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OBITUARIES

Please join us as we extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Retired Members Harry Long who passed away on November 19, 2008 and Ronald V. Hammer, who passed away , December 13, 2008.

Letter From The President

Dear Fellow Members,

It is hard to believe it has been a year since I was first elected to be president of our club. You probably already know that I and the entire Board of Officers and Trustees have been reelected for the year 2009. Also we have one new Trustee. Jim Stallard was elected as our new 1 Year Trustee for 2009. Congratulations to all the board members and I am looking forward to working with all of you in 2009. Also special thanks to Terry Roan for printing the election ballots, Veryl Turskey and Gary Smith for designing the ballots, VP Joe Seidwitz for running the election, Gary and Margery Smith and Mike and Joyce Passalacqua for serving as tellers. Also thanks to the 50 plus members who took the time to come to the annual meeting and vote.

I would also like to thank everyone who did anything to help at the club this year. No matter how big or small your contribution was, we all appreciate your effort.

The club was able to complete one capital improvement project this year. This was the construction of a new sidewalk and shooting fence behind the clubhouse porch. We also completed the necessary clearing North of the silhouette pistol range for the future construction of a short pistol range.

To say the least, 2008 was a different year at the club. We had a lot of good things happen such as; our first Youth Outdoor Activity Day and the revival of our Deer Gun Shoot. We were able to keep our commercial shooting activities running even though the number of shooters was down. The Board dealt with some very controversial issues that were disclosed to the membership and dealt with in the appropriate manner. One of these issues is still on-going and will be disclosed as it develops.

There are a number of things to look forward to next year. Currently our club records are kept in several of our officer's home computers. I would like to see this situation change and in January am going to ask the members to approve the purchase of 3 laptop computers to be used for Club business by the Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Recording Secretary to enter and save our records on our computers. We are also going to start keeping our financial records in a bookkeeping system to further enhance our record keeping.

Another project to look for is the design and construction of our new short pistol range. The site clearing is complete and we will begin design work after the first of the year. Also there will be a fund raising effort for this project; this will include several firearms raffles. Watch the newsletter or attend a membership meeting for ticket details. If you would like to be involved in this project please let us know. We need your support to make this project a success.

Don't forget that your yearly Club dues are now due. I know it is a tough time financially for a lot of people. For the price of your annual dues the club is a great family value. It takes your dues payments to keep the club going. The monies are used to pay utility bills, taxes, and insurance just like you do at home.

Thank you for your continued support. Hope to see you at the Club.,

2009 OFFICERS

The officers elected for the year 2009 at the December member's meeting are as follows: President - **Frank Burkett** (330-837-2008); Vice President - **Joe Seidwitz** (330-753-2505); Recording Secretary - **Carol Krysiak** (330-832-1648); Treasurer - **Sarah Seidwitz** (330-753-2505); Financial Secretary - **Veryl Turskey** (330-832-9789); 2 year Trustee - **Dennis Earl** (330-832-5161); 1 year Trustees - **Mike Schmidt** (330-833-1554), and **Jim Stallard** (330-825-9150). Trustee - **Jeff Barnhart** (330-813-0211) returns in his second year of a 2 year term.

ARCHERY RANGE

It has been reported that someone has been using broad head arrows when shooting at the targets. This tears up the targets badly. Use TARGET arrows on the TARGETS. This will save the club money that comes from your pockets.

RIFLE RANGE NEW TARGET BACKING

A new system of target backing has been installed at the 25 yard bunker. It is suggested that you use push pins, thumb tacks, or tape to mount your targets. Staples do not seem to work well in the new foam backing. Please do not mount your targets directly in front of the vertical 4 x 4 posts.

February Retiree's Meeting

The Retiree's meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday February 5th instead of the usual 10:00 a.m. This is because of the traditional biscuit and gravy breakfast that Rick Preece will prepare and serve up before the 4th Annual Indoor Groundhog Shoot. Once again Dennis Earl will provide his traveling BB gun range for the humbling of some of the "Old Masters" and the discovery of the new "Club Champion of the Year".

