

## Greetings from CECO Rod & Gun Club

Hello to our fellow CECO members.

As we look forward to another year of fishing fun on our club's ponds, I want to call your attention to a concern that's often been raised; taking fish – especially bluegills – off their spawning beds.

Most of the fish in our ponds reproduce naturally. That's a good thing, since we would not be able to maintain a quality fishing experience at CECO if we had to rely solely on our stocking program. It would be too costly. Taking bluegills (or bass, or crappies) off their spawning beds harms their ability to reproduce, and in turn it damages the pond's ecosystem.

Some places, fishing is closed (or is "catch and release only") during part of the year to protect spawning fish. We don't do that at CECO, but you should consider avoiding the spawning beds during May and June. And if you do happen to catch a fish off a bed that time of year – especially a big bluegill, release it immediately so it can reproduce.

**GIVE THOSE SPAWNING FISH A BREAK!** It will help make CECO a better fishing hole, for us and for our children.

To all the new members at CECO, please join us in the many activities we offer thru the club. We have Kid's Day, Trap Shoots and a Bass Tournament. It is a great way to meet other members and to enjoy our club even more! Please check the bulletin boards by both bathrooms for all the other activities happening during the summer as well as our own CECO website.

Have a safe and fun summer!

CECO Rod and Gun Club Board

Read more about fishing at CECO on the Rod & Gun Club Page: <https://www.cecorec.com/rodgunclub>

# Kids Day at Ceco



The Rod & Gun Club's kid's fishing derby will begin with a **Flag Ceremony starting at 11 AM.**

We will have our Fishing Derby along with the BB Gun Shoot and the Bow & Arrow Shoot. There will be plenty of trophies to hand out for girl and



boy winners. All participants will receive a ribbon! Our Hot Dog Stand will be operational and of course, we will have plenty of R&G shirts and hats available for purchase. Please

join us on Sunday, May 29th for the festivities.

Flag Ceremony 11:00  
Lunch 11:30—1:15  
Fishing Derby 12-1  
BB Gun Shoot 1-2  
Archery 1-2  
Basket of Booze Raffle Drawing 1:15



**ALL NEW MEMBERS!** Please take the time to read this newsletter and find out what we are all about. We encourage everyone to join and support the Rod & Gun Club! The Kid's Day is a great way to open the summer season.



**SPRING 2022**

### **Board Members**

Dave Hancock, Chairman  
Ed Schneider, Vice-Chairman  
Karey Costello, Sect & Treasurer



### **Committee Members**

Rob Forte      George Caddick

Jim Costello      Mike Hancock

Dave Skole      Paul Horvatin

Members at Large

Joe Bippus \*Jessica Sheldon \* Dave Maielli

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Ceco Recreation Club

Coal City, IL



# Bass Derby



The Ceco Rod & Gun Club is hosting a **Catch & Eat Bass Derby** on Sunday June 26th in Shawnee Lake. Prizes for biggest and most fish. All bass under 14 inches will be kept for a fish fry right after the derby in the pavilion where prizes will be handed out. Sign in at 7:30 am and starts at 8 am. Weigh ins at 1 pm. Please contact George Caddick at 815-263-4545 for more info or any questions.

## Trap Shoots



The R&G sponsors the shoots on these dates: Sat. 5/21 and 9/17 from 10 am to Noon. Cost is \$5 for each shooter. The money is used to defray the cost of the clays used for each shoot. For more fun we have added more shoots on these dates: 6/4, 7/2, 8/6 & 9/3. These are \$3 per round of trap with 25 targets. Please contact Dave Maielli at (815)603-4635. All are welcome to participate!

## Hunting Corner

**Turkey Hunting** at CECO will be held April 11 to May 5 (Seasons 1-4 only) All turkey permit holders must contact Paul Horvatin at 630-379-9652 or email (pikeandbiz@comcast.net) with your season, any harvest success and CECO number. Club is closed for hunting during spring work weekend. (Apr 30-May1)

The R&G club will be providing **FREE food plot seed** for planting on CECO property. Pick up at spring meeting. We will be providing seed species adaptable to our soil. Deer hunting success was modest this past year. Details at the spring meeting.

Fields will again be planted for the fall dove season.

The Rod & Gun Club Board will provide updates and review the CECO Hunting and Fishing Rules at the Spring R&G meeting.

Reminder: All deer hunting ladder stands, and permanently built stands must have a name and CECO number on your stands as well as have a chain or cable securing the stand to the tree as appropriately by Aug.1st. Any stand not meeting these requirements will be removed from CECO property.

## Upcoming Events

- Apr 30 May 1 Work Party
- May 20 Rod & Gun Club Mtg @ 7pm Pavilion
- May 21 Trap Shoot @ 10 am Trap Range
- May 22 Spring Membership Mtg@ 1pm Pavilion
- May 29 Kid's Day Flag Ceremony @ 11 Derby at Noon

## Spring Meeting and Raffle Prizes

The Spring Meeting will be held on Friday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m. under the pavilion. At this time, we will hold our meeting and then the raffle. This is one of our planned fund raisers for our club.

The raffle prizes are as follows:

**\$400 Visa Gift Card**

**Masterbuilt Electric Smoker**

**Minnkota Endura C2 45#Thrust Trolling Motor**

**Muddy Legend 2 Person Tree Stand**

**Pursuit 850 Laser Range Finder**

**Lew's Speed Spin Rod & Reel Combo**

The raffle tickets have been included in this newsletter. Please sell and or buy these tickets and include payment for them on the membership application. You do not need to return these tickets, if not purchasing. If more are needed please contact: Dave Hancock @ 815-634-0918 Ed Schneider @ 815- 634-3085 Karey Costello @ 630-846-1660 or you can e-mail Karey @ [kareyblue@att.net](mailto:kareyblue@att.net) with any questions requests. Thanks!

**Cooler of Booze Raffle** is once again this Spring. A \$5 chance to win 10 bottles of premium liquor is all it takes to participate. Cut out the ticket below and include it, along with your money, in your application. You are welcome to make extra copies. The drawing will be at Kid's Day , 5/29th, at 1:15 pm. Raffle tickets will be available at the R&G & Board meetings and at the Kid's Day tent.


### Cooler of Booze Raffle Ticket

**\$5.00 per ticket**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Ceco # \_\_\_\_\_ **2022**

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_



Make copies of raffle ticket for more entries.

## CECO ROD & GUN CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2022

(Family and Friends always welcome) Please write clearly.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ceco # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode \_\_\_\_\_ Please mail application to: \_\_\_\_\_

Single Membership Name same as above \$10.00 Membership Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Karey Costello

Second Membership Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Raffle Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 440 W. Harrison Rd.

Family Membership (List names of family members) \$25.00 Donation/Other (Specify) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Lombard, IL 60148-3216

(\$50 donation for free hat) \_\_\_\_\_

Cooler of Booze Raffle \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

R&G interests \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting \_\_\_\_\_ Fishing \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_