



# Toronto Rod & Gun Club Inc.

P.O.BOX 177 TORONTO, OHIO 43964

740-544-5515 October 2015 News Letter

**Next Scheduled 7:30 Meetings - Oct. 22nd and Nov. 3rd @ 7:30 PM  
Officers**

*President - Eric Crust Vice President - Wally Sadowski Treasurer - Frank Crust  
Recording Secretary - Bob Santicola Corresponding Secretary - Jenn Fabian*

<b>Trap</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Luck Shoot</b>	<b>November 21st</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Pheasant Stocking</b>	<b>Nov. 7th, 14th, 26th and Dec 12th</b>	

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**HUNTING:** Fred Gorney 740-590-6865 Pheasants ordered. Pheasant stocking Nov. 7th, 14th, 26th and a fourth stocking on Dec. 12th. Ordered 50 chucker's. 2 deer limit in Jefferson County this year. Muzzleloader season pushed back a week this year.

**FISHING:** Ed Thompson—Looking into a fall stocking.

**TRAP:** Jim Allen, Rich Koski Sr. 740-537-4968 and Bob Santicola Wednesdays @ 4:30 p.m. weather permitting. Hoping for 6-7 more weeks. Come on out and enjoy the fall! Thanks goes out to all of those that helped unload the birds: Severin Koski, Jim Keen, Wally Sadowski, David Calabrese.

**ARCHERY:** Gary Mayhew 740-537-1615 15 shooters @ the September 27th shoot. The First shoot of 2016 is March 13th @ 8 a.m. A huge “thank you” goes out to Dave Scarsella Jr. and Sr and Andy Renforth for all of the help this season.

**LUCK:** Jim Allen, Rich Koski Sr. and Bob Santicola-November 21st is the final LUCK shoot of the season. 10 a.m. We are hoping for a few rounds of Trap, also.

**KITCHEN:** Wally Sadowski 740-424-2806 Open for the Luck shoot and Pheasant Stocking.

**BUILDING:** Jennifer Fabian.740-284-0751 Thanks to Jim Keen for all of the help cleaning prior to and after the Gun Bash and on a weekly basis.

**Rifle Range** Fred Matyas 740-537-3064 and Dan Mellot Rifle Range open every Sunday from 12-5 PM during Hunting season. Rifle Range will be **CLOSED** during ANY EVENT (dog trials and archery) and Deer Season. Second reading at 9/17/15 meeting with an “All in Favor” vote received.

**GROUND/MMAINT:** Will be scheduling a work party for the roof of the Garage and trap house. Brush Hog blades need sharpened on one side only. Pathway cut in upper field. Thanks to Frank Crust for cutting the grounds for the dog trials.

**MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY:** Make sure you “Like” us on Facebook. Updates posted regularly.

**Meat Raffle** Eric Crust 740-317-6848 Books of tickets are available ; Free ticket with every book that you sell! Drawing November 21st. Turn in your tickets @ the November 3rd meeting.

**Farm** Don Hoover. NP/NR

**Old Business:** Member updates: 8/4 -1st reading 08/19- 2nd reading and voted in: David Thompson, Wendal Barner. 8/19 -1st reading and 9/1—2nd reading voted in 09/17/15: Richard Cunningham and James Mosser. 9/17 meeting 1st reading 10/06- 2nd reading prospective members: Tim Anderson and John Brodie Jr. 10/06/15- 1st reading of proposed new members : Brenda Sadar and Diane Piland. Effective October 11th, the Rifle Range will be open every Sunday from 12-5 PM during Hunting season. Rifle Range will be **CLOSED** during ANY EVENT (dog trials and archery) and Deer Season.”All in Favor” vote 0/17/15.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** Work Hours timesheet is maintained by Bob Santicola. The hours are accounted for by the sign-in sheets. Please do not adjust the time posted on the clubhouse wall. If your time is not accounted for on the sign-in sheet, it will not be added to the list. If you believe there is a mistake in your hours, please see Bob.

Clover has been planted on the Rifle Range-please do not cut there.

Club revenue ideas are needed. One suggestion was to have competition shoots. Charge an entry fee and 1/2 goes to the winner and 1/2 to the club. Looking for ideas.

