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**THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

We have just completed our hosting of the NC Traditional Archery Shoot. While attendance was down some I thing the archers had a good time. We had thunderstorms Thursday and Friday nights, so the campers had some excitement, but everyone survived. I want to thank Murray Davis and Claude Reeves for putting it together and for all our volunteers who worked to support the tournament.

You will be getting this just before Summer Bash, so I hope everyone has returned their ticket stubs, so all of those can be accounted for and the drawing will go smoothly. I hope most of you will be able to attend and everyone should have a good time, especially whoever wins the big prize. We will have a setup workday Friday afternoon and evening before the bash for the club house and the kitchen, so please if you can come out and help and get a workday. Also the event chairmen can use some assistance on the various ranges, so if you would like to do that or assist in the club house during the event please let these folks know on Friday.

As you can tell our new gate is going in rather quickly. I do not know if it will be operational by the bash, but if you arrive at the club and the new gate is closed it will operate on your current combination, so just input those numbers to the keypad. Once it is operational we will establish a code that will allow you to keep the gate open and we will distribute that with instructions as soon as we set it up. Hopefully the new gate will improve the appearance of our entrance, but also make it much easier to enter and leave. When leaving all you have to do is pull up to the gate and it will

open automatically, so you no longer have to get out of your car, open the gate, drive through and then stop and close it. It will open and close after you.

Since I am entering the last half of my last year as your President I want to start recognizing some members of the club who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our club running. Let me mention three folks who are very involved in maintaining our membership list and database. First is Bob Holman our treasurer. In addition to keeping our money safe and straight, Bob picks up all our mail, so any membership renewals come through him, in addition new member applications are processed by him at the BOD meeting when the new member is approved. Next is Nolan Yount, whom I am pretty sure is our longest serving member. Nolan processes the renewal and new member applications, checks addresses and sends our necessary materials, especially to renewing members. Nolan also sees that our newsletter is mailed as quickly as possible. Nolan then passes the paperwork to Ken Lore who not only wrote, but maintains our database of all members. Ken inputs any changes to addresses, phone numbers, emails etc so that our database stays up to date. The address for you newsletter etc, comes from the database so it is important to keep it up to date. Ken then returns the paperwork to Nolan who files it and keeps it for our records. So you can see these three people have an essential and largely unseen job in keeping our club membership information up to date. I mention that all three are very diligent in making sure this information is also safe guarded and not used for anything but club business. I want to thank them and next time you see them please give them a thank you also.

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.

**SAFETY CORNER**

Last month I started a safety tip/rule section. This month I want to talk about safe and proper use of club equipment other than ranges. Sometime (probably during the archery tournament) some one opened a ground fault circuit in the sporting clays building to overcome the ground fault function. It may not have been one of our members, we don't really know, but this was extremely dangerous. Messing with electrical wiring and circuits can cause fire hazards, to say nothing of the danger of serious shock or electrocution. Also we have some dangerous equipment in the form of our tractors and bush hogs, so I am asking everyone to not work on, operate or otherwise mess with our facilities and equipment unless you have been properly trained and know how to correctly and safely use it. This will prevent damage to our facilities and to our members. Of course anyone willfully damaging club property will be dealt with accordingly. Stay safe, learn safe and proper operation. IF YOU DON'T KNOW, ASK.

*Bob Meek*  
 President

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June 18	SUMMER BASH
July 2	Sporting Clays
July 9	CMP
July 16	Sporting Clays
July 28	General Meeting
July 30	Work Day

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## Attention!

- All Bash tickets NOT sold must be returned to Jeff Easley ASAP. If you still have your Bash ticket stub, please turn it in to Jeff as soon as possible. There are still tickets available for sale. See Jeff for details.
- Silent Auction items donated for the event that bring an auction price in excess of \$25, the donor will be credited with a work day.
- Assistants & Runners are needed for the Bash! Please contact the Event Chairman for details. Earn a easy workday!
- Sponsors are needed for the events. If you know of a business or individual who may be interested in a sponsorship, please contact the Bash Committee.

## Catawba Valley Wildlife Club Officer & Director Listing

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## WORK DAY LIST FOR APRIL

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Barger Jerry	6	Deal Frank	4	Long Brantley	1	Powell John	1
Beard Patrick	1	DeSimone Rich	1	Lore Ken	3	Reese Wayne	4
Beard Wayne	2	Dillow Dave	2	Lygren Ken	1	Reeves Claude	6
Bertalot Ernest	3	Durgin Jim	1	Martin Derek	4	ReeveThompson	1
Blakey Steve	2	Eckard Mike	6	McConnell Tim	4	Robinette Kalib	1
Burgess Alan	1	Fulbright Don	3	Meek Bob	1	Smart Barry	1
Burgess Brad	1	Greer Glenn	1	Miller Tim	7	Stone Bob	1
Burgess Tyler	1	Hester Mike	2	Mixon Bill	2	Sweezy Bruce	5
Callahan Ken	4	Holman Bob	8	Mixon Jan	2	Yoder Ben	5
Corne Bud	2	Isom Ron	1	Nealan Lisa	4	Yount Nolan	3
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Daughtery Richard	1	Linberger Dick	14	Nealan Scott	7		
Davis Murray	5	Lippard Robert	1	Nealan Tyler	4		

## ARCHERY NEWS

There will be no archery event in July. Will resume in August. Any questions or more info contact Claude Reeves. 828-310-5985

## SPORTING CLAY NEWS

Trappers for June 18  
Ethan Franklin - Alan Burgess - Russ Perkins  
Scott Jefferies - Tim Miller - Bob Stone  
Bob Fleming

Trappers for July 2  
William Walker - Scott Jefferies  
Glenn Franklin - Bob Stone  
Keith Proctor - Malcolm Warren

### Kitchen Help Needed for Summer Bash

Help is needed for the Bash. If you can help, contact Cory at 828-320-2357 for more details.

