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February 2010

ECCL Gun show: February 27th

Our popular Winter Gun Show is fast approaching.

It's time to stick your head out of your hidey-hole, tell your shadow to get lost and head out to the club to blow the stink off and join the gathering of firearms enthusiasts who will come together to look, compare, barter, deal, talk, laugh, buy and just have a good time with like-minded individuals.

Nothing says "spring" like a new varmint-gun; nothing warms like reloading supplies; and nothing fills you up like the tasty goodies from Norma's kitchen.

Turkey calls? Knives? Archery supplies? The variety is remarkable and there is always something there that you didn't expect to see.

Join the crowd in your search for something you didn't even realize you needed or rent a table to draw your own crowd. It is a good day.

We hope to see you all there, and please, keep in mind that this is a fund raiser for the club and your support and help is always appreciated.

Elections loom

The nominating committee (Brad Baumgardner, Gary Proy, Gary Howell and Wayne Mankin) has been named and is up and running. This can only mean that the first step in our yearly election procedure has been accomplished.

The next move is YOURS!

Put some real thought into how you want our club to run and be governed -- do you have some good ideas for our future? Can you see the direction we need to follow? Are you ready to put yourself on the line to see these things happen?

Think carefully; and if you are up to the challenge, contact a member of the nominating committee (they can be contacted by email -- theirname@eriecountycl.com; some are available during Trap & Skeet; Wednesday at the club; or give them a phone call) and officially throw your hat into the ring.

If you are not prepared to go onto the board, yourself,

think about who WOULD be a great choice and get that person to get into the race. Every year, we must elect a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms and three trustees.

At the February meeting, nominations will be made both by the committee and from the floor -- you must either be at the meeting to accept or have provided written acceptance. All nominees must be "members-in-good-standing" (paid dues).

The vote will be taken at the March meeting (identification is checked very carefully, so be sure to wear your membership badge with the appropriate stickers affixed).

The more people we have running, the stronger our club will be. Competition is a good thing--it keeps standards high, prevents stagnation and opens us up to new ideas and different styles. Consider your vote, carefully.

M1s for Vets Benefit

We will host our second annual "M-1 For Veterans Fund Raiser Match" on Saturday, March 13, 2010. Entry fee is \$10 per match, and we will donate 100% of the proceeds to the national organization to assist disabled veterans attend matches. For more info go to our website or contact Bernie Bong.

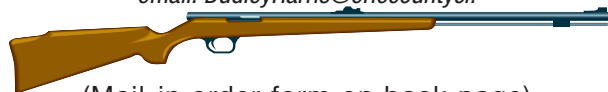
52-Gun Raffle

Only \$25 per ticket

It's not too late to buy a winner!

For information and tickets call:

Jim Dee 419-625-5413 or 419-357-6790
 Dudley Harris 419-626-6562 or 419-621-6544.
 email: DudleyHarris@eriecountycl.com



(Mail-in order form on back page)

Groundhog's Day Stew Dinner

Norma has pulled out all of the stops

February 13

(not Groundhog's Day but close)

BYOB

6 p.m.

BYOB

\$8 per adult meal

\$5 per child

Look for a return of the
"Reverse Raffle"



(We reserve the right to substitute quality beef, should the right groundhog prove to be evasive.)

A message from the

Financial Secretary

As your Financial Secretary I am always trying to think of ways to save the club money and to earn my keep. I'm afraid that some of my ideas work better than others...the postcard renewal seemed to cause a lot of problems. The reason behind the postcard was to save the club on envelopes, paper instructions and the card. The postcard only cost .02 cents each and .16 cents to mail, which was a big savings. I also sent the renewal stickers via two bulk mailings to save on postage costs - .16 vs .44 each and with over 900 members that could have been a huge savings.

Thank-you to the 400-plus members that renewed prior to December 27th, as I was able to mail your renewals bulk mail. Thank-you for your patience in receiving your renewal stickers.

A special Thank-you for the 350-plus members who signed-up to receive the newsletter via email. That will be a considerable savings in printing, postage and processing time!

