

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

by Bob Meek

Hope all of you have survived the winter and are now ready to get back outdoors. We had one of the best wild game dinners we have had in a while. We were concerned about having enough and then we ended up with quite an abundance of game. Hope you were able to make it out to that meeting. I also want to thank the kitchen crew for the great job they did preparing all that game.

Activities begin to pickup at the club as the weather warms. We are hosting the NC Carolina Wildlife Hunter Safety Shoot on March 20 at the club. It looks like we could have a record number of 25 high school teams shooting at that event. The weekend of April 9, 10 & 11 we will have a large Boy Scout camporee at the club with as many as 200 Scouts participating (ranges will still be open for club members). In May we have the traditional archery shoot followed closely by our Summer Bash. Keep your ears tuned for more on the Summer Bash; it is going to be an extra special event this year. These events provide many opportunities for members who have health/physical issues to earn workdays by helping with the inside work such as registering participants, taking up money for meals and other activities that would allow you to work sitting down inside. Just let us know if

March-April 2010

- **Hunter's Safety Shoot-March 20th (rifle range closed)**
- **Monthly Dinner Meeting - March 25th 7:00 PM**
- **Workday - March 27th -8:00AM; Swap & Sell -12:30**
- **Board of Directors Meeting April 6th 7:00PM**
- **Boy Scout Camporee - April 9, 10, 11**
- **CMP Match April 10th - (Garand A-Course &.22 sporter match)**
- **Sporting Clays - April 3rd & 17th**

you can help on any of these events in any way.

Your BOD continues to work on ways to grow and improve your club. Please let me know if there is someone or some area you would like to give the program at our regular monthly meeting. We will be glad to see if we can line them up.

Please be sure to check our website www.catawbawildlife.org for updates on what is going on at our club.

Turn outs at workdays were strong even through the winter. I appreciate everyone pitching in and doing what we need to keep our club in first rate condition. We are an all volunteer club and it takes everyone's effort to keep things going. Last year we had well over a 1000 man days of volunteer work for the club.

Please remember the rules of the club, such as gate procedures, unloading only and parking areas at the ranges, and the restrictions on the type of firearms allowed on each range. Be safe and straight shooting.

Club News

Editor- Jay Adams

The fields are greening up....**Spring is just around the corner!**

The club is seeing more and more hits on our web site. If you haven't

visited lately you should take a look. It is the quickest way to get your newsletter (which I know you breathlessly await each month). We would like to post more up to date information, we just need some help getting it done (*if you are a "web guru", have some time on your hands and want to help push our club into the 21st century, let us know*). There are fairly frequent inquiries about membership and we are seeing consistent membership growth. To the extent the web page has contributed to this we have Chip Hardin to thank. He and his wife and daughter did a tremendous job on updating the web page for the club.

As of the second week in March we have seen nearly identical results on membership renewals and Bash ticket purchases that we saw in 2009. All things considered, this is a positive sign for 2010

The Friends of NRA banquet was a success. Some folks walked away with neat prizes. The auction was a little lean but times are tough and the results were not unexpected. The attendance was very good and it was good to see a lot of new faces. The folks from the NRA really enjoyed having the event at our

clubhouse. Next year we should try to make it even better. Perhaps if we had it a month later we could have some shooting activities.

The February workday was something...41 workers...the place was abuzz with activity and the leftovers from the wild game dinner were enjoyed by all. Remember the "Swap & Sell" event that was scheduled after the workday? I brought out a huge array of really neat items, bargains galore, rare items that only the truly afflicted gun enthusiast would appreciate.... and nobody else showed up.... After all those people asked for the event. Well, I still think it's a good idea so I am going to do it again after the next workday on March 27th.....12:30.....be there.

There will be a big Boy Scout camporee at the club the weekend of April 9th,10th & 11th so if you come out don't be surprised if there are a couple of hundred tents on the grounds. The ranges will be open, but there will be lots of tents pitched, campfires burning, stuff cooking.

The March monthly dinner meeting will feature country style steak, mashed potatoes, vegetables and ...I can't remember what else, we were pretty hungry as Wayne was telling the BOD and everybody was drooling all over the tables....don't miss it. The program is likely to involve turkeys in some form or fashion as the season opens just days after the meeting.

The Traditional Archery Tournament is not far away. The event will be held May 28th, 29th & 30th. This is a great event that everyone should try to make if you are in town for the long Memorial Day weekend. One of the few club events you won't need ear plugs.

The Summer Bash & Sportsman's Festival committee is working along. The tickets will be a little later than we thought. We are designing a new ticket that better represents the event. This year's event will feature the dedication of the Memorial Garden and we are going to do our best to make that a memorable moment. The garden will require a lot of work this spring. The committee has been waiting for a break in the weather so that the area can be rough graded. The front yard will be re-contoured to accommodate a walkway that will run from the entrance to the garden at the parking lot and run up to the front of the clubhouse. The yard will be re-shaped to provide more controlled drainage too. The workdays this spring will no doubt be largely focused on preparing the site and getting plantings under way.

We need a "communications coordinator" for the Bash & Festival. This will be a pretty cushy, "inside" job. It is a job that a spouse could do and I would really like to get spouses involved with the Bash & Festival. If anyone would like to give this a try please **contact Jay Adams at 828-323-9100**. For that matter if you can commit to being around on the 18th and 19th of June and would like to help up out with the Bash and get in a couple of workdays call me.

Many of you were at the February dinner meeting and saw the program presented by Paul Valone of Grass Roots North Carolina (GRNC). I must tell you that he was absolutely delighted when I asked how many attending had a concealed carry license and most of the room raised their hands. Paul later said: "These are my kind of people!" and of course you are. Paul is sending me a bunch of tickets to the GRNC annual banquet that will be held the same weekend as the NRA convention in Charlotte. The GRNC Annual Dinner & Second Amendment Symposium will

December-January Workdays

- Abermathy, 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)

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feature Alan Gura as it keynote speaker. The event location is the Charlotte Marriott City Center; 6:30 PM on Friday, May 14, 2010. I don't know if you are sensitive to history but you can here in person the attorney that won the *District of Columbia v. Heller* case and is lead council in the *McDonald v. Chicago* which was argued before the Supreme Court just a couple of weeks ago. (*Not to mention hang out with a bunch of like minded folks and show support for the organization that made your concealed carry permit possible*). This is an important event for GRNC as the proceeds will be used to continue the fight for gun rights....your gun rights.

For Sale

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