

Crooked Creek Conservation Club Newsletter

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

December 26, 2013

Happy New Year!!!

CLUB DUES for 2014: 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, 2014**. Please add current e-mail addresses so we can better communicate up coming events and activities. Delays in returning dues creates delays in getting membership cards out and causes significantly more work on the part of the club. Please remember there is a \$25 late fee on dues not received by February 28, 2014.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The annual membership meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 9, 2014** in the Main clubhouse starting at 1:00 p.m. Trustee elections (10) will be held this year. **Please bring treats to share with fellow members at the meeting.**

This year has been another year of improvements to our great club. Our biggest improvement was that of the Short range bays, both of the original bays were extended to 50 yards to allow the .22 shoots at the full regulation match distance and sight in opportunities. 5 new bays were constructed, these so that pistols shoots could be expanded and additional shoots like Cowboy or multi gun may be added. We also gained a small pond in the clear cut just east of the 200 yard mound, this is where material for the new ranges came from. We had good turnouts for work detail days and that always contributes to improving our club grounds and facilities.

Our clear-cut areas are rapidly regrowing trees, these regrowth areas provide much improved cover and food for our area wildlife, especially deer, turkey and multiple small birds.

Club events have been well attended and Youth weekend was another great success. Thanks to all of those who have contributed to the club through your support of events and volunteer hours. The club can not continue without your efforts. Thanks again.

Range Safety: There have been several reports of members hearing bullets passing through the trees beyond the ranges. Also, there is evidence (ruts from bullet impacts) of members placing targets on or near the ground. When the bullets strike the ground they are skipping off the ground and going over the berm.

YOU are responsible for every round that you fire!

Make sure that your bullets pass through your target and safely impact the berm. Please use the target stands provided and do not use the target stands as targets.

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING SPORTS: Trap, Skeet and 5-Stand ranges are available to members and non-members at nominal shooting fees. Members: \$3.00 and Non-members: \$4.00. We 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 when demand increases.

Hope to see you on the Clay Target ranges this winter. Pat Bujnocki is the Trustee coordinating the clay target shooting.

Rifle Marksmanship Program. For information or event reservations contact Don Helwick at ccrifles2012@gmail.com or (440) 354-9984.

2014 Match Dates:

CMP Garand/Service Rifle Matches (9 am - 1 pm): 5/17, 6/21, 7/19, 9/20, 10/18.

CMP Rimfire Sporter Matches (9 am - 1 pm 50 yard bay): 5/17, 6/21, 7/19, 9/20, 10/18.

All CMP Rimfire Sporter matches will be fired at the regulation distances of 25 and 50 yards.

Small Bore Silhouette Matches (1 pm - 5 pm 100 yard range): 5/18, 6/22, 7/20, 9/21 & 10/19.

Practical Pistol Shoots (USPSA) in 2014 on **3/30, 4/27, 5/25, 6/22, 7/20, 8/24, 9/28 & 10/26.**

Steel matches are scheduled for selected Saturdays in April to October from 9-12 Noon. Watch our web pages for announcement of the dates or wait for the March newsletter.

Come join in the fun and make use of our pistol bays.

Visit <http://www.practicalpistol.net> for more information.

3D-Archery: For more details or to volunteer, please contact David Buck at 440-251-1105. Dates will be announced in the March newsletter.

Field Trials: Saturday morning dog training year round.

2014 Trial dates are 9/14, 10/5, 10/26, 11/23, 12/14.

To sign up, please call Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855.

2014 Work Detail Dates: Spring 5/4, Fall 10/19 & Winter 12/13. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Club Dinners: Jamboree - July 12, Clam Bake - September 13 and Pig Roast ???

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 attend only 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>

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

CLUB OFFICERS ARE:

President	Dennis Meinke	Treasurer	Don Buck
Vice-President	David Buck	Secretary	Bud Connolly