Foundation Committee

At The December '08 membership meeting, Joe Seidwitz - Committee Chairman, announced some of the proposed activities under consideration for the club in the future. Among these were: Basic Firearms Shooting and Handling Classes; an Appreciation Dinner for Helpers; a Gun Auction and Dinner; Advertising Turkey Shoots by pull-off pads; a new Rental Agreement; Boy Scouts policing (cleaning up) our grounds; competition shooting for youth; food provided for Work Parties; IDP shoots; Cowboy Action shoots; Weekend shoots; a Predator Hunting Seminar; and a Turkey Hunting Seminar. Help from volunteers will be needed. Please contact Joe if you are willing to help. Also if you have any other ideas for club sponsored activities contact Joe.

January Meeting Dates Change

The January Retirees' Meeting date has been changed to January 8 at 10:00AM and the January board meeting has been changed to January 4 at 2:00PM.

NLF&GC Facilities Shut Down

January 16-17-18 the entire facilities will be closed to all Members because of the Boy Scouts Klondike Derby. Brrrrrr.

2009 Membership Renewals

Since we are required by our insurance to have a waiver signed by all members and be kept on file there is a sheet inserted in this newsletter that is a combined Waiver and Membership Application. By your filling out the membership form and signing the waiver and submitting the entire sheet, it will enable us to file both as a single unit. There have been only a few changes in the renewal form and no dues increase. I am asking that anybody paying their dues at the meetings do so up to 15 minutes before the meetings and then after the meetings. If your 2008 membership number is above 557 you will be issued a new number for the year 2009. Please include you 2008 number on you renewal application.

Veryl Turskey - Membership Chairman

Club Break-in

Sometime between Saturday November 13th and Sunday morning the 14th, thieves used a crow bar to pry open one of the rear doors after unsuccessfully damaging two other doors. To our knowledge they only stole our coffee maker, the former "adult beverage" small cooler and Jeff Barnhart's popcorn maker including the base. The police officer that came stated that there have been other break-ins in the township. The items stolen were not covered due to our high deductible. Jim Stallard is making metal plates for the doors.

Publicity Chairman Wanted.

We are in need for someone to take over releasing the weekly activities of our club to the newspapers. The basic requirement is a member that can send and receive email. It is all set up and should take less than 2 hours a week during the busy season. I have kept old copies of all outgoing emails to all newspapers. I then pull an old one up and change date. etc. and send it out to all [papers] by mass email "bcc". Presently we have [14] from a prepared email address file,

All the leg work has been done by contacting the papers and such. Only a couple of times this year did I get contacted by a paper to change the contact person at the paper. I will sit down and give whatever help that is need to get some one started. Veryl Turskey - Publicity Chairman

Reloads at the Range

Re-loads and incidents arising from re-loads are not insured under our Liability policy. They were not insured under the old NRA contract either. When ammunition malfunctions its warranty is from the manufacturer. When a person re-loads they become the manufacturer. Any event or damage caused as the result of a re-load is the liability of a re-loader.

The same as if someone builds their own firearm and it malfunctions. The manufacturer is always liable for defects. Re-loaders are allowed to use the range freely. Even if factory ammo malfunctions and our policy covers it, The Insurer then seeks recovery (subrogation) from the manufacturer.

Guest Policy

This is repeated for our new members.

Membership in the NLFGC covers member and spouse and children, grandchildren up to and including 18 years of age.

All other guests shall pay \$10.00 per day. If you haven't obtained a guest pass in advance, down at the range building there are instructions, along with envelopes that you may fill out and drop into the slot. You should sign in and out of the log book and include your guest's) name. If fishing, just make a sign in at the lake log book located under the fishing sign.. This is based on the honor system, as we all have an interest in supporting the NLFGC.

General Information

You are still able to place ads to buy or sell items that are sports related, one or two liners. Just have them submitted to the email address listed on page one of this newsletter.

The next deadline for article submission to the newsletter is **February 20, 2009** please get any

input in to Veryl Turskey, 330.832.9789 vturk2@sssnet.com or Gary Smith, 330.477.0338 gary0338@sssnet.com

The newsletters are available on the Internet at www.nlfg.org. This is usually a few days before you receive yours in the mail. **If you are not receiving notification by e-mail, that the newsletter is available at our website www.nlfg.org, please send an e-mail to vturk2@sssnet.com so we may correct our list.**

Up Coming Events

Board meeting First Thursday of each Month 8:00 p.m.
Membership meeting 2nd Thursday of each month 8:00 p.m.
Retirees meeting First Thursday of each month 10:00 a.m.
Euchre every Friday 7:00 p.m.
Youth Group 2:00 PM 2nd Sunday of each Month

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