

# OHIO VALLEY MUZZLE LOADING



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Happy Holidays Everyone,

Well, this is going to be a long letter. The turkey shoot has come & gone and so has Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. We had a great turnout on Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. The weather was beautiful for November. Started out crisp in the 40's and finished the day in the 60's with very little wind. We had 24 shooters, a great turnout for a lovely day. Kevin took top gun for the day and I think Dave Ratliff took the 2016 Top Gun yearly award. Ron Goudy won the 2016 Hall of Shame award. Yours truly won the quilt and quilt stand raffle. (First time I've won anything in a raffle.) Thank you, Sis and Mark for making and donating the items. Thanks to everyone for prize donations this year.

Enclosed you will find our 2017 club schedule. Our next event is the annual meeting. The meeting date is Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, with doors opening to set up at 9:00 AM at Centerburg's clubhouse. (Mark your calendars) This will give time to visit, with lunch around 11:30 so come hungry and bring a covered dish. Cold cuts, soda and coffee will be provided. Our annual meeting will be after lunch, as usual. We have several agenda items so plan on staying a while. Please bring any muzzleloading related items of interest for display. (A new project or something to show off, including leatherwork, carving, bead work, etc.)

We are in need of two new trustees, so please seriously consider this. It just means you need to run a shoot during the year and attend a meeting. (If we have one) You're welcome to call me at 614-863-5418 if you're interested in one of the spots, or have your name nominated from the floor at the meeting.

I will also be stepping down from the office of president. Mark Hazel has graciously accepted moving forward as president so we will need a new vice president. Also if you can, come ready to pay the club dues of \$12 for 2017.

If weather and/or road conditions are too hazardous on the 14<sup>th</sup>, the make-up date is January 21st. If the weather looks questionable please feel free to contact me at 614-774-1380, Mark Hazel at 614-623-9955, or Colin Greene at 419-768-1428 for status.

If anyone has any ideas for a seminar we will be discussing them at the meeting. We have scheduled a seminar date of February 11<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse.

We are going to have a silent auction at the annual meeting. Earlier this year a 48", 40 cal., 1-3/16" octagon barrel was donated to the club. It weighs 14#. Starting bid will be \$120. Cut down to 36" would weigh about 10.5#.

Attached or enclosed (depending on email or US mail) you will find next year's shoot dates. Please remember the January meeting is the 14<sup>th</sup> with a snow date of the 21st.

Happy New Year to all, see you January 14th.

Your pres for now,

Rick