



# T A R G E T B O A R D

The Meeker Sportsman Club, Inc. Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2008

## FAMILY OUTDOOR SPORTING DAY - Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

Formerly called Youth Day! We changed the name for several reasons, most importantly because we want this to be a family event. While it's aimed at kids we've learned that it's not just kids that enjoy participating! We had several 'moms' last year who had their first experience with shooting sports and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Past problems with kids being dropped off and running amuck is not a good situation, especially when the event involves firearms. So why not make it a family event? We have great sponsorship this year with \$250 from the Heart of Ohio Chapter of the NWTF and \$200 from the Delaware Fish & Game Club. VFW 3313 in Marion has donated \$200 to sponsor the free lunch and Conway's BBQ in Marion is giving us a pretty good deal on pulled pork. We also received some kids stuff from the Sportsman's Den, ammo from Norton Sporting Goods, chips from Wyandot, ice from both Al's Country Market and Big P's Pit Stop. Something different we'll be doing this year is a Safety Orientation at the start of the event. It will be required for everyone who wants to try their hand at any of the hands-on shooting. While we strive to promote and generate interest in shooting sports, we want to stress safety first!

- 7:30 – 8:30 Staff meeting and event set-up
- 8:30 – 9:00 Sign in and registration
- 9:00 – 9:15 / 9:30 Safety Orientation
- 9:30 – 11:30 Hands on activities
- 11:30 – 12:00 Lunch
- 12:00 – 1:00 Demonstrations
- 1:00 – 3:00 Hands on activities

### SCHEDULE



**HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES:** Rifle, Shotgun, Custom Shotgun, Archery, Pistol, Air Rifle, Reloading & Fishing. **DEMONSTRATIONS:** Alligators, snakes, force on force defense and the Marion Co. Sheriff's Canine Unit. Anyone wishing to help should be at the club about 7:30. We can never have too many people keeping an eye on things, safety is utmost! If you have the time, (even if its just an hour!) we can use everyone and anyone. Stations will be set up across the club grounds. We'll need help at the stations, monitoring the grounds, registration, setting up for lunch, etc. If you have anything at all to donate you can drop it off at the memberships office anytime.... food, goodie bag items, literature, gift certificates, door prizes, use your imagination!

**HUNTER'S ED CLASS – October 25 & 26** We're happy to say we're holding a second class this year! It's a two day class but if all attending are willing it can be done in one day.

**Saturday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm    Sunday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Snacks and drinks will be available but bringing a lunch is suggested.

**TRUSTEE & SECRETARY VACANCY – The terms expire in December but must be filled asap. Members in good standing with three years are eligible. If you have an interest or would like a say in the matter you must attend the meeting September 29, 2008.**

**ARCHERY –** The club has purchased another 20 3D targets from the IBO. They were used at one event so they are in excellent condition and the price of \$2300 was about half of what they would have been new! Allen County Archers have been a great help to us. Not only have they helped at our events and brought in new shooters, but when they picked up their targets from the IBO (out of state!) they picked up ours as well and didn't ask for anything in return. We gave them \$100 to help cover fuel costs. We now have enough good targets to hold quality matches. The older targets that aren't suitable for matches are now set on the course for members to use at any time.

**Saturday Sept. 20,** 9am – noon archery will run concurrently with the Family Outdoor Sporting Day. Kids may shoot the course free. Adults - \$4 members, \$8 non-member, repeat course \$4. It's an excellent wooded course and L.A. Wheeler, Darlene Pacha, Roger and Chrys Rice work hard at running events and keeping the course and targets in good condition. It's an on going chore and we really appreciate their hard work! Plans are in place for indoor archery through the winter. If you're interested in helping with archery let us know!

**Al's**  
COUNTRY MARKET  
**DEER CHECK STATION**  
3249 Harding Hwy W, Marion (Big Island)

**FISHING DERBY RESULTS** – 24 kids raced against time for the first, last, biggest and smallest catch of the day. 1 ½ hours, **135 fish!!** 102 blue gil and 33 bass from 4" to 13". Talk about fun! The poor guys at the 'weigh' station couldn't get the fish off the hooks fast enough. Not only did they catch a boatload of fish, but thanks to Jim Southward and the Passport to Fishing program every single kid took home a brand spanking new fishing pole!



**BAILEY WILLIAMS – 13" BASS**

**BOWLING PIN MATCHES** – What fun! You really should check it out. Weather won't permit too many more of the outdoor matches so don't put it off. **Monday's at 6 pm...** except the last Monday of the month which is meeting night! If you haven't gotten your concealed carry permit, this would be a good place to get information on it.

**GUN SHOW & FLEA MARKET** – This month may be the last one held outdoors. \$5 a space is pretty darn cheap. **Sept 21 9am to 2pm.** Help spread the word, all proceeds go toward the 400 yard range!

**VARMINT MATCH** – Only 3 left! **Sept 14, Oct 12 & Nov 9** – 10am

**RIFLE TEAM** – Season starts soon! November through April. 22 cal single shot with bull barrels, 50 feet at NRA targets, Jackets, Slings, Kneeling rolls, 3 position, prone, off hand (standing), kneeling. Anyone interested in joining the team should contact Marshall Baker.

**BY-LAWS** ~ A committee has been formed for the purpose of reviewing the club's by-laws. This is something that should involve a good number of people throughout the club. If you have any interest in being part of the committee please let us know.

**CLUB YAHOO GROUP** - Having a website and being able to email club members is great, but we'd like to take communication to the next level so we've started an internet 'yahoo groups'. Newsletters are sent out when there's enough information to write one, which isn't very often. The 'yahoo group' not only allows immediate distribution of updates, schedule and date changes or cancellations, it allows members to communicate with the club and each other! The group allows members to post messages and share information...voice your opinion, find a shooting partner, sell your equipment, what happened at the last meeting, the uses are immense. Members can opt to receive an email when something new is posted or you can simply check it when you have time. We truly hope you'll take advantage of it! Search the Yahoo groups for meekerclub or go to: <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/meekerclub/>

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- Memberships Available at:
  - Marion
    - Club House (mail box)
    - Memberships office
    - Al's Country Market (Big Island)
    - Big P's Pit Stop (New Bloomington)
    - Rods Guns & More
  - La Rue
    - Raceway Mini Mart
  - Waldo
    - Norton Sporting Goods