



TARGET BOARD



Newsletter of the Meeker Sportsman Club, Inc.

JUNE 2009

BOWLING PINS
Mon. 6pm *except*
last Mon. of month.
weather permitting

VARMINT MATCH
2nd Sunday
May-Oct 10am

GUN SHOW
3rd Sun. 9am -2pm
Includes Flea Market
May – Sept.

3D ARCHERY
Jun20 July 25
Aug 8 9am - Noon

FISHING DERBY
Jun 6
Rain Date Jun 13

MILITARY SHOOT
Jun 20 Jul 25
Aug 15 Sept 26
Oct 17 10am

FAMILY CAMPOUT
July 10 – 12

Potluck COOKOUT
Jul 11 4pm - ?

HUNTER'S ED
Aug 29 & 30

HUNTER'S ED
Home Study Test
Oct 24

Family Outdoor
Sporting Day(FOSD)
Sept 19

REFUSE TO BE
A VICTIM
Oct 3 10 - 2

MEETINGS:
Last Mon. of month
If holiday meeting is
following Wed.

TTEE Nominations
Nov 30

Annual Membership
Meeting & Elections
Dec 28

CLUB HOUSE
RENTED JUN 13
(no trap shooting
when rented)

KIDS FISHING DERBY JUNE 6

Come join us!! You'll have as much fun as the kids!! Some of them have never caught a fish before, some of them are old pros. Either way it's great watching them and helping them learn the ropes. We need at least 3 "stations" which consists of a canopy, table, chairs, bucket, bait, measuring board, pliers etc. Each station needs two people to man it. We would prefer to have 4 stations as last year we had 3 and 4 kids waiting at each station for someone to remove and tally their fish! If you can bring a canopy or help in any way please let us know soon! Baiting a hook or untangling a line is occasionally necessary, we have some kids who's parents are not fishermen but want to give their kids the experience. We'll have drinks and snacks for everyone. VFW Post 3313 is donating beverages and Norton Sporting Goods is helping with a couple prizes.

FISHING POND

If you've been fishing in the past few days you noticed there's been some major clean up at the pond - *done by members!*. Club member Mike Bates, owner of Island Aquatics in Big Island, is working with us to try and balance our fish population. We'll have statistics from of both this & last years fishing derby but could use your help. Just let us know what kind of fish you catch and how big. While catch and release is still in effect there is an exception. White or Striped Bass are predatory and NOT desirable for our habitat. Unfortunately we didn't know that when we stocked the pond several years ago. If you catch White or Striped Bass please do not return them to the pond!

IBO QUALIFER – Stolen 3D Targets

It seems archery is a hot sporting event these days. The IBO Qualifier was a great success bringing in over \$1800, not counting expenses and winnings paid out. Though the event went fairly smoothly it took a big tole on the 'staff', and the term 'staff' is used lightly! *We didn't have near enough help (club members) for this event.* We have the opportunity of having a big shoot like this 2 or 3 times year, and making a good deal of money. But without more help it's not going to happen. Three regular shoots remain this year. Some of you know that, the day before the May 9th regular 3D shoot, we had two targets stolen. 3D targets are not cheap, the two stolen were worth about \$200 each. Targets are set a day or two before an event, it's at least a two hour job so it can't be done the morning of the shoot. Our membership with the Farm Bureau allowed us to offer a \$2500 reward for information leading to an arrest and felony conviction. That made for a very noticeable flyer which was posted in several places. Two young men known as J & S Security & Alarm

Investigators apparently pay attention even when they aren't working. They are responsible for the recovery of the targets and are working with authorities to catch the thief! We hope that the suspect, who ran from the scene, will be caught soon and appropriately convicted so that the reward can be paid!

CLUB RULES REVISED

The are major revisions to the club rules.
A copy is included with this newsletter.
As a member you are responsible for knowing
the rules and helping enforce them.

