

Crooked Creek Conservation Club Newsletter

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

March, 12, 2012

CLUB DUES for 2012: 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, 2012.

THE ANNUAL MEETING: The club's annual membership meeting was held on February 12, 2012. There was good attendance by club members. The ODNR gave an update on hunting seasons and licensing requirements. Committee reports were given. President, Dennis Meinke, reviewed all the progress made on improving club facilities and grounds in 2011 as well as plans for future projects in mind for 2012. Dennis informed the membership on details on clear cutting of trees on a 10 acre and a selective cutting of 150 trees near 100 yard range. Tree cutting netted the club \$76,951. We had a new metal roof with extensions installed on the Main Clubhouse. We developed a plan to rebuild and enlarge the Duck pond north of FT grounds. Received Grants from ODNR for \$1,500 and US Fish and Wildlife Service for \$2,500 which paid for this project. We now have 2.5 acre pond. We put in a parking lot, installed Club signs and gate on the new property we purchased in late 2010 this property will be known as the Shaughnessy Woods.

Crooked Creek has been awarded Conservation Club Of the Year By the Ohio State NWTF Board Of Directors for 2011.

Elections of Trustees were held.

TRUSTEES ARE: 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, *Matt Sironen* and Al Timpeiro.

CLUB OFFICERS ARE: President Dennis Meinke Treasury 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!!!!!!

To support additional persons wishing to shoot trap. Crooked Creek will be adding a second trap machine next to the current trap field this spring. 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 Creek's 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.

WOOD & TRAILS Committee: We are developing a plan to improve access to our woods by improving or building trails in areas of our property. Hope to begin working on trails this summer. A new committee will be formed to coordinate this effort with plans to begin a trail on the Shaughnessy Woods property. Look for more information in the next newsletter. We will be looking for volunteers to this committee.

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 before the dinners): 7/7, 9/8, 10/6. Come out to shoot and eat!

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 Work 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, 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 – May 12, 2012

Work Detail Dates: Spring 5/6, Fall 10/21 and Winter 12/08/2012. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

NOTE ON DINNERS: Due to members signing up for dinners and then not showing up, our club policy will be; **if you sign up for a dinner and do not show and do not cancel in advance, you will be assessed the cost of the dinner on the following years dues statement.** These dinners are put on at no profit to the club. When people do not show, the club and fellow members take the loss.

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.

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

Pig Roast: Pig Roast will be held **Saturday, October 6, 2012** with Dinner served at 5:00 PM

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. **Due to Easter falling on the second Sunday in April, April's Safety Course will be on the third Sunday, April 15 at 12:00 p.m.**

Visit our Club web page at <http://www.crooked-creek.org>