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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Black Friday... somebody please explain to me that terminology and why can't I purchase products at those prices every day? I fully understand the term as it applies to the historical account of Gould and Fisk buying gold and crashing the stock market on a Friday in the 1800's.

But how does that translate into a crowd of people that are jacked up on turkey dressing and cranberry sauce, baggy eyed from sleep deprivation and turkey consumption, fist fighting over a Ginsu knife at Bed Bath and Beyond?

Now you may be asking yourself is this guy related to Scrooge and that would be a definite "NO". Stick with me here for a min. It is my solemn belief that without Christmas, mankind has no "hope".

The 1828 Webster's dictionary defines Hope like this: *a desire of some good, accompanied with at least a slight expectation of obtaining it, or a belief that it is obtainable. Hope differs from wish and desire in this, that it implies some expectation of obtaining the good desired, or the possibility of possessing it. Hope therefore always gives pleasure or joy; whereas wish and desire may produce or be accompanied with pain and anxiety.*

Now how does that apply to the CVWC? Excellent question! It is my wish that you find the "Hope" that was bestowed upon us many years ago in a town called Bethlehem and found lying in a lowly manger.

Below I'm listing the bylaws changes that were voted in by the General Membership in October as well as the workday change voted into effect by the BoD.

Workdays change from 4 days to 3 days with a penalty of \$50 for each missed workday.

Page 22 Section 8 Addition

Any member permanently removed from

the membership by the Board of Directors is prohibited from the use of the club property and is banned from club property. Any attempt to use club land and/or property is considered a violation of North Carolina trespassing laws and the individual will be reported to law enforcement for legal action. Any member bringing a permanently removed former member on club property will be considered taking action "disruptive of the good order and purpose of the club" and that member will be subject to punitive action by the Board of Directors.

Page 19 Section 2.1 Addition

Effective 1 December 2017 any new member will be required to perform workdays, the number and assessment to be set annually by the Board of Directors. All current members will continue under the current policy for workdays.

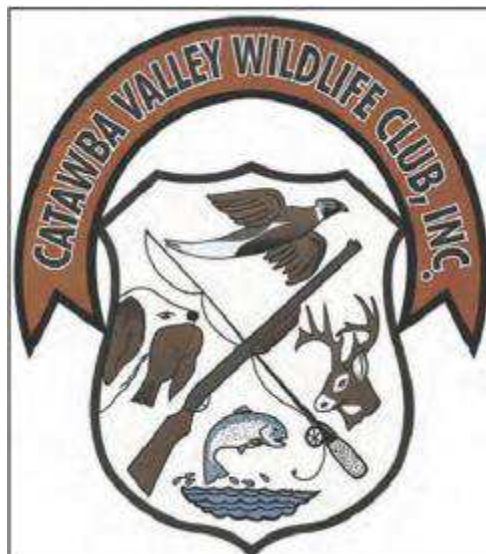
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DINNER MEETINGS

December 21
January 25
February 22

NOVEMBER DINNER

Roast Beef, Vegetables,
Salad, and Pecan Pie



The Catawba Valley Wildlife Club was founded by local sportsmen March 8th, 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 contribute to wildlife conservations, environmental efforts, and expose young people to positive sporting ethics and models of behavior.

2017 CVWC COMMITTEES

See the list of
2017 Committees, Chairs, and
Co-Chairs on page 6

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Page 19 Section 1.1 Addition

Any person applying for membership must have three references and two of these references must be current members of the club in good standing.

Page 21 Section 5. Addition

After the wording "and interest in the club" that delinquent dues (after January 31st) will occur a late payment fee of \$10 per month until October. Strike the sentence beginning with "However, any individual ... before February 28th... of the suspension".

Page 21 Section 5.1 add

"Applicants for membership must be a member of a gun right organization such as the NRA or other similar organization, however continued membership in said organization will not be required for continued membership in the Catawba Valley Wildlife Club"

Page 21 Section 5.2 add

"New member will be in a probationary period for one year and during that probationary year will be required to meet standards set by the Board of Directors and perform a minimum number of work days to be set by the Board of Directors".

Page 21 Section 5.3 add

"Membership will be limited to 400 members (excluding gratis and life members)".

Oh and by the way... 22 rimfire ammunition makes wonderful stocking stuffers but use caution on how close you get them to fire place. I would hate for you to blow the toes out of your stocking!

Again, I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas meeting. We have a good raffle to be pulled and the house will be decorated. Come See!

Todd

SPORTING CLAYS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your Sporting Clays committee needs some more members to volunteer to help in the "trapping" duties in 2018.

This work involves one person greeting members and guests, signing up shooting groups, collecting money, obtaining waivers from guests, and coordinating the shooter start times. At the end of the day, the money collected is counted and placed in the assigned location.

The work also involves 2 or 3 additional people to place a battery at each trap, uncover the traps and make sure they are working, loading the traps as needed during the day, then covering the traps and taking in the batteries at the end of the day.

