



TARGET BOARD



Newsletter of the Meeker Sportsman Club, Inc.

April 2012

Changes coming!

Beginning July first we will be enforcing some new rules which were voted on at the last meeting. The changes stem from numerous problems that have occurred over the last few months. With the new 400 yard range came growth in membership. We now have almost 240 members, that's an increase of about 60 in six months and the majority of those new members have joined to use the range.

We all expect the club, it's property and resources to be used. There is a big difference in 'use' and "abuse". Target holders are for everyone's 'use', and we try to keep them in working order.

The rules state:

- Targets must be placed so as not to destroy supporting posts of target boards.
- No shooting above bunker or into ground



Ruts caused from shooting into ground

Life Members

We currently have 2 Life Memberships available. They are offered to current members first. If you have previously inquired about one and are still interested please contact the memberships office as soon as possible. Those of you with the metal or plastic Life Member cards can request a regular card to fit in a badge to wear at the club.....

Problem: Rules. Someone hasn't read them or is deliberately destroying property. That's grounds for expulsion. It's obvious from the destruction of the target frames and the huge ruts full of bullets that people are leaning items against the base of the frames, shooting directly into the frame and the ground. Also obvious, targets are hung directly on the frames themselves. Most frames have been completely destroyed. While we've had numerous offers of lumber to build new frames, so far none has been received. So we've purchased material, Dick Igou and Jim Southward are building new frames. They're also hauling in dirt to fill the ruts that lay right where the bowling pin tables go.

Problem: Safety. It's been noticed on several occasions that while setting or retrieving targets members have left loaded, unsecured, firearms lying on the benches. This is unacceptable and endangers everyone on the range. Currently there is no policy requiring members to have taken a firearms safety course. Maybe we should, it'll be discussed at the next meeting.

Problem: Trash; if you shot at it, drank out of it, saw it blow across the range and don't want it, it's probably trash. Pick it up! If the trash cans are full, take the initiative to empty them, we have a dumpster.

Yes we know a few of you haven't received the new permanent cards yet, we're working on it!

If you are a Life Member, please keep an eye out for a form we'll be sending to verify the information we have on file for you. Unlike annual memberships, "lifers" aren't required to fill out

Problem: The range gate is continually being left wide open when no one is on the range. If you're the last one leaving you must lock the gate. We continue to have non-members taking advantage the range, if you leave the gate open you're inviting them to use a facility you pay to use. Maybe it's these non-members who are destroying the target frames that your dues are paying to replace?

In any case here are the changes that will take place:

Effective July 1, 2012.

- * New lock on range gate. Old key must be turned in to purchase new one (\$2).
- * Members will be required to wear their membership card as a badge, in plain sight on their person, while at the club. Pinned holders and lanyards will be available.

As a member, you are an owner and responsible for what goes on around you. Badges will help you get to know fellow members, identify those who exhibit un-safe behavior or are non-members.

We had a great turn-out at the last meeting, thanks to all of you who attended and helped make the changes. It will be interesting to see who calls after July 1st and asks if we changed the gate on the lock, we'll know who doesn't read the newsletter!

a renewal every year. So mailing addresses, emails and phone numbers may be outdated. This may also help us figure out which Life Members are, unfortunately, no longer with us.

Schedule:

Apr 2, 9, 16, 23
Bowling Pin Practice 6pm

Apr 14
CLEAN-UP DAY 8am - ?
Rain date Apr 21

Apr 15
Gun Show 9am -1pm
Military Match - 10am

Apr 30
Meeting 7pm

Mar 6
Varmint Rifle Match 10am

May 7
Pin League@Richwood 6pm

May 8
Defensive Pistol Practice 6pm

May 14
Bowling Pin Practice 6pm

May 20
Gun Show 9am -1pm
Military Match - 10am

May 21
Pin League@Home 6pm

May 25, 26, 27
Turkey Shoot

May 30 (Wednesday)
Meeting 7pm
Mon. May 28 is Memorial Day

Jun 2
Fishing Derby

Jun 3
Varmint Rifle Match 10am

Jun 4
Pin League@Richwood 6pm

Jun 11
Bowling Pin Practice 6pm

Jun 12
Defensive Pistol Practice 6pm

Jun 17
Gun Show 9am -1pm
Military Match - 10am

Jun 25
Meeting 7pm



RIFLE MATCHES

MILITARY MATCHES

This year's matches will again run on the third Sunday of the month (same day as Gun Show) April through October, weather permitting. The range will open at 9am. Military match starts at 10. Most any type of rifle that was military issue may be used. You need a magazine with a minimum capacity of 5 rounds. Scopes and iron sights are allowed.

