



TARGET BOARD



Newsletter of the Meeker Sportsman Club, Inc.

APRIL 2009

BOWLING PINS
Mon. 6pm *except last Mon. of month.*
weather permitting

VARMINT MATCH
2nd Sunday
May-Oct 10am

GUN SHOW
3rd Sun. 9am -2pm
Includes Flea Market May - Sept.

POKER
1st Sat 7pm

IBO QUALIFIER
Apr 25 & 26

3D ARCHERY
May 9 Jun 20
July 25 Aug 8
9am - Noon

CLEAN-UP DAY
Apr 11
Rain Date Apr 18

FISHING DERBY
Jun 6
Rain Date Jun 13

MILITARY SHOOT
Jun 20 Jul 25
Aug 15 Sept 26
Oct 17

FAMILY CAMP-OUT
July 10 - 12

HUNTER'S ED
Aug 29 & 30

FOSD
Sept 19

MEETINGS:
Last Mon. of month
If holiday meeting is following Wed.

TTEE Nominations
Nov 30

Annual Membership Meeting & Elections
Dec 28

CLEAN-UP DAY, April 11th 8:30am

Rain date April 18th. Prior to the damage to our woods (see back page) we had a lot of things planned for clean up day - trash pick up, pruning, painting, etc. Our primary goal now will be the archery ranges in both woods. Clean-Up day was intentionally scheduled just prior to our first big event, the IBO Qualifier. We didn't know the range was going to need so much work. We are renting a chipper for the weekend and hope to get rid of as much brush as possible. Chips will be spread on the paths to prevent weeds and alleviate mud. Several of us have worked the last couple of weekends so the paths were walkable, some re-routing was necessary to avoid dangerous areas where trees are still leaning or hanging. Those areas require big equipment and will have to be worked on later. There's a good chance more trees will be down by clean-up day. The pictures don't begin to show how bad it is! We need YOU and your equipment - Chainsaws, axes, wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, etc. We also have building repairs to make. We need ladder and tools to strip damaged gutter, tack down tin on the roof and repair the antenna/mast. As a member of this club you are part owner, upkeep **IS** your responsibility. Please take your membership seriously!

BOWLING PIN SHOOT - Soon as the weather allows Monday handguns will move outside for Bowling Pin matches. There will be four classes: Revolver, Semi-Auto, 22 Auto Only and Combat. There's a \$5 entry fee for each class. Format is subject to change and payout is optional depending on the number of shooters. Pin matches are open to the public. Friday night indoor handgun practice has ended and will start up again in the winter but you can practice outside any time.

ORPA

We are now a member of the Ohio Rifle & Pistol Association. It is our understanding that as a member of club affiliated with the CMP, YOU may purchase through any CMP store, all you have to do is show your club membership card.



VARMINT MATCHES

May thru October, second Sunday of the month, 10 am
- 100 Yd Rim Fire - Factory
- 200 yd Center Fire - Factory any caliber,
- 200 yd Open Class any gun any caliber.
Entry fee is \$5 with 75% payback. Targets vary from paper & suckers to paintballs & eggs. You might also be interested the Northwest Ohio Bench Rest Shooters (not affiliated with the club). They run matches the first Sunday of the month April through November. Shoots will be held at the Black Swamp Rifle & Pistol Club in Delphos Ohio. If interested you can find out more at our Varmint Matches or online at: <http://sites.google.com/site/nwobrs/>

RIFLE RANGE - The range has seen a lot of traffic this winter. You've no doubt noticed the multitude of boards and cardboard brought in by shooters to walk on. Stone material has been brought in to alleviate the muddy problem. Unfortunately this meant using money from the 400 yard range fund, but upkeep of the current range can't be neglected. Most of the money for the range fund is coming from our gun shows and varmint matches, you can help by attending those events! The Gun Show is free but we collect almost \$100 in donations at each show.