If you wish to receive the newsletter via email it is not too late. Send me an email to:

ecclnewsletternotification@yahoo.com

and I will add you to my contact list.

I am already thinking of new ideas on how to handle the membership renewals for next year. I would appreciate any ideas or feedback you may have. Please send your comments to donnawillinger@eriecountycl.com.

I hope you have a great 2010!

-Donna Willinger

We need baked goods for the bake sales at the Groundhog Stew Dinner, February 13

Please be so kind as to contribute something!

The money raised goes towards kitchen improvements.



Good feelings for a good friend

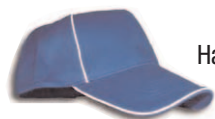
The Tom John Fundraiser (held on December 12th of last year) was a great success. Our wonderful members and friends came through like the good people we knew that you were.

Our thanks to Cheryl Simecek, who spearheaded this effort, and to all of those who helped and donated.

It is our sincerest hope that this effort brought comfort to Tom and his family and especially, that the new year sees him well and shooting again.

Wildlife Officer Kevin Goode

419-429-8382



ECCL Merchandise

Hats, hoodies, t-shirts and more...

ALL sporting the ECCL logo!

Lots of colors, lots of styles and many

of the shirts going up to 5X! The logos are quality embroidery, the shirts are quality fabrics and knits. You will even be able to buy embroidered patches bearing your favorite ECCL activity: High Power, Trap & Skeet, Action Pistol, etc. These are really nice-looking products and at surprisingly affordable prices.

We will introduce our new line of clothing and accessories at the February Gun Show, where you will be able to inspect them and even put in your order.

Now, you can wear your heart on your sleeve and your ECCL membership on your cap!

Top-shooters -

300-yard Awards

The award medals finally got here and were awarded the night of the January general club meeting. The weather was not the greatest but a fairly nice crowd of individuals that braved the elements of Winter was on hand. It was requested that the award winners bring the equipment they used all summer to put on display and that they stick around to answer any questions that may be asked after the meeting.



The awards went to the following shooters:

Bob Burmeister	Small group for the year
Marv Kippen	Pistol
Russ Goodwin	Production Rifle, F-Class, Optical Sight
Greg Schlett	Production Rifle, Bench Rest, Any Sight
Terry Pitts	Military Rifle, Prone With Sling, Any Sights
Ken Bostater	Military Rifle, Bench Rest, Open Sights
Alan Norman	Vintage Military Rifle, Prone With Sling, Open Sights
Alan Norman	Vintage Military Rifle, Bench Rest, Open Sights
Bernie Bong	Custom Rifle, Bench Rest, Any Sights
Nick Takacs	Custom Rifle, F-Class, Any Sight

After the meeting people gathered around and there was a lot of discussion about rifles, classes, equipment used, reloading equipment, and congratulations to the individual shooters. Interest seemed to be fairly high and hopefully it will draw in new shooters.

It looks like 2010 is going to be an interesting year for the 300 yard event!

Nick Takacs 2010

Note that Terry Pitts was in Florida and was awarded his medal earlier and Russ Goodwin and Alan Norman did not make it due to the weather.

Get your news from the web

For some of us, sitting down at the computer and pulling up the news-of-the-day has become second nature.

Now, you can do that with your ECCL newsletter. Instead of waiting to receive it in the mail, let us know and we will send you a notification that the new newsletter has been posted on the website (www.eriecountycl.com). By doing this, you will have the quickest access to the latest info AND you can save the club some money (we will not send you a printed newsletter through the mail--saving the printing fee and the postage fee). Please consider this and let us know you are interested.

Email: DonnaWillinger@eriecountycl.com. to let her know to get you OFF her mailing list and ONTO her emailing list. It's the little things that keep things afloat.

