

# Crooked Creek Conservation Club Newsletter

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

January 2, 2008

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

**CLUB DUES for 2008:** Included in this mailing is your dues statement. Please return the entire statement with your payment as soon as possible, but no later than **February 29, 2008**. Delays in returning dues creates delays in getting membership cards out and causes significantly more work on the part of the club. The Board of Trustees approved establishing a \$25 penalty fee on late dues for 2008. If your dues are not received by February 29, 2008, the \$25.00 penalty will be imposed. Due to high insurance costs the liability insurance portion of your dues has remained at \$20.

**THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** The clubs annual membership meeting will be held on **February 10, 2008** in the Main clubhouse at 1:00 p.m. Trustee elections will be held this year for 9 positions. Some current plans for 2008 are to rebuild the outhouses and build a additional one by the short range shooting bays. Replace the pavilion roof with a metal roof. Replace concrete under Field Trial Clubhouse open area.

**THE 5-STAND RANGE** was placed in service on May 20<sup>th</sup> of this year and enjoyed a successful season. Thank you to all those who helped build this nice facility. The 5-stand is now closed for the winter season and will be back in operation as the weather improves.

**Volunteers**, please call John Senz @ 440-352-7843 if you would like to volunteer your time in the clay target shooting area. We need folks to open the courses and collect fees. Currently we are open year round on Sunday from 10 AM till 4 PM. We would be delighted to open on other days of the week. We simply need you to volunteer!

**FISHING** The Board of Trustees would like to continue to encourage members to practice “**Catch and Release**” when fishing at the pond. We would like to keep the numbers of Bass and Bluegills high enough for kids to have a easy and fun time catching fish and this appears to be working. We will be looking at doing more to control the weeds in the pond next year.

**HUNTING ON CLUB GROUNDS:** Please remember the following rules while hunting on club grounds. Only members and family members can hunt, NO guests. Anyone hunting must follow all Ohio game laws and possession limits. No Sunday hunting is allowed East of the swale and old duck pond. No waterfowl hunting is allowed on the main pond.

**Reloading supplies** can be ordered twice a year. Order forms will be available in the main clubhouse in April, for May 4 delivery, and September, for October 12 delivery. Alex Thomas leads this activity

**Civilian Marksmanship Program:** Anyone interested in volunteering to help plan, organize, and run rimfire sporting rifle and military rifle events for the 2008 season is welcome to join the Crooked Creek Rifles. We usually meet in the evening at Gander Mountain in Mentor. Contact, Don Helwick at [dhelwick4@mailbag.net](mailto:dhelwick4@mailbag.net) or (440-354-9984).



## COMING EVENTS

**Women in the Outdoors:** The Women in the Outdoors committee is looking for help in coordinating this event and also in need of helpers. If they get help, their annual event using our club grounds is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, **April 12, 2008**. This event introduces women to many outdoor activities such as Hunting, Fishing, Camping, Archery and other Shooting sports to list just a few. For the last five years this event has been a huge success. The cost of attendance is \$50.00 with proceeds going to the Wild Turkey Federation. Sponsorships may be available for women without the means to otherwise attend.

**Practical Pistol Shoots (USPSA):** Pistol match dates are 3/30, 4/27, 5/25, 6/22, 7/13, 8/24, 9/28 & 10/26. Come join in and make use of our pistol bays. The rifle range will be open on these dates for use by green badged club members only. Falling Steel matches are scheduled for 5/3, 6/7, 7/5, 8/2, 9/6, 10/4 & 11/1.

**3D-Archery Dates are:** 3/9, 3/30, 4/20, 5/4, 5/25, 6/28, 8/9, 8/10, 8/24, 9/7 & 9/21. Please contact David Buck 440-257-5384. David could sure use some help setting up targets the day before these shoots.

**Work Detail Dates: Spring – Sunday, May 4, Fall – Sunday, October 19 and Winter – Saturday, December 13, 2008. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

**Steak Roast: Saturday, July 12, 2008.** This event was very much improved last year when done by club members. The food was excellent and all who attended had a great time. Please make an effort to attend.

**Youth Weekend:** The Youth weekend will be **July 25-27, 2008**. There is no cost for individuals age 10-15. To sign up a youth, contact Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855. All Ranges are CLOSED during the Youth Weekend.

**Clam Bake:** Clam Bake will be held on **Saturday, September 13, 2008**.

**Field Trials:** Saturday morning dog training year round and Wednesday evenings during the summer. This season Trials dates are **9/14, 10/5, 10/26, 11/23, 12/14/2008**. To sign up, please call Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855

**Sight In Day / Turkey Shoot:** Schedule will be out later.

**Civilian Marksmanship Program:** Contact, Don Helwick at [dhelwick4@mailbag.net](mailto:dhelwick4@mailbag.net) Scheduled matches are 4/19, 5/17, 6/21, 7/19, 8/16, 9/20 & 10/18.

**Rifle Range Safety Course:** The range safety course, required for all members who wish to use the rifle and pistol ranges, is conducted on the **Second Sunday of every month at 12:00 p.m.** Members need only attend once. A green badge will be issued and then you are welcome to use the ranges.

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