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Game Reserve Association Newsletter

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Dues Renewal

Your annual dues of \$70 are due by April 1. As of June 1, a \$25 late fee is assessed. Retirees (62+) dues are \$50. Please remember to fill out the renewal sheet, listing any additional membership cards you may need. For membership questions, please call Troy Hendershot- 330/815-4042

Thanks to Club Members

A big thanks goes to all our bird releasers and those who provide help, in ways both large and small. The longer I am in this club, the more I see that we would not exist were it not for the selfless support and contributions of people who have given of themselves for many years. Special thanks goes to our elder statesmen of the club (you know who you are).
- Shane L. Johnson

“Encouraging good relations, sportsmanship and co-operation between landowners and other sportsmen...”

President's Message

Once again the GRA had a successful year. This is due to our great members and volunteers; your commitment to the club is what makes everything we do possible. I encourage all members to get involved in the club's activities, whether it's helping on work days or taking part in releasing birds during the hunting season.

The 2019 hunting season was good but as always it never lasts long enough. This was the case in the Louisville area this year especially. A mink got into the pheasant pens and over a week period killed almost fifty birds. We did not catch the mink but we managed to keep him out of the pens. We will be working on the pens this spring to TRY and keep this from happening again.

Again, this year we are asking you to buy or sell the gun raffle tickets. This is the only way we can continue to provide birds for the upcoming hunting season. It is also a sad fact that we are basically down to three farms to hunt in the Louisville area. If you know of any property that might be available to the club, please follow up on it and let us know.

Enjoy the summer, try to attend a meeting and check in with a trustee if you have a question. Also visit our website www.gamereserve.club.

Tony Girard, GRA President

2019 Fall Gun Raffle Results

We had another successful raffle in the Fall. The total revenue was down from the spring raffle as well as the total for 2019 as compared with 2018. If we want to continue with our youth hunt as well as our public hunt we must continue to sell our raffle tickets. Obviously, requiring our members to sell at least \$80 worth of tickets each year before they can hunt on GRA property is working. Since we implemented that requirement our revenue is up. Remember these raffles are our only fund raisers. We no longer have the lucky x shoots due to lack of support.

The Fall Raffle winners are as follows:

- 1st – Jason Chakey – Sold by Steve Drugala
- 2nd – Justin Spivey – Sold by Justin Spivey
- 3rd – Mike Weiss – Sold by Mike Weiss
- 4th – Mike Stidd – Sold by Mike Stidd

Congratulations to Steve Drugala for winning the special drawing for those who sold at least \$100 worth of raffle tickets. He was the lucky winner of \$150. There were only 6 people in the drawing. – Bob Black

2020 Spring Gun Raffle

The Spring Gun Raffle will be held on May 7, 2020 at the Sippo Lake Club House. Winners need not be present to win. You are receiving 11 tickets. Sell 10 tickets and you receive a free ticket. To be eligible to hunt on GRA property you must sell at least \$80 worth of raffle tickets for the year. We will again this year be having 2 raffles so you will be receiving another group of tickets

for our Fall raffle. Without your support in selling your raffle tickets none our programs would be possible. Last year we had 135 members sell at least \$80 worth of tickets.

1st prize ATI Cavalry O/U 12ga or \$500
 2nd prize Savage Axis 350 Legend or \$400
 3rd prize Henry Lever 22LR or \$300
 4th prize Cricket 22LR or \$200

We are again going to hold a special raffle for those members that sell at least \$100 worth of raffle tickets. For every \$100 worth of tickets you sell your name will be put in a special raffle for \$150. In other words, you sell \$200 worth of tickets and your name will be put in twice for the special raffle. – Bob Black

2020 Appreciation Dinner

Our annual Appreciation Dinner will be held on Saturday March 21, 2020 at the Otterbein UMC 6025 Shepler Church Rd. Navarre, Ohio 44662. Serving will begin at 6:30 PM. This is the same place we have held our dinner for the last few years. The dinner is to show our appreciation for all our faithful members who have gone the 2nd mile in supporting the club as well as all our land owners who have graciously provided us with the right to hunt their properties. We are going to purchasing some big prizes as well as asking for donations from our supporters. It will be a fun night so mark your calendars and plan on attending. The cost will be \$15 per person with landowners and those who put in work hours free. Call Troy Hendershot at (330) 815-4042 to make your reservations or e-mail him at gunmastertroy@aol.com.

New Trustee

Roger Long decided not to run for trustee again. We thank Roger for all his hard work as a trustee. Roger as a trustee was also VP and in charge of the GRA farm property. Roger spent countless hours working at the farm. He surely will be missed. Paul Rogers has agreed to become a trustee. We welcome Paul and wish him the best in his new endeavor.

2019 Wildlife Conservation Grants

All final reports for the 2019 grants have been submitted to the ODNR Division of Wildlife. In 2019 we requested \$8400, and received \$4504, or 53.6%. This year I plan to ask for more money, to release more bird, and in more areas, if possible. Special thanks goes to my mentor, Mr. Robert V. Black, for his kind assistance.

Shane L. Johnson, Recording Secretary

GRA / YMCA Camp Tippecanoe Deer Hunt 2019

Thanks to all who volunteered at the camp and earned the right to hunt deer on camp property. Seventeen (17) hunters took to the 500 + acres of camp land adjoining the Clendening Lake area with nine (9) deer harvested.

2020 season requirements will be posted on our website.

A Call for New Blood

If anyone is interested in filling a trustee position, please contact a current trustee. It is a very rewarding as well as you are helping to provide future direction for our club. Most of the current trustees have held their positions for many years. It is now time to infuse some new leadership into the club. Our club has been in existence for 72 years. If we are to exist for many more years to come, we need new, younger leadership.