- Military 200 yds:
- 5 Sighters
- 10 Shots slow fire prone
- 10 Shots rapid fire prone
- 10 Shots slow fire standing

Rimfire Sporter - 25 & 50 yards immediately following the Mili-



tary match, approximately 1pm. Cost for each match is \$10. Youth shoot free, this is a great way to get you kids started. Newcomers to this type of shooting are welcome, it's low key and we'll help in any way we can to get you started.

July's Military (14th & 15th) will be a CMP Sanctioned Rimfire Sporter match. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for Juniors (under 18).

NORTH WEST OHIO RIFLE LEAGUE— Season is about over, we'll post the results in the next newsletter!

VARMINT MATCHES

The first Sunday every month at 10am is Rimfire followed immediately by Centerfire. We shoot both factory and custom (open) classes, for score or smallest group. Cost is \$15 per gun, per match. Pays 1st & 2nd places.

Following the Centerfire we hold a "400yd Record Shot" winner take all. For \$5 you shoot a 5 shot group at 400 yards. Smallest group wins the pot and hopefully sets a new official record for our 400yd range. Current record holder is Bob Saum with a .969 group.

Centerfire matches typically have a great turnout, not so good for Rimfire. If Rimfire doesn't pic up we'll be dropping it.

VARMINT SCHEDULE:

- May: Group
Rimfire 100yds
Centerfire - 100 & 300yd
- Jun: Score ~ "Varmint" Targets
Rimfire 100yd
Centerfire 200 & 400yd
- Jul: EGGS
Rimfire 100yd
Cent. Factory 200yd
Cent. Custom 300 & 400yd
- Aug: Group
Rimfire 100yd
Centerfire 400yd
- Sep: Score
Rimfire 100yd
Centerfire 100 & 200yd
- Oct: Group
Rimfire 100yd
Centerfire 100 & 200yd

CLEAN-UP DAY

APRIL 14 - (Rain date Apr 21)

All hands on deck! Winter's gone, it's time to clean up whatever mess it left us, make some repairs, do some pruning, painting and anything else we can accomplish. We'll start about 8am. Bring anything you can think of that might be useful: rakes, shovels, pruners, hammers, 4-wheelers with trailers, etc, etc. Use your imagination. Willows need to be cleared around the pond. Dead limbs and debris need to be burned. Trap lanes need edging.

PISTOLS

ALL INDOOR PISTOL

practice has come to an end. It's time for some Bowling Pins! The Bowling Pin League is again Meeker VS Richwood. Matches are shot May through September. First Monday at Richwood, third Monday at home. Practice (at home) begins this month and continues through September on any Monday there is not a match or meeting. Whether you want to watch or participate, just show up!

Entry fee \$10.

5pm Signup & Practice Round

6pm Match Starts

Two timed shoots of:

Green Starter Pin

10 Pins

Red Finish Pin

2 Second penalty for pins left on table or shot out of order.

Max. 10 rounds per magazine.

Unlimited magazines.

Timed shoots followed by One on One Elimination:

8 Pins

12 rounds ammo in 2 mags.

Mandatory mag. Change

First to clear rack or knock down most pins moves on.

DEFENSIVE PISTOL PRACTICE

is scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm. Beginning in May. We expect even more participation this year.

LADIES NIGHT

has had a great deal of interest. Unfortunately there's been little participation. Effective immediately we will discontinue Ladies Night at the range.

CONCEALED CARRY

Classes will be held by Wayne Strunks about twice a month. If you're interested contact him to find a date that works for you.

Along with a few miscellaneous targets we'll be stocking the following for sale in the office:

I.B.S.
Shoot N C
Varmint



ODNR GRANT - FISHING DERBY - FOSD - HUNTER'S ED

We applied for the Conservation Club Grant from ODNr again this year and have received money to use for the Fishing Derby, Hunter's Ed Classes and Family Outdoor Sporting Day (FOSD). These are great opportunities for the public to take part in something they may not otherwise have a chance to do. Somewhere down the line we were introduced to outdoor sporting activities, we should all feel the need to pass on the same opportunity to others to ensure the future of outdoor sporting activities. This is also an opportunity to educate. Those with experience and education make better voters!

FISHING DERBY
June 2nd, Rain date June 9th
The grant money enables us to equip each child with everything they need to participate in the derby. Last year we were able to give them a choice of a rod and reel or tackle box with tackle to take home with them. There is no cost for kids to fish and the club will provide snacks and drinks. We'll need help with everything from registration and serving lunch to measuring fish and logging what's caught. If you can help let us know a.s.a.p.! Flyers will be mailed the first part of May.

