

Crooked Creek Conservation Club Newsletter

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

December 28, 2006

HAPPY NEW YEAR

CLUB DUES for 2007: Included in this mailing is your dues statement. Please return the entire statement with your payment as soon as possible, but no later than **February 28, 2007**. Delays in returning dues creates delays in getting membership cards out and causes significantly more work on the part of the club. The Board of Trustees approved establishing a \$25 penalty fee on late dues for 2007. If your dues are not received by February 28, 2007 the \$25.00 penalty will be imposed. Due to high insurance costs the liability insurance portion of your dues has remained at \$20.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The clubs annual membership meeting will be held on **February 11, 2007** in the Main clubhouse at 1:00 p.m. No trustee elections this year.

NEW PARKING LOT: A new parking lot was completed in front of the pistol / short ranger ranges. This lot will be used for the short ranges as well as for the new 5-Stand range. As a reminder to those using the ranges, shooting 25 yards and less must be done using the short-range bays so that bullets hits the backstop mounds.

THE NEW 5-STAND RANGE is almost finished. We anticipate opening for general shooting in late winter or early spring. The main factor affecting opening is the weather. 5-stand is a variation of Sporting Clays shooting. Each round consists of 25 targets being shot from 5 different shooting stations. We have seven traps to throw a variety of different types of target presentations. It's a fast moving, fun game. We hope all of our shooting members will enjoy this new facility. It will be one of the best in Ohio!

A Summer League for skeet, trap and 5-Stand is being formed. Brett Sloan will lead this activity. We want to know your preferences for days, times and shooting venues you prefer. There will be comment sheets for you to fill out in the main clubhouse. Please contact Brett, John or Pat Senz to register your preferences.

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!

Reloading supplies can be ordered twice a year. Order forms will be available in the main clubhouse in April, for May 6 delivery, and September, for October 14 delivery. Alex Thomas leads this activity

COMING EVENTS

Woman in the Outdoors: The Woman in the Outdoors committee is again holding their annual event using our club grounds on Saturday, **April 14, 2007**. This event introduces women to many outdoor activities such as Hunting, Fishing, Camping, Archery and other Shooting sports to list just a few. For the last five years this event has been a huge success. Any woman interested in attending, or anyone who would like to help or sponsor a woman please contact Janie Sunderlin 440-466-2223 or Dr. Diane Veal after 6 p.m. 440-858-9741. The cost of attendance is \$50.00 with proceeds going to the Wild Turkey Federation. Sponsorships will be available for women without the means to otherwise attend.

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“Learn to Shoot Clay Targets” Clinic will be held Saturday, May 5. Registration is restricted to club members and their families. Beginners can learn the proper techniques required to break clay targets, and more advanced shooters can learn techniques to improve their shotgun skills. If you are a bird hunter, this clinic could help bring home more ducks and geese.

Members Pat & John Senz, both certified Level II Instructors by the National Sporting Clays Association, will conduct the clinic. The clinic is three hours. Cost is \$60, and advanced registration is required. The morning clinic is from 9 AM-Noon. The afternoon clinic is 1-4 PM. Enrollment is limited to 8 people for each session. For more information call Pat or John @ 440-352-7843.

Practical Pistol Shoots: Pistol match dates are 4/08, 4/29, 5/13, 6/10, 7/8, 8/12, 9/09, 9/30, & 10/14. Come join in and make use of our pistol bays. The rifle range will be open on these dates for use by green badged club members only.

Archery: Scheduled 3D Archery Shoots will be next newsletter. Please contact David Buck 440-257-5384. David could sure use some help setting up targets the day before these shoots. We will also be working on a new course this year.

Work Detail Dates: Spring 5/6, Fall 10/14 and Winter 12/8/2006. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

Steak Roast: Saturday July 7, 2007 This event was very much improved last year when done by club members. The food was excellent and all who attended had a great time. Please make an effort to attend.

Jake Day: The National Wild Turkey Federation should be holding their Youth Education Day at the Club on. **Saturday July 14, 2007?** Contact Dale Sunderlin 440-466-2223.

Youth Weekend: The Youth weekend will be the **July 27-29, 2007**. There is no cost for individuals age 10-15. To sign up a youth, contact Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855.

Clam Bake: Clam Bake will be held on **Saturday September 8, 2006**.

Field Trials: Saturday morning dog training year round and Wednesday evenings during the summer. 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: Schedule coming soon.

Civilian Marksmanship Program: Contact, Jeff Frischkorn at (440) 954-7194 or outdoors@news-herald.com.

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.

