

Crooked Creek Conservation Club

SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE JOB – AFIELD – 24 HOURS A DAY

November 15, 2024

CLUB DUES for 2025: Included in this mailing is your dues statement (unless you joined in October 2024 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, 2024**.

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

Please remember, there is a \$25 late fee on dues not received by **December 31, 2024**.

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.***

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/Birth Certificate with your dues.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held on **Sunday, March 16, 2025** 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 Kimber Ultra Carry II and a 50/50 Raffle. Club apparel has been restocked and will be available.

Work Party has been moved to Saturday, November 23rd due to Deer Gun Season. See https://www.crooked-creek.org/work_party_dates.html for a list of jobs and equipment needed.

New Backer Boards There has been some damage to the new backer boards, mostly by someone shooting shotgun slugs. Please do not shoot the wood securing the foam boards in place. There is space to side of the backers where you may shoot directly into the dirt berm.

New Club Hunting Rules

Only two (2) deer may be taken by a member by any means from September to February.

No driving of deer on club property.

Members may NOT bring any guests to hunt on club property. Members found doing this may face expulsion from the club.

Tree Stands

Tree stands may be placed on club grounds starting on August 15th each year. Stands must be marked with your contact information (Name, Address & Phone Number) and your membership number. All tree stands must be removed by April 15th each year. Any stand found in the woods at the May Work Party will be removed. We will contact you about your stand if you have properly marked your stand. The stands must be removed to prevent damage to our trees. At the last May Work Party, several stands had to be cut out of the bark of the tree. This reduces the value of the tree when it comes time to harvest it.

2025 Event Schedule

Field Trials: November 24 (Jack Davis Memorial), December 15, 2024 (Regular and Water Trials) and January 5, 2025 (Regular Only). 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. November 17, 2024, January 19 and March 9, 2025.

All Chukar Classic Events are 5 bird events \$90.00 (and INCLUDES LUNCH). December 29, 2024 and February 16, 2025.

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 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, May 10. The entire club is closed from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM for this event. **Only** Permanent Campers are exempted to go directly to/from their campers. Contact Julie Schwarzman at jbouffar64@yahoo.com if you would like to help (Work Hour rules apply).

Club Dinners: Wing Fest - June 7, Pig Roast - August 9 and Clam Bake - September 13. We need some new blood to pick up the forks and run the Steak Roast in July. Surely, with over 800 members, we can find a few good people to run this dinner. Brett Sloan (440-357-8041) will work with you the first year to show you the ropes.

Youth Weekend July 25-27: More information to come.

22 Benchrest matches: 100 yard range is closed from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM on April 6, May 3, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7 and October 4. See https://www.crooked-creek.org/rifle_program.html for more information.

ARA (American Rimfire Association) matches held on the west 50 yard bay starting at 2 PM (closed from 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM): April 9 & 23, May 7 & 21, June 4 & 18, July 9, September 10 & 24 and October 8 & 22. 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 19-20, May 17-18, June 21-22, July 19-20, August 16-17, September 20-21 & October 18-19.

Steel Challenge matches (five Pistol Bays (2-6) and the west 50 Yard range are closed from 7:30 AM until early afternoon): April 27, May 25, June 15, August 25, September 28 & October 26.

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

Work Party dates: Sunday, May 4th, Sunday October 5th and Saturday, November 22nd. Mark your calendars!

Clays: Shotgun shell prices have gone up to \$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 & \$5 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 2025! 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: Tom Bogo, Dave Buck, Pat Bujnocki, Dave Conger Jr., Bud Connolly, Tim Daily, Chris DeFabio, Glenn Gregich, Paul Laslo, Bill Mainland, Dave Nofziger, Rick Pozo, Bretton Rebol, Rob Savinell, Bret Schwarzman, Julie Schwarzman, Matt Sironen and Brett Sloan.

CLUB OFFICERS ARE:

President	Brett Sloan	Treasurer	Rob Savinell
Vice-President	Dave Buck	Secretary	Bud Connolly

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