

Crooked Creek Conservation Club

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

August 26, 2017

ANNUAL CLAM BAKE – Saturday, September 9th

The price per dinner with all the extras is **\$25.00** and an extra Dozen Clams is **\$8.00**. Kid's meals (Hot dogs) are available for **\$5.00** and are **limited to children**. Chicken dinners (a bake less the clams) are available to those who do not eat clams for **\$17.00**. Guests are welcome at the same cost. Serving time will be approximately **5:00 PM**.

Dinner reservations must be made in advance, no later than **Wednesday September 6th at 8:00 PM**. But PLEASE make them as early as possible. Tickets will be paid for and picked up at the dinner.

The ranges will be open until **4:00 PM** including a fun shoot from **2:00-4:00**.

Volunteers are needed in all areas; preparation, serving and clean up. We would love for someone to step up and coordinate games for this event and the Steak Roast next year.

Tickets can be reserved by email (preferred method) at crookedcreekevent@gmail.com or by calling **Brett and Patty Sloan at 440-357-8041**. In your message, let us know how many tickets you would like. All orders will be confirmed by return email or phone call.

NOTE ON DINNERS: Due to members signing up for dinners and then not showing up, our club policy is; if you sign up for a dinner and do not show and do not cancel in advance, you will be assessed on the following years dues statement. These dinners are put on at no profit to the club. When people do not show, the club and fellow members take the loss. These are rain or shine events.

Volunteers

With over 800 members, you might think that we have no trouble getting volunteers to run the events. You would be wrong. About 150 members turn in Work Cards each year or about 20% of the membership. A match was cancelled recently because of a lack of staff to run it. We have not had a 3D-Archery event for a few years now. The small, dedicated crew that puts on the dinners is getting burned out. The first two Field Trials this year were cancelled because we did not have volunteers. Thanks to Bob Allen and Tim Daily for stepping up to keep this activity going and maybe attendance will pick up with the new blood running the event.

Then we receive anonymous letters about the condition of the club grounds. There are two problems with that. 1, We can't address problems if we don't know who to respond to. And if you don't have the courage to sign your letter, there is probably no merit in your claims anyway. 2, If you see something that needs done, why don't YOU, as a club member, fix it? It's your club, we all have to pitch in to keep the club maintained and running well.

You need to volunteer to do something to make this club better. Do it soon.

2017 Event Schedule

Club Dinners: Clam Bake - September 9.

Crooked Creek Rifles 2017 Schedule (East 50 Yard bay and 100 Yard Range are closed)

CMP Rimfire Sporter & Vintage Military Rifle matches: 9/16 & 10/21.

Fun Shoot before 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 are closed): 8/26-27, 9/23-24 & 10/21-22.

Steel matches (New Pistol Bays are closed): 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: 9/17 & 10/15. (Sunday)

Field Trials: Saturday morning dog training year round. Tentative Trial dates for 2017 are 10/29, 11/19 & 12/10 (Jack Davis Memorial). Chairman: Bob Allen 216-316-1113 Reservations: Tim Daily 440-350-0805

SIGHT-IN & TURKEY SHOOT with SLUGS: Sunday, November 12, 2017 Sight-in 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, non-members are welcome to participate. Turkey Shoot with Slugs starts at Noon – bring your own gun or borrow one of ours. Stop and have a fun day. For more information, contact: Ken Smith 440-286-3028.

Work Hours - In an effort to increase the membership participation in club projects and overall club maintenance, the Board of Trustees has voted to increase the assessment amount per hour beginning in 2018 from \$10 to \$20. Our club was built from its humble beginnings by the dedication and labor of our members. As the club grew and continues to grow, the demand for volunteers is likewise increased. While some members put in scores and even hundreds of hours, many more put in none at all. This places the burden on those who already carry a heavy load, requiring the hiring out of jobs. This costs the club money for things the members could be doing, while taking away from the jobs we cannot do ourselves. Too often, projects go unfinished or not started at all. Everyone wants to see improvements, but not everyone wants to help. Each of us understood when we joined that there was a five-hour minimum work requirement. It is our desire as a board not to take your money, but rather to increase membership participation in the things needed to improve and maintain our club. Five hours is indeed a minimal amount, without it, things will not get done.

Respectfully, The Board of Trustees

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 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
Vice-President David Buck

Treasurer Don Helwick
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