H.S.U.S - They are coming to Ohio. The Humane Society of the U.S. opposes pet ownership, animal agriculture, hunting etc. They are NOT affiliated with local agencies or shelters as you may think. The club is now a member of the Ohio Farm Bureau to help fight HSUS legislation against your rights. We encourage you to do the same! To find out more Contact Bob Gracely at [740-499-4046](http://www.ohiofarmbureau.org).



FREE NRA MEMBERSHIPS

Many of us are NRA members because we believe in our gun rights. If you are not a member the NRA is offering free one year memberships and discounted membership upgrades for a limited time. To join visit <http://www.nrahq.org/nrabonus/>



TURKEY HUNT LOTTERY WINNERS

L.A. Wheeler & Mike Tepper won the opportunity to hunt turkey during the spring turkey hunting season at the club. Congrats guys!

COMMUNICATION is key to keeping things going. It would be great if everyone who has internet access would make an effort to keep in touch in between newsletters and meetings by being part of club's Google Group. <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/meekerclub>. Previously we used Yahoo groups but moved to Google. Post bulletins, updates, questions, ideas. We can organize events so that everyone knows what's going on a.s.a.p. Newsletters and meetings don't happen often enough or fast enough when something needs to be addressed quickly. Communicating online is fast and allows ALL of us to share information easily. ANYONE can read what's posted there. You don't have to have a google account to join the group and post, you can use any email you already have, when something is posted it is sent to you. Please take advantage of it!

PRESIDENT - Marshall Baker 740-383-4418

Rifle Team - Raffle Tickets

VICE PRESIDENT - Benny Morris 740-383-4735

Raffle Tickets

SEC./TREAS. - Linda Tubbs 740-361-7281

Memberships, Website, Newsletter, Rental, Raffle, Events

TRUSTEE CHAIRMAN - Charlie Schnitzler 740-499-2434

Raffle Tickets

TRUSTEES - Jerry Miller 740-499-2207 Raffle Tickets

- Denny Tubbs 740-361-7281 Varmint Matches, Turkey Shoot

- Mike Nichols 740-361-3897 Raffle Tickets, NWTTF

- Jim Southward 740-360-6782 Varmint Matches, Gun Show, Handguns

- Richard Kepler 740-943-2635 Raffle Tickets

- John Kearns 740-740-361-7190 Raffle Tickets

ARCHERY - L.A. Wheeler 740-244-3349

MILITARY RIFLE MATCH - Wayne Strunk 740-387-8082

- Mike Campbell 937-642-9675

NRA CERT. PISTOL INSTRUCTOR - Bill Wasserbeck

740-528-2779 Concealed Carry / Handgun Practice

GAME WARDEN - 614-644-3925

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Memberships available at:

Memberships Office

1920 Bumford Rd, Marion OH 43302

Club House Mailbox

Ali's Country Market - Big Island

Raceway Mini Mart - La Rue

Big P's Pit Stop - New Bloomington

Rod's Guns & More - Marion

\$500.00 CASH RAFFLE - \$5 EACH
ONLY 150 TICKETS AVAILABLE
February \$500 winner - Jim Southward

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IBO QUALIFIER April 24 & 25 DON'T THINK THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU BECAUSE YOU AREN'T INTO ARCHERY.

This event is put on by US, the club, not only to bring in money but to promote and encourage, outdoor sporting activities. It takes a lot of people to put on this event and YOUR help is needed. Last year it brought in over \$1400 which not only paid for new archery equipment but helped with club bills. We need help with the following:

- set targets, hang banners, general set-up Apr 24 - pull targets and clean up April 26 - kitchen help 25 & 26
- Food donations, canned beverages, bottled water, ice, buns, burgers, hot dogs, chili, soup beans, cornbread, sliced cheese, onion, eggs, breakfast sausage, any prepared dishes in crock pots, cakes, pies, cookies -use your imagination!
We need lots of food donations ! Last year over \$400 was made from food donated by club members. That's a pretty cheap and easy way to help raise money! Call 740-361-7281. We will also be using the Google Group to co-ordinate help and food donations.

