conneaut Ohio

www.monoresportsmansclub.com

ORCO SPORTSMAN & ASSOCIATION
5929 North Ridge Rd. West Geneva Ohio

www.orcosportsmans.com

ORWELL GUN CLUB

8089 Higley Rd. Orwell Ohio

ROCK CREEK CONSERVATION CLUB

SOLON SPORTSMEN ASSOCIATION

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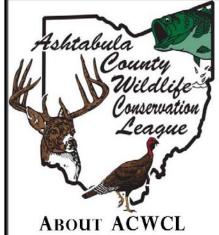
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The Ashtabula County Wildlife Conservation League is a National Non Profit 501(c)3 Organization. Organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes.

Created by John C. Kucera



The Ashtabula County Wildlife Conservation League (ACWCL) a National Non-Profit 501(c)3 Organization, which was founded in the late 1930's and incorporated in 1959, was formed with the intent and purpose of passing on the heritage and right to pursue the outdoors sports such as hunting, fishing, camping, recreational firearms shooting, archery, and the like

We currently accomplish our mission by working with and supporting such organizations as Boy Scout of Americas, Jakes Days the youth division of the National Wild Turkey Federation, Women in the Outdoors the female division of the National Wild Turkey Federation, Women on Target the female division if the National Rifle Association, Friends of the NRA the youth division of the National Rifle Association, 4H Shooting Sports Programs, Wheeling Sportsmen Handicapped Outdoor Sports Program, ACWCL Outdoor Education Weekend along with youth and educational programs held at the twelve clubs within our organization and at other conservation organizations throughout Ashtabula County and Northeast Ohio.

Our future goals are to be able to support all of the above mentioned outdoor sporting events and hopefully more, as well as expand our reach and promote our mission to other like minded organizations that may need our help and guidance.

#### ACWCL PUBLIC PROGRAMS



#### CONNEAUT FISH & GAME CLUB ANNUAL TROUT DERBY.

The Conneaut Fish and Game Club Annual-Trout Derby is designed to promote fishing and is a free event for kids up to 16 years old. Each child who enters the derby receives a free fishing pole. Over three hundred youth lined the banks of the ponds to fish for the trout in 2014. This year is looking to be even better since





#### ACWCL PUBLIC PROGRAMS

# ACWCL'S OUTDOOR EDUCATION WEEKEND

ACWCL's in conjunction with ARGC's OEW program helps keep hunting safe and enjoyable. The program covers the skills, regulations and responsibilities of

hunting, and wildlife conservation that help to secure our hunting heritage. For boys and girls ages 11 to 16 OEW typically begins 6:00 PM on Friday evening the students sign in and



are assigned a tent for Friday and Saturday night. Tents are set up for sleeping and all food is furnished. Participants need to bring a sleeping bag, flashlight, and their personal items. Participants learn how to shoot Pistol, Rifle, Black Powder Muzzleloaders, Trap (20 gage), and Archery. Shooting events are one on one with an instructor. Ear plugs and safety glasses are furnished. There are seminars on tree stand safety, deer hunting, turkey hunting, game care, water safety, dog training and survival and much more. Sunday afternoon the Hunter Education test is given for those students that have not had one, which if passed, will allow participants to get their hunting license. There is no cost to the students for this course. All expenses are covered by the Ashtabula County Wildlife Conservation League, Whitetails Unlimited funds, National Wild Turkey Federation, Ohio Department of Natural Resources and donations from various local sporting goods stores.

#### ACWCL'S NEW 2015 HUNTERS FEEDING THE HUNGRY

HFH is a new County League program for 2015 and we are searching for new butchers to participate in the program and spreading the word to the hunters. If you are a hunter and would like to get involved with this program by donating meat please contact John Kucera @ 440-428-9647 for a drop off location.

#### ACWCL PUBLIC PROGRAMS



### YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT

Remember all youth in the State of Ohio are required to take a hunter education class before the State will issue a hunting license and any youngster that passes an ACWCL club sponsored Hunter Education course with a passing score will be eligible for one of the Youth Pheasant hunts held at Ashtabula Rod and Gun Club. For more information go to ACWCL's website at



## Solon Sportsman Youth Pheasant Hunt

Solon's Youth Pheasant hunt is a day in the field pheasant hunting in a relaxed and friendly environment under the watchful eye of a safe, responsible, experienced hunter. It is an opportunity to experience the enjoyment and excitement of watching a dog working a bird; the thrill of seeing a pheasant flush from cover and taking the shot, and then cleaning the day's harvest. Solon will be running the