SUMMER SCHEDULE – Weather permitting

Will summer be gone before you know it? Probably!! Whether you watch or participate, the Ohio outdoor season is short, you don't have as much time as you think.
←Dates are at the left of your newsletter

- **MILITARY & RIMFIRE SPORTER MATCHES** start this month. There's lots of interest and many who don't already own a rifle for this match have gone out and bought one just for this event. This may prove to be a popular event for our area! Youth are encouraged to participate and we hope you'll share this event with one.
- **GUN SHOW & FLEA MARKET** – Last month's was the biggest yet. We're growing with new sellers and plenty of guns. We didn't have much 'flea' stuff but it was only the first one of the season. Have something to sell? Bring a table because it's getting crowded! Believe it or not this is a fund raiser.... free admission and free spaces but all money (\$115 last month) from kitchen sales at this event go toward the 400 yard range.
- **PISTOLS OR RIFLES ?** – Weekly Bowling Pin & monthly Varmint Matches are well under way. Whether your choice is short guns or long guns there's some good friendly competition waiting for you! If you're new to either sport everyone is willing to help get you started.
- **FAMILY CAMPOUT** – Two days outdoors for members and their families. 4pm Friday till noon Sunday. Fishing, eating, hiking, napping, fire stoking, S'mores, whatever. Tents only, campers ok if medically necessary. Large community campfire for cooking. *NOTE this change: everyone is responsible for bringing what they want to eat and cooking it themselves except for the Saturday night potluck cookout.* Potluck cookout will be 4pm till ? for all members whether camping or not, bring something to share.
- **HUNTER'S ED** – Regular instructor-led 2 day class is the last weekend of August. For the home study version, a 4 hour completion session is also scheduled this year. Registration will be through ODNR and details will be published in the next newsletter.

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NEW GAME WARDEN

Our new warden's name is Chad Grote (grō-tee). After meeting and talking with Chad at the April meeting, we're happy to say he's going to fit right in! Chad will be at the Fishing Derby, and he'll try and make it to other events whenever possible. You can reach Chad two ways, call (614) 644-3929 Ext 1210. If it's not urgent you can email him at chad.grote@dnr.state.oh.us. Thanks ODNR for sending us

400 YARD RANGE

Yes we know, everyone is anxious for it to be completed. It would alleviate the conflict between shooters, fisherman and hunters. After almost two years of raising money through the gun show and varmint matches we have \$985 in the range fund after spending \$280 on stone for the existing 200 yard range. If we had the equipment the plan would be to work on the range in 100 yard increments. It's obvious we can't afford to hire it done at this time. Years ago many life memberships were earned through the donation of projects such as this. Unfortunately those kinds of donations are rarely seen these days. The 400 yard range will in some way benefit everyone who uses the club. Put on your thinking caps, this project needs to be completed!

NOTICE!

I'll be out of town Jul. 12 through 19 and Aug. 4 through 12. You can still reach me by phone but if you'll be needing day passes during that time please buy them ahead of time. Day passes are \$5, must be purchased before visiting the club and require both the signature of the sponsoring member and the guest. *Linda Tubbs*

RULES

GENERAL

1. MSC members are responsible for knowing and enforcing ALL MSC rules.
2. Abide by all Federal and State laws.
3. You must be a U.S. Citizen, at least 18 years of age and possess a current, valid membership card.
 - a. Children under 18 are permitted only when accompanied by a parent, grandparent or legal guardian with a current, valid membership.
 - i. *Children shall at ALL times be under the immediate, physical and direct supervision of said member.*
 - ii. *Member assumes all responsibility for said children.*
 - b. Non-Members are permitted only at public events or with a day pass.
 - c. Guest Day Pass may be purchased by Sponsoring Member (member in good standing).
 - i. Valid for one (1) day.
 - ii. Requires signatures of both Sponsoring Member and guest.
 - iii. Sponsoring member will accompany and be held responsible for their guest.
 - iv. Free to active duty service personnel on leave.
4. Be respectful. We are family oriented, inappropriate conduct or excessive use of profanity will not be tolerated.
5. Outside facilities are generally available for member use from dawn to dusk.
 - a. Enter club grounds with caution & be aware of others.
 - b. Access to some areas may be inhibited when adjacent areas are already in use.
 - i. Unless otherwise stated in rules (read all rules) use of adjacent areas is not prohibited, HOWEVER, safety first! Use common sense and good judgement. Be considerate of those using adjacent areas by communicating your intentions! Friendly discussions and mutual agreements eliminate confusion, hard feelings and accidents.
 - c. Events, club rental or other activities may occasionally limit or prohibit use.
 - d. All ranges are closed during work hours on clean-up day and during scheduled or special events.
6. Use of any type of firearm/weapon while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal and strictly prohibited.
7. No Campfires
8. No Smoking in woods
9. Members are responsible for removing all litter, targets, shell casings, etc. from club grounds (whether it's yours or not, this is your club, treat it as such).
10. Gates are intended as fair warning to non-members, not to inhibit our members.
 - a. Members may open gates while at the club
 - b. Gates are to be closed when leaving and no other members remain.
11. Members who fail to abide by the rules are subject to expulsion and will not be offered a membership in the future..
12. Club Officials, Sheriffs and Game Wardens periodically patrol the grounds to deter vandalism and non-member usage. Members are encouraged to do the same.
13. Promptly report violations or unsafe behavior to a club officer or board member.
 - a. If possible obtain the individuals name, physical description, vehicle license number.
 - b. Do not promote a confrontation.

