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January, 2013

A belated Happy New Year to everyone,

We had our annual meeting on January 12. Lovely weather and a great turnout. After 3 days or so of warm weather almost all the snow was melted and I believe it got into the 60's on Saturday. Shouldn't have been problems traveling for anyone.

We had 30 to 35 in attendance. People started showing up as early as 10:30. Several brought guns to show, items to sell and Joe Seaver brought a display of his carvings. He surprised most of us with his work as not too many knew he enjoyed carving. Lunch ran from 11:30 to 12:30 followed by our meeting. Thanks everyone, for the great eats.

Old business consisted of:

1. Target Racks: We are trying something different this year. Instead of the grooved 2x4's we will be mounting plywood clips to them. The 2x2 backers will slide into the clips.
2. Portable Rack: Once again we had a discussion about utilizing a portable rack for further distance shooting than we currently have. Mike Hill was volunteered to head a committee on coming up with a system that can be setup and broken down easily. (Mike- this wasn't said but if you purchase things to make one, keep your receipts and we will reimburse)

New business:

1. For those that didn't make it to the meeting Mel Hardin passed away. He was a long time member of the Centerburg Conservation Club and very instrumental

in letting our club use the grounds. He also spear headed our use of the woods for the woods walks. The club donated, I believe \$200 for the Mel Hardin memorial. Centerburg will be doing something on the island in the pond in Mel's name.

2. Pheasants Forever: After 5 years or so Dave Nunes stepped down from spear heading the Knox County event. Mark Hazel volunteered to head up this event. I believe the event will take place on Saturday, April 20th. Mark, keep us informed.
3. Pop Cooler: Bringing the pop cooler to and from the shoots has been a burden on a few people. We want to thank those that have handled this for many years now. As it really didn't make any money we have decided to stop providing drinks at the shoots. So everyone remember to bring your own non-alcoholic beverage to the shoots. The club will still provide drinks at the annual meeting.
4. Elections: We held our annual elections and the officers and trustees, by popular demand, remain the same.
5. Seminar: This year's seminar will be on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Neil's place of business, the southwest corner of SR37 & I-70. We hope to have Ken making ramrod pipes, butt plate and poured nose cap with Joe Seaver demonstrating his carving. The seminar will start at 9:00 and run until 12:00. If you intend on sitting please bring your own chair.

If you haven't paid your dues, let's get caught up. Attached or enclosed (depending on email or US mail) you will find next year's shoot dates and the hosts.

That's all for now, see you at the seminar.

Your pres,

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