

Crooked Creek Conservation Club Newsletter

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

December 27, 2009

HAPPY NEW YEAR

CLUB DUES for 2010: 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 28, 2010**. Please add current e-mail addresses so we can better communicate up coming events and activities. Delays in returning dues creates delays in getting membership cards out and causes significantly more work on the part of the club. Please remember there is a \$25 penalty fee on late dues not received by February 28, 2010.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The clubs annual membership meeting will be held on **February 14, 2010** in the Main clubhouse at 1:00 p.m. Trustee elections will be held this year. **Please bring treats to share with fellow members at the meeting.**

Major projects completed in 2009 were: Replaced windows in main clubhouse and installed awnings, enclosed additional area in the Range building to provide for more storage area, improved drainage around Trap house, installed drainage culverts at main gate and near camping area, painted the outhouses and fences, improved roadways, cut additional trees along the 100 yard range to allow additional light on targets, added a mound for retriever training in dog training area material came from reworking the field trial parking lot and a donation of 2 truck loads of dirt from the Buckeye Retriever club.

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING SPORTS REPORT:

A very big **thank you** to all of the clay target shooters and the volunteers that manned the Main Desk and occasionally the Five Stand throughout the year. We could not continue to have our Sunday shoots if it was not for a very dedicated core group of members who continue to make Sunday shooting enjoyable for our many members and non-members. **You know who you are, Many Thanks:**

Sign-up sheets for 2010 are in the clubhouse on the main desk, we still have many open dates for Trap and Skeet and no dates have been taken for the five stand. **If we do not have at least 80 to 90 % of the five stand dates from April to October filled by April, the five stand will be open only on a very limited basis in 2010.**

Dates to remember for 2010: Five stand will be open on the following dates only, weather permitting and if we have volunteers to open/run the facility. Jan 10 & 24, Feb 7 & 21 March 7 & 21 and April 4th, Beginning April 18th, the **Five Stand will be open every Sunday from 10:00 until 2:00PM. Trap and Skeet ranges will be open on all Sundays from 10:00AM until 4:00PM.** We may be closed due to weather and occasionally may close earlier due to weather or a lack of shooters, if in doubt, call the clubhouse phone. 440-474-4201

We will also be open the Saturdays of the Steak roast, Pig Roast and the Clambake. Please refer to the calendar of events for these dates.

Reminder; the Club Clay target ranges are closed on Sundays when work parties are scheduled and also for the youth weekend. No shooting of any type is permitted on the club grounds during these dates. Please refer to the calendar of events for these dates

Great News: Crooked Creek is going to sponsor a unique type of clay target shoot March 27th. Please mark your Calendars and plan on attending and participating in the first annual Crooked Creek Challenge to be held Saturday, March 27th on the clubs clay target ranges. All of the Clay target disciplines will be shot by the participants in one day over a 100 bird event format. Monetary prizes \$\$\$\$\$\$ will be awarded to winners. Please see the web site **www.crooked-creek.org** for additional details or pick up a flyer in the main clubhouse after January 1st.

A belated Christmas greetings and a great new Year to all of you, see you on the ranges in 2010.

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 the old duck pond. No waterfowl hunting is allowed on the main pond.

FIREWOOD: Firewood that has been cut, split and stacked by clubhouses is **off limits for any use other than heating clubhouses**. This wood is not to be moved or used by campers. Any misuse of wood, that others have prepared for clubhouses, will be considered theft of club property and result in loss of membership. **This continues to be an on-going problem and will not be tolerated.**

Reloading supplies can be ordered twice a year. Order forms will be available in the main clubhouse in April and September. 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 2010 season is welcome to join the Crooked Creek Rifles. Contact, Don Helwick at dhelwick4@att.net or (440-354-9984). **Scheduled CMP matches** are 4/17, 5/15, 6/19, 7/17, 8/21, 9/18 & 10/16. **Rimfire Shoots:** Shoots are scheduled for 4/17, 5/15, 6/19, 7/17, 8/21, 9/18 & 10/16. **Rimfire Sporter Competition Clinic** 5/15. **Garand-Springfield - Military Rifle Clinic** 6/19. **Fun Shoot** 7/10, 8/14, 9/11.

Practical Pistol Shoots (USPSA): Pistol match dates are **3/21, 4/25, 5/23, 6/27, 7/18, 8/22, 9/26 & 10/24**. Come join in and make use of our pistol bays. The rifle ranges will be open on these dates for green badge members use. Steel matches are scheduled for **4/3, 5/1, 6/5, 7/3, 8/7, 9/4, 10/2**.

Archery: Setup date for archery targets will be **Feb. 27 or 28**. Scheduled 3D Archery Shoots will be **3/14, 4/18, 5/23, 8/01, 8/28 & 29, 9/11 & 12**. Please contact David Buck 440-257-5384.

Work Detail Dates: Spring 5/2, Fall 10/17 and Winter 12/11/2010. MARK YOUR CALENDARS. Some of our members are planning on working on building a road/drive through the woods behind and west of the camping area. This road to be used for access to campers not on the current drive and for the archery course. Anyone interested in this project please contact David Buck 440-257-5384. Current plan is start work on **Jan. 16/17**.

Steak Roast: Saturday July 10, 2010. This event, done by club members, is a good opportunity to share experiences with fellow club members. The food is excellent and all who attended have a great time. Please make an effort to attend.

Youth Weekend: The Youth weekend will be the **July 23-25, 2010**. There is no cost for individuals age 10-15. To sign up a youth, contact Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855.

Pig Roast: Pig Roast was well received and attended last year and will be held again on **Saturday August 14th**.

Clam Bake: Clam Bake will be held on **Saturday September 11, 2010**.

Field Trials: Saturday morning dog training year round. This years Trial dates are **9/12, 10/3, 10/31, 11/21, 12/12/2010**. To sign up, please call Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855

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. Upon completion of this course, a green badge will be issued and then you are welcome to use the ranges.

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