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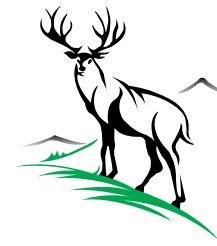
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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Club Members,

Hope everyone is enjoying this winter weather we have been having. If you are out dear hunting please remember to dress in layers and with enough clothes to stay warm and dry. Frostbite and hypothermia can be a real danger in weather like this.

Our new BOD members are Dick Lineberger, Mike Eckard, Don Fulbright, Wayne Reese, Ken Lygren, Jim Miller, Chris Robbins and George Lutz. I have appointed Keith Proctor an Honorary Director as newsletter editor and Claude Reeves and Honorary Director to work on archery. Please note your officers all were reelected and are as shown in the list in this newsletter. I want to thank these folks for stepping and be willing to run and work to make our club the best in the state.

Please note our December meeting will be on DEC 16. We will have our traditional Christmas dinner along with some musical entertainment. We also have a Smith and Wesson XP-40 pistol to raffle off. This was part of what we got for hosting Friends of NRA this year. We do not charge for the meal, but ask each person to donate the \$6 and we give it to a worthy charity. This year the BOD has agreed to split the money between the Family Support Center and the Soup Kitchen. We are also asking that each person bring a canned good or other non perishable food item which will be donated to the Food Pantry. Also we will be starting a drive to collect coats, gloves and hats which will be donated to one of our clothing drives locally. So if you have a gently used and clean coat, warm hat or gloves, you no longer wear or in my case can't wear, please bring it to the club. We will also be doing this collection in January. With the economy like it is, this time of year can be particularly hard on many in our community and these are just a few ways we can help them. By the way if you would like to donate a new, unwrapped toy to the Marine

Reserve's Toys for Tots program, bring those and we will see they get to the Marines. We also will have treat bags for the junior family members of our club at this meeting.

We will be having a few events coming up right after the first of the year; I want you to be aware of. First is the Catawba County Friends of NRA on Feb. 8th at our club house. This is open to the public with the purchase of a ticket. It is an opportunity to get some real good deals on guns and other outdoor gear. I urge all of our members who can to attend. Please see Bill Long or Bruce Sweezy about tickets.

On March 19, we will be hosting the NC Wildlife Commission Hunter Safety Shoot. This shoot consists of high school and middle school teams. The competition is keen and the youngsters seem to love it. This will be an opportunity to get in a workday and watch some good shooting.

In the shooting realm if any of you would like to become a Certified NRA rifle, shotgun, pistol, muzzleloader or reloading instructor or Range Safety Officer please let Frank Willis or I know. If there is enough interest we can have these certification taught at the club. Generally in a weekend you can get two certification classes completed, but it an intense weekend, but well worth it.

The NRA is also offering an all expense paid trip to Washington DC for high school sophomores and junior to their Youth Education Summit. This meeting is to encourage American youth to become active and knowledgeable citizens. Go to www.nranew.org and look of the Youth Education Summit tab on how your high school student can apply.

A North Carolinian, Joe Hamilton of Bladen County is one of Budweiser Conservationist of the Year four national finalist. You may remember Joe as the guy who did all that study work on black bears for his Masters Degree in Wildlife Biology. I encourage you to go to the web site and vote for Joe. You

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.

can find it at <http://budweiserconservationsit.young-america.com/Register.aspx>.

Once again I must mention an apparent rules violation. One of our members discovered that one of the steel silhouette targets on the pistol range had a hole shot through it. This most likely means someone shot it with a rifle caliber bullet. This is strictly against rules. Remember NO RIFLE CALIBER BULLETS ARE ALLOWED ON THE PISTOL RANGE.

I have also noticed that some people are unloading their cars next to the rifle range building and then not moving them before they shoot. This road is for loading/unloading only. Once that is complete then the vehicle must be moved up to the parking areas.

I hope all of you have a blessed and safe Christmas and may we all remember the reason for the season. Keep Christ in Christmas.

Merry Christmas!

Bob Meek
President

**Christmas Meeting Dinner will Turkey and all the trimmings!
Come out to eat and fellowship!**

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December 11th - CMP Match
December 16th - Christmas Meeting
December 18th - Workday
January 8th - CMP Match
January 27th - General Meeting

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER

I have heard from a couple of members wishing to get in workdays before the end of the year. Please note that the last scheduled workday is Saturday the 18th. If you get the approval of a Committee Chair (House & Grounds, Range, etc.) you may be able to do some project as an unscheduled workday. This is a great time of the year to do work at the club, the cold air makes it feel like you are really burning off some calories.

As we come to the end of another fruitful year we should all give thanks for the club and the good times and great fellowship it provides us. The Christmas dinner meeting is very early this year (December 16th) so mark it on your calendar, don't let it slip by.

We are contemplating a 'winter shoot' in January or February (or maybe both). It is a time of the year when the club sees little use and we feel like it might be a good time to get together and crank up the ranges. A small group has had such an event for a few years where we spent the night at the clubhouse, cooked meals and shot guns until we were tired of shooting. The idea we are batting around goes like this; how about opening up the clubhouse for members to come out, sleep in the clubhouse, cook Friday dinner or bring our own provisions, watch movies or hunting shows, shoot, have a 'swap & sell' (or show and tell), maybe have a reloading program Saturday to showcase the talents of some of the club's very proficient talents (and pass along those hard earned insights to a new generation). Maybe we can get Keith Proctor to come out and bring one of his big telescopes and train us on stargazing. As much as anything we are just thinking of a reason to get together and do something fun.... together..... what do you think?

Jay

Let me add to what Jay was mentioning about bringing out some telescopes for the members to enjoy. I am working with the Catawba Science Center to arrange a large astronomy stargaze at the club on February 5th, 2011. This is going to be scheduled to enjoy a beautiful crescent Moon in the early evening then a look at the constellations and other astronomical objects visible. Yep it will cold...but bundle up and bring the kids to enjoy this event. I promise you will never look at the night sky quite the same.

Keith

WORK DAY LIST FOR DECEMBER

Adams, Jay - 2
 Barger, Jerry - 2
 Bertalot, Earnest - 1
 Bugardner, Cynthia - 1
 Burgess, Alan - 2
 Daughtery, Richard - 2
 Davis, Murray - 2
 Deal, Frank - 1
 Desimone, Rich - 3
 Easley, Jeff - 2
 Eckard, Mike - 3
 Fulbright, Don - 9
 Fulbright, Jonathan - 3
 Hester, Mike - 2
 Holman, Bob - 4
 Isom, Ron - 2
 Lineberger, Dick - 3
 Long, Bill - 2
 Lutz, George - 2
 Lygren, Ken - 2
 Meek, Bob - 2
 Mixon, Bill - 3
 Nealen, Scott - 1
 Parkhurst, Steve - 2
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SPORTING CLAYS NEWS

We plan to have a couple of Winter time shoots, maybe in Jan., Feb, Mar., this depends on the weather. I will be working on next years trapper schedule soon and if anyone is interested in being a trapper next year please contact me at 828-294-1301 or 828-244-1562.

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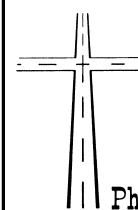
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