

Black River Game Club

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Membership Renewals

Last Chance!! Renewals for 2017 must be received by February 28, 2017. Renewals are \$75. After February 28, the cost goes up to \$125. Click on the above link.

March Meeting

The March meeting will be held on the **Tuesday March** 7th.

The meeting will be called to order at <u>7:30 pm</u> at the North Park Community Center on Novak Road in Grafton, OH.

Click on the above link.

March "Gun Table" Drawing

The "Gun Table" prize is a friction turkey call made by our own Gary Anderson. The call is just like the one that won Best in Show in 2013 which brought him NWTF Champion Call Maker of the Year. It has a glass surface, is built in Canary Wood and comes with a Dymondwood striker. Retails for \$150

Membership Badges

Remember, we have enacted a new rule that you <u>MUST SHOW</u> your current membership badge when seeking permission to hunt.

Please contact a board member if you have any issues with the new badges. Phone numbers and some e-mail info are on the first page of the newsletter.

Ohio Division of Wildlife Open Houses

Open Houses are open and public participation is encouraged. Anyone interested in providing input and participating in Ohio's professional wildlife management process is welcome.

Fish and wildlife biologists along with law enforcement officers will be on hand to answer questions and receive comments.

Open houses will be held from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm on Saturday, March 4, 2017.

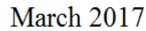
For Ohioans who are unable to attend an open house, <u>comments will be accepted online</u>. The online form will be available until Sunday, March 5.

Read the proposals <u>HERE</u>.

Wanted: Apple Grinder/Crusher

Ken Szabo is looking for an apple grinder/crusher for prepping apples for a cider press. Contact Ken Szabo at 440-327-2728 or <u>grousetales@msn.com</u>

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Northwest Ohio Poacher Sentenced to 4 Years in Prison



On August 4, 2016, State Wildlife Officers from the ODNR Division of Wildlife served an arrest warrant on Robert Mandon Freeworth. The arrest stemmed from a long-term investigation dubbed Operation North Coast that was closed in March 2016 when more than 45 state wildlife officers and investigators executed search warrants and conducted interviews with dozens of subjects.

Freeworth was the main suspect in the northwest Ohio portion of Operation North Coast. He was convicted of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, selling venison, tampering with records as well as three counts of tagging, checking or possessing a deer unlawfully.

Freeworth was also convicted of improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle. On several occasions he possessed or discharged a loaded firearm while in a motor vehicle. One such incident occurred January 22, 2015, when he shot at three different deer from his vehicle while hunting without permission on three different landowners' properties and with the aid of a spotlight. <u>Continue reading</u>