

Crooked Creek Conservation Club Newsletter

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

12/19/2011

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAVE A GREAT NEW YEAR

CLUB DUES for 2012: 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, 2012**. 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, 2012.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The clubs annual membership meeting will be held on **February 12, 2012** 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 2011 were: Purchased Shaughnessy property 34 acres and built small parking lot there, Clearcut 10 acres of club woods which paid for that new property, Installed a new roof with extensions on main clubhouse, cut selected trees behind the 100 yard range to allow additional light to filter down to ground allowing for new growth and improved growth for remaining trees, rebuilt and expanded duck pond with grant money from Division of Wildlife and US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Crooked Creek clay target sports has accomplished much and made many improvements over the last year. Some of these are:

- New Trap machine installed in existing facility. Special Thank you to the installation crew.
- Wireless Microphones - no more cables / cords to untangle & Break.
- Purchased second trap machine for future expansion—New House to be installed-Scheduled for early 2012. Will be a 27 yard field.
- Rebuilt the skeet machines- These (2) machines are no longer supported by the OEM or have many spare parts available. These are in pretty good condition as of now.
- Purchased new snow blower for the club to use to clean all the walkways , trap & skeet fields. Much improved over previous snow blower. We did sell the old machine.
- Painted the skeet houses and the clay target barn storage facility. Thanks to the work parties
- Tore out the old doors on the clay target pole building- Installed new garage door. Plan is next year to add a 8' by 10' concrete pad in front to garage door. This will Make unloading clay targets a 2 or 3 person job. Thank you to the installation crew, You know who you are
- Modified the 5 stand target presentation - The shooters appear to like the changes. Refurbished all the 5 stand machines in the spring. New multi battery(4 @ a time) battery charger purchase.
- 5 stand was open 95% of the time on all Sundays from March thru first week of November.

Thank you volunteers!

Bill Vandever is stepping down as a CC trustee and also as coordinator of the Clay Target Sports effective the 2nd Sunday in February. We are looking for a responsible volunteer to handle the Clay Target facility in 2012. If interested please see Bill Vandever and or Dennis Meinke. Clay target coordinator is responsible for;

- Scheduling the desk coverage on Sundays, and special events --both front desk and 5 stand.
- Keeping track of all clay target income and expenses. Report this to the BOT monthly.
- Coordination of maintenance of 11 clay target machines and structures.

Reloading Supplies Crooked Creek needs a person to take over the reloading supply tasks - Al Thomas is stepping down so we need a person to replace Al. Thank you Al for all of your work.

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 the 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.

Member are reminded that driving off club drives and parking lots is not allowed. There and been several cases of members driving around gates and across grass leaving ruts and other damage.

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. **Firewood for campers has been split and stacked in several areas in the camping area for use by campers.**

Civilian Marksmanship Program. For information, event reservations or to join the Crooked Creek Rifles, contact Don Helwick at dhelwick4@att.net or (440) 354-9984.

CMP Garand/Service Rifle Matches (9 am - 1 pm): 5/19, 6/16, 7/7, 9/15, 10/6.

CMP Rimfire Sporter Matches (9 am - 1 pm): 5/19, 6/16, 7/7, 9/15, 10/6.

Sight-in for CMP Rimfire Sporter National Championship (9 am - 1 pm): 6/2

Small Bore Silhouette Matches (1 pm - 5 pm): 6/3, 7/1, 8/5, 9/8 (demo event before Clam Bake).

Fun Shoots (2 - 4 pm): 7/7, 9/8, 10/6.

Anyone willing to help run our rifle events is welcome to join the Crooked Creek Rifles. Volunteers shoot for free and earn credit toward their Club labor hours.

Practical Pistol Shoots: Pistol match dates are **3/18, 4/22, 5/20, 6/24, 7/22, 8/26, 9/23 & 10/28/12.**

Steel matches are scheduled for **4/28, 5/12, 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, 9/8 & 10/13/12** 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.

Women in the Outdoors – Saturday, May 12, 2012

Work Detail Dates: Spring 5/6, Fall 10/21 & Winter 12/8/2012. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Steak Roast: Saturday, July 7, 2012. This event is a good opportunity to share experiences with fellow club members. The food is excellent and all who attended have a great time.

Youth Weekend: The Youth weekend will be **July 27-29, 2012**. There is no cost for individuals ages 10-15. To sign up a youth, contact Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855.

Clam Bake: Clam Bake will be held on **Saturday, September 8, 2012.**

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 6, 2012.**

Field Trials: Saturday morning dog training year round. 2012 Trial dates are **9/9, 9/30, 10/28, 11/18, 12/9/12**. 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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