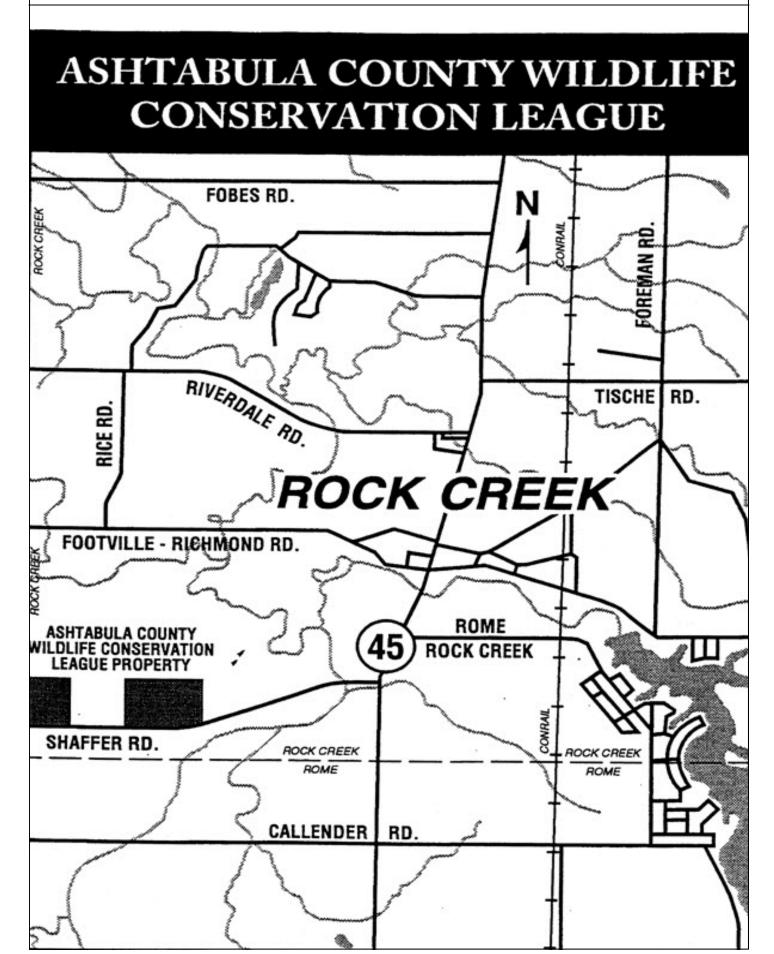
event next year November 7th 2015 to hopefully introduce many more youngsters to the thrill of upland bird hunting.



| OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!  TRAP                             |                              |  |  |  |
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|   |                              |  |  |  |
| Every Saturday 10am.                                  | CONNEAUT FISH & GAME CLUB    |  |  |  |
| Every Wednesday 6pm                                   | MONROE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB      |  |  |  |
| Every Thursday 5pm and Sunday 12pm                    | ORWELL GUN CLUB              |  |  |  |
| Every Wednesday 6pm                                   | ROCK CREEK CONSERVATION CLUB |  |  |  |
|   | SKEET                        |  |  |  |
| Every Sunday 10am                                     | ASHTABULA ROD AND GUN CLUB   |  |  |  |
|   | ARCHERY                      |  |  |  |
| Indoor Monday Nights 6pm.                             | ASHTABULA ROD AND GUN CLUB   |  |  |  |
| Watch for dates.                                      | CONNEAUT FISH & GAME CLUB    |  |  |  |
| Start April 4, 2014 every first weekend of the month. | LAKE COUNTY ROD AND GUN CLUB |  |  |  |
|   | PISTOL                       |  |  |  |
| 2nd Sunday of the month until March 2015.             | AMBOY RIFLE CLUB             |  |  |  |
| Watch for dates.                                      | ASHTABULA ROD AND GUN CLUB   |  |  |  |
| PPC Wednesday 6pm.                                    | ORCO SPORTSMAN ASSOCIATION   |  |  |  |
|   | RIFLE                        |  |  |  |
| Watch for dates                                       | CONNEAUT FISH & GAME CLUB    |  |  |  |
|   | TURKEY SHOOTS                |  |  |  |
| March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29th<br>9:AM                   | ROCK CREEK CONSERVATION CLUB |  |  |  |

