

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.

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- **Monthly Dinner Meeting - April 22nd 7:00 PM**
- **Workday - April 24th -8:00AM; Swap & Sell -12:30**
- **Board of Directors Meeting May 4th 7:00PM**
- **CMP Match May 8th - (Garand A-Course & M1 Carbine match)**
- **Sporting Clays - April 17th, May 1st & 15th**
- **Traditional Archery Tournament -May 28th, 29th & 30th**

The President's Letter

by Bob Meek

I hope all of you are surviving the pollen attack and are enjoying the weather in spite of it.

We had a very successful Hunter Safety shoot on March 20. The number of teams participating was down slightly from last year because the NC Wildlife Commission changed the format from 4 person teams to 5 person teams. Never the less the young people participating seem to have enjoyed themselves tremendously. As the young folks are the future of our sport, I strongly believe that the club needs to do everything possible to introduce both youth and women to the shooting sports to keep them strong and growing. Our club does many things to support this and we plan on doing more in the future.

The North Carolina Traditional Archery Shoot is coming up Memorial Day weekend. And the Sportsman Festival/Summer Bash is June 19 (there will be no evening meeting in June).

Both these events give us a chance to show off the club and our facilities as well as to have some fun. It also gives those of you who

February-March Workdays

Adams, Jay -1
Barger, Jerry -1
Bertalot, Ernest -2
Bowman, Johnny -1
Brandon, David -1
Campbell, Everette -5
Campbell, Sonny -1
Come, Bud -4
Come, Libby -1
Come, Sarah -3
Daughtery, Richard -2
Davis, Murray -2
Deal, Frank -5
DeSimone, Rich -1
Echard, Mike -1
Freeman, Kent -1
Hauser, Don -1
Hayes, William -1
Helms, Glenn -1
Hendricks, Bobby -1
Holman, Bob -1
Honeycutt, Ron -1
Huffman, Linc -1
Hutchinson, Jim -1
Isehour, Jerry -1
Isom, Ron -1
Lail, Allen -1
Lineberger Dick -3
Long, Bill -1
McRee, Neil -1
Nealan, Scott -1
Nealan, Tyler -1
Quinn, Mike -1
Reese, Wayne -2
Reeves, Claude -1
Sweezy, Bruce -2
Thomas, Johnny -1
Waldek, Jerry -1
Yoder, Ben -2

cannot do much outside labor a chance to earn workdays by assisting inside with things like registration and taking money for items sold by the kitchen. If you would like to help with either one; Murray Davis is the contact for the archery shoot and Jay Adams is the contact for the Summer Bash. This year during the Summer Bash we will also be dedicating the Art Miller memorial garden. You may have seen the new stone wall out front and that is the beginning of the memorial garden honoring Art and all who have worked to build the Catawba Valley Wildlife Club.

I keep track of the workdays and lately I have noticed a lot of you have been recording partial workdays i.e. 2 or 3 hours at a time. It is fine to work a partial workday, but the accounting for all these workdays is creating an accounting workload I just don't have time to deal with. Therefore I am asking you to accumulate the hours yourselves, and then when you have a full workday (4 hours) record it on the

workday sheets. By doing this I can credit you with a full workday when you record it and I won't have to keep records of partial days. I appreciate your cooperation.

Finally I have to mention a range violation again. Someone was shooting at clay pigeons on the rifle range and had placed them on the stanchion protective berm. Its fine to shoot at clay pigeon, but all targets not on regulation target stands must be placed on the impact berm. This is the only area designed to take bullet impacts. Also please clean up you debris when you are done. Range rules are posted on each range and are available on line at the website or you can get a copy at regular meeting. Continued violation of range rules will results in the BOD taking disciplinary action. Please obey the rules at all times.

Finally for all you turkey hunter, hope you get a big one this year.

Club News

Editor- Jay Adams

Sorry for last month's screw up on the workdays...realized it moments after the newsletter was printed. See if you can find this month's screw up....

