

# *Crooked Creek Conservation Club*

**SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY**

**March 15, 2015**

**Membership Cards for 2015:** Included in this mailing is your 2015 Membership Card(s). Take them out and put them in your wallet now. Find the stickers and put them on your badges.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING:** The clubs annual membership meeting was held on February 8, 2015. There was good attendance by club members. The ODNR gave an update on hunting and fishing and other information, also answered members questions. Committee reports were given. President, Dennis Meinke, reviewed progress made on improving club facilities and grounds in 2014 as well as plans for future projects for 2015. Our biggest project remains in getting the 5 new Short range bays operational. We need to apply better soil and grading in bays and to put in access drives along front of bays. These 5 new bays were constructed so that pistols shoots could be expanded and maybe additional shoots like Cowboy or multi gun shoots could be held. Also this would keep at least one of the 50 yard bays open to members at all times. We are also in process of putting in new electrical service to rifle ranges and putting 5-stand wiring underground. We are putting metal roofs on many of the clubs buildings. We had good turnouts for work detail days and that always contributes to improving our club grounds and facilities. Thanks to all who have helped with maintenance, events and activities. The Board of Trustees has decided that the activities at last years Jamboree Weekend will be continued this year. Those attending the annual meeting were very happy to hear that especially after seeing last years Fireworks show.

**Club Gate Access:** There are several issues with the gates. Both the main gate on State Route 534 and the gate at the entrance to the new Property on Callahan Road share the same combination and will be changed on or about April 1, 2015. Check your 2015 membership card for the new combination.

Please close and lock the gate behind you when entering or leaving the property. There have been many reports of the gate being found open when there are no club events occurring. Also, please do not leave the combination dialed into the lock when you do open for an event. You might as well hang a sign stating the gate combination is...

**Clays:** We have brought back pop, hotdogs and ammunition sales to the club and there is more to come. Shotgun shell prices are \$8 a box for 20 gauge, \$6 a box for 12 gauge and Pop & hot dogs are \$1. Contact David Nofziger 440-392-4757 for more information or to volunteer to run the Trap & Skeet desk or the 5-Stand.

**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 attend only once. Upon completion of this course, a green badge will be issued and then you are welcome to use the ranges.

**ATVs:** Club policy on ATVs is that they are not permitted on club grounds except when used to facilitate work at a Work Party.

**Work Party dates for 2015:** Sunday, May 3rd, Sunday, October 18th and Saturday, December 12th. Mark your calendars! Also, remember to give the right half ONLY of your membership card to a Trustee to sign and turn in to get your work hour credit.

**Boating Safety Class:** If any members are interested in a boating safety class, conducted by the Ohio Division of Watercraft, to be held at Crooked Creek Conservation Club, please contact Cindy by April 15, 2015 @ 440-858-2855.

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

# 2015 Event Schedule

The Grand River Chapter of **Women in the Outdoors** event will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015. The event is open to all women aged 14 and above; however, girls 14-17 years must be accompanied by an adult (i.e., must take all the same classes). Registration check-in begins at 8am, and classes begin at 9am. Lunch is provided. Each registrant will choose four (4) courses among the 25-30 courses being offered that day. There is also a turkey hunt for the first ten (10) women who sign up for it. The turkey hunt counts as the two (2) morning courses. Each hunter will have her own guide but must supply a valid hunting license and come prepared with her own shotgun, ammo, and other hunting gear. Please contact Leesa at GrandRiverWITO@gmail.com for more information or to request a registration flyer. We hope to see you there! **ALL ranges are CLOSED during this event.**

**Youth Weekend July 24-26:** This is open to girls and boys age 10 to 15 that want to get their hunter education certificate (needed to get a hunting license). Pick up an application in the main clubhouse or see the club web page. But act quickly, the first 50 kids get in and slots are filling up fast. Please call Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855 for more information. **ALL ranges are CLOSED from 5PM on Friday until 3PM on Sunday during this event.**

**3D-Archery:** On Saturday, April 11 @ 9:00am, we'll clear the course and set up animals. We could use some help, bring your boots and tree trimming implements. Its a great way to fill your work hours! There will be a chili lunch provided. Shoot dates: April 12, May 17, August 9 & 30 and September 13. All shoots will be from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Cost is \$7.00 for adults over 18, young adults are \$5.00, 15 and under are free. Contact Dave Conger 216-904-8748 or Dave Buck 440-251-1105.

**Crooked Creek Rifles 2015 Schedule:** CMP matches (CMP Rimfire Sporter, Garand & Service Rifle) Matches run from 9am to 1:30 pm on May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19 & October 17. One 50 Yard bay and the 100 Yard range will be CLOSED from 7:30am to 2pm.

Fun Shoots 2 to 4PM before the Jamboree/Steak Roast on July 11 and the Clam Bake on September 12. One 50 Yard bay will be CLOSED at 1pm for the Fun Shoot.

There are plans to hold a CMP Rimfire Sporter Clinic and a Project Appleseed weekend event in 2015. Contact Don Helwick at [crrifles2012@gmail.com](mailto:crrifles2012@gmail.com) or 440-354-9984.

**Practical Pistol Shoots (USPSA)** on March 28-29, April 25-26, May 30-31, June 27-28, July 18-19, August 22-23, September 26-27 & October 24-25. Both 50 yard bays will be CLOSED at 2PM on Saturday and will reopen about 4PM on Sunday on match weekends.

**Steel matches (9-12 Noon):** April 18, May 23, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12 & October 10. Both 50 Yard bays will be CLOSED from 8AM until about 1PM on match dates.

Visit <http://www.practicalpistol.net/> for more information on Practical Pistol and Steel matches or call Bud Connolly at 440-259-3512 or Ed Henry at 440-221-4306.

**Field Trials:** Saturday morning dog training year round. This years tentative Trial dates are 9/13, 10/4, 10/25, 11/22, 12/13/2015. To sign up, please call Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855.

**Club Dinners:** Jamboree - July 11 & Clam Bake - September 12. All ranges are CLOSED at 4pm. We need a volunteer to run the Pig Roast this year.

**TRUSTEES ARE:** Don Baker, Dave Buck, Don Buck, Pat Bujnocki, Dave Conger Jr., Bud Connolly, Glenn Gregrich, Don Helwick, Ed Henry, Cliff Hiltz, Walt Keene, Dennis Meinke, Cindy Rogge, Joe Safranko, Brett Sloan, Ken Smith, Matt Sironen and Al Timpeiro.

**CLUB OFFICERS ARE:**

President	Dennis Meinke	Treasurer	Don Helwick
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