



TARGET BOARD



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YOUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE IS YOU!

You might consider this a campaign, but it's not necessarily a new one. For years we have opened our doors to the public with educational events, many in the form of "fun". With tragedy and political agendas spiraling out of control we are even more committed to safety and education. Ignorance (lack of knowledge) is the leading cause of many of the problems we are facing. With a few more events this year we hope to reach a few more people.

Firearm Safety Class, aimed at those who have little or no knowledge about firearms.

Example #1... a guy walks into a gunsmith's shop, hands the smith a gun he bought at a pawn shop. Never owned a gun before but decided he needed one for protection. He says the gun won't fire. Dealer accepts the gun only to find out it's loaded - and with the wrong ammo.

Example #2... a widow asks a friend to come over for advice on what to do with her deceased husband's firearms. The friend arrives to find the guns laid out for his inspection, some are loaded, grandkids running amuck within bumping distance of the guns.

Basic firearm safety would have prevented both of those scenarios.

Free Firearms Safety Class Apr 20th from 10am to 1pm.

When CCW and Self-Defense Instructor Wayne Strunk heard about the Firearm Safety Class he immediately offered to further the cause and put on a free **Teachers Self-Defense Seminar** at the club. Plans for a seminar on March 30th were thrown together and word spread quickly. A class limited to 12 grew to 24. Newspapers and a TV station called for interviews. While the publicity was great, (usatoday.com, bucyrustelegraph.com) it was the feedback from the teachers that was priceless, and rewarding! Prior to the class they had nothing but doubts, what could they possibly learn that would be of value in the classroom should the unthinkable happen. Well, lets just say they had a whole new attitude when they left, and knowledge to use in many situations. The class can be taken at the [Delaware Career Center](#) if you know someone who might be interested however the career center does charge a fee.

We'll be taking part in **National Take Your Daughter To The Range Day** on June 15th. This is it's second official year, and no it's not just for daughters. We'll run it much like we do Family Day, anyone is welcome. The program will be strictly 22 rifles and handguns with lots of hands on time. We need plenty of instructors, if you are willing and able - we need you! We'll run from 11am to 4pm. On this same day, from 1pm to 3pm there will be an **Unarmed Self-Defense Class**, much like the Teachers Self-Defense Class. Both of these are FREE!

HUNTER'S ED - Although this free class is for those needing a hunting license, it's firearm safety instruction is invaluable for anyone. The regular two day class is August 24th from 10am - 4pm and the 25th from noon till 4pm, you must attend both days. The Home Study Completion Session is October 26th from 10am till 2pm, you study at home then come to class for review and testing. The Ohio Hunter's Ed Course is recognized and accepted by all 50 states and the Canadian Provinces for purchase of a hunting license.

APPLESEED! "An activity of The Revolutionary War Veterans Association, dedicated to teaching every American our shared heritage and history as well as traditional rifle marksmanship skills." No matter your age or skill level, you will learn something. If you're a beginner doing ANY kind of shooting, this is the place to start. Traits that should be instilled in all of us - patience, determination, focus, attention to detail, persistence, it all adds up to good shooting and good character. Appleseed will be here June 29th & 30th and again on Sept. 28th & 29th. These are two day events, you're not required to attend both days. While they do charge a fee it is well worth it, there are discounts for kids, women, law enforcement and active military.

Last but not least is **Family Outdoor Sporting Day**. We are actually creating quite a name for ourselves with this one. It's free, open to anyone and everyone, involves shooting all kinds of firearms, there's a free lunch and you get to watch some unbelievably smart dogs chase down decoys in the pond. Who'd believe you could have so much fun while actually learning or teaching firearm safety? We get help from Pheasants Forever, the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Ohio Dept. of National Resources... but it takes a whole lot of "us" (you - club members!) to make it happen. We'll be hounding you the closer it gets to September 21st!

Firearm safety isn't just for those who are gun enthusiasts and whether someone chooses to be armed or not they should know how to defend themselves. Spread the word, bring someone to an event.....

You may be influencing a future voter!

CURRENT Safety-Orientation

Schedule:

2ND SUNDAY @ 2:30 PM

3RD SUNDAY @ 9:00 AM

Held at range or club house depending on weather. Other times may be scheduled by calling one of the Range Safety Officers below. **IF YOU SCHEDULED A TIME AND DID NOT SHOW UP** don't ask to re-schedule, you must attend one of the set times above. The safety-orientation only takes about 15-20 minutes and you must be present for the entire session so don't be late!

Denny Tubbs 740-361-7281

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CASH RAFFLE

\$1000 CASH

150 TICKETS @ \$10

Drawing when
all tickets sold.