## BASH INFO

The Bash is drawing ever closer and things are really rolling. Please take a few moments to look over these items.

**Guest Tickets** - If you do not have a Summer Bash ticket, you will need to purchase a guest ticket. This guest ticket covers all the meals and will also be your number used in the Silent Auction and enter you in the drawing for the Primland package valued at over \$700.

**Tactical Match** - There will be a tactical match! There are details included in this newsletter.

**Archery Match** - There will be 2 groups for this event. One for traditional bows and another for compound bows. 10 shots for score. If you have any questions, please see Claude Reeves for more information.

The kitchen area will be off limits during the Bash. If you are not working in the kitchen, please do not go in this area. This will be a very busy place and the kitchen crew needs our cooperation. Cory has requested some additional help and as of this writing I am assuming he is still accepting offers of help during the Bash. Contact Cory for more info if you are interested in helping.

## Catawba Valley Wildlife Club Summer Bash-Tactical Match

June 18th 2011

Tactical Precision Rifle or Practical Rifle is a shooting discipline designed to train/test the shooter in his or her ability to master their gear, rifle, ammo, and environment to place accurate shots, on target, with enough terminal energy to accomplish a given task, with a minimum number of rounds fired.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What's tactical about it?

In most cases, "tactical" simply means spray painting your rifle black (matte black of course). In this case, however, the course of fire requires the shooter to make decisions regarding target engagement on the fly. They must read the wind correctly, accurately range the target and make scope adjustments, determine the optimum sequence to engage targets when allowed, identify friend and foe targets, all while under the clock.

#### Can I practice the course of fire or take "sighter" shots prior to starting the match?

No. The purpose is to gage the shooters ability to operate his or her weapon system in a "real world" scenario. Whether it's a deer hunter in the woods or a Marine Scout Sniper in the afghan mountains, the first shot with a cold barrel, boiling mirage, howling wind, misting rain, spitting snow, etc., is the only shot that counts. Sighters don't count.

#### What gear can I use?

Anything you can carry. Range finder, ballistic computer, spotting scope, wind meter, etc...if you have it, you can use it. Of course there is a catch. Whatever you start the match with; you must finish the match with. No equipment can be "jettisoned" on the course. If you leave the starting line with 100 pounds of gear, you must finish with the same 100 pounds of gear. Also bear in mind that overall score is time based so you can't afford to spend an inordinate amount of time fiddling with the latest gadget unless it's really going to help your accuracy.

#### What rifle can I use?

Whatever rifle you shoot well. There is no weight limit, no mandated action type, no sight requirement. Muzzle breaks, flash hidiers, sound suppressors, or plain muzzles are all legal. Semi auto, bolt action, single shot break action, or whatever else you can dream up are fine.

#### What caliber can I use?

Any caliber you wish. There is, however, another catch. Practical rifle shooting is about putting payload on target to accomplish a task. Some targets are reactionary type targets meaning they fall or move when properly engaged. Targets will be set to function optimally with a terminal energy level approximately equal to a 7.62mm NATO round (308 Win). They will fall with lighter, faster rounds but require more precise shot placement. This makes a shooter choose between the flat trajectory of a 223, the massive energy of a 45-70 or the compromise of a 30-06 or 308 win (or maybe a 7mm Mag or 270 Win). Remember, on a reactionary target, no score will be awarded unless the target falls or moves as prescribed (an audible "ping" or visual splatter doesn't count).

#### So what might a match layout look like?

While the exact layout won't be announced until match time, a possible layout might be as follows:

Distance to 300 yard berm = 431 yards  
Distance to 200 yard berm = 331 yards  
Distance to 100 yard berm = 231 yards

Shooters rifle is staged on shooting mat

Shooter starts at the starting line 30 yards away from the mat with ALL gear and ammo except for the rifle.

When the buzzer sounds, the timer will start and the shooter will make his way to his shooting position. There will be 8 targets distributed on the 3 impact berms on the range. All targets at the 100 yard berm will be engaged in the kneeling, sitting, or standing position. All others may be engaged prone, kneeling, sitting, or standing as desired. The targets can be engaged in any order the shooter desires except that the "STOP" target must be engaged after all other targets have been hit.

When the "STOP" target is hit (and all other targets have been neutralized), the shooter will make his way back to the starting line with ALL of his gear (including his spent shell casings. For safety purposes, he will leave his rifle in the firing position). His time will stop once he crosses the starting line.

The shooter with the lowest aggregate time, including penalties for any targets not neutralized, gear left on the course, or other "failure to do right" infractions will win the match.