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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We had great support from the club for the Friends of NRA banquet. I think our NRA rep was pleased with the turnout and the money raised. One of our members, Alan Lail won three guns so he generously donated one to the club. We raffled that pistol at the February meeting. We also had a great turnout at the February wild game dinner. I appreciate everyone's generous contribution to this annual event. It was a great success and I think everyone enjoyed themselves.

By the time you receive this newsletter you should have received your renewal packet with your date sticker, new combination and summer bash ticket if you bought one. I would like to make a comment on renewal, work days and summer bash. The BOD decided that when we began enforcing the work day or pay policy we would allow those with genuine medical/physical reasons to be excused from workday and we understand that for some physical workdays are impossible. However, there are a number of opportunities for work days that do not require much physical effort. As example during the traditional archery shoot we have food/snacks for sale for the 3 day events. Someone must sit at the end of the line and take up money. You are in an air conditioned building sitting and we even provide a calculator. That is an opportunity for six workdays for someone other than our treasurer. We will have the Hunter Safety shoot on March 19. We need someone to help with registration and money collection. The traditional archery shoot is Memorial Day weekend, the Summer bash needs folks for registration and money collection and last but not least we need the same for National Hunting and Fishing day the last Saturday in September. As you can see there are many opportunities for work days that don't require a lot of physical effort. In regards to summer bash tickets. We have the summer bash because it is fun and it holds down our dues. Quite frankly it would be easier to raise dues and not do the summer bash. That is why the BOD voted to ask each member to buy or sell one ticket unless there was a STRONG financial or MORAL reason why someone did not want to participate. Some folks appear to have decided they just don't want to bother with supporting the club. The BOD does understand that some folks have a good economic or moral reason for not buying or selling a ticket, and we will excuse those folks, but this is your club and you need to support it if at all possible to hold down dues.

Hopefully you will get this before March 19 and you will be able to come out to the club and see some good shooting by our high school and middle school teams in the Hunter Safety Shoot. The NC Wildlife Commission sponsors and runs the shoot and the CVWC host the shoot. This is just another way for CVWC to help insure the future of our sport by getting more young people involved. The competition is fierce and the young folks work hard

to do well. Please come out and check it out.

We will have one of our new members who is very experienced instructor explain the opportunities we can have at the club for formal training both for shooters and those who want to become instructor. Should you get this early enough we will have a Hunter Safety Class at the club on the 16 and 17. Contact me if you are interested.

Our Summer Bash committee is working hard to make summer bash even better than last year and we hope to have some new demonstration shoots that will be entertaining. Hopefully you will be able to come to that even in June.

If you like archery, the Traditional Archery shoot over Memorial Day weekend is a great event to come out and watch and as I said earlier you can earn some workdays.

Someone expressed concern to a member of the BOD about a club member cutting firewood and hauling it off the club property. If you wish to cut any down timber or any dead timber for your own use you are welcome to do so. Just remember no cutting of live trees. Of course if you cut timber for the clubs use you can get credit for a workday. If you cut it for yourself the wood is your reward.

Your BOD continues to work on improving you club. If you have ideas about facilities you would like improved or added please let me or Mike Eckard know. We are constantly working on this and need ideas from all the members.

Look forward to seeing you at the March meeting on the 24th.

Bob Meek
President

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

What a way to start off the new year! 10 new member applications! Welcome to our newest 2 members Jim Olson & Tim McConnell.

We are working on the Summer Bash & Sportsman's Festival scheduled for June 18th. This year we will likely have an archery component added to the day's activities. We will continue to refine the event and offer activities for every member. In the past we have accommodated, pretty much without question, folks that did not want a ticket. We have observed a pattern of some members simply 'opting out' of the ticket. This is contrary to our intent. If you have a hardship that prevents you from purchasing a ticket you must write a letter to the BOD requesting exclusion from purchasing a ticket. After the event this year the committee will review the situation and make a recommendation to the BOD regarding this matter.

Summer Bash - Richard Dougherty is accepting

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.

donations for silent auction items for the Summer Bash & Sportsmen's Festival. As in the past, if you make a donation that fetches \$25 or more it gets you a free workday. Past events indicate that the items that will bring \$25 are totally unpredictable! Start thinking about it now, I waited until the last minute and my wife stopped me from donating the things I really wanted to get out of the house.

There have been several contributions for sporting clays shooting stands and we would like to have stands completed at each of our shooting positions this year. The stands cost \$150 to construct. You can make a tax deductible donation to the club for the construction of a stand. The cost includes a sign to be placed on the stand with your company logo and/or name.

Kitchen committee would like members to be aware that the kitchen is a work area and not a meeting room. If you are in the kitchen prior to dinner, you should be working, you may be reminded of this. If you find yourself standing in the kitchen chatting with a friend prior to a monthly dinner meeting and someone shoves a tray in your hands and gives you instructions to do something with it..... take the hint!

As I write this, I am reminded that we join the club for a number of reasons and after we have spent some time at dinner meetings, the range, doing workdays and attending events, most of us find that the best part of the club is the fellowship. This aspect is the point of greatest improvement I have observed after 20+ years of membership. In a few hours I will attend services for our fellow member Phil Keener. I served with Phil on the Board and the Summer Bash and Sportsman's Festival committee. Phil "let his light shine", whatever the circumstance when Phil was present, it was improved. He will be missed.

Jay Adams

WORK DAY LIST FOR FEBRUARY

Abernathy RD 1	Davis Murray 1	Isom Ronald 1	Nealon Scott 1	Sweezy Bruce 9
Abernathy Steve 4	Deal Bob 1	Joyner Aaron guest 1	Olson Jim 2	Taylor Clay 1
Anderson Tom 1	Deal Frank 3	Kelley Bryan 1	Olson John 1	Thomas Johnnie 8
Barger Jerry 1	Deaton Gene 1	Kerecman Kip guest 1	Oneil Ken 1	Thompson Jim 1
Bernath Leske 1	DeSimone Richard 1	Lail Allen 1	Owensby Frank 1	Vinsant Michael 1
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Clayton William 1	Hamrick Virgil 2	McRee Neil 1	Rider Tom 1	Yott Debbie 1
Cloer Keith 1	Hendricks Bobby 1	Meek Bob 3	Robbins Chris 2	Yott Phillip 1
Cobb Bill 5	Holman Bob 3	Meek Nancy 1	Rudisill Donald 1	Yount Nolan 3
Corne Bud 3	Huffman Linc 4	Miller Jim 4	Signom Bob 1	
Corne Sarah 3	Hutchinson Jim 1	Mitchell Jim 1	Spann Bobby 1	
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ARCHERY NEWS

CVWC Archery Shoot - April 2nd
Rain Date - April 16th
9:30am - 3:30pm Fee: \$5.00
Fee includes 2 hotdogs and a drink!
Any questions or more info contact
Claude Reeves. 828-310-5985

SPORTING CLAY NEWS

Trappers for April 2nd
Scott Nealen - Ron Isom
Dick Lineberger - Bob Holman
Chris Robbins

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

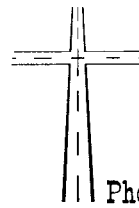
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March 19th - Hunter Safety Shoot
March 24th - General Meeting
March 26th - Workday
April 2nd - Archery Shoot
April 2nd - Sporting Clays
April 9th - CMP Shoot
April 16th - Sporting Clays
April 28th - General Meeting
April 30th - Work Day

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