



Game Reserve Association Inc.

# GRA NEWS

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## 2017 FALL GUN RAFFLE

Until someone comes up with a better fund raiser we will continue to have our twice a year raffles. Our Fall raffle will be held on **Tuesday October 24, 2017** at the Sippo Lake club house. Please try to sell your raffle tickets. You are receiving 11 raffle tickets. **Sell 10 and you get one free.**

If you have any questions or need addition raffle tickets please contact **Bob Black @ 330-878-5294** or 6285 Race Rd. NW Strasburg OH 44680. Please send your stubs along with your money to Bob. Again we are going to give the person who sells the most raffle tickets \$250 and the person who sells the 2nd most \$50.

**Thanks to all those who sell their tickets.**

**Bob Black**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year is flying by; the trustees and our volunteers have been busy getting the farm and the club in shape for the soon to be here hunting season.

Bob Black has renewed our grants with the State of Ohio. The grants are for the youth hunt and additional birds to be released on the state wildlife area.

The youth hunt will be different this year. The birds will be released on the state grounds. Our members will not be supplying dogs or releasing birds on the farm property.

Our next General Meeting will be in October; no meeting in September as in the past. Anyone interested in running for a trustee position must contact a trustee or attend a trustee meeting on or before the Sept. 7th Trustee meeting. I encourage any member to get involved with the club. New ideas and trustees keep the club healthy and moving forward.

Over the past several years we have lost members and our raffle ticket sales have suffered. After much deliberation, we have made the decision to reduce the pheasant release numbers by 10% at the farm and in the Louisville area.

*Tony Girard, GRA President*

## YMCA CAMP TIPPECANOE HUNTING

For over 25 years the GRA has had a supportive relationship with Camp Tippecanoe. We have received grants and provided volunteers for projects and in return we are given the exclusive hunting rights on the property.

### OUR 2017 AGREEMENT IS:

1. No hunting on camp when campers are on site
2. Hunters must be GRA members
3. Hunters must log a minimum of 20 hours working on camp approved projects to hunt the property
4. Hunters who log 30 or more hours working on approved projects may negotiate staying on camp during deer gun season and may include other seasons such as spring turkey, as arranged by YMCA Camp Management.

*Thanks, Dan Miller*

### CONTACTS TO MAKE WORK ARRANGEMENT ARE:

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## RESULTS OF OUR 2017 SPRING RAFFLE

Our revenue from our raffles continues to decline. This Spring's raffle was about the same as last year's Fall raffle; which is about \$1000 off our average. I've been preaching about it for a long time and now the time has finally come. With the reduced revenue we must cut back on some of our programs. This year we are cutting our pheasant release program by 10%. The trustees have not decided if we will reduce our release days or just cut back on the number of birds we release every day. Once that decision is made, you will be notified. We hate to do it, but as stewards of our club's money we have no choice. This may just be the first cut. More cuts may be coming in the future if our revenue continues to decline. We need to all start selling raffle tickets.

**Carl Hendershot sold the most tickets (\$550)  
and Troy Hendershot sold the 2nd most tickets (\$375).**

*Bob Black*

### THE WINNERS FOR OUR SPRING RAFFLE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**1st place: Don Unger**  
*Sold by Don Unger*

**2nd place: Bill McNew**  
*Sold by Duke Herdlick*

**3rd place: Mike Barnibi**  
*Sold by Bob Black*

**4th place: Josie Kolm**  
*Carl Hendershot*

**The following businesses have generously  
contributed door prizes to our  
appreciation dinner.**

**PLEASE STOP IN TO SAY THANKS  
FOR SUPPORTING OUR CLUB  
AND SUPPORT THEM.**

Ferris Chevrolet  
Wildlife Gardens (N. Canton)  
Spring Valley Golf Club  
Coulters Dog & Hunter Supply  
Blazin Burgers (Dover)  
Petz Place (N. Phila.)  
All American Outdoors  
B & H Landscaping  
Rainbow Party Center  
Willandale Golf Cart Sales  
Elk Ridge Pheasant Farm  
Hartville Hardware  
Willandale Golf Club  
Parkway Ford  
Chuck Nicholson GMC  
Kraus Pizza (Strasburg)  
Williams Furniture (Dover)  
Miller's Gun Supply  
Fin Feather & Fur  
Mickey Mart  
Kames Sporting Goods

## 2017 WILDLIFE CONSERVATION GRANTS

We have applied for and been awarded two Grants totaling \$7700 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife along with the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

The 1st grant is for \$2500 for the Youth Pheasant Hunt. This year we will not be hosting the hunt on our club property. Instead we will be releasing birds on the Beach City Wildlife Area where we have released birds for the past couple years for the Public Pheasant Hunt. We will be releasing on Friday evenings before each of the youth small game season weekends. Those release dates will be Friday Oct. 20 and Friday Oct. 27. We will be releasing 125 birds each of those Fridays. There will be no public youth hunting on our club grounds. Parents or guardians must accompany the youth and hunt on the Beach City Wildlife Area. They will be required to park on the state ground. We will have no public parking at the club. Obviously, club members taking youth hunting will be welcome to park at the club.

The 2nd grant is for \$5200 for a Public Pheasant Hunt. We will be releasing 150 birds on three dates -Nov. 2, Nov. 22, and Dec. 8, 2017. These birds will be released on the Beach City Wildlife Area. With this grant we have continued to restore the 50+ year tradition of public pheasant hunting in this area. This is the 3rd consecutive year we have been awarded this grant.

So please mark your calendar with the above dates. We will need plenty of help catching and releasing the birds. Plan on being there at 3:30 and if you have an ATV or UTV please bring it.

If you have any questions about these grants, please call Bob Black at 330-878-5294.