

Crooked Creek Conservation Club

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

December 19, 2015

CLUB DUES for 2016: 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, 2016**. Check all of the information on your statement to ensure that it is still correct. Mark any changes on your statement and return the entire statement with your check. Also, please check or add your current e-mail address so we can better communicate upcoming events and activities. Being able to send club mailings via email reduces your costs of running the club. 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, 2016. If you were not able to fulfill your work obligation and have a valid medical reason for not doing so, please include a note from your doctor stating why you should be exempted from the work party requirement. This must be done Annually. Also, if you are aged 70 or older, you may be exempted from the work requirement by showing proof of age to the club secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held on **Sunday, February 14, 2016** 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.**

Shooting Ranges – Serious problems

We have had a number of cases of non members using the rifle and pistol ranges. Our club insurance only covers members; non members pose a risk to us of losing our insurance coverage which is there to protect us all.

We must take action to stop non members from using the ranges.

Anyone using the ranges must sign in, must have their green badge and membership card.

If you are asked to show these to a trustee or fellow member please do so without giving the person asking any grief, they are only checking to insure you are a qualified member.

We have had cases where shooters refuse to identify themselves or show proper club membership information. We can only assume that these unidentified shooters are non members. Their vehicle license number will be turned into the sheriff office as Trespassers. Also, if a member allows a non member to shoot without prior approval by a trustee, they are going to have their shooting privileges suspended and possibly lose their membership as well.

The Board of Trustees hopes that members will understand, but we must enforce our club rules for everyone's safety and not risk losing our insurance and the use of our ranges.

Campers- Electricity use

The clubs electricity costs have been extremely high and the area that is the most out of line is the camper/trailer area which is metered separately. Campers can not leave A/C, heaters or refrigerators running when not occupied. We may have to disconnect power to the camping area if this over use of electricity continues. Campers are supposed to pay for each day they use power and this has not been happening. The small fee charged to allow trailer owners to have their trailers on the grounds isn't covering the cost of electricity for this area.

2016 Event Schedule

Woman in the Outdoors - Saturday May 14, 2016

Crooked Creek Rifles 2016 Schedule

CMP matches (CMP Rimfire Sporter, Garand & Service Rifle) 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15.

Fun Shoots before Jamboree/Steak Roast on July 9 and the Clam Bake on September 10.

There will be a CMP Rimfire Sporter Clinic and a Project Appleseed weekend event in 2016. Dates to be announced.

Contact Don Helwick at ccrifles2012@gmail.com or 440-354-9984.

Field Trials: Saturday morning dog training year round. Next years tentative Trial dates are 9/11, 10/2, 10/30, 11/27, 12/11/2016. To sign up, please call Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855.

Youth Weekend July 29-31: This is open to girls and boys age 10 to 15 that want to get their hunter education certificate (needed to get a hunting license). Pick up an application in the main clubhouse or see the club web page. But act quickly, the first 50 kids get in and the slots fill up fast. Please call Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855 for more information. Early reminder – ALL ranges are closed from 5PM on Friday until 3PM on Sunday during this event.

Club Dinners: Jamboree/Steak Roast - July 9, Clam Bake - September 10

USPSA & Steel matches: are on hold until we complete the new pistol bays. We still need to final grade the area and plant grass. Dates will be announced when the seed is planted.

Please stay away from the new pistol bays. The ground is very soft as evidenced by the damage done when someone drove off the road and got stuck.

Clays: We have brought back pop and ammunition sales to the club and there is more to come. Shotgun shell prices are \$8 a box for 20 gauge, \$7 a box for 12 gauge and Pop is \$1.

Contact David Nofziger 440-392-4757 for more information or to volunteer to run the Trap & Skeet desk or the 5-Stand. There are NO volunteers signed up through March 2016!

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.

Work Party dates for 2016: Sunday, May 1st, Sunday, October 16th and Saturday, December 10th.

Mark your calendars!

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 Helwick
Vice-President	David Buck	Secretary	Bud Connolly

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