

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

Well folks we are off to a cold and snowy 2010. I hope all of you have been able to stay safe and warm while we contend with this weather. I first wanted to mention a few things about membership renewal. By the time you receive this you should have received your date and combination sticker. Probably the gate combination has also been changed by now. Let me say a couple of things to our new members, if you joined in July, August or September and paid \$250, you should have received and invoice for 2010. If you joined in October, November or December and paid \$400 you will not receive an invoice for 2010. In either case you should receive your date and combination stamp just like everyone else. If you did not please contact me.

We still are in need of contributions of game for the wild game dinner on Feb 25. If you have any game you can donate, please call me at 828-446-2415 and I will make arrangements to pick it up from you. Please see what you can find and donate to the club.

At the February BOD meeting the BOD approved our budget for 2010. Our operating budget will be \$74,500. We also approved a capital improvements budget of \$29,000 and anticipate income to be about \$105,500. We ended 2009 with a surplus of \$40,000. Whenever we have a surplus, which

February-March 2009

- **Friends of NRA Dinner - February 18th Clubhouse**
- **Annual Wild Game Dinner - February 25th, 7:00 PM**
- **Workday-Saturday February 27th 8:00-12:00; Swap & Sell Event 12:00- ????**
- **Board of Directors -Tuesday, March 2nd at the Clubhouse**
- **March 6th -Tony Barger Memorial Sporting Clays Tournament**
- **CMP Match-March 13th 8:00 AM at the range (Bolt Gun Match & .22 rimfire sporter match)**
- **High School Shoot-March 20th (rifle range closed)**

we have had for the last few years, we invest the surplus to be available for emergencies and other club uses as needed. Our current club assets both restricted and unrestricted are approximately \$236,000. So we are in good financial shape and have sufficient reserve funds to cover most any need we are likely to have. Our BOD continues to manage your club finances in a very conservative way and will continue to protect the club's financial integrity.

The BOD also appointed a committee and approved funds to develop a proper and permanent archery range with up to 60 yard targets. Claude Reeves is working with BOD members Murray Davis and Don Fulbright on this project and we hope to have a range facility completed by Summer Bash.

We still have some members who have not renewed and I urge everyone who has not to do so as soon as possible. If you are having financial difficulties, just send a note to us and we will work with you to give you additional time to pay your dues.

Remember your officers and BOD serve you and our goal is to promote our club and assist our members in everyway to remain members and be active in the operation of the club.

Don't forget to let me know if you have game to donate and I hope to see everyone at the February 25 meeting. Our next workday will be Feb 27.

Club News

Editor- Jay Adams

Boy, the winter doldrums are certainly here as I write this. Spring can't come fast enough....

The first major event of the winter/spring season is the February **Wild Game dinner** followed by the **Tony Barger Memorial Sporting Clays event on March 6th** which is your first opportunity to pick up a workday outside of the scheduled monthly workdays.

The Wild Game Dinner will require your donations of wild game in order to be successful. So far the collection has been slow. It is

extremely difficult to make a Butterball turkey taste like a wild turkey. Please check your freezer for items that may be transformed by our most capable kitchen committee into fine dining.

Have you ever heard of **Grass Roots North Carolina**? It is one of, if not THE, most effective state wide organization directed to educating the public about trends which abridge the freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, and engaging in grass roots activism to preserve those freedoms, in America. The founder and big kahuna, Paul Valone will be doing the program. You got a question about gun legislation? Bring it.... If you have a concealed carry license you can thank Paul Valone and GRNC. Paul has made many sacrifices over the years in his quest to protect our gun rights and I am delighted that he can be at the February meeting so that we can be informed about critical events that are underway and thank him for his efforts.

In late May we will have the **Traditional Archery Tournament** and then the **Summer Bash & Sportsman's Festival on June 19th**. The Bash Committee is already at work developing the event. We will be dedicating the Memorial Garden in memory of Art Millers and his family will be coming for the event. This will be a very special event and we will try to make the dedication memorable. The garden will be a memorial to all of the past Club members that have made our club one of the finest in the state. You will not need a ticket to attend but we hope everyone will join in the Bash event. Working out the time line for the day is underway and we are considering adding a new "game".

December - January Workdays

- Abernathey, Steve (2)
- Bertalot, Ernest (5)
- Campbell, Everette (2)
- Cobb, Bill (2)
- Corne, Bud (2)
- Corne, Sarah (2)
- Davis, Murray (2)
- Deal, Frank (4)
- Echard, Mike (4)
- Fulbright, Don (1)
- Hester, Mike (1)
- Holman, Bob (3)
- Honeycutt, Ron (1)
- Lineberger Dick (5)
- Meek, Bob (1)
- Reese, Jacob (1)
- Reese, Kevin (2)
- Reese, Leah (1)
- Reese, Wayne (11)
- Reeves, Claude (1)
- Sweezy, Bruce (7)
- Thomas, Johnny (5)
- Yoder, Ben (5)
- Yount, Nolan (2)

Last year there were some really great competitions in the shotgun sports with a three-way tie at the skeet range until Link Huffman cleaned a round but the real show was at the rifle range. The tie at the egg shoot was remarkable. For someone to break three eggs in less than optimal conditions was a real surprise but when a second shooter duplicated the feat in precisely, to the second, the same time was a real shocker. Once again, kudos to Bobby Hendricks and Ben Yoder!

Workers for the Bash have not been a problem, *organizing* workers has been another matter. This year we will strive to do a better job in that department. We will want to get workers signed up well before the event. Another area is the handling of tickets. Last year we wound up with a bunch of unsold tickets at the event. We will be putting into place mechanisms to better track tickets this year. We are going to do all we can to make the \$100 ticket well worth the investment. We should have the Bash

tickets printed by mid-March. There will be a "guest" ticket for people attending without a Bash ticket. A significant prize will be drawn from the "guest" tickets.

The February work day on the 27th will be followed by a "swap and sell" meet. It is nothing more than an opportunity to sell or swap your old stuff for cash or more old stuff. (Ed. *I have some excess 400 gr Speer .458 bullets, a variety of 7mm bullets, a couple of holsters and set of .220 Swift dies that I don't need anymore. I am looking for a ghillie suit for my son*). We will build a big fire, put something in the DVD player and keep the clubhouse open all afternoon

until everybody gets tired of sorting through stuff. We can open the roll up door so folks can unload their stuff. It is best if you put a price on your items

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and arrange it on a table or two. This is for members and their guest.

A word about workdays: Since we implemented the "3 workday or pay" policy we have seen a big increase in members turning out for the scheduled monthly workdays as well as events and event preparation. I have also noticed that some folks that didn't turn out for workdays previously are showing up for more than the three we asked for. Could it be that workdays provide fellowship that translates into something more than "work"? I think it does. If you want to get the most out of the Catawba Valley Wildlife Club be a part of building it. Attending monthly meetings, participating in workdays, serving as an officer or board member or working on an event committee will uncover friendships that will surprise you. The Catawba Valley Wildlife can be much more than a destination..... it can be an inspiration; just add effort.