

2006 “PERSON OF THE YEAR” AWARD



Cathy Kowalczyk

Shortly after being introduced to the sport of hunting & target shooting, Cathy joined the Woods & Waters Club in 1992. From the moment she joined, she became actively involved with the club. Cathy has served on the clubs Board of Trustees for many years and has played an active role in planning the past 6 Annual Banquets, serving as Banquet Chairman in 2003. She served as Vice President of the club for 2 years and was elected as the first woman President of the club in 2003 and served a 2 year term. During her term as President, Cathy focused on increasing club membership.

A club survey was implemented, membership work sessions were scheduled and a new look was given to the membership flyer/application. Cathy wrote several needed procedures for the club during her tenure which will aid the club for many years to come. Through the Woods and Waters Club, Cathy has focused on introducing Youth & Women to outdoor sports. She, along with her husband have initiated and chaired Annual Youth Shooting & Youth Fishing Activities for the past eight years. Additionally she helps at The Lake Erie Fishing & Boating Fest each June where the Woods & Waters Club helps to sponsor free fishing charters on Lake Erie for youth. Two Women’s Shooting Clinics were also introduced to the clubs Activities Calendar. She currently serves as a Trustee for the Club and as Trustee for The President’s Scholarship Foundation. Cathy is a member of United States Sportsmen’s Alliance (USSA), the NRA and a Lifetime Member of The North American Hunting Club. She has served on the banquet committee for the local chapter of Whitetails Unlimited for the past 3 years. Cathy is a member of Beaver Creek Club in Amherst.

Cathy credits her husband with introducing her to hunting & target shooting and has become an active participant in both of these sports. Cathy also enjoys fishing. She also appreciates the members of The Woods and Waters Club who have welcomed her in this predominantly “male” organization!

A graduate of The Ohio State University with a BS in Agriculture, Cathy works along side her family at their wholesale nursery & greenhouse operation in Avon. She resides with her husband Jay and twin daughters Erin & Emily (age 21) in Sheffield Village. She also has two stepsons and 5 step-grandchildren.