

# *Crooked Creek Conservation Club*

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

December 28, 2023

**CLUB DUES for 2024:** Included in this mailing is your dues statement (unless you joined in November 2023 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, 2024**.

Check all of the information on your statement to ensure that it is still correct. Add your email address if it is missing. Mark any changes (red ink helps!) on your statement and return the **ENTIRE ORIGINAL STATEMENT** with your check in a **#10 envelope**. Please remember, there is a \$25 late fee on dues not received by **February 28, 2024**.

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 17, 2024** in the Main clubhouse starting at **1:00 PM**. There will be 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.

**The Trustees are proposing to change the Bylaws to align the membership year to the calendar year: Change Article 8-Section 2 from:** Dues shall be payable January 1st of each year and may be received without loss of membership until February 28th of each year.

**To:** Dues shall be payable *December 1st* of each year and may be received without loss of membership until *December 31st* of each year.

**American Rimfire Association (ARA) matches** will be coming to Crooked Creek in June. See the club website ([crooked-creek.org](http://crooked-creek.org)) for more information.

## **A message to our members**

It has been the Clubs policy to close all ranges and activities during regularly scheduled work details. Though normally listed as between the hours of 9:00AM and 4:00PM, details are usually finished by 1:00PM. resulting in the resumption of normal club use.

All work detail times and dates are consistently on the same weekends each year and are listed in Club Newsletters (see page 2), on the website and reminder emails are also sent out. These notices have been continuously ignored by certain members using the Dog Training Area. It is unfortunate that it has come to the point whereas The Board Of Trustees finds it necessary to address this publicly. Future violations will result in those involved being called to answer before the board.

Brett A. Sloan  
President

## 2024 Event Schedule

**Field Trials:** Last Trial this season will be on Sunday, January 7. Winners Trial will be held at Crooked Creek on Saturday, April 6. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Tim Daily 440-796-8182 or Bob Allen 216-316-1113

**Bird Dog Challenge/Chukar Classic:** Held in the Field Trials area. There will be a Chukar Classic on 3/3/2024 and a Bird Dog Challenge (BDC) on 1/14 & 28, 2/11 & 25.

All Bird Dog Challenge (BDC) Events are 3 bird events \$50.00.

All Chukar Classic Events are 5 bird events \$90.00 (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 11, 2024. 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](mailto:jbouffar64@yahoo.com) if you would like to help (Work Hour rules apply).

**Club Dinners:** Wing Fest—June 8, Jamboree/Steak Roast - July 13???, Pig Roast - August 10 and Clam Bake - September 7???. 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. These two events will be cancelled if we do not get some volunteers.

**Youth Weekend July 26-28:** More information to come.

**22 Benchrest matches:** 100 yard range is closed from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM on 4/7, 5/4, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 91 and 10/5/2024.

**USPSA (Practical Pistol) matches (ALL Pistol Bays closed starting Friday at 9:00 AM until Sunday afternoon):** 3/30 (*weather permitting*), 4/20-21, 5/18-19, 6/15-16, 7/20-21, 9/21-22 & 10/19-20.

**Steel Challenge matches (five Pistol Bays (2-6) and the west 50 Yard range are closed from 7:30 AM until early afternoon):** 4/28, 5/26, 6/23, 8/25, 9/15 (*tentative*) & 10/27.

Contact Bud Connolly 440-259-3512 or [www.practicalpistol.net](http://www.practicalpistol.net) for more info on the USPSA or Steel matches.

**Work Party dates:** Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars!

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**Clays:** Shotgun shell prices have gone up to \$9 for members and \$11 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 is \$4 for members & \$5 for non-members. Youth price to shoot is \$3! Bring your sons and daughters out.

Contact Chris DeFabio 216-513-7724 for more information or to volunteer to run the Trap & Skeet desk or the 5-Stand. There are lots of openings for 2024! It would really help Chris 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.

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**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, Matt Sironen, Brett Sloan and Ken Smith.

**CLUB OFFICERS ARE:**

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

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