Available at:

Office

Gun Show

Turkey Shoot

Benchrest Match

Meetings

1911 TAURUS RAFFLE

Winner was Denny Tubbs!



CLARIFICATION Most of the following has been made pretty clear in the 'information & rules' that come with membership applications. These have been addressed in previous newsletters. For the benefit of new members and those who haven't taken the time to re-read the rules... here we go again.....

VISITORS - Those who come once or twice to see what we have to offer. Visiting NOT participating.

BADGES - Your membership card, placed in a holder and pinned, clipped or on a lanyard and worn in plain sight on the outside of your clothing while on club grounds.

DAY PASS - One day membership for your guest to use our facilities while accompanied by you. As a member they must wear their badge.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - Payment must be made WITH a signed renewal form. Membership cards will not be mailed unless we receive BOTH payment and a signed form. Memberships are good through the end of the month in which your membership expires. Renewals that are received more than 60 days after expiration are required to pay the initiation fee.

EVENTS - The shooting ranges are ONE firing line and a match, competition or practice does not allow for general member's practice while these events are in progress. If there is a match, competition or practice being held on the pistol range, the rifle range is closed and vice-versa.



MILITARY & RIMFIRE MATCHES

3RD Sunday of the month Apr-Oct. CMP Rules. Adults \$10 - Youth \$5. Range opens at 9am. Military match starts 10am, Open to any make or model standard service rifle issued to any country's armed forces.

5 Round Minimum Magazine. / 5 Sighters / 5 Minutes

200 yds, 10 shots slow prone, 10 minutes

10 shots rapid prone from standing 80 sec. with reload

10 standing. 10 minutes

Rimfire approx. 1pm. 25 & 50 yds. Great starting point for newcomers and youth. Grab a kid or a friend, there's plenty of help to get you started! Matches should run quicker this year due to some range improvements!

ALL EVENT DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE

CLEAN-UP DAY APRIL 13 - (Rain date Apr 27)

RANGE IS CLOSED so you may as well come out and help! Remember the space on your membership application that asked "in what way are you able to contribute to the club"? A lot of people wrote "any way I can, just ask". Well here's your official "ask". We (you and the rest of the club owners) are responsible for upkeep and repair. Unless we raise club dues, it's up to us to do what we can. Let's see how many of us take our responsibility seriously. 8am till ??? Bring anything you can think of that might be useful: rakes, shovels, pruners, chainsaws, hammers/nails, 4-wheelers with trailers, etc, etc. Use your imagination. Work will probably include clearing around the pond, burning debris, clearing trees and brush in the archery range. Grounds need to be rolled... we have a roller, need a puller. Trap lanes need edging, who has an edger? Whether you can work an hour or all day it helps! Liz and Linda will make sure you have plenty to eat and drink.

Supervisors and cheerleaders welcome!

Plans are in motion for more range work. The addition/extension of bunkers will allow for some 3-Gun competition. The work will be done when time allows and subject to availability of the dozer or backhoe. This means giving you advance notice of any range closures via regular mail will be near impossible. We will however send an email as soon as any range work is planned. If you don't have email feel free to call or text before making a long drive! 740-361-7281



3-Gun or Multi-Gun Competitions involve the use of a rifle, shotgun and pistol while moving through multiple stages of a course. Targets usually include paper, steel and clay and, depending on the course, and might be shot over, under, through something or even while walking.

Many possibilities here and lots of interest!

X = RANGE CLOSED DURING TIME LISTED - Ending times approximate

BLUE = You should be at the club helping!

APR	1	Bowling Pin Practice	6pm-8pm	X
	2	NWORLD - away	6pm	
	8	Bowling Pin Practice	6pm-8pm	X
	9	NWORLD - home	6pm	
	13	Clean-Up Day Range open if rained out	8am - ?	X
	14	Turkey Shoot	10am-2pm	
	14	Safety-Orientation	2:30-2:45pm	X
	15	Bowling Pin Practice	6pm-8pm	X
	16	NWORLD - make-up	6pm	
	20	Firearm Safety	10am-1pm	
	21	Safety-Orientation	9am-9:20am	X
	21	Gun Show	10am-1pm	
	21	Military & Rimfire	10am-4pm	X
	22	Bowling Pin Practice	6pm-8pm	X
	27	Clean-Up RAIN DATE Range open if rain date not needed	8am-?	X
	29	MEETING	7PM	
MAY	5	Benchrest	10am-2pm	X
	6	Pin League @ Richwood	6pm-8pm	
	12	Turkey Shoot	10am-2pm	
	13	Bowling Pin Practice	6pm-8pm	X
	19	Safety-Orientation	9am-9:20am	X
	19	Gun Show	9am-1pm	
	19	Military & Rimfire	10am-4pm	X
	20	Pin League @ Home	6pm-8pm	X
	25	Pro-Stock Turkey Shoot	10am	
	29	MEETING	7pm	

