

Crooked Creek Conservation Club

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

December 26, 2016

CLUB DUES for 2017: Included in this mailing is your dues statement. Please return the entire statement (DO NOT CUT) with your payment as soon as possible, but no later than **February 12, 2017 (Annual Meeting)**. Check all of the information on your statement to ensure that it is still correct. Mark any changes on your statement and return the entire statement with your check. Also, please check or add your current e-mail address so that we can better communicate upcoming events and activities. Being able to send club mailings via email reduces *your* costs of running the club. 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 12, 2017**. If you were not able to fulfill your work obligation and have a valid medical reason for not doing so, please include a note from your doctor stating why you should be exempted from the work party requirement. This must be done Annually.

Also, if you are age 70 or older, you may be exempted from the work requirement by showing proof of age to the club secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held on **Sunday, February 12, 2017** in the Main clubhouse starting at 1:00 PM. There are no Trustee elections this year. Please bring treats to share with your fellow members at the meeting.

Range Notes: There have been reports of someone stealing from the shooting benches while the members are downrange. Please, be aware of your surroundings. If you cannot leave someone on the line to watch your things, then we suggest that you lock up anything that you do not wish to lose. If you see someone suspicious on club grounds, then get a license plate and any other identifying information and report it to a trustee.

It's unfortunate that we have this problem. But, this may be the result of some sloppy bad habits. Such as leaving the combination dialed into the combination lock on the main gate or not closing and locking the gate. The only time that the gate should be left open is when there are scheduled events, such as the Pistol, Air gun or Rifle matches, Field Trials or when Trap/Skeet & 5-Stand are running on Sunday.

New Pistol Bays: The New pistol bays are open for your use. You do need to abide by one additional rule. ***Do NOT drive back into the area.*** There is no turnaround, so please park in the new parking area between the outhouse and the 100 yard range and walk back to the pistol bays. Please note that there are no benches or covers on the new pistol bays. The bays were designed to use for competition or practice. If you need these amenities, then please use the 50 yard bays.

As we saw last year, the ground can be soft and vehicles can get stuck. The club will not use the tractor to pull you out. You will have to call and pay for your own towing. Only vehicles that are setting up matches are permitted back in the new pistol bay area.

All Ranges: There are minimum distances on the ranges where you may place your targets. The minimums are: 200 yards on the 300 yard range, 125 yards on the 200 yard range and 25 yards on the 100 yard range (that should be 50 yards since we have 50 yard bays now, but the Trustees have not changed it, yet). If your target on the 100 yard or 50 yard bays doesn't result in the bullet striking the back berm, then set your target so that you are shooting into a side berm. This is acceptable and perfectly safe.

2017 Event Schedule

Women in the Outdoors: Saturday, May 20, 2017. The entire club is closed during this event. Only Permanent Campers are exempted.

Club Dinners: Jamboree/Steak Roast - July 8, Pig Roast - ? and Clam Bake - September 9.

Youth Weekend July 28-30: 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 (includes Trap, Skeet & 5-Stand) are closed from 5PM on Friday until 3PM on Sunday during this event. Only Permanent Campers are exempted.

Crooked Creek Rifles 2017 Schedule (East 50 Yard bay closed)

CMP matches (CMP Rimfire Sporter & Vintage Military Rifle) *TBD*.

Fun Shoots before Jamboree/Steak Roast on July 8 and the Clam Bake on September 9 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

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

USPSA (Practical Pistol) matches (New Pistol Bays closed): 3/25-26, 4/22-23, 6/24-25, 7/22-23, 8/26-27, 9/23-24 & 10/21-22. There will not be a match in May due a conflict with the Ohio Buckeye Blast.

Steel matches (New Pistol Bays closed): 5/13, 6/10, 7/8, 8/12, 9/9 & 10/7 (Saturday).

Contact Bud Connolly @ 440-259-3512 for more info on the USPSA or Steel matches.

Air Gun Field Target 2017 Match Dates: 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/6, 9/17 & 10/15. (Sunday)

Field Trials: Saturday morning dog training year round. Tentative Trial dates for 2017 are 9/10, 10/1, 10/29, 11/19 & 12/10 (Jack Davis Memorial). To sign up, please call Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855.

SIGHT-IN & TURKEY SHOOT with SLUGS: Sunday, November 12, 2017 Sight-in 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, 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 2017! 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 2017: Sunday, May 7, Sunday October 1 and Saturday, December 9th.

Mark your calendars!

TRUSTEES ARE: Don Baker, Dave Buck, Pat Bujnocki, Dave Conger Jr., Bud Connolly, Glenn Gregrich, Don Helwick, Ed Henry, Walt Keene, Dennis Meinke, Dave Nofziger, Cindy Rogge, Joe Safranko, Julie Schwarzman, 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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