

Crooked Creek Conservation Club Newsletter

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

December 20, 2010

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAVE A GREAT NEW YEAR

CLUB DUES for 2011: 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, 2011**. 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 late fee on dues not received by February 28, 2011.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The clubs annual membership meeting will be held on **February 13, 2011** in the Main clubhouse at 1:00 p.m. No trustee elections will be held this year. **Please bring treats to share with fellow members at the meeting.**

Major projects completed in 2010 were: Built new shooting pavilion on short range bay, expanded parking lot in front of 5-Stand, built new road behind campgrounds, installed drainage around main parking lot and picnic pavilion, painted part of the clubhouse, improved roadways, cut additional trees along the 100 yard range to allow additional light on targets, built new heavy duty grills for picnic pavilion.

CLAY SPORTS: A very big *thank you* to all of the clay target shooters and the volunteers that manned the Main Desk and occasionally the 5-Stand throughout the year. We could not continue to have our Sunday shoots if it was not for a very dedicated small 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!!!!**

There are many new club members and shooters out there that could volunteer to run the main desk or the 5-Stand.

Training can be provided. Yes this does fulfill your work hours!!!! Let's not be bashful—sign up to man the shooting desk in 2011.

Sign-up sheets for 2011 are in the clubhouse on the main desk, we have many open 2011 dates for Trap and Skeet and for the 5-Stand.

If we do not have at least 80 to 90 % of the 5-Stand dates from April to October filled by March the 5-Stand will be open only on a very limited basis in 2011. Also toward the latter part of 2010 individuals signed up to run the desk and did not show up that day. I received no call to say they could not make it, just an empty desk on Sunday morning. I will not continue to personally run the front desk or the 5-Stand on days when the volunteer does not show up or there is no one signed up for that Sunday.

If during 2011 this situation occurs or there is no volunteer signed up to run the main desk on that day, I will not open the club for open shooting that Sunday. Whomever is there @ 10:00am can shoot but when the committee running the desk because there are no volunteers calls it a day we are closing. That may be @ 12:00PM or 1:00 PM but we will close.

The 5-Stand will be open on a limited basis in Jan, Feb and March. Consult the website www.crooked-creek.org for dates the 5-Stand will be open. Dates will be posted sometime in December.

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

GOOD NEWS FOR CLUB MEMBERS: We are in the final stages of purchasing an additional 34 acres just north of our property. Details should be available by the time of the annual membership meeting in February.

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**. There has been several cases of members shooting hen Pheasants and Quail while hunting. **This is against the law**. These birds can only be killed when properly banded and recorded prior to being placed in the field. No Sunday hunting is allowed East of the swale and the old duck pond. No waterfowl hunting is allowed on the main pond. **Hunting Stands/Blinds** may be used by club members but members cannot claim a hunting area. Use of club grounds for hunting is on a first come first served basis. Please be respectful of fellow hunters and remain at a safe distance from each other.

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 or removed from club grounds. Any misuse of wood, that others have prepared for clubhouses, will be considered theft of club property and result in loss of membership. **Campers are encouraged to work together to cut, split and stack wood in the camping area for use by campers. This can be done on scheduled work days or by individuals or groups at any time.**

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: We need more volunteers to help plan, organize and run rimfire sporting rifle and military rifle events for the 2011 season. Join the Crooked Creek Rifles. Contact, Don Helwick at dhelwick4@att.net or (440-354-9984).

CMP Garand/Service Rifle Matches are **4/16, 5/7, 6/4, 7/16, 8/6, 9/3 & 10/1**.

CMP Rimfire Sporter Matches are **4/16, 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17 & 10/1**.

Small Bore Silhouette Matches are **5/21, 6/18, 8/20 & 9/17**.

Fun Shoots on **7/9, 9/10, 10/08/2011** from 2-4PM.

Practical Pistol Shoots: Pistol match dates are **3/20, 4/24, 5/29, 6/26, 7/24, 8/28, 9/25 & 10/23/11**.

Steel matches are scheduled for **4/9, 5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10, 10/8 & 11/12** from 9-12 Noon.

Come join in and make use of our pistol bays. The rifle ranges will be open on these dates for green badge members use. Visit <http://www.practicalpistol.net> for more information.

Archery: 3D Archery Shoot schedule will be posted later. Please contact David Buck 440-290-8497.

Work Detail Dates: Spring 5/1, Fall 10/16 and Winter 12/10/2011. MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

Steak Roast: Saturday July 9, 2011. 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 29-31, 2011**. There is no cost for individuals age 10-15. To sign up a youth, contact Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855.

Clam Bake: Clam Bake will be held on **Saturday, September 10, 2011**.

Pig Roast: Pig Roast was well received and attended again last year and will be held again this year but at a cooler time on **Saturday, October 8th**.

Field Trials: Saturday morning dog training year round. 2011 Trial dates are **9/11, 10/2, 10/30, 11/20, 12/11/2011**. 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 Noon**. 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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