

April 2024 Newsletter

Spring activities have begun and are scheduled into the summer. Check the calendar posted on the website, the clubhouse or emailed to you of monthly events and rentals. We encourage all members to support these activities. Work hours can be earned by helping with events, selling raffle tickets, Work Days or working independently. With the upcoming warmer weather, club renovations, mowing, weed whacking and tree trimming will be needed. Take time to enjoy our club's beautiful natural resources as well!

The **Columbiana County Federation** is actively involved in supporting outdoor activities and preservation of our natural resources. They provide scholarships and sponsor many activities for area youth. Show your support of the Federation by attending meetings and activities when you are able. The next Federation meeting is Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:00 pm at the Tri-State Coon Hunters.

Building Committee Chairperson Samantha Moore will schedule another cleaning day to finish cleaning the floors and other areas that were not cleaned at the last Work Day. Snacks have been stocked for spring & summer activities.

Forestry Committee Chairman Don Hauenstein will have another work day to cut some more trees, particularly the pine trees up on the hill. This will be Saturday, April 6th at 8:00am. Contact Don (863-280-0054) with questions.

Lake & Pond Committee chairman Jay Mitchell will add chemicals when the weather gets warmer and will purchase lily pads when available. He will also add some cement blocks for structure.

Grounds Committee chairman Tim Wagner reported that the mower has been serviced and returned. He will get estimates on a new mower for areas around the clubhouse.

Range Committee chairman Tom Gerner shared plans for improving the range.

Archery Committee co-chairman Gary Day reported that the Outdoor 3-D Shoots are scheduled for Sunday, April 14th, June 16th, August 18th & September 15th. Mini Shoots will begin on Wednesday, May 22nd and run through August 28th. Mini Shoots begin at 6:00pm. He will also make several older targets available for members to get some outdoor archery practice. There will be a Work Day on April

13th beginning at 8:00am to set up the course. Contact Gary (330-853-9941) or Dave Barto (330-301-3559) with questions.

The Indoor .22 Shoots have finished for the winter. Turnout was good and we also had support from other area clubs. Club members will investigate ways to improve shooting opportunities such as installing KYL targets. Contact Steve Cresanto (330-716-6392) for more information.

Spring Turkey Shoots began on Friday, March 29th. Shoots are at 7:00pm and continue until May 31st. Contact Dusty (330-853-9295) for more information.

The club is currently holding a **10 Gun Raffle**. Tickets are \$20 each and winners will be drawn when all tickets are sold. Contact Ray ((903-517-1692) for tickets or questions. Information on the guns is posted on the website. Flyers are also available.

The club is also holding another **one-gun raffle** for club members only. The next raffle will be for a .22 Savage Target Rifle. Tickets will only be available at meetings or club activities. There is a 5-ticket limit for each raffle. Tickets are \$10 and only 50 are being sold. We will draw the winning ticket as soon as they are all sold. Contact Jay Mitchell (330-429-5906) with questions. Congratulations to Jay Mitchell, the winner of our first gun, a Ruger American Ranch 350 Legend.

Congratulations to new members Cindy Fletcher and John Jurjavic Jr. who were voted in at the meeting. Nominations for officers began this month and will continue until voting in June.

Under **Old Business**, work on the addition will continue as the weather allows. Contact Ray (903-517-1692) if you are able to work independently or can help. Jay will be working on the roof on Saturday, April 20th beginning at 8:00am, weather permitting. He will need plenty of help. Contact him (330-429-5906) with questions.

A **flea market** will be held on Saturday, May 18th from 9:00am – 3:00pm. The market will be advertised as a flea market with an emphasis on hunting & fishing gear but household items, toys & clothing will also be acceptable. Tables will be available for members for \$10 and the public for \$15. Set up will begin at 8:00am or members may set up at their convenience. A lunch will be available. Contact Jolane Day (330-853-5276) with questions or to reserve a table.

Three apple trees were planted at the south border of the club grounds in memory of long-time member Dick McElroy. Thanks, Steve Petrycki and crew for completing this project. Club members discussed purchasing additional trees for this location in the future. Take a walk and look at this beautiful new area.

The club voted to hire A & A Construction to excavate and fill a new and improved parking area. The estimated cost will be around \$17,000. Contact John Jurjavcic (330-397-3559) for the details. Construction will begin when the grounds are dry.

Ray read the proposed changes to the By-Laws and Constitution. Briefly, these changes would separate the Grounds Committee and the Building Committees and create a new committee called the Fund-Raising Committee. Other changes include an exception to the required 3-meeting attendance due to work or school. Another proposed change involves the membership renewal of members who have outstanding work-hour debt. Those members must wait 1 year before reapplying and work hours will be assessed to their dues. A copy of these changes will be given to members at the next meeting and will be voted on in June. Contact Ray with questions.

Please keep up with the club news by reading this newsletter and checking out the following: our website (www.epsportsmensclub.org) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/epsportsmensclub)

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 6th, at 7:00 pm.