

BOONE COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S CLUB SPRING NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2009

Welcome:

The Officers and the Board of Directors would like to welcome all shooters to the summer season at the Boone County Sportsman's Club. It's been a long winter and I trust that you are as anxious as I am to get out to the ranges or clay target fields. We hope each and every member gets out to use our facility. In times like these when the shooting sports are under greater and greater assault from those that would deny us of our rights to own or poses guns, we need to be good ambassadors of our sport. We need to encourage those that are open minded to experience the thrill and skill of a well placed shot on a challenging target. Invite a friend to come out to shoot and then invite them to become a member of our club. There is strength in numbers and only education can combat fear and prejudice.

If anyone, especially new members, have any questions about how things are done at the club, please feel free to call or talk to any of the officers or board members. **We also wish everyone would take a moment to review the rule book that the club sent out in 2003 and has mailed to each new member since.**

NOTICE: E-mail address change !!!!

Please enter boonesportsmanclub@msn.com in your address book on your computer to keep our newsletters from going to your spam filter.

On a sad note; Our club lost another beloved and valued member of our ranks this winter. Craig Menefee suffered a fatal heart attack while deer hunting this past December. Most of you know Craig as the Vice President of Skeet and a board member with this club for many years. Many a Skeet shooter at this club has been the beneficiary of his quiet patient tutelage on the finer points of the game. His absence is a loss to all of us and he will be missed.

As many of you know we lost Don Schroeder to cancer in October of 2007 and Craig (Dock) Menefee in December of 2008. Each of these two men were long time members of this B.C.S.C., and served as tireless promoters of our club. Whenever there was a work, day or other club activity Crag & Don would always be there ready to work. Both men served loyally and for many years in numerous positions as officers and on the board of directors of this club.

Shooting Hours:

As we start a new shooting season we would just like to remind everyone to observe our shooting hours. We are able to continue operations by the grace and good will that we show to our neighbors. Shooting hours are **8:00 am to 9:30 PM. No after dark shooting** except trap and skeet under the lights. We do have a lot of neighbors now and we are trying to take a pro-active stance on being neighborly.

NO EXCEPTIONS! (Unless pre-approved by the board).

Calendar of Events:

May 5th. ? Our regularly scheduled Trap & Skeet will start and will run through October. Hours will be 5:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Again this year only pop and water will be available. **(No candy bars)**

May 17th. / Clean-up day 8:00 A.M. – Until done (Rain or Shine)

August 28th. – 29th. & 30th. / Gun Show @ Boone County Fairgrounds. (Contact a club officer if you can help) This event requires a lot of people to ensure a successful show.

4th Saturday of every month / Defensive Pistol Match. (9:00 am start during daylight saving time)

Range Closings:

Please note that **ALL** ranges will be closed on the following days, for various reasons;

April / May Two days each, Boone Police Department, and D.N.R. for qualifications. (Dates not confirmed at this time).

May 17 / Until clean-up day is done ! (Come out and help, it will go faster).

On rare occasions, other non-scheduled closings may become necessary for various reasons.

Gun Shows:

This year our club is putting on our 6th Annual gun show at the Boone County Fairgrounds. It is scheduled for Aug. 28 – 29 – 30, with set up beginning Friday morning, August 29th.

Help is needed with set up, as well as working the show, and tear down after the show. We also need help with making signs, selling raffle tickets, and security. If you can help your club with any of these projects, please contact Mark 212-0125. If you sign up and work at the show you will also be eligible for free admission.

Please support your club bring a friend and check out the show. We have a very nice selection of good dealers on hand. This will be the 6th. year that we have held the show and it gets better and better each year. This show represents our main fundraiser and all proceeds go directly to the Boone County Sportsman's Club to support operations and improvements to the facility. We will be having a special drawing just for card-carrying members that attend the show. (You must show your card to be eligible)

Trap and Skeet:

Trap and Skeet will be on Tuesday and Thursday as in the past. The hours will remain the same, start time – 5:00 pm, and last round started no later than 9:00 pm, to be completed by 9:30 pm. Steve Gus and Rick Howell will run Tuesdays with Mark Hasstedt and Tom Snow will be running Thursdays. The price of a round for a member will remain at \$ 3.00 until such a time our expenses force it higher. Non-member rounds start at \$ 5.00 and drop from there according to the number of rounds shot. If you plan to shoot, don't wait until 9:00 to show up, because if it's a dead night or rainy night, they might close early. (Remember, they are volunteers too !)

Archery Range:

Please note the improvements that have been made to the archery range. We now have a new crushed asphalt pad that keeps the area relatively dry and mud free. In addition the archery range has been turned to face east so that arrows will not end up on the neighbor's property. For safety reasons we remind all shooters that your arrows must be shot traveling to the East.

Bench Shooting:

As we get more and more members in the club, there is a potential for a problem of crowding on the 25, 50, and 100 yard ranges. Please be aware of shooters that are waiting to use the ranges. As soon as you are finished, please make room for the next shooter. Also, if multiple ranges are being used, make sure everyone ceases firing before walking forward to check your targets. As always PLEASE pick up **ALL** center fire rifle and pistol brass, and all shotgun hulls. Also as always, **do not shoot into the uprights, cross braces, or concrete pads** on the backstops. There is a large area of cardboard provided for you to place your paper targets on. This cardboard is designed to be expendable and is relatively inexpensive and fairly easy to replace. The frame and timbers are much more costly and difficult to replace. Lower expenses and less work for the volunteers who maintain our facility keeps everyone happy by keeping membership costs low.

Please **remove your paper targets** from the backstops when done shooting.

Instead of doing the next shooter a favor, you are actually creating hard feelings with our neighbors when they find your targets in their yards the next day because the wind has blown it from the back stop.

Spring Clean-up Day:

This day is exactly as it sounds. We clean up, fix up, rake up, service, machinery and stock up our supplies. Clean up day will be **May 17th** starting at 8:00 am. **We do need help !** It would be nice to see some fresh faces. Please stop out and help, even if it's only for an hour or two. It will really be appreciated. Lunch will be furnished for all workers.

Club Meetings:

We do have club meetings every month throughout the summer and fall. Because of the lack of activity we usually suspend meetings for December and January. The meetings are on the second Monday of each month, at 6:00 pm, unless there is a conflict. To check on a meeting, feel free to call a board member. The meetings are usually held at the North building on the club grounds. All members are encouraged to attend. We value your input and new ideas.

Safety Information:

As we all know, safety is number one at our club ! If you ever see anyone doing anything that is not safe, and we hope that you don't, please write down his/her license number and leave at once. Then please call one of the officers or directors and let them handle the problem. Also, as paid up club members, everyone has the right to ask anyone on club property to show their membership card. Our club is for **paid up members only !** If any member has a complaint about something that has happened at the club, get us names or license numbers of the errant parties and turn them in with your name to the officers or directors. Then we can effectively solve the problem. We will not act on hearsay information. We must have facts !!

Memberships:

2009 membership forms are available at several locations. You can get a form from the clear plastic box at the front gate to the club, by contacting one of the club officers, or by copying the one that is attached to your Newsletter. In order to make it easier for us to process your application, please print legibly. You know who you are!

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