

ECCL - Around the Club

Our purpose is conserving wildlife and improving hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities in Erie County
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From the Board . . .

We have passed the half-way point into 2019 and things are moving along with the Club. Our safety record remains at the “perfect” mark and we thank all of you for helping to maintain that record. The board felt the need for a newsletter and you can expect to see an issue 3-4 times a year. This newsletter will be made available as a PDF on the website and there will also be a few copies printed and available in the Club House for those who wish to have a hard copy.

As a board we wish to pass along the following updates:

Nexus Pipeline—this work has been completed with the exception of the excavator pushing the piles of dirt back over the pipeline area. This work should start soon and there are no range closures expected. Please watch for and be aware of equipment that may be moving across the road.

Financial Update & Audit—the office staff and financial committee has been working diligently to update electronically all of our records and prepare for the audit. To date all things are in reasonably good order and those minor areas are being resolved. Thank you to all involved in this major project.

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From the Range Safety Committee

Rich Scheidel, Director

Your Gun Safety — Is it ON or is it OFF?

With more new shooters joining us at ECCL, I'd like to take the opportunity to review one safety issue that is easy to overlook. I'm talking about the "safety" on your gun. In the end, a safety is a mechanical device, which, like any device, can fail or become inoperable at the worst possible time. Besides, by mistake, the safety on your gun may be "off" when you think it is "on".

While the safety serves as a back up to proper gun handling, it should never serve as a substitute for common sense.

- ◆ Never handle a gun carelessly and never presume that the gun in your hand will not fire just because the safety is "on".
- ◆ Never touch the trigger on a firearm unless you are ready to shoot. Keep your fingers away from the trigger while loading or unloading. Never test pull the trigger on any firearm with the safety in the on position or anywhere in between "safe" and "fire" locations. Why? It is possible that the gun could fire at any time, or even later when you release the safety, without your touching the trigger again.
- ◆ Never place your safety in between positions; the half-safe location on some guns is often not very safe. Keep the safety lever in the "on" position until

you are ready to fire. Regardless of the position of the safety, any blow or jar strong enough to actuate the firing mechanism of a gun can cause it to fire. This can happen even if the trigger is not touched, such as when a gun is dropped.

- ◆ Never rest a loaded gun against any object because there is always the possibility that it will be jarred or slide from its position and fall with enough force to result in a discharge.

The only time you can be certain that your gun cannot fire is when the action is open, magazine removed and you have a clear site showing completely empty.

How you handle your firearm is your gun's primary safety. Being consistent, following the same steps for dry fire practice as live shooting is always best.

Be aware...stay safe.



RANGE SAFETY REMINDER

Attention all RSOs— Are your certifications and credentials up to date? Have you sent in a copy to Rich Scheidel? If not, you may not be eligible to RSO one of the Club's events. Please check your expiration dates and get those renewals in as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

RSO Update & For the Good of the Club

Have you served as an RSO at an event this year?

We are asking all RSOs to sign up to volunteer for at least **ONE** event a year. If you have not done so already please contact Rich Scheidel or an Event Coordinator. Your services and skills are much appreciated.

Suggestions and Articles Needed

It's **YOUR CLUB** — What kinds of news and information would you like to see? Please send your suggestions to ecclubhouse@gmail.com

Monthly General Meetings—

Just a reminder that the *Monthly General Meetings* are held on the first Thursday of the month beginning at 7:00 pm in the Club House. Most meetings are about an hour in length followed by New Member Orientations. Raffle drawing and 50/50 drawings are held every month.

Monthly Action Shoots

First Saturday of the Month — ACTION SHOOT

25 & 50 Yard Ranges Used for Public Event from 8am - 2pm.
Sign up begins at approximately 0830:

- ◆ Action Handgun or Action Rifle Match Fee: \$5/run
 - ◆ Action Two-Gun Match Fee: \$10/run
 - ◆ Shooters under 15yrs of age: FREE
 - ◆ All participants must sign a Release of Liability Waiver (one per year)
- Specific Range Rules & Results can be found on the website under ACTION SHOOTING.

Women's ACTION SHOOT—Twice Monthly

One of the Women's Programs consist of twice a month Women's Action Shooting program .

Outdoor Program

WHEN: April-October, normally the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 5:30 pm until ?? Please consult the main club calendar to confirm the dates (there are occasional changes)

WHERE: 25 yard range

It is an ongoing program, open to members and non-members, and is **free of charge**. Experience is not required. If you are a new shooter we will place you with an instructor and possibly other new shooters for a basic pistol shooting class. Experienced shooters attending for the first time will also be run through a brief basic pistol class for assessment and safety training.

REQUIREMENTS:

Eye, Ear Protection and hat.

Did You Know . . .

ECCL supports the following organizations:

- Back to the Wild
- Boy Scouts
- Ducks Unlimited
- Erie Co Ag Society—Erie Co Fair Shooting Awards
- Friends of 2083 Foundation (Law Enforcement Challenge)
- Ohio Cops (Law Enforcement Challenge)
- Military Recruit Gun Handling
- Stein Hospice
- West Huron Youth Club (Steinin wildlife preserve)
- Wild Turkey Federation
- Wounded Warriors



Special Events (August and September)

Law Enforcement Challenge—August 9 & 10

All ranges will be closed at 6pm on August 9th for set up and all day on August 10th for this event.

Project Appleseed—September 21 & 22

The 50 yard range will be closed **BOTH** days for this event.

Marie Casper Women's Day— September 27 & 28

All ranges will be closed at 6pm on September 27 for set up and all day on September 28.

New Range Update

From the committee:

- ◆ Ohio Operating Engineers have agreed to move the dirt on our new range.
- ◆ Stakes are in place indicated the proposed layout (these are preliminary and could move slightly as work begins). You are welcome to walk around to get an idea of the space.
- ◆ Final review and evaluations are expected in the next couple of months.
- ◆ Evaluations are on-going for types of targets.

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