

The Catawba Valley Wildlife Club was founded by local sportsmen on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 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

It appears we had a very successful Summer Bash with the shooting events, the silent auction, dinner and raffle. Our silent auction raised enough money to cover our dinner and other prizes, so all our proceeds from the raffle ticket sales went to benefit the club. This annual event makes it possible for us to keep our dues reasonable and I appreciate everyone's participation in the event. Thanks again to Jay for heading it up and for Jeff handling ticket sales. Every year we learn something and hopefully improve the event.

Art Miller's wife and family were our guest and we dedicated the memorial garden (an on going project) in his honor. Please stop and see the plaques in the stone wall. I want to tank Murray and Bill M. for heading this up and the fine job that Don F. and Mike E. did on it. We will continue to work on plantings and if you have any plants you would like to donate in someone's honor or just donate, please let Mike Eckard know. I know Art's family appreciated it and sent us a very nice thank you.

Our next big event will be National Hunting and Fishing Day the last Saturday in September. This is

### July-August 2010

- **July 22<sup>nd</sup> - Monthly Dinner Meeting**
- **July 24<sup>th</sup> - Workday**
- **August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Board of Directors Meeting -7:00PM**
- **August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> &4<sup>th</sup> -Range house closed for painting**
- **August 14<sup>th</sup>-CMP Match** Garand B-Course(40 rounds and Carbine Match

another opportunity to get in your workdays and for those who need non strenuous workdays this is a perfect opportunity. Please let Murray or me know if you want to work.

In August we will have barbecue catered (the cost will be the same) to give the kitchen crew the night off. Can't keep them out of the kitchen as they will be making the tea. Please come and enjoy that meal.

July will be a delayed July 4th cookout with hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken fingers.

I must apologize to everyone in the closing of our BOD meeting last night I forgot to pickup all the workday sign in sheets so the workday for June will not show in the newsletter until August. However, I will have the names for our drawing at the July meeting.

Speaking of the newsletter, Jay has asked that we find a replacement for him as editor. If you have any interest at all in doing it please contact Jay or me. Jay will train you and it is another way to earn workdays.

We will be electing new officers and BOD members in November, so please consider running for one of these positions. Our only criteria is that you attend the BOD meetings, be a member of 2 years or more

in good standing and be willing to help lead our club. If I can be president then you know the jobs can't be too hard. Please let me or Mike Eckard or Ron Isom know if you are interested in running.

Finally I must end on a negative and somewhat painful note. The Catawba Valley Wildlife Club is run the honor system depending on the integrity of our members. That system has worked well over the years but recently we have had two breaches of members trust. Within the last month someone broke into the envelope box (mailbox) in the wobble trap building and stole the money paid for shooting. Based on the evidence they had to have a key to the building. This means it was a member of the club or a non-member who somehow got access to a key and the property when they were not authorized to do so. I know that 99% of our members follow the honor system without fail, but apparently we have a bad apple who may end up spoiling the whole thing for the rest of the club. I hate to ask for folks to spy on each other, but if you see something that doesn't look right please report it to an officer or BOD member and we will take if from there. Hopefully this will not happen again.

#### Trapper List

##### August 7<sup>th</sup>

Wayne Beard  
Jerry Barger  
Scott Jeffries  
Pat Beard  
Glenn Franklin

##### August 21<sup>st</sup>

Alan Burgess  
Steve Parkhurst  
Jay Adams  
Bob Klinger  
Glenn Helms

## Club News

*Editor- Jay Adams*

As Bob mentioned I am going to give up the newsletter ....at least for a while. I think it is healthy for Club tasks to be shared rather than dominated. If you have an inclination for observing club activities, writing, some mastery of a word processing program and a sense of humor then you are equipped to do the job. It really isn't a unpleasant task at all. I will help with the transition. Email me at [jay@acrescarolina.com](mailto:jay@acrescarolina.com) or call me at 828-381-1901 if you want to discuss the possibilities.

The rifle range house is going to be painted inside and out the first week in August. This is the type of thing that should be on the web page and it is a good reason for you to check [catawbawildlife.org](http://catawbawildlife.org) before you head out to the club. I hate it when I go to the club to do something and find that work or minor events prevent me from doing it. I accidentally arrived during a CMP match a few years ago that I didn't know was going on....that has cost me thousands of dollars.

Following up on Bob's comment about missing funds. Times are tough for all of us but if we catch anyone stealing from the club the punishment will be severe. We will take measures to suppress the temptation and then we will 'lay in wait'. Nuf said.

## The Summer Bash & Sportsman's Festival

As Chairman of the event I will offer some observations. It was a hot day. There were a lot of people there. The food was good. We had fun. We made money.

Moreover, there was a constant willingness to pitch in and help from the time I arrive and 6:30 AM till we closed up 'shop' about 9:30 PM from everybody there. The thing I wanted to achieve is a day

of activities that bring the membership together to enjoy the facilities, fellowship and food and I feel like this year's event brought that dream a lot closer to fruition.

I am amused at the many comments about our great organization. The fact is it was a superior display of finessing our way through a number of over sights and the results that come from everybody having a very positive attitude toward overcoming the little goofs and unforeseen glitches. It is all about attitude! The first 'change' in the schedule was moving registration indoors. Lesson learned: put registration where the food is. We had a good number of folks arrive as soon as the gates opened to register for the shooting events; have a bite to eat and socialize a bit. It was a great start. The events sequenced just like last year and went very smoothly. We had a couple of additions that included a '300 yard test of marksmanship for open sighted guns' which turned out to be 'break a clay bird and win \$100' competition. Congratulations to the 'lucky' winner Mike Lasley. We had a 'Tactical Demonstration' organized by Cecil Self at lunch time which involved some really cool suppressed tactical rifles shooting at targets from the field trap (approved by the BOD, not ordinarily allowed) which was really impressive.

The late BOD meeting (among other things) limits my time to produce this newsletter so I will forgo listing all the event winners and drawing winners.

The dedication of the Memorial Garden was attended by quite a number of folks that had been shooting in the events, were arriving for the evening festivities and Art's family. Murray Davis did the honors and later remarked that he had begun to ramble but the fact is Murray's comments were obviously heart felt and his comments certainly conveyed Art's contributions to the club and the special and very meaningful relationship that we had with Art. The plaques adorning the columns were created by Murray and the committee and eloquently capture the dedication of Art Millers and so many people that have

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made the club what it is today and the need for continued devotion and effort to keep it alive and thriving.

The Bash portion of the day was something! The dinner was as good as it gets and Cody Yoder and the kitchen committee did a remarkable job of providing food for the entire day and ending it with a sumptuous meal. The crowd was as big as I have ever seen in the Clubhouse. The drawings went off without a hitch. Jeff Easley was mindful of last year's snafu during the drawing and was determined not to experience it again. The 'guest ticket' drawing was a two night trip to Primland ([primland.com](http://primland.com)) and was a very big hit as a prize for a \$10 ticket.

We made money, had fun and made a club event just a little bit better. It will be even better next year! Thanks to all the members that supported it!

