

## Fall Greetings!

Greetings Ceco members;

This has been a difficult year. Both the Memorial Day weekend Kid's Day activities and the annual Bass Derby were regrettably canceled due to weather and other circumstances beyond our control. We very much look forward to bringing those activities back again next year.

As a friendly reminder we should all clean up after ourselves. We should not have to see beer cans floating and at the shoreline of Shawnee or the Main Lake, or litter in our picnic areas.

Thank you.

The R&G Board



Memorial Path Info.

Bricks ordered by Jan. 10 will be in place by Memorial Day. Late orders cannot be accepted. Please call Karey at 630-846-1660 with any questions.

## Fall Meeting

The annual Fall Meeting will be held on **Friday, Sept. 13th** at 7:00 PM in the Pavilion. Please bring wild game or a dish to share. Hope to see a lot of new members there.

### R & G WEAR AVAILABLE

*We have new shirts and hats for 2024.  
Come to the fall meeting and check them out!*

## Important Dates

Fri 9/13 - Rod & Gun Club Mtg, 7 pm

Sat 9/14 - Trap Shoot, 10 am

Sun 9/17 - Members' Mtg, 1 pm

Sat 9/28 - 7th Annual Trunk or Treat, Noon  
(arrive early to decorate your trunk)

**Coonan Hunt Club** in Ransom, IL has donated a 2 person, 8 bird guided pheasant hunt (\$500 value) which will be raffled at the Fall R&G Club meeting. Cost is \$5 per raffle ticket (cut out the ticket below). Winner need not be present, but will need to contact the hunt club to arrange their hunt for the coming season.

### Pheasant Hunt Raffle

**\$5 per entry / 2 person guided hunt, 8 birds**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Ceco # \_\_\_\_\_ **2024**

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

Coonan Hunt Club - (815) 343-4867



## Hunting Corner

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All successful deer hunters must report their harvest to the IDNR and then the R&G Club. All hunters are strongly encouraged to participate in the IDNR Chronic Wasting Disease testing program and report results to the Hunting Committee. Call or text Paul Horvatin at 630-379-9652 with harvest results as well as CWD testing results.

**A Hunter Education class will be held September 21 and 22 from 9 AM to 3 PM at:**

**Diamond Indoor Trap Range**  
**2155 E Division St.**  
**Diamond, Illinois**

**Register at 815-907-7345.**

## Trap Shoot

Thank you to all participants in this summer's Trap Shoots. It was great to see young and old out there. Last R&G Club Trap Shoot for 2024 is Sat. 9/14. Any questions, please contact Dave Maielli at 815-603-4635.



## Hunting Corner

Any 2 deer at CECO can be harvested as per IDNR permits in possession for all seasons. NO rifles except muzzleloaders can be used on CECO property for deer.

All CECO deer hunters must receive and wear their CECO hunting buttons while hunting on CECO property. Buttons will be available at the fall R&G club meeting. Bring a copy of your IDNR deer tag(s) to the meeting or mail a self-addressed stamped envelope to Paul Horvatin, 813 Lincoln St., Downers Grove, IL 60515. Please write your email address and CECO membership number on your permit copy.

All tree stands and game cameras must have your CECO number attached and be visible at ground level. Ground blinds shall have 400 square inches of blaze orange or pink visible on all sides when **occupying** the blind. Blinds left up overnight must have members name and number fixed to the blind. Stands and blinds must maintain a 100 yard distance from other stands. As has been the practice, stand owners have first right to their stand. Stands and game cameras that do not have member name and membership number by will be removed from CECO property.

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## Fishing Update

Our fisheries biologist conducted an assessment of our Main Lake and Shawnee again this year.



Results in Shawnee were very encouraging—bass and bluegill both appear to be doing well. We will keep an eye on the crappie population, which appears to be decreased. We will also keep an eye on the increased pike population, but it doesn't appear to be a concern at this point.

The Main Lake continues to be a challenge due to a weak food chain. The bluegill we're stocking is the primary forage base, especially for the largemouth bass. And while it may appear there are abundant bluegill in the lake, they're not producing enough spawn and we're seeing underfed bass. Other species seem to be doing better. We continue to see good numbers of healthy walleye.



We will discuss the findings in more detail at the fall R&G Club Meeting, and you can find a full report on the CECO website:

<https://www.cecorec.com/rodgunclub>.



**FALL 2024**

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