

Crooked Creek Conservation Club Newsletter

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

12/31/2012

HAPPY NEW YEAR

CLUB DUES for 2013: 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, 2013**. 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, 2013.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The clubs annual membership meeting will be held on **February 10, 2013** in the Main clubhouse at 1:00 p.m. Trustee elections will NOT be held this year. **Please bring treats to share with fellow members at the meeting.**

Major projects completed in 2012 were: Raised the walls, installed new steel roof and roll-up doors on the concrete block building. New steel roof installed on the main storage pole building. Path to the west end of the property completed. New Woods & Trails committee completed the Blue Trail on the Shaughnessy property. Additional water hydrants have been added to the camper area.

Crooked Creek clay target sports is in need of volunteers.

The 2013 calendar is on the main desk with the current and following month posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up for a Sunday or two (or more). This is the easiest way to get your work hours in. Thanks to all who volunteered in 2102.

Reloading Supplies Crooked Creek needs a person to take over the reloading supply tasks. Some members have asked about this program since it stopped, but no one has volunteered to run this activity.

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.

Members 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): 5/18, 6/15, 7/13, 9/21, 10/5.

CMP Rimfire Sporter Matches (9 am - 1 pm): 5/18, 6/15, 7/13, 9/21, 10/5.

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

Small Bore Silhouette Matches (1 pm - 5 pm): 5/19, 6/2, 7/7, 9/1 & 10/6.

Fun Shoots (2 - 4 pm): 7/13, 9/7, 10/5.

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 (USPSA) in 2013 on 3/31, 4/28, 5/19, 6/23, 7/21, 8/25, 9/22 & 10/27.

Steel matches are scheduled for 4/27, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14 & 10/12/13 from 9-12 Noon.

Come join in the fun 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 scheduled to start in March. For more details or to volunteer, please contact David Buck at 440-290-8497.

Women in the Outdoors – Saturday, May 11, 2013.

Work Detail Dates: Spring 5/5, Fall 10/20 & Winter 12/7/2013. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Jamboree/Steak Roast: Saturday, July 13, 2013. 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 26-28, 2013.** 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 7, 2013.**

Pig Roast: Pig Roast was well received and attended again last year and will be held again this year on **Saturday, October 5, 2013.**

Field Trials: Saturday morning dog training year round. 2012 Trial dates are **to be determined.** 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, are 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.

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