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Coming June 25th for youngsters ages seven to twelve.  
See inside for more information.

## Stein Hospice Benefit Shoots: Back Ranges: April 30th, 2011 Trap & Skeet: Sunday, June 12, 2011

Our Stein Hospice affiliation is one that we are very proud of, and we've been putting on the Stein Hospice Benefit Trap & Skeet shoot for quite awhile. Sadly, Stein is more in need of our help than ever...the economic downturn not only limits what people are able to donate but also creates more people in need of the hospice's charitable services--a double whammy. So this year we are going all-out to make a dent in their need by having our usual Trap & Skeet benefit shoot on June 12th AND adding a .22 rim-fire match on April 30th, at the 50-yard range.

**.22 Rim-fire:** Starting at 9:30 am on April 30, the match will include two categories: Metallic Sights and Optical Sights. Targets for the Optical sights will be the official 50-yard bench-rest targets; targets for open sights will be the official NRA 50-yard small-bore target. The time limit will be 25 minutes for 25 record shots with NO SIGHTERS!!!

Entry fee will be \$10 per match and shooters may enter in more than one category. Spectators are encouraged to add to the donations with their own gifts in any denomination. Juniors, 18 years of age or younger will shoot for free but their contributions will also be welcomed. Email inquiries to Nick Takacs at takacs\_us@yahoo.com

**Trap & Skeet:** It will be a day of Trap, Skeet, fun, food and friends. The rounds of Trap and Skeet will be \$5 (no club discount, please) with all of the proceeds going to the cause. And as always, there will be food and drink to be had, (for a donation) and a donation-can for those who just want to "sweeten the pot".

So help us to stir things-up, a bit, and get this rolling...invite your friends, families, neighbors and associates to share their bounty (this is a great opportunity to show-off our club). If you're not a shooter, drop by anyway, for a chat with friends, a nosh, and a little donation to go with it all.

**Please join us for two good days dedicated to a great service.**

## Family Pot-Luck 2nd Wednesday of each month, all year

Our first in "A Year of Potlucks" was an unvarnished success. With the theme of "Soup and Salad" we had enough tasty food for a couple of small armies. There weren't a lot of people but the people that were there were glad they'd made the trip.

Please consider joining us for any (or ALL) of these get-togethers on the second Wednesday of each month. You won't be sorry.

Call Marie Casper (419-588-2809) with your questions or concerns.

Save the date...

**August 13, 2011**

Tentative date for ECCL Fall Gun Show

The indoor range committee will hold special meetings regarding the proposed indoor pistol & rifle range  
Tuesday, March 30th and  
Wednesday, April 4th,  
7:00pm  
in the ECCL clubhouse.



Last year, our very first Youth Field Day was such a success (with the kids AND the adult helpers) that we couldn't wait to start planning for this year. Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> is the day chosen for our 2011 ECCL Youth Field Day. As last year, the program will go from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., which should be just about enough time to wear out the kids and the adults working with them. The kids will be receiving instruction in rifles .22 caliber hand guns and bows (ECCL will provide ALL equipment, to ensure safety standards and controls).

Kids from age 7 to age 12 are welcome but must be members of ECCL OR be related to (or sponsored by) an ECCL member (the adult member must volunteer his/her time if their child is signed-up--the sponsoring adult will NOT be assigned to his/her own child). Pre-registration is absolutely required and no "walk-ins" will be accepted.

Registration forms are included in this newsletter or can be obtained by contacting us at the club (419-499-2400) or going to our website (eriecountycl.com).

The day will cost \$20 per participant (due upon registration) and will provide ear & eye protection, a t-shirt, lunch and prizes. The

groups will be divided by age so no one needs to worry about being "out of their league".

We are looking for volunteers to help with the operation of the shooting stages, cooking and clean-up. Those who helped last year showed definite signs of exhilaration and excitement (not to mention, exhaustion!!!) and all said they were glad to have been involved. We would also appreciate donations from "prize sponsors" for youth prizes and "program sponsors" (\$50 or more) to help with expenses--Sponsors will have their name or logo printed on each t-shirt (contact Dick Schuster - 419-656-4949).

Last year's kids had a great time and the ECCL did a great thing by putting on this day. We are going to need a lot of help but think of the great opportunity for our adult members to connect with our junior members and re-connect with the purpose of our organization: Education and appreciation of outdoors sports for our members and our community.

Help us to make this year even better...sign-up your kids and yourselves for a terrific time and valuable learning experience.

