



Game Reserve Association Inc.

GRA NEWS

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DUES RENEWAL TIME

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR TO RENEW YOUR DUES.

Your annual dues are due by April 1st.

There will be a \$25 late fee assessed after June 1st.

Please remember to fill out the yellow renewal sheet listing any additional membership cards you need.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As 2017 starts off my first thoughts are to thank our members and land owners for all they contributed in 2016. We have the greatest volunteers; without their hard work our club would not be possible.

I also want to thank our past secretary, Mike Bossart. He has been on the job for six years and decided to take a break. The secretary duties are now split between Troy Hendershot and Shane Johnson. Troy will be handling the membership duties. Our mailing address will remain the same. During this transition period, please be sure to stay current with the club's website.

Check with your hunting partners and make sure they have received this newsletter. This mailing also contains the dues notification and gun raffle tickets.

I encourage all members to get involved in the club's activities this year. Please check the website for dates and times. The Lucky X shoots have started, with a nice jackpot ready to be won. Meeting dates and workdays are also on the website; these are good times to express your ideas to fellow members and the trustees.

*Tony Girard,
GRA President*

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Again, we have had a good year out at the farm. Pheasant season was good with many members taking advantage of the opportunity to hunt birds. I want to thank all who helped out to make the season a success. A special thank you goes out to all of the releasers who took time to release birds seven days a week for the entire season. We also continue to maintain and upgrade the farm. We installed skirting around the new mobile home that was put in last summer, installed two new gas heaters in the club house to replace the hot water boiler which could no longer be maintained and we kept up with the general maintenance like the pheasant pens, weed spraying, mowing, etc.

Lucky X will be starting February 4 and will run the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month through September. Come out and enjoy. We can always use help to run the shoots.

*Roger Long,
GRA Vice President*

I HAVE SCHEDULED THREE WORK PARTIES AGAIN THIS YEAR.

**THEY ARE:
May 20 after Lucky X,
July 22,
and August 26**

CLUB OFFICERS & TRUSTEES FOR 2017

President

Tony Girard
330-823-4890

Vice President

Roger Long
330-313-1106

Treasurer

Dick Longfellow
330-878-5971

Secretary

Shane Johnson
330-327-7804

Sergeant at Arms

Bob Black
330-878-5294

TRUSTEES

Mike Bossart
330-704-0496

Charlie Brown
330-401-1108

Carl Hendershot
330-309-6433

Merv Hendershot
330-343-2884

Troy Hendershot
330-815-4042

Andy Mark
330-874-7422

Dan Miller
330-417-9952

Steve Miller
330-806-8281

Mike Rutledge
330-837-5289

Ralph Salvino
330-477-5135

RESULTS FROM OUR 2016 FALL RAFFLE

Our revenue from our Fall raffle was down \$700 from our Spring raffle last year. For whatever reason our membership is just not selling their raffle tickets. If this trend continues we will simple have to cut back on our programs. I've been in the club for 20+ years in this is the lowest our club treasury has been. I keep track of who sells the raffle tickets and it is always the same members. There are a lot of members that take advantage of the club hunting that do not sell their raffle tickets. It's time for you members to step up and start participating in our fund raisers. Enough of the preaching! As I said before I know we get tired of selling raffle tickets, however until someone comes up with a better fund raising idea we will continue to have raffles. It is our major source of our revenue.

Thanks to all our members who sell their tickets. You are the backbone of our club and we appreciate your efforts. Our top sellers for our fall raffle were Carl Hendershot - 1st and Roger Long - 2nd. For their efforts they received \$250 and \$50 respectively.

THE 2016 FALL GUN RAFFLE WINNERS WERE:

4th place: James Adams
Sold by Willie Fraizer

3rd place: Steve Carlise Jr.
Sold by Steve Carlise Jr.

2nd place: James McNemar
Sold by James McNemar

1st place: Glen Yoder
Sold by Glen Yoder

APPRECIATION DINNER MARCH 18, 2017

The Appreciation Dinner
will be held on
March 18th, 2017

at the
Otterbein

United Methodist Church
6025 Shepler Church Ave. SW
Navarre, Ohio 44662

Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.
The cost is \$15 a plate.

