

Crooked Creek Conservation Club Newsletter

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

March, 20, 2013

CLUB DUES for 2013: If your club dues were received, included in this mailing is your new membership card and stickers. Remember, the Board of Trustees approved a \$25 Late Fee if your dues were not received by February 28, 2013.

THE ANNUAL MEETING: The club's annual membership meeting was held on February 10, 2013. There was good attendance by club members. The ODNR gave an update on hunting seasons and licensing requirements. Committee reports were given. President, Dennis Meinke, reviewed all the progress made on improving club facilities and grounds in 2012 as well as plans for future projects in mind for 2013. Dennis informed the membership that by working with Woodcock Young Forest Initiative (Jeff Herrick). We cleared 5 acres from RT 534 west to last year's clear cut and south of duck pond to corn field. Land was cleared and trees removed along with 5 acres of top removed from last year's clear cut. All this done at no cost to the club. This was done in an effort to establish an area of new growth forest for wildlife shelter and food. We cleared out junk trees in the area behind the Trap field to make better use of this field and allow sun light in for the pines growing along north edge, planted winter wheat in cleared areas. We installed some additional ditches around the property to allow for better drainage and improved use of the club. We had a new metal roof with installed on the Main Storage building and walls raised and a new roof installed on the block storage building. We installed additional water hydrants in the camping area. We established a new Committee called Woods and Trails. This committee is Chaired by Tim Daily and Bob Allen and with the help of club members a trail was setup on the Shaughnessy Woods property, marked with Blue paint, and another started on the south side of the club's main property. Being an odd year no Elections of Trustees were held this year.

TRUSTEES ARE: Don Baker, Dave Buck, Don Buck, Pat Bujnocki, Bud Connolly, Glenn Gregrich, Don Helwick, Ed Henry, Cliff Hiltz, Walt Keene, Jim Majoros, Dennis Meinke, Cindy Rogge, Joe Safranko, Brett Sloan, Ken Smith, Matt Sironen and Al Timpeiro.

CLUB OFFICERS ARE: President Dennis Meinke Treasury Don Buck
Vice-President David Buck Secretary Bud Connolly

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING SPORTS: Trap, Skeet and 5-Stand ranges are available to members and non-members at nominal shooting fees prices have been reduced.

Still need volunteers for the main desk and the 5 Stand throughout the year. Please consider volunteering one Sunday to help keep the Clay target Sports at their peak. Sign up sheets are in the clubhouse. Counts toward your work hours!!!!!!

To support additional persons wishing to shoot trap. Crooked Creek still plans on adding a second trap machine next to the current trap field this spring/summer.

Also this summer as part of Crooked Creeks continued commitment to the youth segment, We are going to schedule several youth days on a Saturday(s) in August and September. Member's children ages 10 to 15 as well as non-members may shoot from 11:00am to 1:00pm on the days these shoots will be scheduled. More to come on the dates once we finalize this program. The Trap, Skeet and Five stand will be open for the youth to learn basics and improve their shooting abilities. Club range officers will be on-site to assist the youth. We cordially request that parents may stay and watch but do not provide assistance or advice to the youth during their scheduled time on the range. The cost per round (25 targets) will be \$2.00 on the scheduled youth days. Parents are welcome to shoot after the youth have had their time on the range. Price per round for parents will be \$ 3.00 members as well as non-members.

Hope to see you on the Clay Target ranges this summer, Please Enjoy all the Crooked Creek facilities and have a wonderful summer.

Pat Bujnocki and Joe Safranko are Trustees coordinating clay target shooting.

WOODS & TRAILS Committee: We continue developing plans to improve access to our woods by improving or building trails in areas of our property. This committee completed the trail on the Shaughnessy Woods property. We can use additional volunteers/workers for this committee. Work will continue on additional trails as time goes on and help and input is always welcome. Contact Chairmen Bob Allen 440-975-1046 or Tim Daily 440-350-0805.

Marksmanship Program. For information, event reservations or to join the Crooked Creek Rifles, contact Don Helwick at dhelwick4@att.net or (440) 354-9984.

CMP Garand/Service Rifle Matches (9 am - 1 pm): 5/18, 6/15, 7/13, 9/21, 10/5.

CMP Rimfire Sporter Matches (9 am - 1 pm): 5/18, 6/15, 7/13, 9/21, 10/5.

Sight-in for CMP Rimfire Sporter National Championship (9 am - 1 pm): 6/2

Small Bore Silhouette Matches (1 pm - 5 pm): 5/19, 6/2, 7/7, 9/1 & 10/6.

Fun Shoots (2 - 4 pm): 7/13, 9/7, 10/5.

Anyone willing to help run our rifle events is welcome to join the Crooked Creek Rifles. Volunteers shoot for free and earn credit toward their Club labor hours.

Practical Pistol Shoots (USPSA) in 2013 on **3/31, 4/28, 5/19, 6/23, 7/21, 8/25, 9/22 & 10/27.**

Steel matches are scheduled for **4/27, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14 & 10/12/13** from 9-12 Noon.

Come join in the fun and make use of our pistol bays. The rifle ranges will be open on these dates for green badge members use. Visit <http://www.practicalpistol.net> for more information.

Archery: 3D-Archery Shoot dates are 4/7, 5/19, 8/4, 8/25 & 9/15. For more details or to volunteer, please contact David Buck at 440-251-1105.

Women in the Outdoors – Saturday, May 11, 2013.

Work Detail Dates: Spring 5/5, Fall 10/20 & Winter 12/7/2013. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Jamboree/Steak Roast: Saturday, July 13, 2013. This event is a good opportunity to share experiences with fellow club members. The food is excellent and all who attended have a great time.

Youth Weekend: The Youth weekend will be **July 26-28, 2013.** There is no cost for individuals ages 10-15. To sign up a youth, contact Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855.

Clam Bake: Clam Bake will be held on **Saturday, September 7, 2013.**

Pig Roast: Pig Roast was well received and attended again last year and will be held again this year on **Saturday, October 5, 2013.**

Field Trials: Saturday morning dog training year round. 2012 Trial dates are **9/15, 10/6, 10/27, 11/24, 12/08/13**. To sign up, please call Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855.

Rifle Range Safety Course: The range safety course, required for all members who wish to use the rifle and pistol ranges, are conducted on the **Second Sunday of every month at 12:00 Noon.** Members need only attend once. Upon completion of this course 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>