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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I was recently riding down the road with a couple of friends of mine talking about the coming of spring. In doing so I recalled, as I normally do about this time of year, a little home place on a south west facing ridge on Barrett's Mountain. That family had to have ridden horse back into that place as we did. It was in the middle of nowhere. The only remaining part of the home was the rock pillars that once held it up off the somewhat level hillside. The site was overgrown with trees and in the late winter looked pretty rough, but come early spring when the ground had warmed just enough, those Easter lily's made that ridge top shine like a new penny! I can only imagine the homemaker that spent the time to plant those lily's in such a remote place and wonder if they were reflecting on the real meaning of Easter and just maybe planted those to remind themselves of the sacrifice made on Good Friday!

Spring is a busy time for us at the CVWC. We will begin various new projects as well as complete a few. We have the Wildlife District Youth Hunter Safety Shoot taken place the 24th of March. Please remember :

1. Your help is needed.
2. All ranges will be closed the 23rd and 24th.

Your program committee has invited Mr. Wes Gardin, who is a tactical team leader of Hickory Police Department, He will be speaking on Business and Personal security. Also, so that you may prepare, our April program will consist of training for our AED and basic CPR/first aid.

If you have not paid your 2018 dues... the gate code has changed.

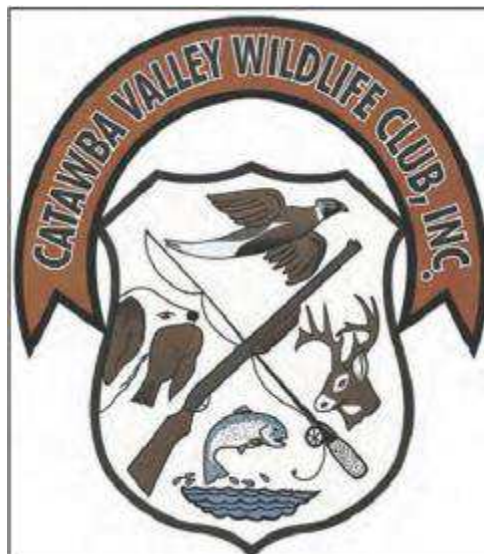
This is also a good time to refresh your memory on the range rules. Should you see someone not following these rules please approach them and kindly explain to them the importance of following these rules set forth by the club's safety committee. The general idea is to act in such a manner that when you leave those individuals with whom you interact, the desire to be more safety conscious remains with the individual, and not the embarrassment of the interaction or anger from it. No one learns safety when placed in a defensive position.

Look forward to seeing you at the club!

Todd

RANGES CLOSED 23 AND 24 MARCH

Ranges closed March 23rd in preparation for March 24th tournament. See page 5 for more details.



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.

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February was another tough month for Sporting Clays.

On February 3, we only had 12 guest and 27 member rounds. Tim Miller shot a 49 for first place. Chris Robbins shot a 48 for second place. Ken Thurman, Linc Huffman, and Glenn Helms each shot a 46 for third place.

On February 17, we had 12 guest and 20 member rounds. John Henkle and Chris Robbins tied for first place with a 48. Jim Mitchell took second place with a 46. Tim Miller and R.D. Abernethy tied for third place with a 45.

With the coming warmer weather we expect to see higher turnouts. Grab your shotgun, friends and family and join us.

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

AED TRAINING

At the April dinner meeting (Wild Game Dinner), Lesa Williams will be providing Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training.

You see these machines on the walls at the work place, in government buildings, and your local shopping centers.

Understand the function and precautions, maybe save a life.

LOSS OF MEMBER

It is with a deep sadness that we announce the passing of a long-time member and friend. Bobby Holman passed away on Feb 26th in Texas. Bobby held many positions in the club over the years. His obituary is below.

We all were sad to see Bobby move back to Texas, but will always have great memories of him and the times spent together. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/colorado-city-tx/bobby-holman-7775088>

CVWC Officers and BoD

SECURITY TRAINING

Lesla Williams from Twin City Insurance gave an excellent presentation on security for churches and businesses last month. The presentation material is available to members if you wish to see it and possibly present to your churches or businesses. Lesla's contact info is below. Just drop her an email and she will gladly send it to you.

Lesla@twincityinsurance.net

DINNER MEETINGS

March 22
April 26 (Wild Game)
May 24

FRIENDS OF NRA

THE FRIENDS OF NRA BANQUET WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Another record year!!!! We achieved our goal and surpassed last years numbers

We had 380 guests and our firearms dealer did 100 gun transfers. None of this would have been successful without the awesome folks on our committee.