HUNTER'S ED
Classes are free of charge.
Aug 25 & 26 - Two day class.
Oct 27 - Four hour Home Study Completion Session.

FOSD September 15th
A total shooting experience for all ages! The grant money helps us buy ammunition, targets, firearms, educational material and items to give away. More about this in the next newsletter.

These events don't run themselves and it takes a lot of "US" to make it happen. Please mark these dates on your calendar or print one from our website!



Fishing Derby 2011



FOSD - Air Rifles 2011

TURKEY SHOOT

The club will be hosting the 2nd Annual National Open Sight Championship Turkey Shoot on May 25, 26th & 26th. (Memorial Day Weekend). The game is 12 gauge shotguns at 60, 75 and 90 feet shooting paper targets for a pot of money.

FRIDAY Misc. Matches
Open 8am for practice
7pm Shooter's Choice
Federal Top Gun 9's

SATURDAY Open Sight Championship
8am Open for practice ~ 10am Match Starts
Stock Appearing BBLs - 36" max, incl. choke
No Drop-in choke systems
Max .925 diameter BBL. Exception: Mossberg 835's which must be factory profiled, no mods.
Front Bi-pods allowed - No Tri-pods - Must use rear bag
Open Sights only - fiber optic ok - No peeps
Federal Top Gun #9
Chigger dot target w/ 1-1/2" circle
10 targets @ 60' take out
.675 min. choke - gauge is .6735
10 targets @ 75' touch & go
.650 min. choke - gauge is .6485
10 targets @ 90' pellet count
No choke restriction
\$5 per card—Limit one card per round
65% payback each round
10% of each round goes to Champion

Champion will be shooter with most points after 30 rounds

POINT SYSTEM
1 point awarded for each tie card.
1 point awarded for each win.

Miscellaneous matches will be shot after Championship

SUNDAY
8am Open for practice
10am Match Starts
Scoped Stock Appearing - 36" BBL limit

**Memberships Office is NOT open 24/7.
If your driving any distance at all for day passes, renewals, keys, etc.....
it would be wise to call first.**

TURKEY HUNTING VIDEO
Fellow member Ray Davis went turkey hunting in Valdosta, Georgia. The video is posted on line!
If your reading this on line you can click this link [Valdosta GA turkey hunt with bow 2012.](#)
Or search YouTube for sfknight22 to watch it.
Thanks Ray, nice video!

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Memberships available at:

◇ Club House Mailbox

◇ Memberships Office

◇ Al's Country Market

(Big Island)
3249 Harding Highway West
Marion, OH 43302
(740) 382-1935
Deli Sandwiches
Pizza after 4pm
Deer Check Station

◇ Raceway Mini Mart

9039 Larue Prospect Rd
La Rue, OH 43332
(740) 499-4007
Deli Sandwiches

◇ Rod's Guns & More

1993 Harding Hwy E
Marion, OH 43302
(740) 382-4998

◇ Pit Stop - Marathon Station

(New Bloomington)
6551 Marion Agosta Rd
Marion, OH 43302
(740) 499-2174
Deli Sandwiches

GUESTS, VISITORS, DAY PASSES, & "FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS"

DAY PASSES

The fee is \$5 and they must be purchased by a "member in good standing" (that means your membership is valid, not expired, and has been approved). Day Passes are basically a one day membership for your guest, it gives them shooting and fishing privileges for a specific day. You are sponsoring them and must accompany them at all times to ensure club rules are followed, it all comes down to insurance! If your guest chooses to become a club member they may submit their Day Pass and an application within 30 days of the date on the Day Pass and receive \$5 off the membership fee.

Day Passes are not required to participate in 'events', i.e. Gun Show, Military and Varmint matches

VISITORS

We welcome visitors! They are generally someone who comes to see what we have to offer. They are 'visiting' not participating. However after visiting once or twice they are no longer considered visitors. We all pay our dues to enjoy the club and so should they, even if it's just sitting and watching.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

These are for two people at the same address, they don't have to be related to you. You pay less for two memberships and we only have to print and mail things to one address. You don't need a Family Membership to bring your minor aged kids or grandkids to the club, we encourage you to get them involved!

ADD A MEMBER

If you have an 'individual' membership, either annual or Life, we allow the addition of a second person, making yours a Family Membership. This can be done at any time for a member in good standing. It requires filling out an application and paying the additional \$25. If you are an annual member the expiration date for the added person will be the same as yours. If you are a Life Member the expiration date for the added person will be one year from the date the added person's membership card is issued.

**\$1000.00
CASH**

**RAFFLE TICKETS
\$10 EACH
ONLY 150**