



# TARGET BOARD



Newsletter of the Meeker Sportsman Club, Inc.

November 2011

## NWORL

Teams from different clubs participate in the North West Ohio Rifle League. The three position small bore practice and matches will be starting up this month. Practice is at home on Thursdays. Matches are held on Tuesdays, location varies according schedule which has yet to be set. Last year's team did better than it has in a long time and we hope the team continues to grow. Anyone interested in participating can contact Marshall.

## HANDGUN PRACTICE

Monday and Friday night pistol practice has started. If weather permits shooting will be done outdoors but for the most part it's held on the indoor range from 6 to 8 pm through the winter. Fee is \$2, members only.

## BOWLING PIN LEAGUE

Congrats to our Pin Team, they again took home the trophy! While Meeker and the Richwood Gun Club are still the only two teams in the league we hope the competition will grow. If you know of any clubs that might be interested in competing next year be sure and pass the word. If you'd like more information about the pin matches you can call Bill Wasserbeck or Jim Southward or talk to them at handgun practice.

## MILITARY & SANCTIONED MATCHES

The Military, Rimfire/Sporter and CMP Sanctioned matches went well this year, so well that they shot an extra match in October. We've had a great turnout and had lots of fun, if you like this type of shooting we'll be doing it again next year. For details call Mike Coutts or Brian Ratliff.

## WOMEN'S PRACTICE

Ladies night is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6pm. It's women only and we shoot year round making use of both the indoor and outdoor range depending on the weather.

## GUN SHOWS

Turn out has been extremely light as far as shoppers, but the vendors keep coming back because they enjoy our laid back show. This is far from your typical gun show. There are no commercial vendors, it's mostly locals who are either selling something they inherited or guys that just like to hit the swap meets to buy and sell. Lots of odd-ball stuff and you never know what you'll find. There's no charge to get in and spaces are free, the only money we make is from the kitchen so stop in and grab something to eat!

## RIDGEDALE FFA TRAP SHOOT

We will be hosting another fundraiser for the Ridgedale FFA on **November 5th** from 10 am to 3pm. The trap shoot is open to the public and club members are welcome to shoot. Entry is \$10 plus \$5 per round shot and includes lunch. We'll need a few extra members to help out, scoring, running the trap house, but mostly to keep an eye on things and keep it safe. If you're good at shooting trap there is always a kid or new shooter that could use some tips.

## FISHING

You may have noticed that the 'catch & release' signs are gone from the pond. As long as everyone uses common sense in taking fish we should be able to keep a healthy population. About 6 years ago we restocked the pond, it was quite costly! This was done after having poachers sneak in at night and pretty well wipe out any fish worth taking. It's taken this long to recover.

## RANGE GATE

There has been some discussion about keeping the range gate locked as stated in the rules. The issue in question is: in case of an emergency on the range, for example needing an ambulance, a locked gate would prevent or make it extremely difficult, for help to reach you. It has been decided that members may, at their own discretion, leave the gate unlocked while using the range **provided** they are willing to verify that those who come in behind them are also club members and that the last member leaving locks the gate. There have been several occasions where, when the gate has been left unlocked, shooters (who were not members) have come in and used the range. Not only is this an insurance issue but they are using facilities and materials that YOUR dues are paying for. Get to know your fellow members, ask to see their membership card. If they don't have one, call the memberships office, a trustee or the Sheriff.

## TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS

We have seven trustees who each serve three year terms. The terms are staggered so they do not all expire at the same time. This year we have two of them expiring. To nominate someone you must attend the November meeting. The person being nominated must also attend the meeting to accept the nomination. The election will take place at the Annual Membership Meeting in December.

## RANGE / HUNTING HOURS

Please remember that during hunting season, from September through April, the range is not open until 10:00 am. This allows for hunting in the range woods. We'd appreciate hunters letting us know what they bag!

## THANKSGIVING TURKEY SHOOT & POTLUCK

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** will be our annual turkey shoot & potluck. We supply the 12 gauge Top Gun #9 shells for you to shoot our paper targets at 60 feet. The object is to take out a tiny red dot. We shoot meat prize rounds for \$3 each followed by money prize rounds for \$5 each. There is a 36" limit on barrels, .675 limit on chokes. Club house opens at 4:30 and shooting begins at 6:00. This is open to the public and bringing a dish to share is optional. Come and join us even if you don't want to shoot, it's a great get together! For info call Denny.

## DEFENSIVE PISTOL PRACTICE

After several practices for defensive style pistol there appears to be enough interest to continue next year. If you'd like to learn more about it you can contact Andrew Crow at 419-209-0004

## HUNTING DOGS

For sale – contact Gentry at 740-465-7607



This Amur (grass carp) was caught in the pond by Ruth Abdon in August. It weighed in at 35 and a half pounds and was 41 inches long. Ruth noted that after taking 30 minutes to land this monster she had to go home and take a nap. Nice job Ruth, that was a good work-out!

## NOVEMBER

- 1 - NWORL
- 2 - Club Meeting 7pm
- 4 - Pistol Practice 6 – 8pm
- 5 - FFA Trap Shoot 10am – 3pm
- 7 - Pistol Practice 6 – 8pm
- 8 - NWORL
- 9 - Ladies Night 6 – 8pm
- 10 - NWORL
- 11 - Pistol Practice 6 – 8pm
- 14 - Pistol Practice 6 – 8pm
- 15 - NWORL
- 17 - NWORL
- 18 - Pistol Practice 6 – 8pm
- 19 - Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot & Potluck 6pm
- 20 - Gun Show 9am – 1pm
- 21 - Pistol Practice 6 – 8pm
- 22 - NWORL
- 23 - Ladies Night 6 – 8pm
- 25 - Pistol Practice 6 – 8pm
- 28 - Club Meeting 7pm Trustee Nominations
- 29 - NWORL

## DECEMBER

- 1 - NWORL
- 2 - Pistol Practice 6 – 8pm
- 5 - NWORL
- 6 - NWORL
- 8 - NWORL
- 9 - Pistol Practice 6 – 8pm
- 12 - NWORL
- 13 - NWORL
- 14 - Ladies Night 6 – 8pm
- 15 - NWORL
- 16 - Pistol Practice 6 – 8pm
- 18 - Gun Show 9am – 1pm
- 19 - NWORL
- 20 - NWORL
- 22 - NWORL
- 23 - Pistol Practice 6 – 8pm
- 26 - Annual Membership Meeting 7pm
- 27 - NWORL
- 28 - Ladies Night 6 – 8pm
- 29 - NWORL
- 30 - Pistol Practice 6 – 8pm

## Happy Holidays!



Thanksgiving  
Thursday, November 24



Christmas  
Sunday, December 24



New Years Eve  
Saturday, December 31

October's meeting is on  
Wednesday, November 2  
due to the Halloween holiday.

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