## 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.

Also, be sure to let her know if you are NOT receiving your requested notification. These newsletters contain lots of valuable information and you won't want to miss them.

Email: ecclnewsletternotification@yahoo.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.

## Black Powder Trap & Skeet

every 4th Saturday of the month

April through November

Shooting begins at 9 am

Call 419-499-2400 with your questions

## We're Back in the Hall Rental Business

It has been decided that the club will resume renting the clubhouse for non-club related activities. Rentals will be accepted from ECCL members, ONLY.

So, if you have need of a fine hall for your grand affair, give a call (Mel 419-656-1458)

[...and if you haven't been there, yet, this year, in the January the acoustics were improved, immeasurably.]

## Trap & Skeet will be back on Tuesdays in April

Following a short shut-down, for the depth of winter, Tuesday evenings at Trap & Skeet have returned.

While the Sunday and Friday sessions maintained a good turnout, despite the weather, this return to Tuesdays marks our belief that Spring will, in fact, return and that blue skies and warm breezes cannot be far behind.

So, kick-off those winter boots, strip-off those winter long-johns and get yourselves back to Trap & Skeet on Tuesday nights (6 to 9 pm)...and, OH, watch your step...snow drifts melt slowly, you know.

## 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.

Already, happy club members are sporting their new, club apparel. You can order, now, by contacting Donna Willinger or asking at the Trap & Skeet office.

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



# The "Back" Ranges

## Snowball Shoot saw Cold Weather and Warm Hearts

The long waited for Snowflake Shoot for the M1 for Vets finally got here and a very good turnout from fellow shooters was had. The weather provided the snow for the Snowflake name and also provided a bit of wind to make everything a bit more exciting.

Work was started at about 8:00 AM with getting target backers ready, the wailing wall put up, the firing positions marked, clearing of the firing line, and getting the shooters signed in. We must not forget that the burn barrels were fired up thanks to Robb Parthemore and his donation of wood to keep it going strong and warm. Thanks go to Nick Takacs for taking the bull by the horns to set this event up – Great job Nick! Thanks also have to go to Bob Burmeister, Wayne Mankin, for changing targets and running the line and to all the people who helped score the targets. Also a great big thank you the Trap & Skeet team and the ladies in the kitchen for the warm lunch and Tom

Bruley for bringing hot drinks back to the range. Lastly a huge Thank You goes to all of the people that shot in the event and also to all of the people who donated to this great cause. I think this was our largest turn out of shooters and spectators ever. Job well done folks!

I would also like to thank Gander Mountain in Sheffield Village, OH for donating the prizes handed out. If anyone gets down that way stop in and tell Kelley thank you as they have been helping the Snowflake shoot since we started.

The weather was not the greatest as about 10:00 AM the wind started to pick up and grew steadily for the rest of the day. It didn't seem to bother the shooters though.

We had some junior shooters that came out and did very well. Hopefully all had a great time and will come back next year. -Bernie



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**Youth Field Day Registration Form**  
**Saturday, June 25, 2011**  
**9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

*PRE-REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT IS REQUIRED NO LATER THAN May 20, 2011*

LIMIT OF 48 YOUTHS – ages 7 thru 12 - no walk-ins allowed

**Fee - \$20 per participant - covers ear & eye protection, t-shirt, lunch, ammo & targets.**  
**(22 caliber pistol, rifles & crossbows will be available to use)**

**Youth Participant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Shirt size:** \_\_\_\_\_ (all shirts youth size unless you specify otherwise)

**Adult Member Volunteer Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(You must volunteer your time for this event with your participating youth)

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer mailing address or Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

(You will be notified in advance on what position you will be volunteering on Field Day)

**Payment to be sent to:**

**Donna Willinger**  
**ECCL**  
**P.O. Box 476**  
**Sandusky, OH 44870**

**Each youth will receive a prize at the conclusion of the event.**

Date rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

# ECCL Calendar of Events

**March 2011:** \$75 late fee for lapsed membership- failure to renew before the end of the month will result in the loss of membership and seniority.

