

January 2024 Newsletter

Winter activities start this week. Check the calendar posted on the website or emailed to you of monthly events and rentals. We encourage all members to support these activities and spread the word about our club. Take time to enjoy our club's beautiful natural resources as well! Also, it's still hunting season so be aware that members may be on the grounds during hunting hours. Hunters are reminded to close both ranges and lower the cable before hunting and open them when done. Stay safe!

The **Columbiana County Federation** is actively involved in promoting 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, January 23 at the Leetonia Sportsmen's Club. Tickets and info for the Federation Dinner on February 3rd will be available at this meeting. Terry still has one ticket. Bob reported that the ODNR would like you to report any sightings of gray fox, river otters or black bear to wildlife officer Jesse Janosik (330-245-3039) to track their activity and population.

Building Committee Chairman Samantha Moore reported that she is restocking club supplies as needed. There are 2 rentals this month. They are Saturday, January 20th from 2:00 – 6:00pm and Sunday, January 28th from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. Please check the club calendar for future rentals and activities.

Forestry Committee Chairman Don Hauenstein reported that a work day for tree cutting will be scheduled after hunting season. Contact Don (863-280-0054) with questions. Steve Petrycki will work on getting apple trees in the spring to be planted in honor of member Dick McElroy.

Congratulations to **Gun Raffle** winners: 1st Prize – Henry Golden Boy 22LR - **Doug McElroy** and 2nd prize – Smith & Wesson 642 .38 brushed stainless – **Jon Miller**. Watch for details for our next gun raffle which will be a 10-gun one. We will need volunteers to help run ticket sales. Thanks to Marty Kerr for handling previous raffles. He did an awesome job!

Archery committee chairman Gary Day reported that indoor archery shoots will begin on Wednesday, January 10th at 7:00pm and run 10 weeks. Contact him (330-853-9941) or Dave Barto (330-301-3559) with questions.

The Indoor .22 Shoots will begin on Friday, January 19th at 7:00pm. A digital target viewing system is being purchased to help shooters watch results. Contact Steve Cresanto (330-716-6392) for more information about the shoots.

Under **Old Business**, work on the addition will continue as the weather allows. Doors need hung and the addition needs enclosed. Contact Ray (903-517-1692) if you are able to work independently or can help. They will be hanging the doors this Saturday (January 13), weather permitting. Contact Steve Cresanto if you can help.

Under **New Business**, we discussed the possibility of other raffles such as a meat raffle, possibly in the fall. Dusty reported that there is a protective cover on the gate lock to keep it from getting wet and possibly freezing up. The gate will be left open during the winter to allow salt trucks to turn around.

Dues will be collected throughout January and February and at the February meeting. Jolane will be available @6:30pm to collect dues and distribute membership cards. She reiterated the importance of signing in at meetings and recording your hours. Dues are based on these 2 recorded items. Refer to the club constitution to determine the amount you will owe so there are no problems with dues payment. The deadline for paying dues is February 28th. Contact Ray if you are unable to attend the February meeting to make arrangements for paying your dues.

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).

Don't forget to send us your successful hunting or fishing pictures for the "Trophy Page." We'll share them in our gallery. E-mail them to: epsportsmensclub@gmail.com

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 5th, at 7:00 pm.

