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Hi Everyone,

Hope you're all doing well. The Woods Walk is over. What a weekend! It rained everywhere except the Centerburg Conservation Club. We only heard rain for a short while late Saturday night. Average high temperature was probably in the upper 60's. (Honestly I can't remember.) We only had 3 camps, the Grubaugh clan which consisted of 3 tents and a pop-up, George, and Rick and Mark. (I think the thought of rain kept others from camping.)

We want to thank each and every one of you that helped set-up on Friday, take down on Sunday and guided. We had 19 shooters on Saturday (2 youth) and 25 on Sunday (3 youth). A much better turnout than last year. Tim Merz came in first on Saturday with I believe, Bill Grubaugh first on Sunday. We had 15 targets this year, with some really tough ones. Bill Grubaugh won the 2 day aggregate which got him the barrel.

Steve LaRue ran a separate smoothbore match both days with a total of 7 shooters. It had money prizes paid out of the entry fees. Saturday's first place was Stan David and Sunday's was Kevin. Kevin also took the aggregate. This was the first time this has been tried in years and it had a bit of a rocky start. If there is continued interest, we need to figure out how to work it in as part of the shoot.

Several paid their dues for next year. We had two dryballs during the weekend, Ray Spring and Mark Vozar. I would like to point out to everyone this was Ray's first dryball since he started shooting muzzleloaders. That's hard to imagine as I would guess he's been shooting them for over 20 years. Another remarkable thing is he knew he dryballed as soon as he seated the ball. Well Ray, welcome to the Hall of Shame. Everyone has to be there at least once. The Hall of Shame list has grown a little and now includes James and Tyler Grubaugh, Mark Hazel, Dave Nune, Ron Goudy, Rick Harkless, Sis, Tom Darfus, Ray Spring and Mark V. So far we have Ron Goudy, Dave Ratliff, Phil Hines, Tom Darfus, Tim Merz and Frank Bevard as Top Guns for the year. We can still add new names through the turkey shoot.

Our next shoot is our last for the year, the turkey shoot on Saturday, November 5th. This is Colin's first shoot as host in over 30 years. Hope to see everyone there. The quilt and rack have only netted \$105 so everyone reach really deep in their pockets and buy some more tickets. The raffle drawing will take place as well as the shoot off for top gun and hall of shame. Something else to remember is to check our web page once in a while. (<http://www.OVMLGC.com>) If you lost your newsletter one can also find them on the web page.

We're going to have some turn over in the Trustee ranks again... We are losing Ralph & Diane, Tim Merz and possibly Larry so let's get some new blood stepping up as shoot hosts (Trustees). I am stepping down as President with Mark Hazel taking over. We will also need a new VP. Everyone start thinking seriously about volunteering. I think we have Rick Harkless, Rick Horton, Bill Grubaugh, Clif Grubaugh and Colin Green so far for Trustees. We need a total of 7.

Thanks and see you all Saturday, November 5th. I am currently working on the 2017 shoot schedule. Pray for seasonal, dry weather on the 5th.

Signing off for now,

Rick Harkless