Training will be provided.

These duties are performed on first and third Saturdays of each month, from 7 am until 3 pm, earning you 8 work hours toward your yearly requirement. Each trapper is expected to work 4 times during the year if possible. Each trapper is then able to shoot for a reduced rate that is established each year.

If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Randy Abernethy at randaber45@gmail.com or 828-244-3853.

Thanks,
Andrew Abernethy

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

At the Christmas meeting a special raffle will feature an AUTO ORDNANCE 1911A1 .45 ACP pistol.

Tickets will sell for \$5, and will be available beginning with the October meeting.

Jerry McCaleb

Sporting Clays Trappers for December 16
Bob Stone, Glenn Franklin
Patrick Beard

Sporting Clays Trappers for January 6
Steve Parkhurst, David Carswell,
Graham Austin, Andrew Abernethy

Sporting Clays Trappers for January 20
Randy Abernethy, RD Abernethy,
John Henkle

Sporting Clays Trappers for February 3
Steve Parkhurst, Ethan Franklin,
Russ Perkins, Bob Klinger

WORKDAY LIST FOR NOVEMBER (HOURS)

Abernethy, Andrew	1.0	Lyford, Kevin	4.0
Abernethy, Randy	15.0	McCaleb, Jerry	2.2
Abernethy, RD	10.0	McQueen, Robert	6.0
Callahan, Ken	8.0	Marquart, Ron	8.0
Conway, Mike	4.0	Marquart, Polly	8.0
Corpening, Derek	3.0	Miller, Jim	4.0
Cotter, Robert	4.0	Miller, Tim	4.0
Duncan, Tommy	8.0	Nealan, Scott	13.5
Eckard, Mike	8.0	Phillips, Dave	7.0
Fleischer, Michael	3.0	Procaccini, Bill	4.0
Franklin, Glenn	3.0	Proctor, Dean	2.2
Hammond, Sid	13.0	Rider, Tom	8.0
Head, JR	4.0	Shuman, Patrick	8.0
Hefner, Kelly	4.0	Starnes, Ron	4.0
Henkle, John	2.0	Swain, Alex	5.0
Holland, Dan	8.0	Thompson, Scott	4.0
Holland, Ann	8.0	Thurman, Ken	8.0
Isenhour, Jerry	2.2	Trick, Phil	3.0
Johnston, Fred	8.0	Travis, Patrick	4.0
Klinger, Bob	6.0	Travis, Lisa	4.0
Knight, David	5.0	Trost, Robert	12.0
Kulcsar, Csaba	4.0	Ward, Rick	2.2
Lail, Alan	2.2	Williams, Opie	6.0
Long, Bill	10.2		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPORTING CLAYS REPORT

In November, your Sporting Clays Committee sponsored 2 events.

On November 4, we were nearly rained out, but 8 member and 4 guest rounds were shot, with Chris Robbins having the high score of 46, Tim Miller coming in second with a 42, and David Jones placing third place with a 41.

On November 18, 46 member rounds and 42 guest rounds were shot, with Tim Miller and Ken Thurman tying for first place with scores of 46, and Tommy Duncan and Chris Robbins tying for second place with scores of 43.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.
Randy Abernethy

HUNTER EDUCATION

January 20

Any club members who are Hunter Education Instructors and would like to help with the classes, please contact Bill Long or any BOD member.

FRIENDS OF NRA

The Friends of NRA banquet will be held in February. More information will be forthcoming.

UPCOMING WORKDAYS

December 23

January 27

February 24

A board with workday tasks is in the foyer of the clubhouse. If you are looking for something to do for workdays and cannot attend regular workdays check the board. Please erase any task you complete.

MALFUNCTIONING GATE STEPS

Note that the combo lock mentioned below uses the same code as that used for the electronic gate opener.

If the gate is stuck open:

First clean the white reflector. Make sure the sensor light is green on red sensor box.

If that does not work remove the drive chain bolt and chain on the shortest end (wrench is in sign box) and manually shut the gate. Use chain and combo lock to secure gate in closed position. **If you remove the drive chain and use combo lock and chain, do not put the drive chain back on.**

If the gate is stuck closed:

Remove the drive chain bolt and chain on the shortest end (wrench is in sign box) and manually open the gate. Then use chain and combo lock to secure gate in closed position after entry. After removing chain when leaving, secure the gate again in closed position with combo lock and chain. **If you remove the drive chain and use combo lock and chain, do not put the drive chain back on.**

Wrench is in the sign box and the chain and lock are hanging on the gate. Put white board sign out and **contact Ken Callahan at 828-334-2901 if you have to perform any of the above procedures.**

14 YEAR OLD AVERY PITTMAN WITH 1ST DEER

CVWC member Brannon Pittman sent a picture of his son Avery with his first deer taken with a Savage .243 in Ashe County on November 18, 2017.



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