



# TARGET BOARD



Newsletter of the Meeker Sportsman Club, Inc, Inc.

October 2012

## SUCCESS!

We've had nothing but positive feedback on the safety-orientation, well except for one person who refuses to do it. After sitting through the short presentation the rest of us are in agreement that it's definitely worthwhile and knowing that those we will share the range with have had the same instruction on range rules and safety is a good thing.

Kudos to those of you that have brought your kids!! Sharing the range with your kids and grandkids is the best way to pass on what you've learned. But by bringing them to the safety-orientation they realize it's not just YOU making the rules. Hopefully they learn that safety and rules are for EVERY one and that it's everyone's responsibility to enforce them!

If you've gone through the safety-orientation you now know what **Empty Chamber Indicators** are (ECI). The idea of using ECIs has been well received by the majority of members. Requiring their use is typical of most ranges and organized shooting matches. Therefore, at a recent meeting it was unanimously voted that use of ECIs be required at our range. We do have ECIs available for purchase at the safety-orientations and at the office but will also be installing them at the benches for everyone's use. It's a good habit and everyone on the range will be able to see your guns are safe.

## Safety-Orientation

### Schedule:

#### 1st and 3rd Sunday at 9am

Held at the range or in the club house depending on weather. If these times don't fit your schedule you may call Denny Tubbs 740-361-7281, Mike Couts 740-360-8570 or Jim Southward 740-360-6782 to try and schedule a different day and time. Remember these instructors donate their time!

## FAMILY OUTDOOR SPORTING DAY

Bigger and better than ever! We had right at 100 participants, and that doesn't count the 30 people working. We really could have used another pair of experienced hands with a long gun on the big range, the line moved a little slow back there and we certainly have the room for it. We definitely needed more kitchen help this year, but we pulled it off and had an excellent day. Every bit of seven cases of water was drank, thanks to ice from P's Marathon it was very cold water!

Our Wildlife Officer Chad Grote stepped in to instruct archery along with one of our Hunter's Ed instructors Tom Veit and Brian Dunlap of Pheasants Forever (PF). The Heart of Ohio Strutters Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation brought their BB Gun trailer. Bill Davis, Davis Retrievers, provided the water retriever demonstration letting participants give commands... and get little wet in the process! Thanks to Gracely Farms for chopping those pesky willows around the pond, it made for a much better demonstration! PF member Bill McCaulley brought the upland dogs for a pheasant "hunt". We also had a visit from Wild Ohio TV who did some interviews and filmed some of the ongoing fun, we can't wait to hear when the segment will be aired! The only complaint we had was for more time, everyone wanted to make the rounds again and do more shooting. Thanks to all who helped, you know who you are. We've had 3 people call since the event just to say "thanks, we had a great time", now that's saying something! There are pictures on both our website and the Marion Star's photo gallery, check out all the smiles if you have time.



## ADDITIONS

1 - A concrete pad has been added to the front of the long range shooting house. The purpose is to give military matches a level and not so muddy surface, especially for prone shooting. Also, the 200yd bunker has been extended to allow for more shooters at the matches.

2 - New posts and cable have been installed along the driveway from the range gate to the north entry gate. It seems "members only" means nothing to some people, if they can find a way to drive around anything - they do! Thanks to Jim Southward, Dick Igou, Tim Smith & a couple others(?) for the man power, and a special thanks to Ready To Rent in Marion for digging the post holes for us, we appreciate it!

## 2 RAFFLES

#1- \$1000 CASH.

150 tickets @ \$10 ea.

Drawing when all ticket sold.

#2 - Taurus 1911 9MM.

150 tickets @ \$5 ea.

Drawing when all ticket sold.

Tickets available at the office, at meeting and gun shows.

**CONGRATS to the Meeker Bowling Pin Team!** The Richwood Gun Club gave them a run for their money and made them work a little harder this year. The Meeker team gets to keep the traveling trophy for another year plus they get to keep the permanent trophy donated by Tim Tron for this years competition... VERY nice trophy indeed Tim, thanks!

## THANKSGIVING TURKEY SHOOT

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

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 \$3 meat rounds followed by \$5 money rounds. There is a 36" limit on barrels, .675 limit on chokes. Meat prizes are usually hams, turkeys, pork chops, etc. Club house opens at 4:30 and

## RIDGEDALE FFA TRAP SHOOT

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

All proceeds benefit the Ridgedale FFA. The shoot will run from 9am to 5pm and is open to the public. WE NEED HELP! Two trap houses will be used so we need at least four people to load birds, six would be better! Since many of the shooters will be FFA youth we need several people on the line keeping an eye on things and giving a little one-on-one instruction if needed. Lunch will be provided and served by the Ridgedale FFA. This is the fourth year we've hosted a trap shoot for them, whether you come to help or shoot - let's make it the best yet!

