

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**

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This month we will be voting on officers and candidates for the Board of Directors. All the current officers except the treasurer have decided to run for office again. We also have ten excellent candidates for eight positions on the BOD. Prior to voting for the officers and BOD we will have three changes to the by laws to consider. One is a new category of membership, one is changing the criteria for life membership and the third is aligning the officers and BOD's successive terms of office. Please read the article in the newsletter that explains these proposed changes. The BOD strongly supports all three and hopes the membership will also.

We still do not have a candidate for treasurer. To assist in this job, the BOD has voted to hire a bookkeeper to assist the treasurer in performing their duties. This will take a good deal of the paperwork off the treasurer. If you would be interested in serving, or know someone who might be please let Glen Rhoney or myself know.

In spite of the economic condition we face here in the Catawba Valley we continue to grow adding members each month. Usage of the clubs facilities remains good though down a bit from last year's level. Your BOD continues to make efforts to improve the facilities at the club. Many of you have probably already noticed the wall out front. That wall is the beginning of our Miller Memorial garden in honor of several of our long term members.

Our program committee chairman works very hard to get interesting programs for our club meetings. Lately during those programs it has

**December-November 2009**

- **Monthly Dinner Meeting - November 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**
- **Workday - November 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 AM till...**
- **Board of Directors -Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM**
- **CMP Match-December 12<sup>th</sup> -8:00 AM at the range  
(Garand B-Course and Carbine Match)**
- **December Monthly Dinner Meeting - December 17<sup>th</sup>**

become noticeable that more and more members are talking during the presentation. Please respect our speakers by remaining quiet and turning off cell phones during the presentation. If you really need to speak to someone please excuse yourself and go outside.

At our December meeting we do not charge for the meal but ask members to donate to a worthy cause. This year the money will be going to the Miller Memorial Garden. We ask each member to donate at least the regular cost of the meal.

Finally if you have not gotten credit for all the workdays you worked this year, please let me know ASAP so I can get them in before we do invoice for dues. Call me or email me at [rhmeekjr@aol.com](mailto:rhmeekjr@aol.com)

Bob Meek  
President

**Club News**

The November dinner menu will include Country Ham (A.K.A. Pork Jerky), green beans, biscuits, and sweet potato pie. New members, please note that the November and December monthly meetings are the third Thursday of the month. The November meeting is special due to the elections of officers and Board members. As we all know, elections are important. There is no program at this meeting so there is a lot of socializing while the votes are counted.

Bring photos of your latest hunting escapades or you latest "show and tell" item and enjoy the food and fellowship and help us put some good people in charge of our club.

As November rolls around we realize that another year is just about past and our club has had another great year in spite of all the things going on around us. I think one of the hallmarks of 2009 is the beginning of the Memorial Garden but we have also had some great events in the Tony Barger Memorial Sporting Clays event, Traditional Archery Tournament, The Summer Bash & Sportsman's Festival, National Hunting and Fishing Day, great monthly meetings, sporting clays and CMP events. As I look back on the fellowship of the year I can only conclude that we are blessed to have our club and to have the opportunity to enjoy the facilities together. It has been really gratifying to see the turn out at the work days and the support at all of the events this year. As I compile the workdays for the newsletter I can't help but note the increase in participants and hours worked. It is interesting to note that some folks that had never worked many workdays have not only gotten in their 3 required days but continue to come out to work. I think it is true; it's not what you do, it's who you do it with that makes life's experiences rich.

The Memorial Garden team has done great work and we should all thank Bill Mixon for taking on the task of organizing the effort. We should also be aware that John Lutz did the beautiful stonework. The Club has invested nearly \$10,000 in the Garden but it was felt that people like Art Millers and many others that have given of themselves to make our club possible should be remembered. Shortly before Art passed away the idea was conceived and a fund was set up to make it possible. If you feel moved to make a contribution to the effort contact a member of the Board or an officer or come to the December dinner meeting and drop a check into the basket.

As President Bob mentioned we have a problem with finding a club treasurer. It doesn't appear that anyone is going to lunge forward to do the job so all I can say is be willing if you are asked to do the job. The Board of Directors has voted to pay a bookkeeper to assist in the task so it will certainly be easier than it has in the past.

