

Greetings from CECO Rod & Gun Club

Happy Spring everyone!

Some brief Rod & Gun Club news:

*Work was done to the kid's pond to dig out some of the shallower areas. There has been shore clearing on the opposite side to allow more fishing access. Hopefully we will have some dry weather this spring so the shoreline can be smoothed out and grass planted in time for Kid's Day.

*We had another case of CWD in a buck taken on the south side of the club during second season.

The R&G club board is a sub-committee under the authority of the CECO main board. Some reminders of what the R&G Club is all about:

*Raise money primarily to fund fish stocking in our lakes, R&G club activities, hunting activities and shooting areas. All funds are raised through club membership, our spring raffle, mini raffles held at our meetings, and club apparel sales. We also receive generous donations from members.

*Plan club activities such as the flag raising ceremony along with Kid's Day (during the Memorial Day weekend), trap shooting and fishing tournaments.

*Promote safety and education for hunting, fishing and boating.

*Plan work parties for building fishing cribs to encourage the fish habitat in our lakes.

To accomplish all the above, we plan two meetings for our club members per year, one in the spring and one in the fall. We conduct the club business, have a wild game feast, as well as just visit and have a good time!

Have a safe and fun summer!

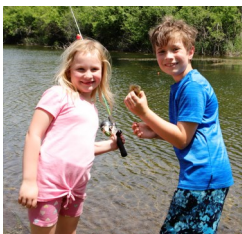
Ceco Rod and Gun Club Board

Read more about us 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 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 28 for the festivities.

Flag Ceremony 11:00

Lunch 11:30-1:15

Fishing Derby 12:00-1:00

Archery & BB Gun Shoot 1-2

Cooler of Booze Raffle 1:15

Pheasant Hunt Raffle

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

Name _____

Ceco # _____ **2023**

Phone number _____

Coonan Hunt Club - (815) 343-4867



Coonan Hunt Club in Ransom, IL has donated a gift certificate for a 2 person guided pheasant hunt - 8 birds, value \$500 - to be raffled at the Fall R&G meeting. Cost is \$5 per raffle ticket and will be sold at all 2023 R&G events. Or cut out the ticket above and include it along with your R&G Club membership payment. Winner will need to call Coonan Hunt Club at (815) 343-4867 to make arrangements.



SPRING 2023

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 Saturday, June 24th 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 8:00 am. Weigh in at 1:00 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. 5/20 and 9/16 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: 7/1, 8/5 & 9/2 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 10 to May 3 (Seasons 1-4 only) All turkey permit holders must contact Paul Horvatin at 630-379-9652 or email (pikeandbiz@comcast.net) with your season, county (Grundy or Will) any harvest success and CECO number.

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, hang on 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. Game cameras must also have CECO number!

Upcoming Events

- May 6&7 Work Party
- May 19 Rod & Gun Club Mtg @ 7pm Pavilion
- May 20 Trap Shoot @ 10 am Trap Range
- May 21 Spring Membership Mtg@ 1pm Pavilion
- May 28 Kid's Day Flag Ceremony @11 Derby at Noon
- June 24 Catch & Eat Bass Derby @ 7:30 Shawnee

Spring Meeting and Raffle Prizes

The Spring Meeting will be held on Friday, May 19th 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**
- Minnkota Endura C2 45# Thrust Trolling Motor**
- Viper 10 Kayak**
- Underwater Camera**
- Garmin Depth 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 with any questions or requests. Thanks!

Basket of Booze Raffle is once again this Spring. A \$5 chance to win 10-12 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 , 5/28th, 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 # _____ **2023**

Phone number _____



Make copies of raffle ticket for more entries.

CECO ROD & GUN CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2023

(Family and Friends always welcome) **Please write clearly.**

Name _____ Ceco # _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____ Please mail application to: _____

Single Membership Name _____ Membership Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Karey Costello

Second Membership Name _____ \$10.00 Raffle Amount Enclosed \$ _____ PO Box 124

Family Membership (List names of family members) \$25.00 _____ (\$50 donation for free hat) _____ Ransom, IL 60470

Cooler of Booze Raffle _____

Hunting _____ Fishing _____ Other _____ Pheasant Hunt Raffle _____

R&G interests _____ TOTAL \$ _____

E-mail Address _____

Comments: _____