

# Crooked Creek Conservation Club Newsletter

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

August 22, 2007

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND CALL TODAY FOR SEPT. 8th

“**ANNUAL CLAM BAKE**”, **SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>** is the date for the Clambake Dinner with all the extras at a cost of \$20.00, extra Dozen Clams \$7.00. Kids meals with Hot dogs, applesauce, beans and corn on the cob are available at \$3.00. Serving will be from 5:00-6:30p.m. Come join your friends and make new ones. Guests are welcome, same cost. Reservations must be made in advance, no later than September 5th by 10:00 p.m. Tickets will be paid for and picked up at the dinner. **Call Pat at Bujnocki 216-486-4943 or the Shoan's at 440-357-8041 to reserve Dinners.**

**SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT:** I would like to extend my thanks to all those members who have contributed to another great success of our Youth Weekend. All 38 youth passed the hunters test which speaks well for the instructors. I have received many compliments, from members and non-members, on how nice the club grounds looked and how well everything was run. All this work has been done by members, volunteering their personal time, it is very satisfying to have such dedicated members and I greatly appreciate your efforts. **THANKS AGAIN!**

**The Board of Trustees** has purchased a ¾ ton Pick-up truck with a snow plow. We may not want to think about it yet but this truck was needed in order to keep our roads and parking lots open this winter.

Dirt piles in the swale area north of the old duck pond and along the ditch dug 2 years ago have been leveled and the area is being made ready for planting a wildlife cover crop.

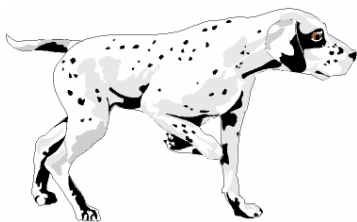
We had to replace the shingles on the main clubhouse addition and also repaired leakage and damage around the chimney in the main clubhouse.

**The Board of Trustees** would like to continue to encourage members to practice “**Catch and Release**” when fishing at the pond. We would like to keep the numbers of Bass and Bluegills high enough for kids to have a easy and fun time catching fish and this appears to be working. We will be looking at doing more to control the weeds in the pond next year.

**HUNTING ON CLUB GROUNDS:** Please remember the following rules while hunting on club grounds. Only members and family members can hunt, **NO** guests. Anyone hunting must follow all Ohio game laws and possession limits. **NO** Sunday hunting is allowed East of the swale and old duck pond. No waterfowl hunting is allowed on the main pond.

**Ranges closed for deer opener:** As we did last year the rifle ranges will be closed for the first two days (Monday & Tuesday – November 26-27, 2007) of the deer gun season.

**Volunteers,** please call John Senz @ 440-352-7843 if you would like to volunteer your time in the clay target shooting area. We need folks to open the courses and collect fees. Currently we are open year round on Sunday from 10 AM till 4 PM. May through September, we open on Fridays from 4 PM till dusk. We would be delighted to open on other days of the week. We simply need you to volunteer! The 5-Stand will be **CLOSED** on September 2, 2007 due to a lack of volunteers.



Please keep your vehicles off the grass, use drives and parking lots. Also please clean up after your use of our facilities including taking trash to the dumpster and picking up your used targets, brass and shotgun shells on ranges.

**Reloading supplies** can be ordered twice a year. Order forms will be available in the main clubhouse in September, for October 14 delivery. Alex Thomas leads this activity

## COMING EVENTS

**Concealed Handgun License Class** – September 15 & 22, 2007. Class will start at 8:00 AM both days and will go until 4:00 PM, lunch will be provided. Cost is \$75.00. Contact Bud Connolly (440-259-3512 or [budc@ncweb.com](mailto:budc@ncweb.com)) with questions or to reserve your place in the class. More information at the club web site [www.crooked-creek.org/concealed carry.htm](http://www.crooked-creek.org/concealed_carry.htm)

**Practical Pistol Shoots:** Pistol match dates are 9/9, 9/30 & 10/14. Come join in and make use of our pistol bays. Visit [www.practicalpistol.net](http://www.practicalpistol.net) for more information. The rifle ranges will be open on these dates for use by green badged club members only.

**Falling Steel Matches** – Saturday, August 25, September 22 and October 27. Pistol only (9mm to 45 ACP). Man on Man match - Double Elimination. Contact Ed Henry (440-256-1783) for more information.

**Rifle Range Program:** September 15 (Saturday) Crooked Creek Hunter Match. For members and guests. Informal, 30-round, slow-fire, fun match for center-fire sporting rifles and slug shotguns. Four classes. Four relays beginning at 9:00 am. Cost: \$10.00. Second class \$5.00 October 20 (Saturday) CMP Garand-Springfield-Military Rifle Clinic and Match. Service Rifles welcome at afternoon match. Clinic at 8:00 am, match at 1:00 pm. Cost pre-registered \$25 clinic and match, \$10 match only. Walk-in \$30 clinic and match, \$15 match only. For more information on these activities contact Don Helwick at 440-354-9984 or e-mail [dhelwick4@mailbag.net](mailto:dhelwick4@mailbag.net).

**Archery:** The new archery course has been laid out using the south side of our grounds. The first shoot is scheduled for Sunday, September 16, 2007. Come out and try out your equipment before the hunting season starts. Contact David Buck at 440-257-5384.

**Work Detail Dates: Fall - Sunday, October 14 and Winter - Saturday, December 8, 2007. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

**Clam Bake:** Clam Bake will be held on **Saturday, September 8, 2007.**

**Field Trials:** Saturday morning dog training continues year round. This season Trials dates are **9/9, 10/7, 10/28, 11/18, 12/09/2007.** To sign up, please call Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855

**Sight In Day / Turkey Shoot:** November 11, 2007

**Rifle Range Safety Course:** The range safety course, required for all members who wish to use the rifle and pistol ranges, is conducted on the **Second Sunday of every month at 12:00 p.m.** Members need only attend once. A green badge will be issued and then you are welcome to use the ranges.

Visit our Club web page at <http://www.crooked-creek.org/>

