

Crooked Creek Conservation Club Newsletter

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

June, 12, 2012

ANNUAL JAMBOREE CAMPING WEEKEND and JAMBOREE DINNER July 6-8

In past years this was our club's biggest event and last year campers really took advantage of our nice facility. Also, camping or not Saturday, July 7th is the date for our Jamboree Dinner. Members are encouraged to come on out and make this one of our best events yet. This event is open to nonmembers as well and offers a great opportunity to show off our club. The ranges will be open until 4:00PM. A fishing derby for the kids is scheduled from 12:00PM until 2:00PM. There will be a rimfire fun shoot in the pistol bays from 2:00PM – 4:00PM. The club will provide rifles and ammo and of course you can bring your own. You are welcome to bring your favorite picnic or lawn games as well. There will be a bonfire lit at dusk with a Wiener Roast to follow. Due to rising cost of steaks and in order to make this dinner affordable to all members, this year's dinner will be a choice of barbecue chicken or a 90% lean sirloin burger, sweet corn, sides, fruit and desert. Serving will begin around 5:00PM and it's always a good idea to bring a picnic table cloth. Iced Tea, Fruit Punch and Coffee will be provided; other beverages are Bring Your Own. Dinner tickets are \$10.00 each for adults, \$5.00 for children under ten and must be reserved in advance no later than Wed. July 4th. Tickets can be reserved by calling Brett and Patty Sloan at 440 357-8041 or by email at crookedcreekevent@gmail.com. In your message let us know how many tickets you want and what you wish to eat. All orders will be confirmed by return phone call or email. Help is needed in many areas, so please volunteer.

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 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.

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING SPORTS: Volunteers are needed to man the front desk and five-stand! New members: This is a great opportunity for you to meet other members and get your required work hours in! Manning the front desk and five-stand are non-taxing activities that are fun and easy to learn. Orientation to the front desk takes approximately 10 minutes and for the five-stand, it takes approximately 20 minutes. Plans are progressing for the new trap field. We are considering adding a second skeet field in the near future.

Fee Increase for Clay Targets

As of June 1, clay target fees have increased to \$4.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members, due to the current and projected increases in costs of clay targets. The decision to raise the fees was not taken lightly! We researched costs prior to making this decision. Most clubs in the area are charging fees which equal or exceed our new fees, and it's reasonable to expect that all clubs will increase their fees as prices for clay targets rise.

We are sensitive to the impact of increased costs. To help us to control our overall costs, a handful of volunteers have continued their commitment to perform all maintenance on the club's machines. Again: we need volunteers! We want members to be able to shoot when they come out to the club. Please join the faithful volunteers who help to keep shooting sports available for members! Don't forget to sign up in the clubhouse for front desk or five-stand duty!

Finally: here is a heartfelt thank you to all of you who faithfully volunteer your services on behalf of Crooked Creek's shotgun sports!

Additional Work Detail Day: At the request of members, there will be an additional work detail this year on **June 23rd 9:00 a.m.** This is a Saturday, also at the request of members. Plans are to work on club trails, painting, brush control and clearing.

Woods & Trails Committee: We have established a Committee to develop plans to improve access to our woods by improving or building trails in areas of our property. Work has begun with a trail on the Shaughnessy Woods property and one from the camping area to the rear (west edge) of our property. We can use additional volunteers/workers for this committee. Work will continue on the additional work day June 23. Contact Bob Allen 440-975-1046 or Tim Daily 440-350-0805.

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): 6/16, 7/7, 9/15, 10/6.

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

Small Bore Silhouette Matches (1 pm - 5 pm): 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 free and earn credit toward their Club labor hours.

Practical Pistol Shoots (USPSA): Pistol match dates are **6/24, 7/22, 8/26, 9/23 & 10/28/12.**

Steel matches are scheduled for **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.

Work Detail Dates: **Summer 6/23, Fall 10/21 and Winter 12/08/2012. MARK CALENDARS!**

Youth Weekend: The Youth weekend will be 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. **Last day to sign up is July 9th.** There will be a meeting for workers and interested volunteers on June 27 at 6:30 in the Main clubhouse.

JAMBOREE DINNER: Saturday, July 7, 2012. This event is a good opportunity to share experiences with fellow club members. The food will be excellent and all who attend will have a great time.

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

Field Trials: Saturday morning dog training year round. This years 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

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.

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