

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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The President's Letter

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we enter this season of joy I hope you will remember our fellow Americans who serve in our military and serve in harms way. I also hope you remember our first responders and also our friends and family members who are looking for work this holiday season. This year is particularly bitter sweet for me as I struggle to get my new business going. My son Rob (who is Robert III) is attending Army JAG (lawyers) officer basic currently has orders to the 10th Mountain Division at FT Drum NY. This of course could change, but he is due to report in just one month before the 10th deploys to Afghanistan. So I ask your prayers for him and all who need them during this blessed season.

Congratulations to our new officers and BOD members. I was reelected President, Steve Parkhurst as 1st VP, Frank Willis as 2nd VP, Bob Holman as treasurer, and Jim Miller has agreed to continue as interim secretary until we find a new one. So please let me know of anyone who might be interested in that position. Your new BOD members are Jay Adams, Allen Burgess, Murray Davis, Richard Daugherty, Bill Long, Bill Mixon, Bruce Sweezy and Cory Yoder. I congratulate them all. I also want to thank all who stood for election and I appreciate their willingness to serve. I would be remiss if I did

December-January 2009

- **Monthly Dinner Meeting - November 17th, 7:00 PM**
- **Workday - No scheduled workday in December**
- **Board of Directors - Tuesday, January 5th, 7:00 PM**
Divinci's restaurant
- **CMP Match-January 9th-8:00 AM at the range**
(Garand B-Course)

not thank the BOD members rotating off the BOD, Jim Johnson, Wayne Beard, Frank Deal, Don Fulbright, David Parham, Kevin Reese, Glen Rhoney, and Scott Nealen. They have all done an excellent job. I also want to thank Bill Mixon and Jim Miller for their service as treasurer and secretary; they have done an outstanding job. Your new officers and BOD members will be sworn in at the December meeting on December 17th.

I would also like to take this time to send my condolences and prayers out to the families of Charles Parkhurst, Billy Abernathy and Tom Reese who passed away since our November meeting. All were long time members of our club.

By and large our club runs well on the honor system and that is as it should be. Occasionally someone fails to follow the rules and we have observed this again. You must NOT place clay pigeons on the end berms on the rifle range. Nothing should be set on these end berms as targets, because a bullet could easily get around them. If you want to shoot at clay pigeons that is fine, but please place them on the middle of the big berms so the bullets cannot leave the range. If you observe someone violating our range rules, please correct them politely. If they refuse

to comply, simply report their name and circumstances to one of the officers or BOD members and we will take care of the matter. Your safety and the safety of all club members are too important to ignore rules violations.

At the November meeting I mentioned the possibility of a spouses (wives) shoot. If you are interested in participating or instructing please contact me at 828-446-2416 or rhmeekjr@aol.com and if there is enough interest we will schedule one.

Once again we will be having our wild game dinner in February, so it is not too early to start making contributions of any wild game you have you would like to donate. Just let Wayne Reese know so he can keep an inventory of what we have received.

Our club ends this year in good physical and fiscal shape and I want to thank all who made it so. I think we have had the most workdays this year in many a year. I think 2010 is going to be a good year for us. I have been honored to serve as your president for 2009 and I look forward to serving you in 2010.

Bob Meek
Club president

Club News

The December, 2009 meal will include turkey, potatoes, green beans, apples, pecan pie, and biscuits. **LATE BREAKING NEWS...** entertainment for the December dinner meeting will be provided by **The Cockman Family!** Don't miss this! Remember, all proceeds from the meal will go toward the Memorial Garden project so come out and enjoy a great meal, great fellowship, great entertainment and a support a great club effort.

The Friends of NRA Banquet will be held at CVWC on February 18, 2010. CVWC will prepare the meal. You can help a lot if you will sell a couple of tickets. If you can help out the person to call is Bruce Sweezy at 828-324-8003. Tickets will be \$25.00. These events are a lot of fun and an opportunity to show off our club to folks that support the NRA. There are drawings and silent auction items. It is a good way to say thanks to one of the most important organizations in the country. There are big battles looming with regard to gun rights. Lets try to make this a memorable and successful event. Put it on your calendar.

If you would like to get this newsletter a little quicker you can find it on the website at **Catawbawildlife.org** (you can still get to it via cvwc.org). I am going to recommend to the Board of Directors to consider letting the website be the source

Workdays

Bentley, Mike (1)
Bertalot, Ernest (3)
Callahan, Ken (1)
Campbell, Everette (3)
Cloer, Casey (1)
Cloer, Keith (1)
Corne, Bud (3)
Corne, Sarah (1)
Davis, Stuart (1)
Echard, Mike (2)
Hamlin, Larry (1)
Hudson, Jim (1)
Johnson, Mike (2)
Klinger, Bob (5)
Lail, Allen (1)
Lineberger Dick (1)
Meek, Bob (1)
Reese, Wayne (2)
Reeves, Claude (1)
Sweezy, Bruce (2)
Thomas, Johnny (2)
Threewitt, Chuck (1)
Willis, Frank (3)
Yoder, Ben (2)
Yount, Nolan (2)

for the newsletter. We can continue to mail to the members that wish to receive it in the mail. What do you think?

On another matter; there has been a suggestion to level the area on the rifle range between the 50 and 100 yard back stops. This would allow for matches to be better conducted at the High School Shooting Event in April 2010. This would involve moving dirt in to fill the sloping area.

It was mentioned that someone has been shooting a 7.62x39 weapon at the silhouette range. This is a serious "no, no" and will not be tolerated. Absolutely no bottlenecked center fire cartridges are allowed on the silhouette range. Violators can expect pretty harsh treatment if caught.

Our club lost several members recently. Bobby Abernathy, Charlie Parkhurst and past president, Tom Reese. These folks supported our club throughout the years and we should keep their families in our prayers.

Tom Reese was very involved in environmental issues and had a remarkable grasp of air and water quality matters. He was a truly pragmatic and intelligent voice regarding conservation, long before it was fashionable. I worked with Tom on the Unifour Air Quality Committee and years after the event, found out he had placed me on the list of candidates for the 1998 Environmental Summit that was sponsored by the Mecklenburg County Commission.

Club Officers

Pres-	Bob Meek	324-5201
1 st VP	Steve Parlhurst	294-1301
2 nd VP-	Bob Holman	459-7277
Tres-	Bill Mixon	327-7077
Sec.-	Jim Miller	294-0754
P. Pres-	Rich DeSimone	396-9512

2009 Directors

Jim Johnson	312-5215
Wayne Beard	635-1517
Frank Deal	327-0549
Don Fullbright	446-2397
David Parham	294-5959
Kevin Reese	294-6912
Glen Rhoney	704-462-2499
Scott Nealen	495-1221

2010 Directors

Jerry Barger	495-7811
Mike Eckard	228-0458
Mike Hester	234-6500
Ron Isom	312-0542
Dick Lineberger	328-4095
George Lutz	704-462-1227
Wayne Reese	328-8456

Honorary

Jay Adams	324-7004
Murray Davis	294-3229

I had no idea how I had been selected but Tom and I had a good laugh when I found out he "nominated" me because he just couldn't make the bi-weekly trips to Charlotte. Weather you knew Tom or not his absence will affect us all. He was highly respected and always made his opinion known. We didn't see Tom much in the past few years but he was still working to advance the ideals of our club.

At the November meeting the amendments mentioned in the November newsletter were approved.

Merry Christmas
and a Prosperous and
Happy New Year.