

Crooked Creek Conservation Club Newsletter

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

December 12, 2004

SAFETY ISSUE: It has been reported that some club members have been shooting pistols on the 200-yard range this is unsafe and must stop. Bullets will bounce or ricochet who knows where? Anyone using the 200-yard range should have targets out to at least 100 yards and placed such that bullets will hit the 200-yard mound. Our new ranges were built to improve Safety, but construction can only do so much. Please think about what you are doing and where bullets are going when using any of the ranges.

2005 DUES Notice

Enclosed with this Newsletter you will find your 2005 Annual dues notice. Please help reduce the administrative burden and return your dues as soon as possible. It would be wonderful if we could do just one mailing of 2005 membership cards instead of constantly updating the database and trying to print card and envelopes.

Annual meeting: The clubs annual membership meeting will be on **February 6, 2005** in the Main clubhouse at 1:00. As in the past, members are asked to bring some goodies to share following the formal business meeting. This is an even year so Trustee elections will **not** be conducted.

Club receives Award: Our club received a very nice Award from the Ashtabula Soil & Water Conservation District. The Crooked Creek Conservation Club was recognized as the “2004 Outstanding Cooperator” at the District’s 55th Annual Meeting. A Plaque Award was received by the club and is mounted in the Clubhouse by the phone.

Update on NEW RIFLE RANGES and PISTOL BAYS:

Additional dirt has been delivered to extend mounds on the pistol bays and 200-yard range. We will be building and installing benching on the corners of the Pistol bays. The pistol bays are to be used for all short range shooting.

The Board of Trustees now has plans in hand to build a 5-stand ranges between the pistol bays and the skeet range. We have applied for a grant from the Friends of the NRA to help fund this project. If we receive the grant (we requested \$20,000) we could begin work in 2005.

HUNTING ON CLUB GROUNDS: Please remember the following rules while hunting on club grounds. Only members and family members can hunt, NO guests. Anyone hunting must follow all Ohio game laws and possession limits. No Sunday hunting is allowed East of the swale and old duck pond. No waterfowl hunting on the main pond.



COMPLETED EVENTS

Clam Bake: Our annual Clam Bake was held on September 12, 2004. There was a good turn out for an excellent dinner. Special thanks to Pat Bujnocki and this crew of helpers for a job well done. This event will be on 9/11/05 next year add help is always needed.

Friends of the NRA Fund Raiser was held on October 9, 2004 The club conducted the shooting events Pistol, Rifle, Archery and Chuckar shoots. Reports back are that all who attended this event had a good time and event went well. We are already discussing plans for holding this event again next year in September. We believe that with this year behind us next years event will be bigger and better. There was some confusion about members using the club on the day of this event, while the ranges will be in use the club grounds are still open to club members for other activities.

Rifle Range Safety Course: The range safety course, required for all members who wish to use the rifle and pistol ranges, is conducted on the **Second Sunday of every month at 2:00 p.m.** Members need only attend once. A green badge will be issued and then you are welcome to use the ranges.

ANY INTEREST?

The club is considering hosting a clay target seminar conducted by member and certified instructor John Senz and his wife. This all-day course would include various instructional items including proper gun fit and mounting, safety and the use of both the trap and skeet fields on a Saturday. While this class would be instructional it also would prove beneficial for those persons looking to correct a nasty shooting habit or else tweak their shooting skills. The class could accommodate between five and 10 persons and a head count of interested persons is necessary to determine whether this class should be assigned a date. There will be a charge for this course. For information or to indicate your interest, call Jeff Frischkorn at (440) 954-7194 (work), (440) 257-2483 (home).

The Board of Trustee would again like to encourage members to practice “**Catch and Release**” when fishing at the pond. We have stocked the pond and would like to keep the numbers high enough for kids to have a easy and fun time catching fish.