The Board also voted to fund construction of a much larger storage building (30x40 feet) for Sporting Clays (actually for all of the shotgun sports). This structure should serve the club for a very long time. The next task will be to figure out where to site the building. This is important because the Club has access to a paved road (Wildlife Road) which is about 700 feet from the area where the current Sporting Clays shed is located. The access is provided by a 60 foot right of way that connects to the neighborhood to the south of our property. Several years ago we researched the feasibility of using the right of way and found that we can when or if we want too. The Board has instructed that the new building not impair the pathway into the club should the road be connected at some future date. If the access to wildlife road were opened the building might be served by delivery trucks and that is a consideration for it's location.

### Workdays

Barger, Jerry (1)  
 Beard, Wayne (1)  
 Bertalot, Ernest (1)  
 Bowman, Ed (2)  
 Bruckmann, John (1)  
 Campbell, Everette (2)  
 Cooke, Dave (3)  
 Corne, Bud (2)  
 Corne, Sarah (1)  
 Cough, David (1)  
 Crawford, Ashley (1)  
 Daughtry, Richard (1)  
 Davis, Murray (4)  
 DeSimone, Richard (1)  
 Echard, Mike (3)  
 Fulbright, Don (2)  
 Harvan, Mike (2)  
 Holman, Bob (5)  
 Hudson, Jim (2)  
 Isom, Ron, (1)  
 Johnson, Jim (1)  
 Klinger, Bob (5)  
 Lineberger Dick (1)  
 Long, Bill (1)  
 Lore, Ken (1)  
 McCracken Duane (1)  
 Meek, Bob (2)  
 Miller, Jim (2)  
 Mixon, Bill (2)  
 Nealan, Michael (1)  
 Nealan, Scott (1)  
 Nealan, Tyler (1)  
 Parham, David (1)  
 Parkhurst, Steve (1)  
 Perkins, Russ (4)  
 Reese, Wayne (1)  
 Rhoney, Glenn (2)  
 Smith, Randy (1)  
 Sweezy, Bruce (2)  
 Thomas, Johnny (5)  
 Walker, William (2)  
 Yount, Nolan (2)

Hunter Safety Courses will be taught at CVWC on November 16-17, 2009 and December 14-15, 2009 by Bruce Sweezy. This is a great thing to do with a youngster that is itching to go hunting.

Believe it or not we will be starting to plan the 2010 Summer Bash & Sportsman's Festival very soon. We will continue to refine the schedule and try to make the event even better this year. If you have ideas or would like to participate in the committee's effort directly you are welcome to join the group. Contact Jay Adams at 828-381-1901 and add your name to the team.

### By Laws Amendments

The following items will be presented to the Members attending the November Monthly Meeting for discussion and approval. Changes and additions are in bold italics.

Article I Section 4. A life membership may be obtained by making a contribution of an amount established by the Board of Directors (***currently***

***\$1,500), 10 years CVWC Membership with 5 years active service in the form of Event Chairman, Board of Directors, or Officer position and Board approval.***

***Adding Section 4.2 – A Senior Honorary Life Membership is available to any member over age 70 with 10 years of membership and they shall be exempt from annual dues.***

***Adding Section 8.1 Whistleblower Policy –(to be developed)***

***Section 8.2 Conflict of Interest Policy Disclosure forms- (to be developed)***

***Section 8.3 Document Retention & Destruction Policy- (to be developed)***

### HelpWanted

After a couple of years writing the monthly newsletter I have concluded that I need some help. It would be helpful if I could get some items contributed from members that I could add into the

### Club Officers

Pres-	Bob Meek	324-5201
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Steve Parlhurst	294-1301
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 Nealan	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

newsletter. Better yet if there are enough willing writers in the club we could improve the whole format of the newsletter through a real publication committee. All organizations benefit from an informed membership and if the material is well written the membership will read it. I think it would be very cool if we could add brief reports on members sporting adventures (hunting, fishing, competition, etc.). (*Maybe I can get the Board to give us credit for a workday for doing the newsletter*). As with all of the work it takes to run this Club, it is much easier when the task is a shared effort and the result better represents the overall interest of Club. So, if you think the club would benefit from a better monthly newsletter (especially if you have a software package other than "Word") and would like to make a contribution to such an effort please contact me at [jay@acrescarolina.com](mailto:jay@acrescarolina.com).

**Have a Great Thanksgiving  
& God Bless!**