

**March, 2018**

The Game Reserve Association Inc.  
PO Box 8467  
Canton, Ohio 44711

[www.gamereserveinc.org](http://www.gamereserveinc.org)

# Game Reserve Association Newsletter

---

*Tony Girard, President*  
330/823-4890

*Roger Long, Vice President*  
330/313-1106

*Shane L. Johnson,*  
*Recording Secretary*  
*drshaneljohnson@gmail.com*  
*m 330/327-7804*

*Troy Hendershot, Membership*  
*Secretary*  
330/815-4042

*Richard Longfellow, Treasurer*  
330/878-5971

*Bob Black, Sergeant at Arms*  
330/878-5294

---

**The Appreciation Dinner**  
will be held on April 14, 2018  
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 April 7 to  
Troy Hendershot @  
330-815-4042

---

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

## President's Message

On behalf of the trustees I want to thank our land owners for letting us hunt on their land. Also, many thanks to our volunteers that have helped throughout the past year.

Again, this past year we lost another property- the Marks farm. The property sold and the new owner does not allow hunting. This year our number one focus will be finding new property. Anybody with suggestions or ideas on this subject please let us know what you think. Bring your ideas to a board meeting.

All members must sign in when they are on GRA properties. This is a safety rule and must be obeyed. Example- you cannot use the rifle range when someone is in the field hunting or just walking with their dog.

Please take time to read the flyer concerning the gun raffles this year. These changes are necessary to be fair to all hunters.

Tony Girard, GRA President

## Vice President's Message

We have had another good year at the farm. We closed another successful pheasant hunting season with safe and enjoyable hunts. Thanks to all the releasers for their dedication and hard work.

We also did a good job of maintaining the farm itself. Most of the efforts were in mowing and general maintenance. We added more efficient windows to the mobile home to reduce energy costs. These windows were originally purchased for and installed in the old mobile home. They were salvaged when the old home was removed. We now have a renter in the mobile home. Jim is a conscientious guy and we look forward to him helping with farm maintenance by keeping up with the mowing.

We will again schedule three work parties at the farm. The dates will be **May 26, July 28 and September 8**. We will evaluate the work load before each date and cancel if necessary. If you plan to come to the work parties, please call me a day or two ahead to see if we are meeting (330 806-5417).

Lucky X shoots have started for the year. They are the first and third Saturday of each month through the end of September. Come out and give it a try and bring a friend. It is a good time and you might win some money. Remember, the jack pot keeps building until someone hits.

Thank You, Roger Long

## 2018 Spring Gun Raffle

Until someone comes up with a better fund raiser we will continue to have our twice a year raffles. Our spring raffle will be held on Tuesday May 8, 2018 at the Sippo Lake club house. Please 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 2<sup>nd</sup> most \$50. Thanks to all those who sell their tickets. – Bob Black

## **Fall Raffle Results**

Our revenue from our raffles continues to decline. The fall raffle was the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest ever. I guess my “preaching” in the last newsletter did not pay off. We still have many members who do not sell their raffle tickets. Remember, besides dues and lucky X, this is our club’s only source of income. To those who do sell their raffle tickets- a big thank you! Without your support we could not exist. Because of the declining profitability of our raffles the club made cutbacks on the number of pheasants we purchase by 10% in 2017. Without increase in in our revenue further cuts are a strong probability in 2018. So please sell your raffle tickets.

The winners for our fall raffle are as follows-

- 1<sup>st</sup> place—Karla Hall            Sold by—Jeff Hall  
 2<sup>nd</sup> place—Wes Reichard    Sold by---Wes Reichard  
 3<sup>rd</sup> place--- Bob Raber        Sold by---Bob Raber  
 4<sup>th</sup> place---Eric Christiansen Sold by—Eric Christiansen

Carl Hendershot sold the most tickets (\$520) and Mike Muncy sold the 2<sup>nd</sup> most tickets (\$165). For their effort they received \$250 and \$50.

Regards, Bob Black

## **New Raffle Ticket Rule- 2018 HUNTING CHANGES**

By action of the Trustees at the 2/18 meeting, this year (2018) all members that choose to hunt on any GRA properties are required to purchase or sell all assigned gun raffle tickets. This amounts to \$80. When you have purchased the \$80 worth of tickets your membership card will be stamped, entitling you to hunt pheasants. This means that you will need to have purchased or sold both rounds of tickets (40+40=\$80 worth) prior to hunting pheasants during the 2018 season. we ask that all members that hunt support the club and we think this is a fair way of doing it. If you have been buying your tickets you will not be spending any more money than in the past. As trustees of the club it is our responsibility to ensure the financial stability of the GRA. Any member that hunts without having their card stamped will be expelled from the club.

## **2018 Wildlife Conservation Grants**

We are again going to apply for two grants- one for Youth Pheasant Hunt and one for Public Pheasant Hunt. The dead line for submitting the application is March 15, 2018. I will be working on these grants and have them submitted. They have lowered the amount each club can receive from \$15,000 to \$7,500. Last year we received \$7700 so this year the max we will be able to receive is \$7,500. I’ll keep you updated in the next newsletter.

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