

Around Weslaco: May 2024 Newsletter



President's Note:

Hello all-

I hope everyone is enjoying the spring season. To me, the weather seems to be a bit off, that is it could be a little warmer, but I suppose we just have to take what Mother Nature sends our way.

Spring has always been a favorite time for me. There seems to be more to do than time to do it. Trout in Pennsylvania are looking to be fooled by that gob of feathers and thread at the end of your tippet. The walleyes and smallmouth bass in Lake Erie are waiting for your stick baits and tube jigs and the wild turkeys are gobbling in a woodlot near you. Try to get out and take it all in.

At Weslaco we are transitioning from fall/winter to spring/summer. The fall hunting seasons and Thanksgiving and Christmas are but a memory. The turkeys, hams, and bacon won by fortunate members at our turkey shoots have most likely made their way to a tasty recipe or two. Ahead, are shooting programs, social events (can you say "club picnic"), fishing, Youth Day, warm evenings and the camaraderie that comes from spending time with family and friends. Come on out and enjoy the Club. Let's make "Summer 2024" one of the best summers ever!

Warmest Regards,

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May Events

May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2 5 Stand 6pm/ Chardon Youth Trap 5pm / Pistol Game 6pm	3	4 Weslaco/Madison Middle School Archery Class 9AM start
5	6	7 Dog Training 4:30pm/16 Yd Trap 6pm /Trap League	8 Berkshire Youth Trap 5pm	9 /Skeet 6pm/Chardon Youth Trap 5pm / Pistol Game 6pm	10	11
12	13 Members Meeting 7:30pm Club House	14 Dog Training 4:30pm/16 Yd Trap 6pm/Trap League Finals	15 Berkshire Youth Trap 5pm	16 Work Day 9am /5 Stand 6pm/Chardon Youth Trap 5pm /Pistol Game 6pm	17	18
19 Work Party 9am Dave H.	20 Board Meeting 6pm New Member Review	21 Dog Training 4:30pm 16 Yd Trap 6pm	22 Berkshire Youth Trap 5pm	23 Skeet 6pm / Chardon Youth Trap 5pm /Pistol Game 6pm	24	25
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(Edit to above calendar: An Oakley shoot will be held on Sat. 5/11, sign up 6P for shoot at 7P)

Youth Archery Clinic

The deadline for signing up for the May 4th youth archery class is May 1st. The event is open to kids ages 6 through 18. Contact Chuck Bissler at 440 488-8433 to enroll.

Spring & Summer Dog Training

Dog training Tuesdays will resume on May 4 and continue through the summer months. Roger Raines and his bird dogging team are planning on some more structured training suited to the needs of individuals and their dogs. He is planning on some opportunities with birds to be shot for training purposes. The club's flock of homing pigeons did well over the winter, and we'd like to thank member Dave Boeff and his wife, Laura, for their care of the birds (and thanks to everyone who made sure the birds stayed fed and watered). Roger added pigeons to the flock, so be sure to only use banded birds for training until the new guys learn to be homers too.



Trap Tuesdays

The trap gang will be on to doubles trap for a few weeks: April 9th, the 23rd, & the 30th will be trap doubles. The steak dinner at the end of the last league on April 9th was a delicious success. The current league will be ending on May 7 with league doubles finals on May 14th. Jim Skinner will be ending the league with the bang of another celebratory meal on the 14th (steaks vs. burgers). It's a fun group and all members are welcome to come out and have fun shooting on Tuesdays with Jim Skinner and his crew no matter your skill level.


Five Stand & Skeet Thursdays

Brian Stern is putting together a 12g ammo order. He will be ordering 12ga Bornaghi Sport 1oz 1250FPS (7.5 and 8) @ \$100 flat (ship/tax included). Members interested in other ammo can look at the Able Ammo site and add \$10 a flat for ship/tax/handling- MINIMUM 10 flats (you can combine with other members, but one name to the 10+ flat order). **Deadline for ordering is May 8th.** Brian will be placing the following week, and it will take 3 weeks to deliver. Deposit of 50% of order needs to be paid by deadline (Venmo or Cash). Brian will have the shells at Weslaco when they arrive.

All members are welcome to join Mike Kovach (skeet) and Brian Stern (five stand) to break some clays. Skeet and 5 Stand days are posted on the calendar, and small bills are always appreciated to pay for your rounds.

More Clay Shooting!

The NEO Chapter of the American Woodcock Society will be having their annual benefit shoot at the Hill'n Dale Club on Saturday, May 4. Details below; join the AWS for a fun day and support their conservation work.



Northern Ohio Chapter
2024 Woodcock Classic

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

HILL 'N DALE CLUB
3605 Poe Road | Medina, OH 44256

EVENTS
Woodcock 100: Pre-registration and up to five-person squadding requested. Targets are registered for NSCA members. Entry fee: \$95 – includes target fees and lunch


50-Target Side-by-Side Grouse Shoot (Any Gauge) & Sub-Gauge Events in 410 bore, 20- and 28-gauge. Scored by squad: European rotation - 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Shoot one or all. Targets are registered for NSCA members. Entry fee: \$50 per 50 targets

Ammunition isn't provided, but is available for sale at the clubhouse. No lead shot larger than 7-1/2 is allowed.


9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
SHOTGUN STARTS

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
LUNCH

CARTS
Four-person golf carts may be served at time of registration for \$30. Parking available if you wish to bring your own cart, atv or utv.



