

# *Crooked Creek Conservation Club*

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

September 29, 2019

## **An Important Safety Message From The President**

Shooters on the 50 yard ranges have been observed shooting targets on or near the ground sending ricocheting bullets into the trees north of the ranges and east of the 200 yard range or set so high that the bullets go over the berm. There are hunters in these woods, some of them in tree stands that have experienced these bullets going through the trees first hand. Targets should never be placed in such a way that the bullets fired at them could escape the bay.

If shooters want to shoot targets on or near the ground they need to place their targets at the base of the backstop and move to a shooting position inside the bay. Should traffic on the 50-yard ranges prohibit this, there are six pistol bays that are well suited for this type of shooting.

Shooters are responsible for the safe placement of their targets and where their bullets impact. This is a real safety concern and I am addressing it aggressively. I have instructed the trustees to pull the green badges of those who violate safe practices. Pulled badges will only be returned after violators appear before the board and undergo retraining. Should you see someone violating safe range practices say something to them. It is all of our responsibility to keep our club and our member's safe.

Sincerely,  
Brett A. Sloan

**Gun Show and Outdoor Equipment Swap Meet:** Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Admission is \$2 with plenty of free parking. Non-members are welcome.

- Guns, ammo, reloading equipment
- Hunting and fishing equipment
- Camping and outdoor gear
- Archery and dog training equipment
- Food and refreshments

Tables (6' or 8' depending on availability) are \$10 each.

Contact Don Helwick at 440-354-9984 or [dhelwick4@att.net](mailto:dhelwick4@att.net)

**2nd Trap Field is Complete** As always, we are in need of volunteers to run the Trap & Skeet and the 5-Stand. All Trap machines are brand new and require NO adjustments, so please do NOT tinker with them!

During the Sunday, October 6th Work Party, we will need to load the houses with birds, clear some brush and cut some trees for the new Trap field.

**All You Can Eat Wing Fest** Saturday, June 13, 2020 we will be having our 1st annual All You Can Eat Wing Fest. There will be Hot, BBQ & Jamaican Jerk Seasonings. We will provide Celery, Blue Cheese and Ranch dressing. There will be a wing sauce contest with 3 prizes, so please bring in enough sauce to share.

Contact Dave Nofziger 440-392-4757 for more info on Trap, Skeet, 5-Stand or the Wing Fest.

**Work Party**—Sunday, October 6th starting at 9:00 AM. In addition to the Trap field work above, we will be painting, splitting wood, cleaning gutters, stacking up the picnic tables under the pavilion and cleaning the club house.

## 2019 Event Schedule

**USPSA (Practical Pistol) matches (all 6 Pistol Bays closed):** 9/14-15 & 10/19-20.

**Steel matches (5 Pistol Bays closed):** Sunday, October 13th—setup starts at 11:00 AM and shooting at Noon. Last match of 2019 may be held on Saturday, November 9th weather permitting. Setup starts at 8:00 AM and shooting at 9:00 AM.

Contact Bud Connolly 440-259-3512 or [www.practicalpistol.net](http://www.practicalpistol.net) for more info on the USPSA or Steel matches.

**Gun Show and Outdoor Equipment Swap Meet:** Saturday, October 5, 2019. Contact Don Helwick at 440-354-9984 or [dhelwick4@att.net](mailto:dhelwick4@att.net) Kitchen help needed, plan ahead now. (Shout out to my lovely ladies from last year that said they would help organize/run the kitchen...call me! Julie Schwarzman 440-571-1107. About 8 people needed.

**Field Trials:** The Hunter Trials are geared for the amateur hunter and their pointer or flushing dog. The trials are run most Sundays throughout the fall and winter at six different clubs in the Cleveland area.

Sunday, October 27 - Regular and Water Trial

Sunday, November 17 - Jack Davis Memorial Trial and Water Trial

Sunday, December 15th - Regular and Water Trial

For more information on the trial schedule and the rules/regulations, please see [www.hunterstrial.com](http://www.hunterstrial.com).

For more information please contact Tim Daily 440-796-8182 or Bob Allen 216-316-1113

**SIGHT-IN & TURKEY SHOOT with SLUGS:** Sunday, November 10, 2019 Sight-in 9:00 AM – 12:00

Noon, non-members welcome. Turkey Shoot with Slugs starts at Noon – bring your own gun or borrow one of ours. Stop and have a fun day. Ken Smith 440-286-3028.

**Work Party dates:** Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Work parties start at 9:00 AM, but arrive a little early to sign in, drop off your work card and get a cup of coffee. Mark your calendars!

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**Clays:** We have brought back pop and ammunition sales to the club and there is more to come. Shotgun shell prices are \$7 a box for 12 or 20 gauge and Pop/snacks are \$1. Youth price to shoot has been reduced to \$2! Bring your sons and daughters out.

Contact David Nofziger @ 440-392-4757 for more information or to volunteer to run the Trap & Skeet desk or the 5-Stand. There are very few volunteers signed up through the end 2019!

**Range Safety Course:** The range safety course, required for all members who wish to use the rifle and pistol ranges, are conducted on the 2nd 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 may use the ranges.

**All Ranges:** There are minimum distances on the ranges where you may place your targets. The minimums are: 200 yards on the 300 yard range, 125 yards on the 200 yard range and 25 yards on the 100 yard range. If your target on the 100 yard or 50 yard bays doesn't result in the bullet striking the back berm, then set your target so that you are shooting into a side berm. This is acceptable and perfectly safe. You may also set the targets at the back berm and move into the bay and shoot from your desired distance. Alternatively, you may use the Pistol Bays.

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President	Brett Sloan	Treasurer	Don Helwick
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