



OHIO OUT-OF-DOORS

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Ohio's NASP Tournament is March 2nd

Register by February 10th



Ohio's National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) State Tournament is March 2nd at Veterans Memorial in Columbus, Ohio. Registration for teams is open until February 10th, and winning teams can move to the NASP Nationals in May.

2011's World Tournament 1st Place Male Middle School winner was Ohioan Cody Bush from Philo Jr. High

NASP is a school curriculum taught during physical education classes for a two-week period. The program is designed to teach International target archery skills to elementary, middle, and high school students. The core content covers archery safety, equipment, technique, mental concentration, and self improvement. NASP positively influences student attendance, self-esteem, confidence, and on task behavior.

For more information about NASP and to get your school involved, call State coordinator, Matt Neumeier at (614) 265-6334.

CONVENTION IS THIS MONTH

February 17-19 in Perrysburg

The **104th Annual Meeting and Convention** is just over two weeks away! We are meeting at the Holiday Inn French Quarter with registration opening Friday afternoon.

It's not too late! But you have to act now:

- Make your **hotel reservation**. Rooms are going fast and a limited number of rooms are available. Full details are on page 3.
- Send in your **Convention Registration**. Forms are included with this mailing and you can register and pay online at www.ohwf.org
- Plan to be at the hotel in time to register and relax before the convention opens at 7:00pm. And then plan to enjoy the hospitality rooms after the opening.
- Get involved! We always need **volunteers to help** at the convention. Give the office a call or email to let us know you want to help. Many hands make light work and let everyone have time to get around to enjoy the hospitality of our clubs.
- And be sure to join us Saturday for a trip to Bass Pro Shop with special offers just for convention attendees!

All this, plus chances to win some great prizes

Most important? Plan to BE THERE! It's a special time of camaraderie and fun along with the serious work of making the direction for this organization for years to come. See you in Perrysburg!

What a Weird Winter!



This picture was taken on January 31st. A sunny day in Columbus with a balmy 61° high.

What a weird winter!

This past Saturday, I drove to Jackson, Ohio to talk at the Jackson County Sportsman's Federation's annual banquet. The day started out with snow and ended in the low 40's. Sunday I was in Mansfield - a beautiful sunny drive up. Then near blizzard conditions with very low visibility, snow and ice just a couple hours later.

So the flowers are confused. The deer and rabbits are confused. My wife's chickens are just plain mad because of all the mud. And my friends are planning to play golf tomorrow.

It won't last. Don't be surprised when there is snow on Easter in April. Or, like last year, snow on the Friday of convention weekend. So get your snow tires and swimsuits ready because it's nearly time for the convention!

And, while you're working on your rods and reels, getting ready for the first weekend outing, please plan to take a kid fishing. The perfect opportunity would be at our Junior Anglers program in May! It will be a wonderful weekend for kids and adults alike.

In the meantime, I hope to see you in Perrysburg later this month!

*All the Best, -Larry Mitchell Jr.
lmitchell@leagueofohiosportsmen.org*

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Hurry! Hotel Rooms Are Limited!

The League of Ohio Sportsmen's
104th Annual Meeting & Convention
will be held at
Perrysburg Holiday Inn French Quarter
on
February 17-19, 2012

**GET YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS
EARLY - THERE ARE A LIMITED
NUMBER OF ROOMS AVAILABLE!**

**Rooms are \$86.35 per night
including tax**

CALL (419) 874-3111

Come help us celebrate 104 years of
conservation in Ohio!

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**Is your club looking for LEGAL ways to
raise funds for your programs and operations?**

**Join us on Saturday February 18th for a discussion
about Ohio's fundraising laws:**

**What's legal, how often you can hold events,
and how to make money while staying out of trouble!**

Constitution & Bylaws: Proposed Changes

The following changes to our organizational documents are proposed for passage at the 104th Annual Meeting and Convention in February 2012:

League of Ohio Sportsmen

- 1) Resolutions Committee procedural changes with regard to late submissions
- 2) Establishes a Dispute Resolution process
- 3) Establishes the position of Board Chairman

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Deletions are signified by strikethrough text Additions are signified by *italicized text*

These proposals are the fruit of discussions during Board meetings and recommendations from Directors At-Large.

These proposals require three readings at regular meetings and acceptance by a vote of three-fourths of the voting members present at the final business session of the Annual Convention.

League of Ohio Sportsmen 1) Resolutions Committee procedural changes with regard to late submissions

Bylaws Article VII

D. The Resolutions Committee shall accept for consideration at the Annual or Summer Conventions those resolutions submitted at least 60 days prior to the opening session of the convention, or at such later date as may be advertised by said committee. ~~Consideration will be given to a late submission provided it can be shown that the resolution is the result of an emergency situation, or the result of a recent and unexpected development or occurrence, and the sponsoring individual or organization presents to the committee prior to the opening session of the convention, at least 200 copies of the proposed resolution suitable for distribution to those attendees authorized to vote. Majority of those voting at the opening business session of the convention shall determine whether to accept or reject such late submissions for consideration.~~ (Added 1993)

Consideration of a late submission shall be subject to the following guidelines:

