

# ***Crooked Creek Conservation Club***

**SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY**

**January 15, 2026**

**Membership Cards for 2026** are included in this mailing. Take them out and put them in your wallet **now**. Put the 2026 sticker(s) on your badges after taking off the old sticker(s).

**THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be held on **Sunday, March 15, 2026** 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, a card raffle for a Ruger American in 450 Bushmaster and a 50/50 Raffle. Club apparel has been restocked and will be available.

**Gate Combinations** will be changed on Sunday, January 25th.

**Youth Weekend July 24-26** We will have another exciting program this year, but we will not be teaching the Ohio Hunter Safety Course during this year's program. We are looking for volunteers to help with this year's Youth Weekend.

Youth weekend is open to any child 10-15 years old (9 years old if enrolled with an older sibling). More information and the 2026 application form will be available on the club website ([crooked-creek.org](http://crooked-creek.org)) under Youth Weekend at a later date.

The entire club is closed from 4:00 PM on Friday, July 24th to 1:00 PM on Sunday, July 26th for this event. **Only** Permanent Campers are exempted.

Contact Bryan 201-424-1930 or Chrissy 440-749-9019 Ramirez or [youthweekend@crooked-creek.org](mailto:youthweekend@crooked-creek.org) to get more information or to volunteer.

**Tree Stands & Ground Blinds:** These must be removed prior to April 15th. During the May work party they will be removed and discarded if you did not put your name on your stand.

**Birds Available for Dog Training** For those wishing to train their dogs, birds (pigeons and chukars) will be available for purchase (subject to availability from our suppliers). These are intended to be used on club grounds. Pricing for pigeons @ \$6.00ea and chukars @ \$8.00ea.

Please contact one of the following to arrange pickup: Tim Daily 440-796-8182, Jan Hoover 440-862-2030 or Brian McFaul 440-591-7494

**Work Party:** the next Work Party will be on Sunday, May 3rd. Please arrive at the main clubhouse before 9:00 AM to sign in, drink some coffee and get your assignments. *Please make sure that you bring your membership card with you.* Tear off the Work card (right half of the membership card) and put it in the bowl when you sign in. Send an email to [information@crooked-creek.org](mailto:information@crooked-creek.org) if you need an alternate work activity or have a job that you can complete.

**Work Hours:** Volunteers are needed to do “spring cleaning” of the front sign flower beds (cutting of grass/bushes) and to do spring cleaning of the flower beds in front of the clubhouse. When the snow finally melts, contact Juliann Schwarzman at 440-571-1107 or [jbouffar64@yahoo.com](mailto:jbouffar64@yahoo.com) for more information.

**5-Stand** needs some new volunteers to run it on the 1st and 2nd Sundays. Contact Chris DeFabio 216-513-7724 or Dave Nofziger or email to [claysports@crooked-creek.org](mailto:claysports@crooked-creek.org) for more information or to volunteer

**Clay Night Shoots** We will be starting Night Shoots with fluorescent clay birds and black lights. Keep an eye on your inbox and the club web page for updates on date and time. Send an email to [claysports@crooked-creek.org](mailto:claysports@crooked-creek.org) for more information.

## 2026 Event Schedule

**Bird Dog Challenge/Chukar Classic:** Held in the Field Trials area. All Bird Dog Challenge (BDC) Events are 3 bird events \$50.00. January 25, 2026. All Chukar Classic Events are 5 bird events \$90.00 (and INCLUDES LUNCH). February 22, 2026. 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, Bird Dog Challenge & Chukar Classic 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's Weekend:** Saturday, June 6. Contact Julie Schwarzman at [womensweekend@crooked-creek.org](mailto:womensweekend@crooked-creek.org) or 440-571-1107 if you would like to volunteer (in 4-5 hour blocks of time over the day). The entire club is closed from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM for this event. Only Permanent Campers are exempted.

**Club Dinners:** Wing Fest - June 13, Steak Roast - July 11, Pig Roast - August 8 and Clam Bake - September 12.

**Youth Weekend July 24-26:** More information to come. Contact Bryan (201-424-1930) or Chrissy (440-749-9019) Ramirez or email at [youthweekend@crooked-creek.org](mailto:youthweekend@crooked-creek.org) to volunteer or get more information.

**22 Benchrest matches:** 100 yard range is closed from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM on April 4, May 2, June 7, July 4, August 1, September 5 and October 3. Email [benchrest@crooked-creek.org](mailto:benchrest@crooked-creek.org)

**Know Your Limits (KYL) matches held on the 200/300 yard range starting at 9 AM (closed from 8 AM to 2 PM)**  
Dates: April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19 & October 17. Email [kyl@crooked-creek.org](mailto:kyl@crooked-creek.org)

See [https://www.crooked-creek.org/rifle\\_program.html](https://www.crooked-creek.org/rifle_program.html) for more information on the 22 Benchrest and KYL matches.

**ARA (American Rimfire Association) matches held on the west 50 yard bay starting at 1 PM (closed from 11:00 to 5:00 PM):** April 8 & 22, May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17, June 26 (6 card tournament using both 50 yard bays starting at 8 AM ~ 5 PM), September 9 & 23 and October 7 & 21.

See <https://www.crooked-creek.org/ARA.html> for more information or email [ara@crooked-creek.org](mailto:ara@crooked-creek.org)

**USPSA (Practical Pistol) matches (ALL Pistol Bays closed starting Friday at 9:00 AM until Sunday afternoon):** April 18-19, May 16-17, June 20-21, July 18-19, August 15-16, September 19-20 & October 17-18.

**Steel Challenge matches (five Pistol Bays (2-6) and the west 50 Yard range are closed from Noon until 5 PM on the 2nd Sunday):** April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13 & October 11.

Contact Bud Connolly at 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Mark your calendars!

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**Clays:** Shotgun shell prices remain the same at \$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 & \$6 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 2026! 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 in the main clubhouse. 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 Gregrich, Paul Laslo, Bill Mainland, Jamey Majoros, Dave Nofziger, Rick Pozo, Bretton Rebol, Rob Savinell, Bret Schwarzman, Julie Schwarzman, Matt Sironen and Brett Sloan.

**CLUB OFFICERS ARE:**

President Brett Sloan  
Vice-President Dave Buck

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Secretary Bud Connolly

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