Ink Cartridges

Donna (Willinger, Financial Secretary) has worked a sweet deal with Staples...the club gets credit (money!!!) for every spent ink cartridge she turns in - any make, any style. She has already made us a tidy sum with this and it can get so much better. Those of you with printers at home (or at work; and check with you kids, friends, in-laws, etc.) please bring your empty ink cartridges to the club-house (there is a receptacle available for this purpose) and give the club a little boost.

Ranges Reports

The end of the scheduled events on the back ranges has come to a close for the year 2009. I personally had the chance to renew old friendships and make new ones. I also learned a lot of reloading and shooting info that has helped me with my reloading and shooting. For those people that want to learn some of these things, I think we have some of the best that attend these events, and you are welcome to participate. We had a lot of fun, good natured harassment, and made a little money for the club.

We lost one of our shooters, Keith Rodvold. Keith was a good friend of mine and enjoyed all of the shooting events but had a special love for High Power shooting and often stated it was his favorite shooting sport. Keith was also friends with a lot of the participants of our shooting sports and would help out as needed or he would make things that the shooting events would need. Keith you are missed by many!

-Bernie

Action Shooting

Action shooting had a very good attendance this year. Unfortunately they had two monthly events rained out, but it did not seem to dampen the interest of the shooters and the fun level. The course of fire started slow and easy and got progressively more difficult as the year progressed.

Robb Parthemore had to turn over the running of this event to Brian Westcott and myself for the last event and he will no longer be running them next year. This is bad news for this event as he did an excellent job for the years that he ran it. Robb you will be missed! In his absence Brian Westcott will be taking the reins with help from myself and others. Brian will do an excellent job as he has been managing the rifle part this last year. By the way, Robb, you are still welcome to come out and participate if you get the chance!

High Power

The High Power shooting year started out good and got better. The attendance this year increased from last year and overall the shooters averages increased from last year. I believe all shooters deserve an "Atta Boy" for this.

The High Power event had one day rained out although we had a couple of almost rained out days where we would just get done shooting and it would start raining or it would stop raining just before we would normally start shooting.

The bad news was that our leader, Ken Pellitier, shot one match and was in the hospital (I believe he was just saying this so he would not have to shoot). Anyway, regardless of the reason, he asked me to help run it while he got back on his feet. It was good to see him finally return just so we could harass him but he had more complications set in and he never made it back to shoot but would come out and help set up and then leave because of pain. We missed you Ken! We changed a couple of things in the event concerning the way the course of fire is shot and we added the position numbers at the firing line to agree with the target numbers to help align the shooter with the target. Hopefully next year will be even bigger and better.

300 Yard

The 300 yard event has grown this past year and the scores have been outstanding. For those of you that feel you cannot compete don't feel that way as there are classes or categories that you can compete in. You will be with people that are shooting the same or similar equipment as you. You will learn a lot of shooting skills and reloading skills and there is always someone willing to help if you ask. Nick Takacs does an excellent job of

running this event as you can see by the increase of interest each year. Not only does he do a good job of running it, he shoots pretty darn good too.

We had a shooter bring a single shot pistol in .223 caliber with a scope and rest. Marv Kipplen shot a 196-6X with his pistol from the bench on the F-Class target. The ten ring on this target is approximately 2.85" with the X-ring approximately 1.42". Congrats Marv as that is darn good shooting.

We also had Bob Burmeister who took top honors for small group of the year with a 1.889" for a twenty-shot group.

My congratulations to all the participants of all of the back range events. You all deserve an "Atta Boy" for participating, helping as required, the friendship, the shared knowledge, and for being there.

Things yet to come, this winter will be a Snowflake High Power shoot that will be shot with military rifles of 30 caliber or less only. This event is a lot of fun and all monies collected are donated to the "M1 For Vets", a program that helps wounded comrades shoot at Camp Perry and other places. This also helps them get out and back into the shooting-sports and helps them realize that they can still do some of the things they like to do. You don't have to shoot in this event but do come out and watch; and all donations are gratefully accepted. The date for this event is March 13, 2010 and the fun will start at 9:00 AM.