1. *A submission shall be considered without prejudice if the resolution was submitted by the proper deadlines but was omitted due to clerical, office error, or postal or electronic delivery issues. Printed copies in a number sufficient for those attendees authorized to vote shall be distributed.*
2. *Any submission not covered in guideline 1 (above) must meet all of the following qualifications:*
 - a. *be shown that the resolution is the result of an emergency situation, or the result of a recent and unexpected development or occurrence;*
 - b. *be accepted for inclusion using the dispute resolution procedure specified in Bylaw VII section E;*
 - c. *the sponsoring individual or organization shall present at least 100 copies of the proposed resolution suitable for distribution to those attendees authorized to vote.*

(Proposal changes and clarifies the late consideration procedures)

League of Ohio Sportsmen 2) Establishes a Dispute Resolution process

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E. *Dispute Resolution: In the event of a dispute or question of proper procedure that cannot be resolved within the committee, or in a question of accepting a resolution submitted late, the following procedure shall be followed:*

1. *The Committee Chair shall table the issue*
2. *The Committee Chair shall report to the President the nature of the question or dispute*
3. *The President shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee to resolve the question*

4. *At the time of the meeting, the Executive Committee members present and the submitting Committee Chair shall constitute a quorum.*
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(New proposed resolution procedure)

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Constitution Article VI, Section B - Board of Directors

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*** Renumber existing sections from 3 to 6*

(Creates the position of Board Chairman and specifies the term of service. Position will allow for retention of institutional knowledge and advice from the immediate Past President)

Bylaws Article III, Section B

3. The Executive Committee, comprised of all officers and the ~~immediate past president~~ *Board Chairman*, will normally function as an advisory or management study group, as directed by the President or Board of Directors.

(remainder of this section continues without change)

(Adds the Board Chairman to the Executive Committee)

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- a. *Immediate action is required and there is insufficient time to assemble the Board of Trustees, or*
- b. *The Board of Trustees is on record as approving the action in reference to a particular problem or project.*

(OWF did not have an Executive Committee. This section mirrors the League's Executive Committee)

Wildlife - “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly”

The 2012 Division of Wildlife Diversity Conference

COLUMBUS, OH – Overlooked wildlife will be the focus of the 2012 Ohio Wildlife Diversity Conference, which is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus. The conference, titled “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly,” is sponsored by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Wildlife and is open to the public.

“We hope many people are able to attend this conference to learn more about the interesting wildlife we have in Ohio,” said Director Jim Zehringer, director of ODNR.

The Wildlife Diversity Conference has steadily grown in popularity. The first conference, held in 1985, drew 40 people. Last year, 975 people attended the day-long gathering.

The keynote speaker this year, Cindy Hale of the University of Minnesota, will discuss earthworms and their impact to the environment in her presentation, “Dances with Worms: The Great Lakes Worm Watch.”

Other conference topics include discussions of freshwater mussel restoration, aquatic invasive species, a Lake Erie pelagic bird survey, terrestrial crayfish, wildlife orphans, wetland restoration, as well as beavers, porcupines and fishers in Ohio.

The third Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp, which features the spotted salamander, will be available to conference attendees. Proceeds from the sale of the stamp will be used to support:

- endangered and threatened native species;
- habitat restoration, land purchases and conservation easements; and
- educational products for students and wildlife enthusiasts.

Anyone who pre-registers online for the conference may purchase this collectable stamp at a discounted price of \$12, which is a 20 percent savings. Details about the Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp are available at wildohiostamp.com.

Representatives from a range of conservation and natural resource organizations, such as the Black Swamp Bird Observatory, Columbus Audubon and Ohio Biological Survey, will present displays and be available to answer questions.

Doors open at 8 a.m. for registration on March 7. The conference begins at 9 a.m. and lasts until 3:30 p.m.

For more information or to register for the conference online, go to <http://bit.ly/WildlifeDiversityConference> or call 800-WILDLIFE. The registration cost prior to Feb. 26 is \$25. After that date, the admission cost is \$35.

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Teaching youth about Angling and Watercraft Safety since 1945



May 2012

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and on Facebook

For youth ages 8-17 with an adult sponsor
Friday 6:30pm to Sunday 5:00pm - no missed school days!
Registration will close mid-April

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 17-19

104th Annual Meeting and Convention

Convention Registration forms are available online and in this mailing

February 25th

Texas Hold'em Charity Poker Tournament at Wolf Creek Rod & Gun

For more details, call Buddy Cartwright at (937) 603-1277. 1st to 5th place Cash Prizes. Proceeds benefit charity sponsor FLOC

2012 Meeting and Event Schedule will be announced at the Convention!

ATTENTION CLUBS:

**Club Dues are
due NOW.**

**Club Membership
is \$50 per year**

**Your club dues
must be current
for delegates to
participate at the
convention**

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2012 Convention Raffle

Enclosed with this month's minutes are 5 tickets for the 2012 Convention Raffle.



NOTHING SHOTS FLATTER, HITS HARDER, OR IS MORE ACCURATE

This year's First Prize is a Weatherby SA-08 Upland 20Ga
a semi-auto with a wood stock, 26" barrel and 3 choke tubes

Additional Prizes will be announced at the convention.

Tickets are \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 5 tickets.

The drawing will be held on Saturday February 18th as part of the Conservation Awards Banquet. Winner need not be present to win.

**Please mail the ticket stubs and money to the office
before February 10th or bring them to the convention.**

ADDITIONAL TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE -

CALL THE OFFICE AT (614) 224-8970 for details

-OR- Mail \$20.00 to

**OWF CONVENTION, 642 W Broad St, Columbus OH 43215
and we'll send you your ticket stubs!**

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