### HUNTING SEASON

**REMEMBER—September through April, the range is not open until 10:00 am. Legal hunting is allowed in the range woods in the mornings until 10. If you're hunting remember to put out the stop sign, and if you're lucky please let us know what you bag!**

## TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS

Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

Trustees are nominated at the November meeting by the general membership and voted on at the December meeting. Trustees serve for three years. To qualify to be a trustee a member must have been a member in good standing for three years or be a lifetime member in good standing.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ELECTION

Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

The last Monday in December falls on New Year's Eve so the meeting will be moved to the following Wednesday (Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>). This will be our Annual Membership Meeting and Trustee Election. Three trustee terms expire this year.

## EXPENSES

Earlier in the year, just before it was time to turn the heaters off, the 'old' heater gave out. We had to rely on the 'newer' heater (about 10 years old) in the basement and a fan to make sure things didn't freeze up. Now, just as it's time to turn the heat back on we've installed a new heater ("we" = Denny and Dick). Unfortunately as the new one was being put in, the 'newer' one in the basement had some problems and needed a new brain. So about \$1200 later we are ready for winter and some indoor pistol practice and rifle team matches!

## NWORL

North West Ohio Rifle League - This is small bore, three position shooting. The Meeker team practice will start up in November and will be held on either Thursdays or Fridays, schedule will be posted as soon as it's available. Matches are held on Tuesdays and are either home, away or postal. Anyone interested in joining, or just practicing, can call Marshall.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

*Unless noted otherwise, range is CLOSED during scheduled events.*

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<b>Sat. OCT. 27</b>
12-4PM HUNTER'S ED HOME STUDY COMPLETION SESSION <i>Range Open</i>
<b>Mon. OCT. 29</b>
7-8PM CLUB MEETING
<b>Fri. NOV. 2</b>
6-8PM INDOOR PISTOL PRACTICE
<b>Sat. NOV. 3</b>
9am-5pm RIDGEDALE FFA <i>Range Open</i>
<b>Sun. NOV. 4</b>
9-9:30AM SAFETY-ORIENTATION
<b>Tue. NOV. 6</b>
<b>ELECTION DAY</b> <i>GET OUT AND VOTE</i>
<b>Fri. NOV. 9</b>
6-8PM INDOOR PISTOL PRACTICE
<b>Sun. NOV. 11</b>
10AM-1PM TURKEY SHOOT <i>Range Open</i>
<b>Sat. NOV. 17</b>
6-9PM ANNUAL THANKSGIVING TURKEY SHOOT
<b>Sun. NOV. 18</b>
9-9:30AM SAFETY-ORIENTATION 9-1PM GUN SHOW <i>Range Open</i>
<b>Thu. NOV. 22</b>
CLUB HOUSE RENTED
<b>Fri. NOV. 23</b>
6-8PM INDOOR PISTOL PRACTICE
<b>Mon. NOV. 26</b>
7-8PM CLUB MEETING
<b>Sun. DEC. 2</b>
9-9:30AM SAFETY-ORIENTATION
<b>Mon. DEC. 3</b>
6-8PM INDOOR PISTOL PRACTICE
<b>Fri. DEC. 7</b>
6-8PM INDOOR PISTOL PRACTICE
<b>Sun. DEC. 9</b>
10AM-1PM TURKEY SHOOT <i>Range Open</i>
<b>Mon. DEC. 10</b>
6-8PM INDOOR PISTOL PRACTICE
<b>Fri. DEC. 14</b>
6-8PM INDOOR PISTOL PRACTICE
<b>Sun. DEC. 16</b>
9-9:30AM SAFETY-ORIENTATION 9-1PM GUN SHOW <i>Range Open</i>
<b>Mon. DEC. 17</b>
6-8PM INDOOR PISTOL PRACTICE
<b>Fri. DEC. 21</b>
6-8PM INDOOR PISTOL PRACTICE
<b>Wed. JAN 2</b>
7-8PM ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The calendar can be printed online and is updated when something changes. If we have your email we'll send you an update when there is a schedule change, i.e. we had to close the range to pour concrete with only a days notice!

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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 - Subs  
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

## EVER WONDER...

*...who poured the concrete, who moved the dirt, who mowed the grass... No?? Shame on you if you don't wonder! Club members, like you do 90% of the work at the club. We own it, we do the work. While we do pay to have the port-a-pots cleaned, and we pay to have the front end of the club mowed, everything else is on us. Those who run the matches, events, Hunter's Ed, serve as a board member, etc... their time is all donated. To those of you who donate your time, labor and equipment, and those who donate a few extra bucks with your annual membership, please know that it does not go unnoticed. You are what keeps this club going and the improvements we've seen in the last few years can be contributed to you! I would also like to personally thank each and every one of you that assisted with family day. Even the smallest things helped more than you know.*

*By being there you helped: ~ provide a fun & safe experience. ~ give an opportunity to someone who would not have otherwise had it.  
~ teach self control & concentration. ~ teach firearm safety and so much more!!!!*

*When asked if he was having fun, one youth responded "this is the best day of my life!!". That pretty much sums up the day.*

*The smiles were priceless... Thanks!*

*Linda Tubbs*

*P.S. - Range use was way up during the winter last year, even during the snow, and I'm sure this will continue.  
The club does not own a snow plow... hint, hint!!*