

## March 2023 Newsletter

Winter activities are winding down and spring and summer activities are being scheduled. Check the website for a calendar of monthly events. We encourage all members to support these activities and spread the word about our club.

The **Columbiana County Federation** is actively involved in promoting outdoor activities and preservation of our natural resources. They sponsor many activities for kids such as the Lakes and Trails camp at Leesville Lake and the Quaker Town Super Kids Race Day. 3, \$1,000 scholarships are available for kids studying an outdoor-related curriculum. Contact Federation President, Tom Butch (330-301-0536) for details. Show your support of the Federation by attending meetings and activities when you are able. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Middleton Township Sportsmen's Club.

**Indoor Archery Shoots** are finished for the year. The first 30-target, 3-D shoot will be Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and the 15-target Mini Shoots will begin Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. A schedule is available on the website and Facebook. Contact Gary Day (330-853-9941) or Dave Barto (330-301-3559) for more information. A **Work Day** is scheduled for Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> to clean up around the club and archery course.

Our **10 Gun Raffle** is still on-going with tickets going fast. Raffle tickets are \$20 and draws when the last ticket is sold. All Federal, State & local laws apply. Only 1,000 tickets are being sold. A list of guns is available on the website and Facebook. A Venmo account address is available upon request. Contact Marty Kerr (330-610-5833) for tickets. Our club will be selling tickets at the Sportsman's Sale at Possum Hollow on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. We will also have a table available for any member wanting to sell outdoor gear. Items must be labeled with your name and price. Contact Marty or Dusty (330-853-9295) with questions or to give them your sale items.

**Spring Turkey Shoots** will begin on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Contact Dusty Knight for more info. (330-853-9295)

The **Indoor .22 Shoots** continue on Fridays at 7:00 pm through March 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact Steve Cresanto (330-716-6392) for more info.

**Lake** Committee Chairman, Jay Mitchell will be purchasing cleaning chemicals and fish feed. He would also like to add some structure and water lilies to the lake. He will have a schedule for the **Catfish Derbies** at next month's meeting.

Under **Old Business**, the roofing project will be continued in the spring. We have an estimate for equipment needed to run the electricity from the clubhouse to the turkey shoot range. Projects include adding gravel to the drive and extending the kitchen. Apple trees will be purchased and planted in honor of long-time member Dick McElroy. Many opportunities to get work hours for these projects are available as the weather improves. Check with Ray if you are willing to help.

The new **Club Rental Agreement** is on the website or available from Ray.

Club hats are available for \$12 and orders for **club apparel** are being taken. They include t-shirts and sweatshirts. Contact Jolane (330-853-5276) to order.

Congratulations to new member David Butler who was voted in at the meeting.

Under **New Business**, Dusty and Ray will research options for a new Club sign to replace the sign that was damaged at the end of Failor Street and also a new one for the end of North Pleasant at Route 14.

The results of the Health Department's test of our potable water are available from Ray. The test results of our soil and lake water by Purdue University will be available soon.

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

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 3rd at **7:00 pm**.