JUN	1	Fishing Derby	9am-12pm	X
	2	Benchrest	10am-2pm	X
	3	Pin League @ Richwood	6pm-8pm	X
	9	Turkey Shoot	10am-2pm	
	9	Safety-Orientation	2:30-2:45pm	X
	10	Bowling Pin Practice	6pm-8pm	X
	15	National Take Your Daughter to the Range Day	10am-4pm	X
	15	Unarmed Self-Defense	1pm-3pm	
	16	Safety-Orientation	9am-9:20am	X
	16	Gun Show	9am-1pm	
	16	Military & Rimfire	10am-4pm	X
	17	Pin League @ Home	6pm-8pm	X
	24	MEETING	7pm	
	29	Appleseed	8am-5pm	X
	30	Appleseed	8am-5pm	X
JUL	1	Pin League @ Richwood	6pm-8pm	
	7	Benchrest	10am-2pm	X
	8	Bowling Pin Practice	6pm-8pm	X
	14	Turkey Shoot	10am-2pm	
	14	Safety-Orientation	2:30-2:45pm	X
	15	Pin League @ Home	6pm-8pm	X
	21	Safety-Orientation	9am-9:20am	X
	21	Gun Show	9am-1pm	
	21	Military & Rimfire	10am-4pm	X
	22	Bowling Pin Practice	6pm-8pm	X
	29	MEETING	7pm	
AUG	4	Benchrest	10am-2pm	X
	5	Pin League @ Richwood	6pm-8pm	
	11	Turkey Shoot	10am-2pm	
	11	Safety-Orientation	2:30-2:45pm	X
	12	Bowling Pin Practice	6pm-8pm	X
	18	Safety-Orientation	9am-9:20am	X
	18	Gun Show	9am-1pm	
	18	Military & Rimfire	10am-4pm	X
	19	Pin League @ Home	6pm-8pm	X
	24	Hunter's Ed	10am-4pm	
	25	Hunter's Ed	12pm-4pm	
	26	MEETING	7pm	

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MARION COUNTY FAIR

Pheasants Forever have again offered to share their booth at the fair with us. While it's mostly just plain fun hanging out with them it's an opportunity to promote the club, handing out fliers and answering questions. If anyone would be willing to spend a couple hours at the fair on one or more days please let us know. Working in shifts helps out the PF guys and the company usually includes our Wildlife Officer Chad Grote and members of the Waldo Sportsmen's Club. JULY 1 - 6

FFL TRANSFERS CAN BE DONE AT THE MEMBERSHIPS
OFFICE THROUGH GUNWORKS. \$15

TURKEY SHOOT

2ND Sunday every month @ 10am

12 ga. Top Gun #9 @ 60 feet

Stock Appearing BBLs / .675 min. choke

10 Rounds \$50 75% payback per round

GUN SHOW

There's been a lot of people looking for guns and ammo lately, The gun show has been a busy place. With spring coming we'll open up to things other than sporting equipment. Anything goes and you can bring a trailer, park in the grass and sell!

NO setup in the driveway please. Guns & ammo sellers have first dibs indoors. Free admission, free spaces! 3RD Sunday every month!!

BENCHREST MATCHES

1ST Sunday of the month May-Oct. @ 9am.

May Group: RF 100yd CF 100 & 300yd

Jun Score: RF 100yd CF 200 & 400yd

Jul EGGS: RF 100yd CF Factory 200yd
CF Custom 300 & 400yd

Aug Group: RF 100yd CF 400yd

Sept Score: RF 100yd CF 100 & 200yd

Oct Group: RF 100yd CF 100 & 200yd

July includes CF aggregate!

CF=Centerfire RF=Rimfire

\$15 per gun, per match

BOWLING PIN LEAGUE



The 'league' is still Meeker VS Richwood. But we're open to more competition!

April brings practice on Monday's at 6pm, \$5 fee. Matches begin in May and run through September 1st Monday at Richwood - 3rd Monday at Meeker

All other Mondays are practice at home (except meeting night). Match fee is \$10. Timed shoots and elimination matches. 2 clips required. New this year is a 20 round limit per match.

If you're interested in participating or just want to watch the fun.... come on out!

NOTE: 9/2 match will be held 9/9 due to holiday.