



TRUMBULL COUNTY ROD AND GUN CLUB

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"A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

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A **new format** is being adopted for the Newsletter beginning with this Newsletter. **Changes** include a new format and a new publication schedule. The Newsletter will be published quarterly. (This change was approved by the Officers and Trustees at the December, 2007 meeting of the Officers and Trustees.) Urgent matters will be published and distributed to Members by Bulletins and on the Club's Website.

VICTORY FOR THE CONSTITUTION On June 26, 2008 the U. S. Supreme Court released its decision in District of Columbia v. Heller. (The 157 page opinion can be read at: <http://dcguncase.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2008/06/07-2901.pdf>) In a 5-4 decision the Court held that citizens have the right to own guns and possess them in their own homes for self-defense and struck down a Washington, D.C. ban on guns. This is the first statement from the Supreme Court on this issue since the Second Amendment was enacted in 1791. The case probably spells doom for any local government to enact gun bans, although commentators also believe this decision will not affect federal gun law. June 26, 2008 was a good day for the Constitution and the sportsman.

COMMITTEE AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Membership (Tom Olsen, Chairman) The following individuals have been accepted into membership in the second quarter, 2008: Mike Martin, Frank Sandor, Jerry Myers, Joseph Filipcic, Stephen J. Pop, Ron Stillwagon, Mark Stout, Tom Stith, James Hughes, Thomas Lee Nehlen II, Doug Riddle, Larry Hunter, Lenny Heater, Daniel Padula, Jr., and Richard McClain. Congratulations to these men and Welcome! We also want to acknowledge and thank Kenny Chapman for volunteering to help Tom Olsen.

Entertainment (Bob Wade and Randy Jewell, Co-Chairmen) The annual "Jake Day" was held on April 5. Over 200 people attended. Club participation was strong. A big "thanks" to the field trials group, Jared, and all those who helped out.

The annual youth trout tournament was held April 19, 2008. 54 youngsters participated. It was a great day. Thank you, Roger Leigh, and all the others who helped.

The Club held a swap meet on April 26, 2008. It was very successful, and the kitchen especially did a great job. Thanks to all who helped and participated.

A family picnic is being planned for August. Pay attention to the website and perhaps a Bulletin for more information.

A new pop machine has been purchased for the clubhouse. Our electricity bill has been reduced significantly (according to Dan Pedigo, May's was the lowest he has seen). Thank you, Trustees and Officers, for your actions in purchasing this new and economical pop machine.

Education (John Rosenberg) A sign-up sheet has been posted for a concealed carry class to be offered later this year. If you or anyone you know are interested, please sign up. The class will not be held until there are enough students to fill it. For more information see George Palo or Jerry Usselman.

Archery (Bill Chiles, Outdoor Chairman) Outdoor archery has had a very successful start. Bill Chiles reports good turn outs (107 shooters and 6 cubs in the first three meets). The kitchen is also successful—thank you, Dan Pedigo, and all the kitchen crew. These meets take a lot of work to put on and tear down, and this is a great opportunity to get your hours in. See Bill for information. Also, we note that Bill is a new member of the Club. He has become involved and taken on the outdoor archery job. You will remember he sold advertising to buy new targets. We all need to appreciate the contributions of all active members and encourage the new guys to get involved.

Archery (Bob Hogan, Indoor Chairman) This year's banquet was a success. Bob is looking to step down after a long stint as Chairman and is looking for a volunteer to step up and take this duty over. Thank you, Bob, and members—step up and take this job!

Wildlife (Liam McEvoy, Chairman) Liam is preparing to step aside in the future. Thanks, Liam, for all the good work you have done for the Club as wildlife chairman. Roger Anderson is helping Liam this summer. The pheasant pens are in good shape and ready for this year's birds. The Club is experimenting with moving to purchased birds rather than eggs. While birds are more expensive, we hope the extra expense will offset the cost of electricity, etc. needed to hatch the eggs. The Officers and Trustees are monitoring this transition and will be able to compare costs when making a "bird vs. egg" decision in 2009.

