

Crooked Creek Conservation Club

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

November 24, 2025

CLUB DUES for 2026: Included in this mailing is your dues statement (unless you joined in October 2025 or later). Please return the *entire original statement (DO NOT CUT, SPINDLE or MUTILATE and no more than two (2) folds!)* with your payment in a *#10 envelope* as soon as possible, but no later than **December 31, 2025**.

Check all of the information on your statement to ensure that it is still correct. Add your email address if it is missing and you would like to receive updates on club events. Mark any changes (*red ink helps!*) on your statement and return the *ENTIRE ORIGINAL STATEMENT* with your check in a *#10 envelope*.

New membership cards should be mailed on January 13th and the gate combinations changed on Sunday, January 18th.

Please remember, there is a \$25 late fee on dues not received by **December 31, 2025**.

If you were unable 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. You may also come before the board of Trustees to request a permanent exemption.*

Also, if you are age 70 or older, you may be exempted from the work requirement by showing proof of age to the club secretary or send in a copy of your Drivers License or Birth Certificate with your dues.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held on **Sunday, March 15, 2026** in the Main clubhouse starting at **1:00 PM**. Please bring treats to share with your fellow members at the meeting. There will be the usual door prizes, a card raffle for a Rock Island 1911 in .45 ACP and a 50/50 Raffle. Club apparel has been restocked and will be available. There will be Trustee elections this year. Think about whether you would like to become a trustee.

New Backer Boards There has been some damage to the new backer boards, mostly by someone shooting shotgun slugs. And last month we replaced over half of the backers. Please do not shoot the wood securing the foam boards in place. There is space to the side of the backers where you may shoot directly into the dirt berm. Do not shoot the rebar posts or the lane marker numbers.

Birds Available for Dog Training

For those wishing to train their dogs, birds (pigeons and chukars) will be available for purchase (subject to availability from our suppliers). These are intended to be used on club grounds. Pricing: pigeons @ \$5.00ea, chukars @ \$8.00ea.

Please contact one of the following to arrange pickup: Tim Daily 440-796-8182, Jan Hoover 440-862-2030 or Brian McFaul 440-591-7494

Change in Bird Release Rules

The board has changed the policy for pheasants taken in the shooting preserve area. It is now acceptable to shoot hen pheasants during the open hunting season. Birds are being released weekly.

2026 Event Schedule

Field Trials: December 14, 2025 (Regular and Water Trials). For more information or to volunteer, please contact Tim Daily 440-796-8182 or Bob Allen 216-316-1113.

Bird Dog Challenge/Chukar Classic: Held in the Field Trials area. All Bird Dog Challenge (BDC) Events are 3 bird events \$50.00. January 25, 2026. All Chukar Classic Events are 5 bird events \$90.00 (and INCLUDES LUNCH). December 28, 2025 and February 22, 2026. Please contact John Hadzinski at 440-667-1297 to register for these events. In order to participate in these events, you will need to call to reserve your entry by the Thursday before each event.

During January and February, the Field Trial, Bird Dog Challenge & Chukar Classic events are subject to cancellations due to weather conditions. Please see the club's [website](#) and/or [Facebook page](#) for the most current updates.

Women's Weekend: Saturday, June 6. Contact Julie Schwarzman at jbouffar64@yahoo.com if you would like to help.

Club Dinners: Wing Fest - June 13, Steak Roast - July 11, Pig Roast - August 8 and Clam Bake - September 12.

Youth Weekend July 24-26: More information to come.

22 Benchrest matches: 100 yard range is closed from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM on April 4, May 2, June 7, July 4, August 1, September 5 and October 3.

Know Your Limits (KYL) matches held on the 200/300 yard range starting at 9 AM (closed from 8 AM to 2 PM): Dates TBD

See https://www.crooked-creek.org/rifle_program.html for more information on the 22 Benchrest and KYL matches.

ARA (American Rimfire Association) matches held on the west 50 yard bay starting at 1 PM (closed from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM): April 8 & 22, May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17, July 5 (6 card tournament using both 50 yard bays starting at 10 AM ~ 4 PM), September 9 & 23 and October 7 & 21.

See <https://www.crooked-creek.org/ARA.html> for more information.

USPSA (Practical Pistol) matches (ALL Pistol Bays closed starting Friday at 9:00 AM until Sunday afternoon): April 18-19, May 16-17, June 20-21, July 18-19, August 15-16, September 19-20 & October 17-18.

Steel Challenge matches (five Pistol Bays (2-6) and the west 50 Yard range are closed from Noon until 5 PM on the 2nd Sunday): April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13 & October 11.

Contact Bud Connolly at 440-259-3512 or www.practicalpistol.net for more info on the USPSA or Steel matches.

Work Party dates: Sunday, May 3rd, Sunday October 4th and Saturday, November 21st. Mark your calendars!

Clays: Shotgun shell prices remain the same at \$9 for members and \$11 for non-members per box for 12 or 20 gauge and must be used at Crooked Creek. Pop/snacks are \$1. Trap, Skeet & 5-Stand is \$4 for members & \$6 for non-members. Youth price to shoot is \$3! Bring your sons and daughters out.

Contact Chris DeFabio 216-513-7724 for more information or to volunteer to run the Trap & Skeet desk or the 5-Stand. There are lots of openings for 2026! It would really help Chris if we had volunteers every 2nd Sunday.

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 in the main clubhouse. Members need attend only once. Upon completion of this course, a green badge will be issued and then you may use the ranges.

TRUSTEES ARE: Dave Buck, Pat Bujnocki, Dave Conger Jr., Bud Connolly, Tim Daily, Chris DeFabio, Glenn Gregich, Paul Laslo, Bill Mainland, Jamey Majoros, Dave Nofziger, Rick Pozo, Bretton Rebol, Rob Savinell, Bret Schwarzman, Julie Schwarzman, Matt Sironen and Brett Sloan.

CLUB OFFICERS ARE:

President	Brett Sloan	Treasurer/	
Vice-President	Dave Buck	Secretary	Bud Connolly

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