

# Crooked Creek Conservation Club Newsletter

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

August 24, 2012

**“ANNUAL CLAM BAKE”, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8th** is the date for the Clambake. The price per dinner with all the extras is \$21.00 and \$7.00 per extra Dozen Clams. Kid’s meals (hot dogs) are available for \$3.00. Serving will be from 5:00-6:30p.m. Come join your friends and make new ones. Guests are welcome at the same cost. Reservations must be made in advance (the sooner the better), no later than September 5th by 10:00 p.m. All ranges will be open until 4:00 p.m. A rimfire fun shoot will be held on the pistol bays from 2:00p.m. until 4:00p.m. You are welcome to bring your favorite picnic games as well. Tickets will be paid for and picked up at the dinner. Call Brett & Patty Sloan at 440-357-8041 or email [crookedcreekevent@gmail.com](mailto:crookedcreekevent@gmail.com). If an answering machine picks up leave a message, you will receive a conformation call or email. .

**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 accessed on the following years dues statement.** These dinners are put on at no profit to the club and 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! Contact Jim Majoros at 440-354-6358

**Concealed Carry Course:** We will be holding a CHL Class at the club on two Saturdays in September, the 15th and 22nd. For more information Contact Bud Connolly at 440-259-3512 or 440-862-6495 (cell)

**New Pistol/Short Range Bays:** Due to high usage and popularity of matches and shoots, the Board of Trustees (BOT) has approved funding to build 5 additional Pistol bays just south of the 100 yard range. Construction should begin in late September or early October. Soil required to build these bays will come from east of the 200 yard mound in a portion of the area clear cut last year. This will leave us an additional small pond when complete.

**Additional Water for Campers:** The BOT has also approved funding for additional water hydrants to be installed around the camping area. This work has begun and should be completed in the near future.

**Youth Weekend:** The Youth weekend was held on **July 27-29, 2012**. There were 51 youth attending. All had a great time and all that took the test passed their Hunter safety test. This speaks very well for our instructors and the hands on experiences these youth get.

Thanks to all who help prepare the club for this event and to those who helped put on this fine program. Thanks to Ohio Division of Wildlife for a grant to help fund this important program for the third year.

**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 began with a trail on the Shaughnessy Woods property and one from the camping area to the rear (west edge) of our property. These trails are now ready for your use. We can use additional volunteers/workers for this committee. Work will continue on these and additional trails as time goes on and help and input is always welcome. 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 a [dhelwick4@att.net](mailto:dhelwick4@att.net) or (440)354-9984.

**CMP Garand/Service Rifle Matches (9 am - 1 pm): 9/15, 10/6.**

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

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

**Fun Shoots (2 - 4 pm): 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:** Pistol match dates are **8/26, 9/23 & 10/28/12**. . **Steel matches** are scheduled for **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: **Fall 10/21 and Winter 12/08/2012. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Clam Bake:** Clam Bake will be held on **Saturday, September 08, 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 06, 2012** with Dinner served at 5:00 PM

**Slug/Turkey Shoot:** We will have the annual slug/turkey shoot on **November 11, 2012**. For more information contact Ken Smith at 440-286-3028.

**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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