

Crooked Creek Conservation Club

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

March 19, 2016

Membership Cards for 2016: Included in this mailing is your 2016 Membership Card(s). Take them out and put them in your wallet now. Find the stickers and put them on your badges.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING was held on **Sunday, February 14, 2016**. The results of the Trustee elections: 4 year terms— Dave Buck, Bud Connolly, Don Helwick, Ed Henry, Joe Safranko, Brett Sloan, Ken Smith, Al Timpeiro and Dave Nofziger. 2 year term—Don Buck to complete Cliff Hiltz's term. Thank you Cliff for all of your hard work over the years.

At the March Trustee meeting, an election of Officers was held and the current slate was retained for the next two years.

Gate Combinations: Will be changing within the next two weeks and there will be a notice on the gate arm when the new combination takes effect. **Please, spin the numbers on the dial after you open and close the gate!** If you leave the combination dialed in, you might as well put up a sign with combination on it.

Shooting Ranges – Serious problems

We have had a number of cases of non-members using the ranges. Our club insurance only covers members; non-members pose a risk to us of losing our insurance coverage which is there to protect us all.

We must take action to stop non-members from using the ranges.

Anyone using the ranges must sign in, must have their green badge and membership card.

If you are asked to show these to a trustee or fellow member, please do so willingly, they are only checking to ensure that you are a qualified member.

We have had cases where shooters refuse to identify themselves or show proper club membership information. We can only assume that these unidentified shooters are non-members. Their vehicle license number will be turned into the sheriff office as Trespassers. Also, if a member allows a non-member to shoot without prior approval by a trustee, they are going to have their shooting privileges suspended and possibly lose their membership as well.

The Board of Trustees hopes that members will understand, but we must enforce our club rules for everyone's safety and not risk losing our insurance and the use of our ranges.

Electricity use: The clubs electricity costs have been extremely high. Do not leave A/C, heaters or refrigerators running when not needed. Lights in the pavilion and the Clay Bird storage building have been found left on. The heat has been left on in the club house after Trap & Skeet on Sunday. The heater in the 5-Stand has been found left on. Do you see the pattern? Make sure that those electrical loads that should be turned off after the event is over are **TURNED OFF**.

Goodbye Tom Dodge. We will all miss you.

2016 Event Schedule

Woman in the Outdoors - Saturday May 14, 2016

Club Dinners: Jamboree/Steak Roast - July 9, Clam Bake - September 10

Youth Weekend July 29-31: 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 the slots fill up fast. Please call Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855 for more information. Early reminder – ALL ranges are closed from 5PM on Friday until 3PM on Sunday during this event.

Crooked Creek Rifles 2016 Schedule

CMP matches (CMP Rimfire Sporter, Garand & Service Rifle) 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15.

Fun Shoots before Jamboree/Steak Roast on July 9 and the Clam Bake on September 10.

Contact Don Helwick at ccrifles2012@gmail.com or 440-354-9984.

USPSA (Practical Pistol) matches: March 26-27, April 23-24, May 21-22, June 25-26, July 23-24, August 27-28, September 24-25 & October 22-23. Until the new pistol bays are finished, both 50 yard bays close at 2PM and re-open on Sunday after the match completes (around 3 or 4PM).

Steel matches: April 9, May 7, June 11, August 13, September 10 & October 8. Contact Bud Connolly @ 440-259-3512 for more info on the USPSA or Steel matches.

Field Trials: Saturday morning dog training year round. This years tentative Trial dates are 9/11, 10/2, 10/30, 11/27 and 12/11/2016. To sign up, please call Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855.

SIGHT-IN & TURKEY SHOOT with SLUGS: Nov. 13, 2016 Sight-in 9:00 – 12:00, non-members welcome. Turkey Shoot with Slugs starts at noon – bring your own gun or borrow one of ours. Stop and have a fun day. Ken Smith [440-286-3028](tel:440-286-3028).

Clays: We have brought back pop and ammunition sales to the club and there is more to come. Shotgun shell prices are \$8 a box for 20 gauge, \$7 a box for 12 gauge and Pop and snacks are \$1.

Contact David Nofziger 440-392-4757 for more information or to volunteer to run the Trap & Skeet desk or the 5-Stand. There are very few volunteers signed up through the end 2016! And the 5-Stand needs to run more often!

Range Safety Course: The range safety course, required for all members who wish to use the rifle and pistol ranges, are conducted on the 2nd 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 may use the ranges.

Work Party dates for 2016: Sunday, May 1st, Sunday, **October 2nd** and Saturday, December 10th. Mark your calendars!

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

CLUB OFFICERS ARE:

President	Dennis Meinke	Treasurer	Don Helwick
Vice-President	David Buck	Secretary	Bud Connolly

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