# Club Representatives

| CLUB                              | Address                                     | Representative                       | Website                             |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| AMBOY RIFLE CLUB                  | 100 Hawthorn Ave Con-<br>neaut Ohio         | Bob Humphreys<br>Scott Sutch         | www.amboyrifleclub.com              |
| ASHTABULA ROD & GUN<br>CLUB       | 6739 Ninevah Rd. Ashtabula<br>Ohio          | Paul Callender<br>Terry Berkey       | www.argconline.org                  |
| ASHTABULA COUNTY<br>COONHUNTERS   | 898 Griggs Rd. Jefferson<br>Ohio            | Dave Landis                          |                                     |
| CONNEAUT FISH & GAME<br>CLUB      | 80 Keefus Rd. Conneaut<br>Ohio              | Dave Jury<br>Brian Tennant           |                                     |
| GENEVA ROD & GUN CLUB             | 614 Atkins Rd. Geneva Ohio<br>44041         | Scott Burk  Donald Skytta  Bob Sharp |                                     |
| JEFFERSON CONSERVA-<br>TION CLUB  | 3600 Stanhope - Kelloggsville Rd.           | Dave Baird<br>Dave Silva             |                                     |
| LAKE COUNTY ROD AND<br>GUN CLUB   | 6299 E. Loveland Rd<br>Madison, Ohio 44057  | Doug Mclean<br>Lonnie Sparkman       | www.lakecountyrodandgun<br>club.org |
| MONROE SPORTSMAN'S<br>CLUB        | 4198 Center St. Conneaut<br>Ohio            | Don Spence<br>Done Hancock           | www.monoresportsmansclu<br>b.com    |
| ORCO SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION      | 5929 North Ridge Rd. West<br>Geneva Ohio    | Keith Vicars<br>John Kucera          | www.orcosportsmans.com              |
| ORWELL GUN CLUB                   | 8089 Higley Rd. Orwell Ohio                 | Jennifer Bassett                     |                                     |
| ROCK CREEK CONSERVA-<br>TION CLUB |   | Jack Krippel<br>Bill Claycomb        |                                     |
| SOLON SPORTSMEN ASSOCIATION       | 5426 Footville Richmond rd.<br>Andover Ohio | Tina Kucera<br>Don Pierce            | www.solonsportsmen.org              |



# **OLD ACWCL NEWS**

## President Sunderlin Welcomes Lake County Rod and Gun Club to ACWCL

After many months of preparation and a bylaw change President Sunderlin the Board and League representatives welcomed Lake County Rod and Gun Club to the County League family at the November 28 league meeting. Welcome LCRGC.

## **ACWCL Buck Fever Night Success**

ACWCL in conjunction with Whitetails Unlimited kicked off their annual Buck Fever banquet with resounding success with gross sales of \$79,500. Over five hundred and seventy attendees were well fed and well entertained throughout an evening filled with fun and fellowship. After a delicious meal was served it was on to the beginning of seemingly non-stop prizes. Every person in attendance had a legitimate chance to win one or more of thousands of dollars in firearms and prizes. Some of these wonderful prizes were donated by local vendors. The evening commenced with a live auction and gun raffle that kept everyone in suspense. A huge thanks goes out to all who participated in the event and to those who donated their dollars, efforts and time to make this banquet work so well. See you next year!

#### **ACWCL Election**

By unanimous decision of the ACWCL Representatives the current ACWCL Board will remain in office for 2015. Thank you for the outstanding year.

### **Trumbull County Federation**

Trumbull County Federation President Jerry Usselman was in attendance for the August County League meeting and stated that the TCF is interested in forming a network with County League to increase our voice in Columbus on important Hunting, Conservation and Second Amendment issues. The Federation consists of 17 clubs encompassing over 2,000 members. ACWCL President Sunderlin and the League officers were invited by President Usselman to attend the September Trumbull County Federation meeting.

## **ACWCL Edward Jones Investment**

President Dale Sunderlin, Treasurer Tim Starkey and Trustee Jack Krippel met with David Lemond a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones to investigate investing capital from the newly acquired easement funds. After a discussion at the August County League

# Straight-Walled Cartridge Rifles Approved For Hunting White-Tailed Deer In Ohio!

Thanks to the hard work of ACWCL's Dale Sunderlin and Keith Vicars the Ohio Wildlife Council voted to approve deer hunting with certain straight walled rifle cartridges (pistol caliber rifles or PCR) during any season that shotguns are legal to use. Shotguns and rifles used for deer hunting may be loaded with a maximum of three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. Please check the upcoming Rules and Regulations for more information.

#### **ACWCL's Most Active Member Nominated To New Position**

Past President and Secretary Vic Thomas was nominated by a unanimous vote of representatives to the position of Executive Director of Committee's. Vic has been a intricate part of County League for many years and has helped in getting the League to where it is today. If you see Vic take the time and thank him for all his hard work.

# **ACWCL Bylaws Change**

The January 28, 2014 meeting brought a few changes to the ACWCL Bylaw structure.

- 1. Remove ( within the county ) from the first sentence of Article V Section 1. This change was approved by 9 yes 7 no and 1 Abstain. This will allow clubs outside the county into ACWCL.
- 2. Remove Section 1 in dues to "Policies and Procedures Manual for Dues" This change was approved by 10 Yes, 7 No and 1 Abstained. This will allow ACWCL the ability to make changes in the dues structure when needed.

# **FOR SALE**

If you would like to sell any items or place an add in the FOR SALE section please email pictures and information to acwclnews@gmail.com this is a free service for ACWCL members.



S&W .38 Airweight 442 Revolver \$375



Mec 9000 Series Press 12ga \$350 works great and in excellent condition.

\$375

440-428-9647





Fin Feather and Fur 27 Gun Safe. 30.25" W X 21 D X 5'1/4" H. Good Condition \$450.

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