

President's Note

Hello everyone -

I want to share with you, how excited I am to be part of the leadership that you have chosen to move our club forward. Thank you for the opportunity to work with you and my fellow board members to make the time we spend at Weslaco a safe, fun, and enjoyable experience. That said, a huge THANK YOU to our outgoing board members. You have given freely of your time for the benefit of the Club and our members. For this, we should all be grateful. Thank you!

2024 Membership Application:

As we prepare to welcome family, friends, and acquaintances as prospective members, please remember your responsibility to carefully consider who you sponsor. When considering an applicant for membership, the board relies heavily on your judgement of the character of your applicant. Know your applicant well and make sure they understand what is required of them as a new member. These few requests will help ensure that those selected for membership will be happy, long term, productive members.

A quick request:

I know that we all lead very busy lives, but I want to ask you to please consider becoming more involved with your Club. Take on a project or an event, or perhaps become a part of, or the chair of a committee. Attend our monthly meetings and stay informed as to the happenings at the Club. Don't hesitate to speak at the meetings. Your input is valued and encouraged.

And, most importantly, get outside and enjoy the wonder that is mother nature. She has so much to share! Hope you all had a blessed Easter and I look forward to seeing everyone at the April meeting!

Best Regards, Ed Guy

Youth Trap Program

Berkshire and Chardon High Schools will be holding their team shooting for the Ohio Youth Trap Shooting Association at Weslaco on Thursday evenings starting on April 11 through June 6. With close to 40 participants, they will start at 5PM for the foreseeable future to accommodate their numbers. A big thanks to members Mark Janovich (Chardon), Byron Childs (Berkshire), and Howard Guerin for instructing and coaching these young shooters.

March 2024 Chukar Challenge

The weather was cooperative for a full day of running bird dogs and watching them strut their stuff. 28 dogs were run with 21 in pointer class and 7 participants in flushers. Points were awarded based on the dogs' performance and the shooting skills of the handlers, but a good time was had by all, so there were no losers. Placements were as follows: Mike Kovach, 1st place flushing with Daphne, Howard Guerin, 2nd place flushing

with Jasper, Dan Kamp, 1st place pointing with Jade, Steve Nenno, 2nd place pointing with Charlotte, Steve Shcaeffe 1st place pointing with Mindy, Lew Hutchison, 2nd place pointing derby.

Dog training Tuesdays will start in May.

Trap Tuesdays

April 9th, the 23rd, & the 30th will be trap doubles. Dinner for the end of the winter league will be on Tuesday the 16th. In a clever planning move, league members charged themselves an extra \$1 each week to cover the expense of their steak dinners! Bon Appetit, shooters! A new league will be starting for the spring on May 14th, but as always everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy trap on Tuesdays with Jim Skinner and his crew.

Five Stand & Skeet Thursdays

Join Mike Kovach (skeet) and Brian Stern (five stand) to break some clays. You can add your name to their email list to be notified of any cancellations. Small bills are appreciated to pay for your rounds.

Pistol Shoot Thursdays

Join Bob Morris and crew for pistol games, card shoot, and bullseye. For those who are unaware, the game winner gets the cash kitty each week, but is then responsible for bringing the main course of the pistol groups' dinner the following week ensuring there is always some nice grub every Thursday for the group.

Turkey Shoot

Sunday the 14th, sign up at 11AM for shoot at noon. Turkey shoot prize is BACON and the prize for the Oakley shoot is \$75 in various MEAT.

Sleeping Bags for Veteran's Challenge

Michelle Hegedis will be collecting donated sleeping bags from the club at the end of April for delivery to the Veterans of Geauga County. She will be accepting further donations at the membership meeting or from the clubhouse. Flyer attached.

Youth Day is Coming

This year's Youth Day will be on Saturday June 22nd from 9:30AM until 3:30PM. Not only is this a fun event in which to participate, it's a great event to work as a volunteer and an enjoyable way to obtain some work hours. Join Dave Bourne and his crew for a day of introducing youngsters to the outdoor activities that we all enjoy here at Weslaco! Flyer attached.

Pheasant Program Raffle Results

The raffle was a big success for the club raising \$1567 for the program and habitat. The winning ticket was drawn at the Chukar Challenge dinner for prizes valued at over \$500 including a high-tech Orca Cooler, assorted steaks and cigars, a bottle of a premium beverage, crystal glasses, and a leather bottle carrier handcrafted by Rob Shaw. Many thanks to those that bought tickets, and a special thanks to Craig Cogar, Rob Shaw, and Rob Kochis for donating items and Steve Nenno for obtaining the cooler at manufacturer's cost.

Tree Planting - Help Wanted

On Friday April 12 at 9AM, rain or shine, the planting of 50 trees will commence. Trees will be planted, staked, and tubed. 50 apple trees were gifted to Weslaco from the local chapter of the American Woodcock Society. So, bring a shovel and join Jeff Saltzman and the habitat crew to further improve the habitat of our club property!

One Final Note

If you would like news about your group or events included in the next newsletter, please share your information with the club secretary by the end of the month. It's a good way to reach all the membership and to let new members learn about the activities at the club. We want to hear about the activities here at the club.

Lyn Friel, secretary