

Crooked Creek Conservation Club

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

January 13, 2023

CLUB DUES for 2023: Included in this mailing is your dues statement (unless you joined in November 2022 or later). Please return the *entire original statement* (**DO NOT CUT, SPINDLE or MUTILATE and no more than two (2) folds!**) with your payment in a **#10 envelope** as soon as possible, but no later than **February 28, 2023**.

Check all of the information on your statement to ensure that it is still correct. Mark any changes (red ink helps!) on your statement and return the **ENTIRE ORIGINAL STATEMENT** with your check in a **#10 envelope**. Please, no one has ever impressed me with their origami skills by trying to fit their dues statement and check into a 3x5 envelope (or smaller!). It just slows things down to unfold the statement and the check. But I do have a round circular file for those that try.

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 (about \$1.00 for stamp, envelope, paper and toner). 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, 2023**.

If you were unable 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 or send in a copy of your Drivers License/Birth Certificate with your dues.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held on **Sunday, March 12, 2023** 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. There will be the usual door prizes and a 50/50 Raffle.

A message to our hunters

The club has invested a lot of time and money creating habitats and food plots for our wildlife to increase your hunting opportunities. This includes expensive machinery, seed, fertilizer and man hours. We need your help identifying what is working and what is not. The information we gather will be used to determine what practices to keep, increase, or eliminate.

It's not our purpose to share who got what where or divulge anyone's honey hole or special spot. We simply want to know if our efforts are working.

It would help greatly to know what you see and bag. How many opportunities were presented with how much effort. How often are you seeing rabbits, deer, turkeys, pheasants, ducks, squirrels and other game? How many did you see and how many did you harvest? Have you seen any predators or signs of predation? The more information we can gather the better we can adjust our efforts to increase your opportunity for an enjoyable experience.

Remember, hunting club property is a member only privilege. Don't risk losing your privileges or membership by bringing along non-members.

Have a safe and enjoyable hunting experience.

Brett A. Sloan

President

2023 Event Schedule

Bird Dog Challenge/Chukar Classic: Held in the Field Trials area. There will be a Chukar Classic on 2/26, 3/26 & 4/9/2023 and a Bird Dog Challenge (BDC) on 1/22, 2/5 & 3/5/2023.

All Bird Dog Challenge (BDC) Events are 3 bird events \$40.00 members, \$45.00 Non-members.

All Chukar Classic Events are 5 bird events \$75.00 members, \$80.00 Non-members (and INCLUDES LUNCH).

Please contact John Hadzinski at 440-667-1297 to register for these events. In order to participate in these events, you will need to call to reserve your entry by the Thursday before each event.

During January and February, the Field Trial events are subject to cancellations due to weather conditions. Please see the club's website and/or Facebook page for the most current updates.

Women in the Outdoors: Saturday, May 13, 2023. The entire club is closed from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM for this event. *Only* Permanent Campers are exempted to go directly to/from their campers. Contact Julie Schwarzman at jbouffar64@yahoo.com if you would like to help (Work Hour rules apply).

Club Dinners: Wing Fest—June 10, Jamboree/Steak Roast - July 8???, Pig Roast - August 12 and Clam Bake - September 9???. We need some new blood to pick up the forks and run the Steak Roast and Clam Bake. Surely, with over 800 members, we can find a few good ones to run these events. Brett Sloan (440-357-8041) will work with you the first year to show you the ropes.

Youth Weekend July 28-30: will return this year. More information to come.

USPSA (Practical Pistol) matches (ALL Pistol Bays closed starting Friday at 9:00 AM until Sunday afternoon): 4/15-16, 5/20-21, 6/17-18, 7/15-16, Battle for the North Coast 8/18-20, 9/16-17 & 10/21-22.

2023 Ohio North Section Championship—Battle for the North Coast—August 18-20.

Range closures: Pistol Bays August 14-20 (Monday through Sunday) and the 50 yard bays & 100 Yard Range August 17-20 (Thursday through Sunday).

Steel Challenge matches (five Pistol Bays (2-6) and the west 50 Yard range are closed from 8:00 AM until early afternoon): 4/23, 5/28, 7/23, 8/27, 9/24 & 10/15.

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

Work Party dates: Sunday, May 7th, Sunday October 1st and Saturday, December 9th. Mark your calendars!

Clays: Shotgun shell prices have gone up to \$9 for members and \$10 for non-members per box for 12 or 20 gauge and must be used at Crooked Creek. Pop/snacks are \$1. Trap, Skeet & 5-Stand as of January 1 is \$4 for members & \$5 for non-members. Youth price to shoot is \$3! Bring your sons and daughters out.

Contact David Nofziger 440-392-4757 for more information or to volunteer to run the Trap & Skeet desk or the 5-Stand. There are lots of openings for 2023! It would really help Dave if we had volunteers every 2nd Sunday.

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.

TRUSTEES ARE: Dave Buck, Pat Bujnocki, Dave Conger Jr., Bud Connolly, Tim Daily, Chris DeFabio, Glenn Gregich, Don Helwick, Bill Mainland, Dave Nofziger, Rick Pozo, Joe Safranko, Rob Savinell, Bret Schwarzman, Julie Schwarzman, Brett Sloan, Ken Smith and Al Timpeiro.

CLUB OFFICERS ARE:

President	Brett Sloan	Treasurer	Don Helwick
Vice-President	Dave Buck	Secretary	Bud Connolly

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