RIFLE RANGE

1. Benches are set 200 yards from main target board. Neither of these may be moved.

2. Portable target holders are provided. You may bring your own but must remove them when done.
3. Paper or cardboard targets are preferred.
 - a. Other reasonable targets may be used if cleaned up. NO GLASS!
 - b. Targets must be placed so as not to destroy supporting posts of target boards.
 - c. No shooting above bunker or into ground.
 - d. The use of target board frames, target hangers, target posts, trap houses, electrical poles, buildings or any other object not intended for target use is considered destruction of property and will be treated as such.
 - e. If you can't hit the target – don't shoot.
4. Firing of guns is permitted only in designated areas.
5. No fully automatic weapons.
6. More than one (1) shooter is permitted on the firing line at the same time provided the following rules are used:
 - a. There is an RSO, or acting RSO (usually first on site unless otherwise agreed upon).
 - b. All shooters remain behind the firing line.
 - c. All others remain behind shooters
7. There is no time limit for range usage except when another member is waiting.
 - a. Time limit is thirty (30) minutes.
 - b. Shooter will consider time already spent on the range at the time the waiting member arrived.
 - c. Group of two (2) or more may not accumulate multiples of thirty (30) minutes.
8. Range may not be used while other activities or events in progress make it unsafe.
9. No live ammunition or miss-fired ammo is to be placed in the trash.
10. Vehicles should be parked behind the shelter or trees to alert others of your presence on the range.

INDOOR 50 FT RANGE

1. Available to members only during designated times.
 - a. Range fees may apply.
 - b. Range Officer must be present.
 - c. All posted range rules must be strictly followed.

CLAY TARGET PRACTICE

1. Practice, using personal property, is permitted only at the north trap house.
2. Practice is not permitted when club house or facilities are rented or when pond is in use.
3. Persons throwing targets must be in line or behind the shooter.
 - a. Standard rules apply:
 - i. One (1) shooter, two (2) cartridges.
 - ii. Used casings must be removed.
 - iii. Thirty (30) minute time limit when member is waiting.

ARCHERY

1. Main archery range (west) may be used for practice.
2. No broadheads.
3. Club targets may not be moved
4. Range B (east) is for events only.
5. Shooting a 'course' which has been set up prior to an event is prohibited.

HUNTING

1. Legal firearms only.
2. State hunting laws apply.
3. Hunting for legal game, EXCEPT turkey, permitted in east woods beyond the pond during normal season..
4. Only Bow Hunting for deer is permitted in the west woods (across the road).
5. Limit of ONE (1) deer per member, per season.
6. Tree stands are allowed but must be removed when done.
7. Vehicles should be parked near club house to alert others of your presence on grounds.

FISHING

1. Only bank fishing / catch and release.
2. Fishing permitted on walk in basis
3. Vehicle should be parked near club house to alert others of your presence on grounds.
4. Driving TO the pond is permitted for those with physical limitations.
 - a. ONLY through the mowed path from rifle range and ONLY when ground is dry.
5. No other activities are allowed in the pond.

Rules are subject to change