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Gun club holds lake benefit

Oct. 14 shoot raises \$3,500

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ADAMS TWP — The Mars Rod and Gun Club has the distinction of being the first organization to hold a benefit for the Glade Run Lake Conservancy, and members hope others will follow.

The conservancy is raising money to pay for refilling the former Glade Run Lake in Middlesex Township, which was drained in 2011 because of a faulty dam. The group's goal is to have the 52-acre lake refilled but that will take \$4 million. Enter Mars Rod and Gun Club vice president Fred Dean. He said a member suggested that the club hold a fundraiser for the conservancy to raise awareness of its efforts as well as cash.

Dean contacted conservancy board members, and the result was Shoot for the Lake, a benefit shoot on Oct. 14 at the club on Cashdollar Road. It raised \$3,500. "It was an incredible offer for them to do it," said Bonnie Chappell, the conservancy's vice president. She said about 80 people attended the event.

"For a first-time event, I thought it was very well-attended," Chappell said. Dean said no admission fee was charged, and the club offered fun, skill-related shooting contests as well as a silent auction and prize drawings. He said businesses volunteered when they heard the fundraiser would benefit the return of the lake, which was once a mecca for fishermen, boaters, families, ice-skaters and wildlife. Dean said many members of the club are outdoorsmen, and were disappointed to see the lake drained.

"More than half are into fishing," Dean said. "It was nice to have a local place where you can spend a couple hours at the end of the day or take the kids out some evening." He hopes the event increased awareness about the lake.

"It's amazing how many people don't even know that the lake has been drained," Dean said.

He praised the efforts of the conservancy board and members, and said his club hopes to have another event in the spring that includes other sportsmens' clubs. More information on Glade Run Lake and the effort to have it reopened is available at www.gladerunlakeconservancy.org.