We are now planning for next year and looking for more folks to be on the committee. It is very exciting knowing the money raised is in direct support to our cause and helps bring money to the club and students in surrounding areas.

Thanks to CVWC for all the support!

Allen Lail

MARCH DINNER

"Build your own" hoagie , salad, dessert , and beverage

MARCH WORKDAY

Attention all CVWC Members

There will be NO work day for the month of March. The Hunter Education Safety Shoot is going on the weekend a work day would take place. Since this event is an all day function on the Saturday, the decision has been made to not have a formal work day on 3/24/2018.

Prior to this date, there are things that need to be done around the club. Please check the board in the front area of the clubhouse for any tasks that need to be completed and can be done safely. Remember to put your work day time in the box mounted on the wall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORKDAY LIST FOR JANUARY

Abernethy, Andrew	10.0	Meek, Nancy	10.0
Abernethy, Randy	8.0	Miller, Dean	4.0
Abernethy, RD	8.0	Miller, Jim	8.0
Adam, Florin (Tony)	4.0	Nealan, Scott	4.0
Burgess, Alan	7.3	Parham, David	16.0
Butler, Sherry	4.0	Parkhurst, Steve	6.0
Callahan, Ken	14.0	Phillips, Dave	8.0
Carswell, David	17.5	Proctor, Dean	22.0
Conway, Mike	4.0	Proctor, Keith	8.0
Corpening, Derek	3.0	Quinn, Michael	4.0
Eckard, Doug	4.0	Reed, Charles	4.0
Fleischer, Michael	3.0	Rider, Tom	8.0
Franklin, Glenn	3.0	Rolli, Andy	6.0
Hefner, Kelly	4.0	Shuman, Patrick	6.0
Hoffman, Gary S	4.0	Sigmon, Bill	8.5
Holland, Dan	4.0	Simmons, Doug	8.5
Isenhour, Jerry	22.0	Starnes, Michael	8.0
Johnston, Fred	4.0	Thomas, Johnnie	17.0
Lail, Alan	28.0	Travis, Melinda	20.0
Long, Bill	25.0	Trost, Robert	9.0
Lutz, George	9.0	Walker, William	15.0
McCaleb, Jerry	17.0	Ward, Kirk	13.0
Marquart, Ron	11.0	Ward, Rick	19.0
Marquart, Polly	15.0	Yoder, Nick	4.0
Meek, Bob	3.0	Young, Mark	4.0

10 COMMANDMENTS OF FIREARM SAFETY

1. Treat every gun as if it were loaded even if you believe it to be unloaded.
2. Guns carried into the club, ranges must be unloaded and taken down or have the actions open. Guns should be encased until reaching shooting areas.
3. Always be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstruction.
4. Always carry your gun in a manner such that you control the direction of the muzzle, even if you stumble. Keep the safety on until you are ready to shoot.
5. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger.
6. Never point a gun at anything you don't want to shoot.
7. Unattended guns should be unloaded; guns and ammunition should be stored beyond the reach of children and careless adults.
8. Never climb a tree or fence with a loaded gun.
9. Never shoot at a flat, hard surface such as the ground or water. Bullets don't always burrow in- they often ricochet.
10. Do not mix firearms and alcohol!

WILD GAME NEEDED

We've received very little game for the Wild Game Dinner Meeting

Please donate some of your recently harvested wild game to share with club members at the highly anticipated annual Wild Game Dinner in April.

This is the most widely attended club meeting each year. Our kitchen volunteers prepare flavorful main dishes and sides for our delight.

Contact Bill Long (828-294-4711) with information about the wild game that you would like to donate.

Sporting Clays Trappers for April 7

David Carswell, Mark Coffey, Glenn Franklin, Kelly Hefner, Graham Hunsucker

Sporting Clays Trappers for April 21

Bruce Austin, Todd Morrow, Jeff Huffman, Andy Rolli, Derek Sigmon

TOOL FOUND



A tool was found on the grounds of CVWC. If this is yours, please contact Ken Callahan.

DISTRICT 8 HIGH SCHOOL

The District 8 Hunter Safety Shooting Match will take place on March 24th. The competition will consist of shotgun, 22 rifle, archery and orienteering. Winning teams will advance to Camp Millstone in Ellerbee.

Volunteers interested in earning workday credit are needed in the afternoon of March 23rd for setting up.

ALL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED MARCH 23 FOR SET-UP AND MARCH 24 FOR THE COMPETITION

UPCOMING WORKDAYS

March 24
April 28
May 26

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.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES

April 21
May 19
June 16

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

All classes begin at 8 AM and end around 4 PM. Classes are open to ages 9 year olds and up. You may register through NCWRC.org or at the club.

Thank you,
Bill Long

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