

TARGET BOARD



Newsletter of the Meeker Sportsman Club, Inc.

NOVEMBER 2009

HANDGUNS: Mondays and Fridays 6pm except last Monday of the month

GUN SHOW: 3rd Sunday 9am -2pm

INDOOR ARCHERY Wednesdays 5-7pm Nov-Mar

ANNUAL THANSKGIVING TURKEY SHOOT & POTLUCK Nov. 14 6pm till?

MEETINGS: 7pm Last Mon. of month If holiday meeting is following Wed.

TTEE Nominations Nov 30 at meeting

Annual Membership Meeting & Elections Dec 28 at meeting



We often hear "I didn't know that", or "I didn't read the newsletter". The newsletter is the club's main method of communicating with it's members, it should be considered 'required reading' for all members. Rules and procedures may change, events or club rentals may limit your activities. Example: there's an event on the outdoor range, you cannot hunt the woods. It's not safe to run a rifle match if someone is hunting beyond it. We don't want you or the public showing up only to find out you can't do what you came to do, especially if you drove any distance to get here! Another reason to read the newsletter, we ALWAYS need help, events don't run themselves. Let us know ahead of time if you can help... otherwise the event may not happen. We offer several means of communication, but you can't be informed if you don't take the time to read!

HANDGUN MATCHES & PRACTICE

The weather has turned and daylight is getting shorter. Monday night handguns has moved indoors to the basement range. Indoor range is for members only. Cost for practice is \$2, with an additional \$1 if you'd like to enter into some friendly competition. Friday night practice will start Nov. 6th and is practice only. Both nights start at 6pm. It's a great "no-pressure", friendly environment to practice or get some tips and instruction.

ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT & POTLUCK

Nov. 14 - This started out as a turkey shoot but became an annual potluck for many club members. It's a great get together with a little shooting thrown in for fun. It's open to the public so bring a friend! The Turkey Shoot – we shoot paper targets at 60 feet with 12 GA shotguns. Barrels may not be longer that 32" with chokes no smaller than .675. If you don't have a gun that fits the bill we'll share! Cost to shoot is \$3 for meat rounds (turkeys, hams and more) \$5 for money rounds and you can jump in at anytime. Shooting is not required!! Come and hang out, get to know some of your fellow members. Bring a dish to share and just enjoy the company. We'll open the doors at 4pm, shooting begins at 6pm. Kids are welcome, don't forget they like to shoot too and they are the 'up and coming' generation – get them involved!

INDOOR ARCHERY

If you need the practice or just want some place to play indoors during the winter, the club house will be open Wednesdays 5 to 7 pm, November through March for archery practice. This is open to the public, cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members, kids under 12 shoot

RAFFLE - NOVEMBER \$1000

Winners of the last two "6 Chance Cash Raffles": Rusty Jeffery \$200, Jennifer Morris \$100, Ricky Benson \$50, Erick Novack \$50, Kelly Beverage \$50, Charlie Schnitzler \$50. Ben Morris \$200, Mike Ralph \$100, Dave Arnett \$50, Shelly Gates \$50, Matt Tyree \$50, Dick Igou \$50. Raffles run all year, tickets are available through the memberships office and trustees. Only 150 are available for each raffle, that's pretty good odds! All tickets sold are held for the \$250 2nd Chance Raffle held at the November meeting.

TURKEY HUNT LOTTERY

We will again hold a lottery for the 2010 Turkey Hunting Season, with one minor change... we'll have four winners instead of two! Hunting will take place in either the east or west woods of the club. There are technically two Spring Wild Turkey Seasons in 2010: April 19 - May 2: 1/2 hour before sunrise to noon and, new this year, May 3 - May 16 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. First lottery winner drawn will have choice of woods and either the first or second two weeks of the season. Second winner has 2nd choice, 3rd winner - 3rd choice, 4th winner gets what's left. **RULES:**

- Open to club members only 1.
- 2. One entry per member
- 3. Four winners will be drawn
- 4. One gun per hunt
- 5. One bird per winner
- Winner will notify club of hunt results 6.
- All state hunting laws apply
- Entries must be made through club secretary 8
- 9. Entries may be made until time of drawing
- Drawing date: February 22, 2010 (at meeting)
- 11. Need not be present to win
- 12. Non-transferable, except to member's minor By the way, NO one got a turkey last season!

