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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hope everyone is enjoying this spring weather and all our turkey hunters are filling their limits. By now you can see some of the improvements being made to the 300 yard berm on the rifle range. The BOD is always striving to improve the club and our facilities. If you have any ideas please let Mike Eckard or I know. You will also notice that the archery committee has started having regular shoots on the first Saturday of the month. I personally hope to take advantage of their expertise and learn to shoot a bow in then near future. Also our new Sporting Clays/Archery storage building has a new sign and has been named honoring Tony Barger.

We will be having a number of events coming up in the next few weeks so let me outline them for you so you can get them on your calendar.

First our April meeting will be April 28th with a workday on the 30th. On Saturday May 14 one of our newer members Rick Williams will be conducting a concealed carry class for any member or family member (especially spouses) for \$45. This is significantly less than anywhere else and covers all course materials (except for ammo). Please contact Rick at 828-606-2111 if you wish to attend. The class will be limited to 15 students so don't wait. You can download a registration and information forms from our website. This is a great opportunity for you to get this class you need for a concealed carry permit, whether you ever intend to carry or not.

Note that our workday for May will be on the 21st due to the traditional archery shoot. This is also the weekend for the Tony Barger Memorial Shoot, so you can shoot some sporting clays and then get workday in or do the workday then go shoot.

May 26 will be our regular meeting followed by the traditional archery shoot on May 27-29. Please note that the ranges will be closed during the archery shoot. This shoot is also an opportunity for those who have physical limitations to get in a workday in the club house, so come on out.

We may have several Eagle Scout candidate

projects going on over the summer, so keep your eyes out for that. If you know of a Scout searching for an Eagle Project please have them contact me and we will do our best to accommodate them.

Hope everyone had a great spring.

Bob Meek

President

FROM THE CO-EDITOR

Wow... Spring is flying by. I have been training for a trip to the Boy Scout ranch at Philmont, NM this July and the trails at the club are one of my favorite workouts. If you have never hiked around the trails you should give it a try. I go down to the pistol range and follow the trail that begins behind the berm and follow the trails all the way around to the Sporting Clays building. It's a mile and a half... not too strenuous (with a 35 lb. pack) and very pretty walk, you just have to kick the turkeys out of the way...

As I write we are 8 weeks from the Summer Bash & Sportsman's Festival. Richard Dougherty is ready to take any silent auction items so give him a call. In the past we have given credit for a workday if you donate an item that generates \$25 or more. We are going to amend that this year... if you donate items that total \$25 or more we will credit you a workday. It requires a bit more accounting so help us out with the paper work. The silent auction is a lot of fun so be thinking about items you might donate. I have contacted several old friends from my hometown about the event and it looks like I am going to have a "shooting reunion" with a couple of old pals. They can't believe all the stuff they get for \$100. If we make the event a "member, guest" event we will have to print more tickets in a few years! Right now I am more concerned about selling all the tickets this year.

As President Bob mentioned, there are a lot of things going on at the club this spring. We are trying to come up with a method of alerting the

The Catawba Valley Wildlife Club was founded by local sportsmen on March 8th, 1939 (as the Catawba County Rod and Gun Club) because of a recognized need for wildlife management, land and water conservation and a forum for local sportsmen. We are supportive of sportsmen and women of all races, creeds and nationalities. We support and promote organizations such as scouts, schools, 4-H, churches, and like organizations that contributes to wildlife conservation, environmental efforts, and expose young people to positive sporting ethics and models of behavior.

members when something is happening on short notice, a change in plans, unscheduled range closings or impromptu events like stargazing. The web site is a good place to check but we are thinking about a email blast also. Recently we had a member drive over an hour to use the range only to find that it was being set up for an event. I hate it when that happens (its almost as bad as leaving your guns at the range).

Just returned from the club. The grading of the 300 yd berm is complete and it looks much better and will allow greater opportunity for long range matches. However, the windmill between 200 and 300 is in front of a backstop now and there will be a temptation for some to shoot at it. If anyone shoots items like wind indicators, building or even target footings there will be severe consequences if you are caught. Resist temptation.... be responsible!

An additional note about the Summer Bash. The new Sporting Clays building and the improvements at the rifle range are recent and visible examples of how we use the proceeds of the Festival & Bash event. Support the Festival & Bash so we can continue to operate and improve the club facilities.

Hope you are all having a great spring...look forward to seeing you at the range!

Jay Adams

FROM THE OTHER EDITOR

Spring time brings the changes from the winter night sky to the summer sky. I am working on getting another stargaze night for the club very soon. Would love to give you the opportunity to view Saturn in all its glory from our dark skies at the club. Will probably do this one on a Friday night. I will keep you posted.

Would you be interested in receiving this publication by email? By getting this publication by email, we not only save postage and printing costs, but you get it almost immediately after I complete the months edition. I do understand not everyone has email. We would still provide a printed version for those who desire it. I would not recommend this method for those of you who use dial-up internet services. If you have questions, please feel free to ask me for more info.

This email address idea has a dual purpose as well. It will give us a much better tool to keep members informed much quicker than by the monthly newsletter. This is just in the planning stages, so think it over and let me know something in the next few weeks. Personally, I think this could be a huge advantage in notifying everyone of last minute events or other situations where a quick method of spreading the word is needed.

Keith

NC CONCEALED CARRY HANDGUN PERMIT CLASS

Saturday May 14th ,2011

This is a certified NC Concealed Handgun Permit Class that is required in order to receive a NC Concealed Handgun Permit. The cost is of the class is \$45.

