

Crooked Creek Conservation Club Newsletter

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

January 10, 2006

HAPPY NEW YEAR

CLUB DUES for 2006: 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, 2006**. Delays in returning dues creates delays in getting membership cards out and causes significantly more work on the part of the club.

The Board of Trustees approved establishing a \$25 penalty fee on late dues for 2006. If your dues are not received by February 28, 2006 the \$25.00 penalty will be imposed.

Due to rising insurance costs the liability insurance portion of your dues has been increased from \$10.00 to \$20.00, this was discussed at the last two annual meetings and those members present said it would be better to raise the insurance fee then to cover additional insurance costs with dues money thus reducing operating funds.

THE ANNUAL MEETING: The clubs annual membership meeting will beheld on **February 12, 2006** in the Main clubhouse at 1:00 p.m. Trustee elections will be held for ten positions.

CURRENT TRUSTEES: Don Baker, Dave Buck, Don Buck, Glenn Gregrich, Joe Safranko, Bill Sizemore, Al Timpeiro and Jim Varsey. The following positions are up for reelection, Pat Bujnocki, Jeff Fischkorn, Cliff Hilltz, Walt Keene, Dennis Meinke, Glenn Saterfield, John Senz and Ken Smith plus two open positions.

NEW 300 YARD RIFLE: The 300 yard range adjacent to the 200 yard range was completed this past fall and put into service in September. Trees were cleared and sold to help offset the cost. A contractor has been selected to level the grounds, build mounds and improve drainage. We also did some drainage work on the 100 & 200 yard range and completed the extension work on the pistol bays. The only work left on the ranges is to run power for horns and flashing lights. We are also considering an additional parking area in front of the pistol bays.



The Board of Trustees are still planning to build a 5-Stand range between the pistol bays and the skeet range. We did purchase the machines in 2005 for this range and plan to have them in service (at least on a temporary basis) by early summer 2006. The total cost of this project was outside of our budget for 2005.

COST OF HEATING: As a reminder to all club members, the cost of electric heat is extremely high and the main clubhouse is generally not heated except during club activities. Please remember to turn off heat when exiting. Also keeping other electric devices turned off, when not in use, will help lower our electric bills.

COMING EVENTS

Woman in the Outdoors: The Woman in the Outdoors committee is again holding their annual event using our club grounds on Saturday, **April 15, 2006**. This event introduces women to many outdoor activities such as Hunting, Fishing, Camping, Archery and other Shooting sports to list just a few. For the last five years this event has been a huge success. Any woman interested in attending, or anyone who would like to help or sponsor a woman please contact Janie Sunderlin 440-466-2223 or Dr. Diane Veal after 6 p.m. 440-858-9741. The cost of attendance is \$50.00 with proceeds going to the Wild Turkey Federation. Sponsorships will be available for women without the means to otherwise attend.

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An introductory shotgun shooting clinic conducted by club members John and Pat Senz. Another offering of this course is being considered with dates yet to be established. This clinic will cover the basics of clay target shooting and shotgun safety. It will be restricted to club members and their immediate family members. The session will run about three hours and will include live firing of 30 to 35 rounds, using the club trap and skeet fields. Cost will be \$60, for instruction, targets, and refreshments. Participants must bring their own ammunition, but do not bring reloaded ammunition for safety reasons. Either 12 or 20 gauge shotguns are acceptable. A minimum of three persons and maximum of 10, but if more people want to sign up, they could do an afternoon session. Pre-registration and advance payment will be required. If you are interested, call the Senz's at (440) 352-7843 for more information.

Practical Pistol Shoots: Pistol match dates are 4/30, 5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10, 10/8 & 10/29. Come join in and make use of our pistol bays. The rifle range will be open on these dates for use by green badged club members only.

Archery: Scheduled 3D Archery Shoots will be in the next newsletter. Please contact David Buck 440-257-5384. David could sure use some help setting up targets the day before these shoots. We will also be working on a new course this year.

Work Detail Dates: Spring 5/7, Fall 10/15 and Winter 12/9/2006. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

Steak Roast: Saturday July 8, 2006 This event was very much improved last year when done by club members. The food was excellent and all who attended had a great time. Please make an effort to attend.

Jake Day: The National Wild Turkey Federation should be holding their Youth Education Day at the Club on. **Saturday July 15, 2006.** Contact Dale Sunderlin 440-466-2223.

Youth Weekend: The Youth weekend will be the **July 28-30, 2006.** There is no cost for individuals age 10-15. To sign up a youth, contact Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855.

Clam Bake: Clam Bake will be held on **Sunday September 10, 2006.**

Field Trials: Saturday morning dog training year round and Wednesday evenings during the summer. This season Trials dates are **9/10, 10/1, 10/29, 11/19, 12/10/2006.** To sign up, please call Cindy Rogge at 440-858-2855

Sight In Day / Turkey Shoot: Schedule coming soon.

Civilian Marksmanship Program: Our next required Civilian Marksmanship program .30-caliber shoot, is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., **Saturday, August 5, 2006** on the 200-yard range. Cost is \$10 per person, ammunition is included if caliber is .30-06, otherwise shooter must furnish factory rounds only; no reloads. Firearms are any as-issued .30-caliber military firearm including Garands, Springfields, Enfields, Lee-Enfields, Mausers, Russian or other similar firearms. Pre-registration is required and those who complete the shoot are eligible to purchase surplus CMP firearms at Camp Perry. Contact, Jeff Frischkorn at (440) 954-7194 or outdoors@news-herald.com.

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 12:00 p.m.** Members need only attend once. A green badge will be issued and then you are welcome to use the ranges.