YOUTH TURKEY HUNT LOTTERY

There's a Youth Only Season, April 17 & 18, 2010, so why not a youth lottery? Same rules as above with these exceptions: Youth's parent or legal quardian must be a club member; two winners will be drawn... AND, thanks to our local Wildlife Officer Chad Grote, one of the winners will have the opportunity for an "Officer Accompanied Hunt"! That means instead of going with a parent or guardian they can take advantage of Chad's knowledge and maybe learn a few new things along the way.

Family Outdoor Sporting Day was a great success. We had about 60 visitors who had a whole lot of fun. To those of you that helped – we know that the huge smiles and those truly grateful "thank yous" we kept hearing made you feel warm and fuzzy all over, this event would not have happened without you! There was a definite increase in the number of adults who participated this year, both those who just wanted to experience shooting sports and those looking for a club to join. Most importantly they all left with a more positive opinion of guns and shooting sports. We hope next year more of you help, we could really use it!

TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS & ELECTION

Nominations for three expiring Trustee terms will take place at the November meeting. The election will be held at the Annual Membership Meeting December 28th. Trustees will then appoint the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for 2010. Anyone interested in holding office should contact the memberships office prior to the November meeting. All members in good standing have the right to vote...... SPEAKING OF YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE.... don't forget the general election on November 3rd. If you haven't read up on the issues and candidates, please take the time to do so, make an informed choice!



- President Marshall Baker 740-383-4418
 Rifle Team, Raffle Tickets
- Vice president Ben Morris 740-383-4735
 Raffle Tickets, Grounds Maintenance
- Secretary/Treasurer Linda Tubbs 740-361-7281
 Memberships, Website, Newsletter,
 Rentals, Raffle Tickets, Events, etc.
- Trustee Chairman Charlie Schnitzler 740-499-2434
 Raffle Tickets, Grounds Maintenance
- Trustees
 - Jerry Miller 740-499-2207 Raffle Tickets
 - Denny Tubbs 740-361-1767
 Varmint Match, Turkey Shoot
 - Mike Nichols 740-361-3897 Raffle Tickets, NWTF
 - Jim Southward 740-360-6782
 Gun Show, Pistol, Bowling, Varmint
 - Richard Kepler 740-943-2635
 Raffle Tickets
 - John Kearns 740-361-7190 Raffle Tickets

- 3D Archery L.A. Wheeler 740-341-6772
- Indoor Archery
 - Andrew & Darlene 419-310-2067
 - Denny & Linda 740-361-7281
- Military Rifle Match
 - Mike Campbell 937-642-9675
 - Mike Couts 740-360-8570
- NRA Cert. Pistol Instructors
 - Bill Wasserbeck 740-528-2779 Concealed Carry, Pistol Practice, Bowling Pins
 - Wayne Strunk 740-387-8082 Concealed Carry, Self Defense
- Hunter's Ed
 - Wayne Strunk 740-387-8082
 - Tom Veit 740-465-5021
- Game Warden 614-644-3925
 - Chad Grote Extension 1210 chad.grote@dnr.state.oh.us

Memberships available at:

- Memberships Office (1920 Bumford Rd, Marion)
- Club House Mailbox
- Al's Country Market Big Island
- Raceway Mini Mart La Rue
- Big P's Pit Stop New Bloomington - Rod's Guns & More - Marion

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Email meekerclub@meekersportsmanclub.com Google group – for the most current information http://groups.google.com/group/meekersportsmanclub

RENEWING MEMBERS:

Signed renewal forms are <u>required</u> with your payment.

Cards will not be sent out until your signed form is received.

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Wildlife Officer Chad Grote recently displayed this rack taken from a carcass that had been thrown over a bridge in Marion County. It's not known where the deer was shot and killed, but with this distinctive headgear and weighing in over 200 lbs., you'd probably remember him if you ever saw him. If you have

any information about the poaching or think you saw this animal and know where he may have roamed, please get in touch with Chad.

Poachers wasted an entire deer. **38 Pointer** shot by a farmer in the Greenville area. This buck made a Wildlife Officer Chad Grote recently pest of himself by continually walking in front of a combine while the



farmer worked his 100 acre field. After a lengthy day of following the deer the farmer decided to take him down. He weighed in at 320, field dressed, with a 40" spread. Base measured 6.5". Not a bad days work!