As previously stated, our club dues will need to be increased for the 2017 year. We are no longer able to maintain the operating expenses of the club with the dues. We have been relying on additional fund raisers to cover some of these expenses. See attachment for proposals.

**Last CCW Class of the year is** scheduled for Sunday, November 8th from 9AM to 5 PM. Club members \$60 individual/\$100 per couple. Non member \$65 individual/\$110 couple. A minimum of 50 rounds needed, however he plans to spend 4-5 hours shooting, so 100 rounds are preferred. Some defensive tactics will also be demonstrated and practiced, if interested. RSVP by calling 304-670-5983. Checks payable to TRGC, Inc. P.O. Box 177, Toronto, Ohio 43964.

A sportswoman/sportsmen auxiliary was suggested to help coordinate events, social outings in hopes of getting members more involved. If you are interested and willing to help, please contact an officer. The goal is to have fun, formulate friendships and help our club prosper.

“All in Favor” proposal to build a website for the Club. Dave Pizzoferrato volunteered to assist in the build. Least costly option is for us to build and maintain our own site.

**GUN BASH:** At the 09/17 meeting, appreciation and thanks went out to all officers and workers who helped in any way at the bash or in preparation of the bash. Our profit was fair.

Tickets sold-683

Only 25% of our membership sold tickets.

2015 BASH profit: \$6,060

2014 BASH profit: \$11,000

We did well the day of the BASH, fantastic 50/50, side gun sales, auction items-but overshadowed by the poor ticket sales.

Given the poor performance and lack of ticket sales for the BASH this year, we are not planning a Gun Bash for 2016.

We are open to suggestions and thoughts.

One comment/suggestion at the 10/06/15 meeting was that the ticket sales for the BASH and the Meat Blast are going on at the same time. Consider staggering the event ticket sales at different times of the year.

**09/17 Pill: #43** Richard Thompson Jr. — Not present

**10/06 Pill: #136** Dave Pizzoferrato — Present \$138.50

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Below are two proposals that were brought up in the meeting for discussion that relate to our two outstanding issues. First issue, the cost of operating the club has increased; our annual dues no longer cover the day to day costs of the club. Our non-budgeted committees have been covering the costs, but this leaves little revenue for upgrades and repairs. Second issue, we have had decreased member support of the gun bash which has given us the extra revenue the last couple years to make major upgrades around the club (Kubota, new windows and doors). The following are the two proposals for discussion.

## Proposal 1

Due to decrease in the member ticket sales for the gun bash, each member ticket will be included in the annual member dues. This is nothing new to the club, it has been done in the past for the club picnic. If this proposal is voted on and accepted, it would go in to affect for the 2016 renewal year. It would look as follows:

Member –  $95(\text{dues})+25(\text{picnic})+20(\text{gun bash})+5(\text{meat raffle})+6.89(\text{tax})= \$151.89$

Retiree –  $70(\text{dues})+25(\text{picnic})+20(\text{gun bash})+5(\text{meat raffle})+5.08(\text{tax})= \$125.08$

## Proposal 2

For the 2017 renewal year, proposing a \$50 increase for members and \$10 increase for retired members. The club has not had a due increase for quite a while, but it is necessary to not only maintain the club but to make upgrades and repairs. Currently our dues bring in about \$15,000. Operations get \$9,500 - \$10,000, which doesn't cover all costs. The increase will allow for day to day costs to be covered and allow for upgrade, repairs, and increase in stocking for birds and fish. Also would like to increase works hours from 25 to 35 hours. Below is a quick breakdown of annual costs.

### Conservative Annual Expenses

Phone	\$720	
Water	\$500	
Electricity	\$3,000	
Trash	\$300	
Insurance	\$3,600	
Heating Fuel	\$2,000	
Alarm	\$300	
Diesel	\$250	
Gas	\$500	
P.O. Box		\$85
Property Tax	\$600	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,855</b>	

Dues for 2017 would look as follows:

Member –  $145(\text{dues})+25(\text{picnic})+20(\text{gun bash})+5(\text{meat raffle})+10.52(\text{tax})= \$205.52$

Retiree –  $80(\text{dues})+25(\text{picnic})+20(\text{gun bash})+5(\text{meat raffle})+5.80(\text{tax})= \$135.80$

The dues listed above are on average of what dues are for other local clubs.