The class will be held on Saturday May 14th at the Catawba Valley Wildlife Club. The hours will be from 8AM - 5PM (or until shooting is complete). This class is restricted to members of the CVWC and their families.

You will need to bring the handgun you plan to carry and a holster to fit that gun and a belt. You will need at least 50 rounds of factory ammunition in the specific caliber for your handgun. No magnum loads and no reloads. You will also need ear and eye protection. See the information sheet for more information.

The class starts promptly at 8:00AM and plan to be there until about 5 PM. We will have breaks and a lunch time. It is recommended you bring a bag lunch, snacks and drinks to last for the day.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you are a current NC CCH Permit Holder, check your expiration date. Some counties no longer send reminders. If your permit expires, you will have to start the process over again from the beginning. It is recommended you renew your permit at least 60 days prior to expiration.

To attend the NC Concealed Handgun Permit Class you must have a reservation and the classes fill up fast. Contact: CAPT Rick Williams at a6navy@frontier.com or 828-606-2111 for information & reservations.

- Certified North Carolina Concealed Carry Handgun Instructor
- NRA Training Counselor and NRA Certified Instructor (Pistol, Rifle Shotgun, Personal Protection, Reloading, Home Firearms Safety)
- NRA Chief Range Safety Officer
- NRA Hunter Safety Clinic Instructor
- North Carolina Hunter Safety Instructor

Concealed Handgun Information Form
Reliable self defense type firearm.
Holster and belt
50 Rounds of ammo (No reloads, Magnums or NATO spec only)
Hearing protection
Eye protection (prescription glasses ok)
Pen / Pencil
Note Pad
Picture ID (DL, ID card)

Note: Students should be familiar with the handgun that they are going to use. Handguns should be test fired for reliability prior to taking the course.

Course of fire for qualification: All students will be required to shoot an 85% or better on a standard B-27 silhouette target at 3, 5, 7 and 10 yards. Targets will be provided

Prohibited Handguns: Derringers, Single action only revolvers. Guns manufactured by the following: Jennings, David Arms, Lorcin, Jimenez, Bryco, Phoenix Arms, Raven Arms. No family heirlooms, please.

Permitted calibers: 22, 32 auto, 380 ACP, 38 Spl, 9mm, 40 S&W, 10mm, 357 Sig, 44 Spl, 45 Auto.

Recommend Handguns: Bersa, Berretta, Colt, Glock, H&K, Kahr, Kimber, Ruger, Springfield, S&W, Sig Arms, Taurus, Walther, Kel-tec

All handguns will be inspected. The Instructor reserves the right to exclude any gun that he feels is unsafe. If you have any questions with regard to the gun you will be shooting please contact the instructor.

Registration & payment are required in advance. This is not an NRA class.

NO LIVE AMMO PERMITTED IN THE CLASSROOM.

For questions please call Captain Rick Williams (828) 606-2111

MEET OPIE



Tim and Stephen Miller were at the skeet range and had a close encounter with Opie. Ok...I named him Opie...it just seemed right...Here is what Tim had to say.... Keith.

Stephen and I were at the skeet range to pattern our shotguns for choke selection. What at first almost seemed like a miracle is most likely explained as a tame deer. A small button buck walked near us, and with a little coaxing came over. We were able to pet and rub him, though he was sensitive when Stephen touched the skin where the horns had broken through. He came to us and left several time, in fact we had to stop shooting more than once so that we would not hit him when he popped out if the woods way past the center pole of the skeet range. I do want to let the members know about him and hope no one would hurt him, but he may walk up during a shoot and get burned. He is neither people nor gun shy.

Tim Miller

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ARCHERY NEWS

New-Con Archery Shoot - May 1st
8am - 2pm
CVWC Archery Shoot - May 7th
9am - 2pm
Any questions or more info contact
Claude Reeves. 828-310-5985

SPORTING CLAY NEWS

Trappers for May 7

Jay Adams - Johnny Thomas
Glenn Helms - Malcolm Warren
Chris Robbins

Trappers for May 21

Bob Holman - Steve Parkhurst
Chip Hendrickson - Johnny Thomas
Graham Hunsucker

Sponsor A Sporting Clay Stand

If you would like to sponsor a sporting clay stand, please see Steve Parkhurst for details. Your name or business name will be displayed on the stand.

5th Annual Tony Barger Sporting Clays Tournament

Catawba Valley Wildlife Club

Saturday, May 21st

Public invited. Start time is 8 o'clock. Come and shoot for trophies and prizes. \$15.00 per round, fifty targets. Lunch for \$3.00 hotdog, chips and drink. Shooters must have eye and ear protection. For information call 828-294-1301

ALL Ranges Will Be Closed May 26th, 27th, 28th & 29th for Traditional Archery Shoot

The CVWC recently donated \$1,000 to Rick and Vanessa Hoyle. The Hoyle's lost their business (Rick's Convenience Store) due to a fire. They had no insurance. Pictured is Bill Long, a club director, presenting a check to the Hoyles. Thanks to all who contributed to this cause.



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- April 28th - General Meeting
- April 30th - Work Day
- May 7th - Sporting Clays
- May 14th - CMP
- May 14th - Conceal Carry Class
- May 21st - Sporting Clays
- June 4th - Sporting Clays
- June 11th - CMP / Work Day
- June 18th - SUMMER BASH

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