

Crooked Creek Conservation Club Newsletter

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

March, 15, 2011

CLUB DUES for 2011: If your club dues were received, included in this mailing is your new membership card and stickers. Remember, the Board of Trustees approved a \$25 Late Fee if your dues were not received by February 28, 2011.

THE ANNUAL MEETING: The club's annual membership meeting was held on February 13, 2011. There was good attendance by club members. The ODNR gave an update on proposed changes to hunting seasons and licensing requirements. Committee reports were given. President, Dennis Meinke, reviewed all the progress made on improving club facilities and grounds in 2010 as well as plans for future projects in mind for 2011. Dennis informed the membership on details of the 34 acres purchased at the end of 2010 and provided new club maps. Also discussed was the cutting of trees on a 10 acre piece of club property currently underway. With plans to also do so selective cutting. No elections this year.

TRUSTEES REMAIN: Don Baker, Dave Buck, Don Buck, Pat Bujnocki, Bud Connolly, Glen Gregrich, Don Helwick, Ed Henry, Cliff Hiltz, Walt Keene, Jim Majoris, Dennis Meinke, Cindy Rogge, Joe Safranko, Brett Sloan, Ken Smith, Al Timpeiro and Bill Vandever.

CLUB OFFICERS ARE:

President	Dennis Meinke	Treasurer	Don Buck
Vice-President	David Buck	Secretary	Bud Connolly

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING SPORTS: Trap, Skeet and 5-Stand ranges are available to members and non-members at nominal shooting fees.

Still need volunteers for the main desk and the 5 Stand throughout the year. Please consider volunteering one Sunday to help keep the Clay target Sports at their peak. Sign up sheets are in the clubhouse. Counts toward your work hours!!!!!!

We have installed a new trap machine in the existing trap house. Persons who have shot over the new machine think it is a great improvement. Ask your friends and come out to the Club and shoot a few rounds over the new machine.

To support additional persons wishing to shoot trap. Crooked Creek will be adding a second trap machine in front of the five stand this summer. We hope to have this work completed by July - August this year. When we are not using the new machine to shoot trap we will be using the house and machine as station 8 and add to the five stand layout. In addition to the new trap facilities we are hoping to form a Team to shoot in the fall Ashtabula county Trap league this year. The fall league rotates thru various sportsman clubs in the county and shoots a basic program on Saturdays for 6 to 8 weeks in the fall. Persons of all shooting levels are welcome to participate in this trap league. Also this summer as part of Crooked Creeks continued commitment to the youth segment, We are going to schedule several youth days on a Saturday(s) in August and September. Member's children ages 10 to 15 as well as non-members may shoot from 11:00am to 1:00pm on the days these shoots will be scheduled. More to come on the dates once we finalize this program. The Trap, Skeet and Five stand will be open for the youth to learn basics and improve their shooting abilities. Club range officers will be on-site to assist the youth. We cordially request that parents may stay and watch, but do not provide assistance or advice to the youth during their scheduled time on the range. The cost per round (25 targets) will be \$2.00 on the scheduled youth days. Parents are welcome to shoot after the youth have had their time on the range. Price per round for parents will be \$ 3.00 members as well as non-members.

Hope to see you on the Clay Target ranges this summer, Please Enjoy all the Crooked Creek facilities and have a wonderful summer.

Clay Target coordinator- Crooked Creek:
Bill Vandever

GOOD NEWS FOR CLUB MEMBERS: We did in fact finalize the purchase of an additional 34 acres just north of our property off Callahan Road. See our club Web page for a map of our property or visit the main clubhouse to view maps.

Reloading supplies can be ordered twice a year. Order forms will be available in the main clubhouse in April and September. This service is for club members only. The only contact for the ordering of reloading components is Alex Thomas at 440-285-2523.

Practical Pistol Shoots: USPSA Pistol match dates are **3/20, 4/24, 5/29, 6/26, 7/24, 8/28, 9/25 & 10/23**. See our web page at <http://www.practicalpistol.net> for more information. The rifle ranges will be open on these dates for green badge member use. Contact Bud Connolly at stats@practicalpistol.net or 440-259-3512.

Falling Steel: matches are scheduled for **4/9,5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10, 10/8 and 11/12** . Contact Ed Henry at hen3ry@practicalpistol.net or 440-221-4306.

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 & 10/8/2011 from 2-4PM (before the club dinners)**.

Concealed Carry Course: Plans are to offer this course on May or June. Those who wish to attend must attend 2 Saturdays. If you are interested contact Bud Connolly at 440-259-3512.

Archery: Look to next newsletter for 3D Archery Shoots dates. Please contact David Buck at 440-257-5384. David could sure use some help setting up targets the day before these shoots.

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: This event was added last year and was a great success and will be held on **Saturday October 8, 2011**.

Field Trials: Saturday morning dog training year round. This years Trial dates are **9/11, 10/9, 10/30, 11/20, 12/11** . 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. A green badge will be issued and then you are welcome to use the ranges.

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