Gun Raffle (Mitch Leigh, Chairman) The Encore raffle was quite successful. The gun got a lot of attention and was good demand for the tickets. The Officers and Trustees are encouraged to offer a raffle of a high-end gun periodically. The Club made \$1,100 on the 12 gun raffle even though 86 tickets were not sold. The final numbers for the Federation's 60 gun raffle are not in yet.

Federation (Jerry Usselman, Chairman) The "Castle Bill" (SB 184) was signed by the Governor on June 10, 2008 and will become effective September 9, 2008. Under this new law individuals are granted immunity from civil lawsuits when acting with force to protect their lives and families. You can track the status of Ohio legislation at <http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/index.html>. This Bill was passed with the help of sportsmen by contacting their local Ohio Representative and Senator. To learn who your Representative and Senator are go to <http://www.house.state.oh.us>. Click on "127th Ohio General Assembly" then on right of page check House and Senate check Zip Code and put in your 5+4 zip and enter; click on name and the name address, phone, e-mail and other contact information will come up.

The Lake Erie Shoreline Bill (which would privatize ownership of lakefront property) [SB 189] is still pending. Contact your State Representative and Senator to voice your opposition to this Bill.

The Federation is discussing a promotional campaign to promote all conservation clubs in our count. Updates will be given at each monthly meeting.

The Trumbull County Fair Board has given the Federation a 50 x 50 space for this year's fair. (July 7-13). The Federation will put up a tent and has been recruiting workers for this project. Eleven members of our club have volunteered. Jared is bringing in an archery trailer and other activities/events are planned for the Fair.

The Scrappers are hosting a "Sportsman's Night" on July 27. Picnic at 4:30; game at 6:05. A box seat for the game is \$8; the picnic and game are \$18.

Mr. Whisker Catfish Day will be held August 2. The "Summer Sizzle" is also coming up in August.

Cowboy action shooting is held at the Brookfield Club May through October on the second Saturday and fourth Sunday of each month.

Buildings and Grounds (Ted Brown, Chairman) Replacement of doors is underway. Thanks to all who have and will help with this project.

Newsletter (John Grundy, Chairman) There has been additional work done on the Website this quarter. We are preparing to distribute information by e-mail. Thank you, Jason, for the hard work. This Newsletter is now quarterly and will be distributed by e-mail and at the monthly meeting of the first month of each new quarter.

Old Business this past Quarter: Cortland Tractor donated a fuel line for the tractor. Be sure to thank them when you are in there next time.

Joe Baka continues to recycle cans—please use the container at the rear door of the Clubhouse.

The membership voted to have another beef raffle at the April meeting. More information and tickets available at future monthly meetings.

New Business this past Quarter: The roof on the rifle range needs to be replaced. Vice President Ralph Gibbs is heading up this project.

The Officers are exploring oil and gas leasing possibilities and will report to the membership as developments occur.

The quality of the Club's water is under review, and solutions are being discussed and will be brought to the attention of the membership.

Electric work on lights and the fan have continued. Thanks to all who have helped with this project.

Work days are scheduled periodically and notice is given at each monthly meeting. We need you to participate when and how you can. This is a big place and there is always a lot to do.

Good of the Organization: President Bob Wade continues to encourage greater membership participation in all our activities. He also encourages each member to look for sportsmen to join our Club. Finances continue to be a concern and greater membership participation in projects and the addition of new members will help us out.

Treasurer's Report: Our electric bill for May was \$125—the lowest ever, according to our Treasurer. Club finances are improving from last year and need to continue improving.

SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES AND OTHER MATERIALS. Members may come across articles and other materials they wish to submit for publication. The deadline for submission to the next Newsletter is the 10th day of the last month in each quarter (March, June, September, December). Submissions should be made to: John Grundy, P.O. Box 591, Cortland, OH 44410 or to john@johngrundy.com.

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS. A sheet is available at each monthly meeting of the members to write address changes and corrections. Please make corrections on that sheet. It is possible corrections submitted in any other manner may not be processed.

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