We will raffle a gun the night of the dinner and there will be door prizes. Members that have volunteer work hours for the club will be refunded for their meal cost at the door. Landowners and their family are free.

**Please RSVP by March 11th to
Troy Hendershot @ 330-815-4042**

2017 SPRING GUN RAFFLE

**Our Spring raffle will be held on
Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at the General
Meeting held at Sippos Lake.**

You are receiving 11 raffle tickets. Sell 10 tickets and you receive 1 free ticket. Bob Black is in charge of the raffle. If you need additional tickets or have any questions, please contact him. He can be reached at rvblack7@gmail.com, 6285 Race Rd. NW Strasburg, Ohio 44680, or 330-878-5294. Since our raffle ticket sales have declined, we are again going to try to provide some additional incentive to sell your tickets. For our fall raffle, the Member who sells the most raffle tickets will receive \$250 while the person who sells the next most will receive \$50.



Please make an honest effort to sell your raffle tickets. We need your support. Thank you.

Bob Black

2017 GRA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/CONTACT
Thu Jan 5, 2017	7pm	Trustee Meeting	Sippo Lake 5300 Tyner Ave. Canton, OH 44708
Thu Feb 2, 2017	7pm	Trustee Meeting	Sippo Lake 5300 Tyner Ave. Canton, OH 44708
Sat Feb 4, 2017	8am	Lucky X Shoot	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Sat Feb 18, 2017	8am	Lucky X Shoot	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Thu Mar 2, 2017	7pm	Trustee Meeting	Sippo Lake 5300 Tyner Ave. Canton, OH 44708
Sat Mar 4, 2017	8am	Lucky X Shoot	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Sat Mar 18, 2017	8am	Lucky X Shoot	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Sat Mar 18, 2017	6pm	Landowner Dinner	Otterbein United Methodist Church 6025 Shepler Church Ave SW, Navarre, OH 44662
Sat Apr 1, 2017	8am	Lucky X Shoot	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Thu Apr 6, 2017	7pm	Trustee Meeting	Sippo Lake 5300 Tyner Ave. Canton, OH 44708
Sat Apr 15, 2017	8am	Lucky X Shoot	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Thu May 4, 2017	7pm	Trustee Meeting	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Sat May 6, 2017	8am	Lucky X Shoot	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Tue May 9, 2017	7pm	General Meeting	Sippo Lake 5300 Tyner Ave. Canton, OH 44708
Sat May 20, 2017	8am	Lucky X Shoot	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Thu Jun 1, 2017	7pm	Trustee Meeting	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Sat Jun 3, 2017	8am	Lucky X Shoot	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Sat Jun 17, 2017	8am	Lucky X Shoot	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Sat Jul 1, 2017	8am	Lucky X Shoot	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Thu Jul 6, 2017	7pm	Trustee Meeting	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Sat Jul 15, 2017	8am	Lucky X Shoot	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Thu Aug 3, 2017	7pm	Trustee Meeting	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Sat Aug 5, 2017	8am	Lucky X Shoot	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Sat Aug 19, 2017	8am	Lucky X Shoot	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Sat Sep 2, 2017	8am	Lucky X Shoot	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Thu Sep 7, 2017	7pm	Trustee Meeting	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Sat Sep 16, 2017	8am	Lucky X Shoot	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Thu Oct 5, 2017	7pm	Trustee Meeting	8137 Dundee Wilmot Rd NW, Dundee, OH 44624
Tue Oct 24, 2017	7pm	General Meeting	Sippo Lake 5300 Tyner Ave. Canton, OH 44708
Thu Nov 9, 2017	7pm	Trustee Meeting	Sippo Lake 5300 Tyner Ave. Canton, OH 44708
Thu Dec 7, 2017	7pm	Trustee Meeting	Sippo Lake 5300 Tyner Ave. Canton, OH 44708

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*Check out the 2017
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attending some of our activities!*