30 Indoor Range Committee 7pm

## **April 2011:**

4 Indoor Range Committee 7 pm  
6 ECCL Trustee Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
7 ECCL General Mem. Meeting 7p.m.  
9 Action Shooting  
13 Pot Luck 6:30 pm - Theme: Spring  
16 300-Yard Match  
23 High Power  
30 Stein Hospice .22 Rim Fire Benefit

## **MAY 2011:**

4 ECCL Trustee Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
5 ECCL General Mem. Meeting 7p.m.  
7 High Power  
11 Pot Luck 6:30 pm -Theme: Picnic  
14 Action Shooting  
21 300-Yard Match  
28 High Power

## **JUNE 2011:**

1 ECCL Trustee Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
2 ECCL General Mem. Meeting 7p.m.  
4 High Power  
8 Potluck - Theme: "Light"

11 Action Shooting  
12 Stein Hospice Trap & Skeet Benefit  
18 300-Yard Match  
25 Youth Field Day  
28 High Power

## **JULY 2011:**

2 High Power  
6 ECCL Trustee Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
7 ECCL General Mem. Meeting 7p.m.  
9 Action Shooting  
13 Potluck - Theme: Fireworks  
16 300-Yard Match  
23 High Power



The ECCL is looking for Youth Field Day Sponsors. A mere \$50 will get your name (or that of your company) on the t-shirts that are handed-out to every participant PLUS the satisfaction of having contributed to a great program.

Contact Dick Schuster, who is always glad to take your money. Call him at: 419-656-4949

## **Ink Cartridges**

Those of you with printers at home (or at work; and check with your kids, friends, in-laws, etc.) please bring your empty ink cartridges to the clubhouse (there is a receptacle available for this purpose). We get a "credit" for every one we turn in and that helps with club expenses.

Our thanks to everyone who has supported this program, so far, and really appreciate your help.

## **Range hours and Speed Limits**

The Range hours have been amended to say:

- Ranges are open for shooting at 8:00 am.
- No personnel are allowed on the ranges before 7:30 am.
- All shooting must stop at dusk.
- All personnel must leave the range area by dark.
- No shooting in the dark or with artificial light without the written permission of the ECCL board of trustees.

The speed limit on the club roads has been reduced to 15 m.p.h. For cause.

Where's your badge?  
**Wear your badge!**

Your are required to wear your badge while on ECCL property

## **All new membership applications**

**must be received and reviewed prior to the membership meeting. Any applications turned in the day of the general membership meeting will be considered for the next month.**

Avoid a delay and get those applications in **WELL AHEAD** of the meeting date.

## **February Chili Cook-off**

Our first Chili Cook-off was a big success, with plenty of chili, plenty of "tasters", plenty of prizes and plenty of fun. And the proceeds went to M1s for Vets.

The winner of the "beef" category was Richard Ramsey, the winner of the "non-beef" category AND the People's Choice was Marie Casper (with a chicken chili), and the winners of the evening were those who attended and got to see Neil Casper parading about in a remarkably silly hat (presented to him in the absence of his wife)!!! I think this hat will return next year, for a re-match!

Look for this to come, again, next year...it was too much fun to NOT do again.

## **Welcome new members!**

ECCL would like to introduce the following new members: Kip Soviak, Griffin Soviak, Max Soviak, Josepheen Soviak, Marilyn Soviak, Jonathan Walton, David Sayre, Thomas Hoefler, Janis Burke, Jason Baker, Ty Baker, Bailey Baker, Luke Biedenbach, Laurel Campbell, Clayton Haynes, John Hazlett, Paul Messerly, Adam Myers, Wallace Petrey, Anthony Thurston, Joyce Weimer, Jody Royster, Richard Ingersoll, Richard Stutsman, Jeff Jackson, Janis Burke, James Schmidt, Michael Osborn.

*We're glad to have you join us!*

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Erie County Conservation League					
2011 Shooting Event Schedule 2011					
<u>High Power</u>		<u>300-Yard</u>	<u>Action Shooting</u>		
April 23	August 6	April 16	April 9		
May 7	August 27	May 21	May 14		
May 28	September 3	June 18	June 11		
June 4	September 24	July 16	July 9		
July 2	October 1	August 20	August 13		
July 23	October 22	September 17	September 10		
		October 15	October 8		

## Women's Action Pistol at ECCL

For the last two years the women at ECCL have been shooting pistols twice a month during the warm weather.

Basic Training is ready for the next step:  
If there is enough interest, Alex Pocs will begin instructing women in Action Pistol in April 2011

There have been inquiries in women's shooting sports at ECCL and this could be what you are looking for.

Please return this slip to the ECCL at:  
ECCL, P. O. Box 476, Sandusky, OH 44870  
or call Alex at 419-706-2216.  
All women are welcome.

Yes...I AM interested in Action Pistol shooting with other women.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_