

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 it the start of a new year and a new decade. I hope everyone had a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. I look forward to 2010 and want to thank you for putting your confidence in me by reelecting me president of the club. I am also excited about the officers and board of directors we have going forward. I also want to thank those who rotated off for their hard work.

We have a busy calendar for 2010 and I hope everyone will do their best to participate in as many events as they can. Summer Bash and the dedication of the Memorial Garden in June will be a big event. We will be hosting the Friends of NRA at the club on Feb 18. I hope many of you will turn out. For tickets please contact Bill Long or Bruce Sweezy. I will have something more to say about the NRA a little later in my comments.

By now all of you should have received your invoice. Please read the included notes/instructions. All members should review their information section and return it to the club whether you have to make any payment or not. I do my best to credit workdays properly, but I do miss them. You should always check the newsletter to see if you got credited for that month and let me know immediately if you did not. If you were invoiced for work days and you know you did all three, just include a note to that effect with your invoice and membership renewal. The BOD

January-February 2009

- **Monthly Dinner Meeting - January 28th , 7:00 PM**
- **Workday - January 30th 8:00-12:00**
- **Board of Directors -Tuesday, February 2nd at the Clubhouse**
- **April 3 - Sporting Clays Inaugural 2010 event**
- **CMP Match-January 9th-8:00 AM at the range**

also discussed the economic situation and how that has negatively affected many, perhaps most, of our members. Again the BOD has decided that if you are having a hardship and cannot pay your dues or summer bash ticket right now, but would like to remain a member please return your invoice by the January 31 deadline with a note explaining your situation and what you would like to do. The BOD will work with anyone in this situation because we do not want to lose any members.

I mentioned the Friends of NRA banquet earlier. I have urged you in the past to become a member of the NRA if you are not currently one. Did you know that since CVWC is an NRA affiliated club, if all our members were members of the NRA we could get a \$5000 grant from the NRA for range construction and/or improvement? **That's a grant not a loan.** In addition the NRA is the primary organization with the clout to fight for your 2nd Amendment Rights. I am an official NRA recruiter and I have 24 membership applications that currently offer annual memberships for \$25 (regularly \$35) and I offer these to any member of CVWC. I get a commission for any new or renewed member I sign up. So as further incentive any club member who sign up through me I will donate my

commission to the CVWC. So there is just no way you can go wrong. Also if you are a current member please check your invoice and make sure that is marked on the information section.

Our wild game dinner is February 25. February 20 will be the last day you can donate game for this event. Please sure it is marked as to what it is so the kitchen crew will know what to do with it. If you want to donate but cannot get it our to the club please contact Wayne Reese, Cory Yoder or myself and we will arrange to pick it up.

Finally I have to mention again that we have some folks flagrantly disregarding range rules. Sometime around Christmas Day someone on the rifle range was firing into the ground about 10-15 feet out in front of the concrete firing line. This was down around the 25 yard line. Firing at any target other than one in the target stands or in the middle of the backstop berms is not allowed. There is too much danger of a ricochet and a bullet leaving our property and quite possibly injuring or killing someone. **One careless individual could cause us to lose our club.** If you see someone violating range rules politely correct them. If they respond negatively or you don't want to confront them just

get their name and you can report the incident (anonymously if you want) to an officer of member of the board and we will investigate and take action.

Also about the same time we had a non-member trespass on our property and was riding an ATV. ATV's are not allowed on the club property except when approved by the BOD for special events such as National Hunting and Fishing Day. This individual was not only trespassing, but was stupid. He actually asked a member if he could cross the rifle range while firing was going on. Our member told him he was trespassing and he left. So be on the look out for non-members doing things they shouldn't also.

I will be your speaker at the January meeting and I will talk a little bit about how to contact you Member of Congress and Senators. Hopefully it will be enlightening and maybe even a little entertaining.

Bob Meek
CVWC President

Club News

Editor- Jay Adams

It is gratifying to know that our Club navigated 2009 and remains in good financial condition. We embark on a new year and a new decade during a period of uncertainty, it will take good leadership and good decision making to preserve all that we have accomplished. Lets resolve to work together to continue building and making our Club a better place for our members and a positive contributor to our community.

One of the tasks of 2010 is to draft comprehensive club policies and regulations. As Bob mentioned in his portion of the newsletter, we continue to have a problem with folks shooting at targets on the ground at the rifle range. This is clearly a violation of our range

rules and creates a serious problem for our club. This cannot be ignored, as indifference to such behavior could be interpreted as negligence if a injury occurred inside or outside of the club. This has been discussed enough at club meetings and in the newsletter to justify harsh treatment if a member or a member's guest is caught shooting targets in any manner that results in bullets striking anywhere outside of a backstop. That said, the penalty will be harsh and could be in the form of anything up to expulsion from the club. Violators will be brought before the Board of Directors for an explanation. If the behavior is deemed sufficiently egregious, a member may be restricted from use of the facilities while waiting for the Board to meet. As a club member you should take to heart the importance of preventing such behavior and help us police the ranges.

Bob also mentioned trespassers... please let us know if you see any unauthorized activity at the club. It doesn't hurt to communicate.

The menu for the January meeting will be chicken & dumplings, a vegetables and pecan pie. Remember, February is the annual Wild Game Dinner and it is time to begin collecting ingredients. If you have an abundance of game in your freezer or something that you exotic you would like to share please try to get it out to the club no later than February 20th. PLEASE label your donation! It helps a lot if you know what you are cooking.

A couple of upcoming events you should take note of... February 18th there will be a Friends of NRA event at the clubhouse. PLEASE try to attend! These events are important to the NRA. They are a way of getting direct feedback from their constituents and they are also a great opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of likeminded folks. There are a couple

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of donated hunts and several firearms that will (presumably) be raffled....then May 14-16; the NRA Annual Convention in Charlotte. This is a huge event and you should make every effort to be there. It will be held the same weekend that the NASCAR Museum is being opened so expect tough parking and if you are going to try and stay in Charlotte... make your reservations early.

The combination to the gate will be changed sometime around February 1st. If you are going to be delayed on paying your 2010 dues please let the Board know your intentions. We want to keep every one of you as members.

I realize that there were some errors and omissions in reporting workdays in the newsletter last year... I will try my best to get it right this year.... I could go into a long explanation but I will save you that.... rest assured... it was NOT George Bush's fault.