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**AWS NORTHERN OHIO CHAPTER
10TH ANNUAL CONSERVATION BANQUET**

Thursday, August 22, 2024
E.O.U.V. Club
8636 Pekin Road | Novelty, OH 44072

For more information, contact Howard Guerin:
HowardGuerin@roadrunner.com or 216-903-8199



Pistol Shoot Thursdays

Join Bob Morris and his pistol packing gang for pistol games, card shoot, and bullseye every Thursday. All members are invited to join in regardless of skill level; it's a great opportunity to sharpen your skills and have some fun.

Steve DiFranco has a .22 rifle shoot planned for Sunday, June 9th, details soon to come.

Turkey Shoot

The April 14th Turkey and Oakley Shoot had great weather and a terrific turnout of about 35 shooters! John Balanik won \$80 on the Oakley, and Scott Myers won a \$75 meat package. Everyone enjoyed hot dogs and goodies and some fun competition. Gene Scot is planning another Oakley shoot during the summer and another Turkey shoot in August

OAKLEY SHOOT NEWS FLASH!! Gene Scott is holding a Mother's Day Oakley on Sat. May 11th. Sign up at 6P for shooting at 7P. PRIZES: \$150 restaurant gift card to take mom out in style! Also \$5-\$10-\$20 Oakleys to be held.



Happy Oakley shooters, April 14th

Youth Trap Program

Berkshire and Chardon High Schools will continue on Wednesdays and Thursdays through the beginning of June. Close to 50 shooters are enrolled from both schools. Mike Kovach sent in this picture of the youth shooters in action:



Youth Day

This year's Youth Day will be on Saturday June 22nd from 9:30AM until 3:30PM. Dave Bourne is looking for volunteers to help with set up, lunch, and manning the activity stations: fishing, archery, clay shooting, etc. It's a fun job to teach participants these basics and see their excitement in trying new skills. There's still plenty of room to sign up your kids, grandkids, friends' and neighbors' kids – so don't miss out.



Weslaco Sportsmen's Club
Youth Day "Open House" 2024

- Join us on **Saturday, June 22, 2024** any time between 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. for Weslaco Sportsmen's Club Youth Day.
- Free activities for children include Fishing, Archery Clinic, BB/Pellet Gun Clinic, 22 Caliber Rifle Shooting, Clay Target Shooting, Safety Education, and more!
- Experienced instructors will help children safely enjoy the outdoors.
- Lunch will be provided.
- Spread the word to your family and other organizations in which you are involved.
- Please R.S.V.P. to Dave Bourne (dbourne13@yahoo.com or 571-319-3126) so we have estimated numbers for meal planning.

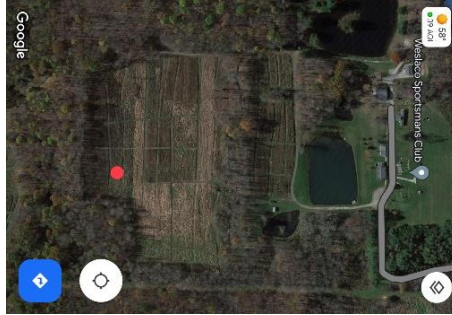
Habitat News

The April 12th tree planting was accomplished in a few hours thanks to the hearty volunteers that pitched in, and despite the dismal weather it was a pleasant chore. Thanks to members Eric Wittine, John Glasser, Ken Skorepa, George Walukas, Howard Guerin and guests Jared Kochis and James Inbody for pitching in. 50 wildlife apple trees were planted around the property and should bear fruit in a few years. The deer



archery field was also generously planted.

Also of note, we have a woodcock nest in the southeast corner of the middle field. It's been marked with orange tape and is marked with the red dot on this map. Good luck, mama Woodcock, we're happy to have you.



Jeff Saltzman, Habitat Chair, is offering work hours for anyone that would like to clear the south field of the evergreen/pine cuttings that were set out for last year's Youth Pheasant Hunt. This job can be done at your own convenience. The cuttings need to be gathered into a pile to be disposed of later. Anyone interested in this small job may contact Jeff at 330 697-5937. The habitat committee is also planning for more work hour opportunities during the spring and summer. Details to come soon.

Clubhouse Maintenance Work Hours:

Howard Guerin, Building Chair, would like to extend an invitation to members to clean the club house on a monthly basis and before events. He is also planning to use a dry erase board on which he will post jobs that need to be done. This would provide flexible work hour availability for busy members. Those interested may contact Howard at 216 903-8199.

A Big "Thank You"

Michelle Hegedis wants to extend a big "Thank you" to our members that were able to donate sleeping bags last month for the homeless veterans of Geauga County. Weslaco was able to donate 14 sleeping bags that will be a great comfort to those in need. Thank you again!!!!

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 of the membership and to let new members learn about the activities at the club. We want to hear about the activities and fun happenings here at the club!

Lyn Friel, secretary

Weslaco Classifieds

For Sale: Shop Smith 10" table/band saw, jointer, drill press, wood lathe, tooling. On wheels with cover. Make offer to Bill Mader 440 285-9806

African Hunt Opportunity for a once in a lifetime hunt in Thabazimbi, South Africa. Openings are available. Contact Ken Skorepa for cost and schedule 440-667-3977

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