



TARGET BOARD



Newsletter of the Meeker Sportsman Club, Inc.

June 2012

CHANGES — PART 2

The last newsletter shared some issues we've had with safety and destruction of property. After sending out that newsletter we heard from numerous members who relayed instances of safety and damage they had also witnessed, leading us to assume our problems are more widespread than initially thought. Safety is our number one concern, as it should be for you. Owning a gun and club membership doesn't magically make someone safe to share the range with. Firearm accidents cannot be undone. Over the last few years many shooting facilities, including several in Ohio, have been forced to close because of shooter carelessness or improper safety measures taken by the facility. With the increasing attempts at gun regulation we need to do everything we can to ensure we are all practicing safe shooting and that we continue to have a place to shoot.

Effective immediately, ALL members who wish to use the range must attend a safety-orientation in order to buy a key to the range. If you currently have a key you will need to attend a safety-orientation before buying a key to the new lock that will be installed on the range gate July 1st. *Yes ALL members, no exceptions. This is to ensure we are ALL following the same rules.*

Derby Results

We had a great time as usual. Not so many kids this year but they managed to catch 57 fish! The fishermen each went home with a brand new fishing pole and tackle box thanks to a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Our local Wildlife Officer, Chat Grote was on site. As you can see he pitched right in solving some technical issues!



All members who pass the safety-orientation will have their membership card / badge stamped as being approved to use the range. Remember starting July 1st we are all required to wear our cards as a badge, in plain sight on our person, while at the club. Members without stamped cards may not use the range after July 1st.

We realize some of you may think the safety-orientation is an added burden. But since we have members who don't read the rules, don't read the newsletter, don't attend meetings, members who are new to firearms and have never had any instruction, and members who have developed bad habits..... we find it necessary to make changes that require action on everyone's part. YOU only have to attend once. Those who have volunteered to run the safety-orientations will be inconvenienced much more than you! Some of you forget that the officers and trustees do not get paid, they do it willingly to ensure that future generations have a place to practice outdoor sporting activities. Your cooperation and support is appreciated.

Safety-orientations will begin June 17. They are currently scheduled the 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:00 am and on the 2nd & 4th Monday at 5:30 pm. They will be held on the range, weather permitting. If weather is extremely bad they will be held in the club house. They should only last for about 15 minutes, short and sweet. Additional days or times may be arranged IF absolutely necessary, but remember, the volunteers running the safety-orientation are already going out of their way several times a month. The schedule will most likely be changed for the winter. If you want access to the range after June 30th start planning now.

DAY PASSES

The fee for day passes will increase to \$10 on July 1st. That fee can still be deducted from a new membership if your guest turns in the day pass and an application within 30 days.

TURKEY SHOOTS

Monthly shoots are now scheduled on the second Sunday at 9a. Complete details on the website!

Schedule: unless noted otherwise, range is CLOSED during events, practices and match times.

June 15
Pin Practice 6-8pm

June 17
Safety-orientation 9-am
Gun Show/Flea Market 9am-1pm
Military & Rimfire Sporter 10am-4pm

June 18
Pin Match 6-8pm

June 25
Safety-orientation 5:30pm
Club meeting 7pm
Range OPEN

June 29
Pin Practice 6-8pm

July 1— **RANGE LOCK CHANGE**
Safety-orientation 9am
Badge requirement starts
Stamped badge required for range use
Day passes fee increases

July 2
Pin Match @ Richwood
Range OPEN

July 7
OSTA - Range OPEN

July 8
OSTA
Turkey Shoot @ range 10am-1pm

July 9
Safety-orientation 5:30pm
Pin Practice 6-8pm

July 10
Defensive Pistol 6-8pm

July 13
Pin Practice 6-8pm

July 14
CMP Sanctioned Rimfire Sporter
10am-6pm

July 15
Safety-orientation 9am
Gun Show/Flea Market 9am-1pm
CMP Sanctioned Garand 10am-6pm

July 30
Meeting 7pm
Range Open

**CALENDAR CAN BE PRINTED
ONLINE AND WILL BE
UPDATED AS NEEDED**

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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

HUNTER'S ED

Classes have been registered on the ODNR website and registrations are now being taken. Class size is limited and usually fill up quickly so if you or someone you know needs to take the class—don't wait to register! Walk-in's are gladly accepted if there is room. Classes are free.

Aug 25 & 26

Two day 10 hour class/testing

- Saturday 10:00 till 4:00

- Sunday 12:00 till 4:00

Oct 27

4 hour Home Study Completion Session.

To register call:
1-800-WILDLIFE
(1-800-945-3543)

LOOKING FOR...

Milk crates & bowling pins!! Cardboard boxes just don't hold up for storing and hauling bowling pins. Milk crates would fit the bill perfectly. With more shooters participating this year, the pin team is also going to be needing more pins. If you have any either of these and are willing to part with them, or know of a possible lead as to where to get some please call Jim Southward 740-360-6782.

THANKS:

ISLAND AQUATICS of Marion for donating the Aqua Shade for the pond this year, very much appreciated!

DICK IGOU for building and donating the picnic tables for the range.... The half tables can be used as a bench on pistol range!

TO-DO

We have a to-do list on the website. In case you haven't seen it:

- ~ Willows around the pond need trimming, bring a pair of pruners with you and help keep them at bay!
- ~ Club house chimney needs repaired.
- ~ Range gate needs adjusted, post to stop gate from opening too far.
- ~ Window replacement, three left to do (we have windows).
- ~ Three windows, not being replaced, need to be blocked. We have some blocks, probably not enough for all three.
- ~ Club floors, wood - needs refinished.
- ~ Need benches and picnic tables.
- ~ Mounts (deer pheasant, fish, etc) in club house need cleaned.

**NEW
\$1000.00
CASH
RAFFLE**

**ONLY 150 TICKETS
\$10 EACH**