One more range item... we are finding unfired rounds in the

garbage cans on the range. Please take unfired rounds home for disposal or place them on the bench in the range house. Don't throw them in the garbage because they may find their way into a fire and explode. Don't throw them onto the range because they will get 'mowed'.

The **Traditional Archery Tournament** is right around the corner (**May 28th, 29th & 30th**). There will be opportunities to get in workdays prior to and during the event. ALL ranges will be closed on May 22nd, 23rd & at least half day on the 24th.

Work is underway to create a **new archery range** on the east side of the driveway across from the restrooms. We hope this will accommodate the archers in the club and stimulate more members to take up this wonderful sport.

The 'site selection' process for the **new sporting clays storage and clubhouse building** is proceeding. There are several possibilities still under consideration but it appears the consensus will place the new building in the general vicinity of the existing sporting clays shed.

Work on the **Memorial Garden** has accelerated now that the ground has dried out enough to rough grade the site and backfill the stone wall. There is still a lot to do before the dedication in June so we will need you at the next few scheduled workdays. There will likely be some unscheduled workdays just before the June 19th event.

The Bash committee is doing everything possible to make this year's event entertaining and rewarding. The event is the primary fundraising event of the year and it is the reason our dues have remained low and our financial situation strong. As of 4/13/10 we have had 184 members purchase the bash ticket leaving 216 to sell and about 125 members planning to skip the event and avoid selling a

ticket. Life members are exempt from the ticket requirement because it wasn't a condition of life membership. They are invited to purchase a ticket (I will) or sell one (I will do that too). The decision to require members to take responsibility for a bash ticket was done in response to the fact that a handful of club members were selling all of the tickets consuming their time and expense without compensation. The purchase or sale of one ticket by each member is a reasonable request and I am a bit dismayed by the number of members that do not accept this responsibility. The BOD has always supported the notion that some members might have a legitimate reason for not buying a ticket but when a third of the membership fails to support the effort then something need to be done. After this years bash we will create a list of members that neither bought or sold a ticket to see what might be done to motivate members to participate.

I have actually had a few members contact me about working the event. It is interesting that they are all relatively new members. Working the event could be clean up on Friday, the 'drawing team', running a prize board, assisting with the silent auction, competitor check-in, cooking, breakfast or lunch duty, communications, or any of the events. Contact the event chairman:

- Rifle range events - Jim Miller 294-0754
- Sporting Clays - Steve Parkhurst 294-1301
- Skeet - Chuck Threewitt 754-1804
- Silent Auction - Richard Daugherty 294-6434
- Ticket Sales - Jeff Easely 322-9249
- Everything else - Jay Adams 324-7004

We will have a guest ticket this year and we are going to raffle a significant prize from the guest ticket numbers. The intent of the ticket is to cover the food that guest/spectators consume during the day. It is a minor fundraising component and we will make it more 'interesting' this year.

Monthly Meeting

The April dinner will feature stew beef, pinto beans, cooked cabbage, corn bread, blue berry cobbler & ice cream. The program is likely to feature turkeys

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but may be archery related. It'll be a surprise.

The Board of Directors purchased 5 tickets to the GRNC annual dinner and Second Amendment Symposium. These tickets will be raffled off at the April dinner meeting. The event features Alan Gura as keynote speaker (see last month's bulletin) and guest Senator Richard Burr, 8th District Republican Tim D'Annunzio and Second Amendment Foundation president Joe Tartaro

For Sale

Ruger Blackhawk SRM, .357 Maximum, 7.5" barrel, \$750.00; S&W Model 329 (26 oz./Scantium) .44 Magnum with Milt Sparks holster \$900 call Jay Adams 828-381-1901

Browning A 5 Lightweight 20 ga., 2 barrels- 26" invector Plus & 22" invector Plus, \$1300.00 call Chris Robbins after 4:00 at 828s-413-1297