A 22 rimfire 50 yard benchrest match will be held March 20, 2009 as a warm up for the 300 yard summer event. This will be open to any safe 22 rimfire, no magnums, caliber rifle with iron sights or telescope sights. There will be a class for iron sights and telescope. This event is open to members and guests.

Bring your friends and anyone who enjoys a good time at the range.

See you all next year!

Bernie Bong/Nick Takacs/ Brian Westcott

Junior Air Rifle program begins

New for 2010, we are running a junior air rifle program. This program takes place every other Sunday evening during the winter months. We begin shooting at 5:00 pm, and should be done by 6:30 PM This class will focus on the fundamentals of position shooting. We will be using the club's target grade Daisy 853 air rifles. Pellets and all necessary equipment will be provided by the club. The cost for this program is \$2.50 per class and includes use of club rifle, pellets, targets, and shooting equipment.

ECCL junior programs are open to the public and parents are not required to be members of the ECCL to participate.

Here is the Schedule:

January 17th, February 7th, February 21st, March 7th, March 21st, April 11th, April 25th, May 2nd, May 16th.

Trap & Skeet Schedule:

Sundays: Noon to 4 p.m.

Tuesdays: Closed, January & February

Fridays: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Open to the Public

The Erie County Conservation League

Gun Show

February 27th, 2010

9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

For additional information
call Rick Schweinberg at 440-213-4407 or
email at rickschweinberg@aol.com

A display of our new
ECCL clothing line!

Refreshments from
out kitchen!

Cut out and save this Gun Show information

ECCL Calendar of Events

February 2010:

- 3 ECCL Trustee Meeting 6:30pm
- 4 ECCL Meeting 7pm
- 7 Junior Air Rifle 5pm
- 13 Groundhog's Day Dinner 6pm
- 21 Junior Air Rifle 5pm
- 27 ECCL Gun Show 9am - 4pm

March 2010:

- 3 ECCL Trustee Meeting 6:30pm
- 4 ECCL Meeting 7pm
- 7 Junior Air Rifle 5pm
- 13 M1s for Vets Benefit
- 20 .22 Rimfire, 50-yard, benchrest
- 21 Junior Air Rifle 5pm
- 31 ECCL Trustee Meeting 6:30pm

April 2010:

- 1 ECCL Meeting 7pm
- 10 Action Shooting
- 11 Junior Air Rifle 5pm

- 17 300 yd
- 24 High Power
- 25 Junior Air Rifle 5pm

May 2010:

- 2 High Power
- 2 Junior Air Rifle 5pm
- 5 ECCL Trustee Meeting 6:30pm
- 6 ECCL Meeting 7pm
- 8 Action Shooting
- 15 300-yd
- 16 Junior Air Rifle 5pm

**The ECCL General Membership
meets the first Thursday
of each month**

unless that day is a legal holiday,
when the meeting is moved
to the following week

The meeting comes to order at 7 p.m.

Welcome
new members...

The ECCL would like to introduce the following new members: Harry Mindera, Richard Strouth, Gregory Michel, Michelle Woods, John Woods, Robert Butler, Allan Thomas, Matt Glovinsky, Kris Majoy, Ryan Everman, Eric Everman, Richard Orseno, Robert Hollis, Zachary Johnson, Fredric Itzkowitz, Nathan Itzkowitz, Thomas Solet, Linda Solet, Anthony McKillips, Daniel McKillips, Robert Vaughn, David Culbertson, Robert Bonds.

We're glad to have you join us.



ODNR Division of Wildlife:

<http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/wildlife/Hunting/default.htm>

Detach at dotted line and return to ECCL, P.O. Box 476, Sandusky, OH 44870-0476

Erie County Conservation League 52-Gun Raffle Order Form

Name (Please Print Carefully)

Address

City

State

Zip

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Phone (Please include area code)

Number of tickets
being requested: _____

Amount of money
included (at \$25
per ticket): _____

Make Check payable to: ECCL and mail to
**Erie County Conservation League, Inc., P.O.
Box 476, Sandusky, OH 44871-0476**

We cannot promise to provide tickets with specific numbers