400 YARD RANGE

On Sunday August 8th we held a Test & Tune on the new range. Those of you who receive email notifications received an invitation. Apologies to the rest of you, there simply wasn’t time to send notices in the mail. We shot 100 and 200 yard targets on the rifle range along with practice on the handgun range. Good turnout, excellent results! Several benches have been constructed and we’re working on the rest, 10 total. Thanks to Gracely Brothers Farms the range has been tiled, we should have no problems with water accumulating, it should also help with the morning haze that has been present. The range is being seeded as this is being written. Paths have been cleared directly on the left and right of the range. Left path accesses both 100 and 200 yard bunkers, right path accesses 100 yard bunker. We’re working on extending at least one path to both 300 and 400 yard bunkers but this will require a bridge across the waterway. Access to the bunkers is limited to the paths which will accommodate golf carts or 4-wheelers. There will be no other vehicle access on the range. Old 200 yard range is now permanently closed. New range remains closed and should be open in a few weeks. It is currently open only for scheduled practice or events. We hate to keep the range closed but have had problems with people driving off the driveway and onto ground that has been worked for seeding or building, this has caused extra work for the few people who have been working on the range. Trusses should be ready this week and we’ll be working on the building. A special thanks to Jeff Doubikin of Bulldog Construction who did the excavating of the range. He went above and beyond what was asked of him.

ARCHERY

We have two more regular archery events scheduled this year, August 15th and September 19th. Unless someone steps up to take over the events there will be no regular archery next year. We still plan on holding an annual IBO World Qualifier in April but those of us running the monthly shoots are not archers and simply have too much on our plates. It’s sad that so much work has been done to make our range one of the best in the state but we don’t have any avid archers interested in keeping the sport alive at our club. If you or someone you know can help please let us know! We could also use some help setting targets on Aug 14th!

GUN SHOW & FLEA MARKET

3RD Sunday every month 9AM TO 1PM. This event has raised most of the money for the 400 yard range! Lots of different things show up here, we’re not your typical gun show. No big commercial gun vendors, just your backyard variety swappers and traders looking for a good deal. Come have breakfast or lunch and enjoy some great company!

MILITARY & RIFMIRE SPORTER MATCHES

Next match, Saturday, August 14th, will be held on the new range! $10 to shoot and kids shoot free. If you’re new to this there is lots of help and always a rifle to borrow. Call Mike or Brian

HUNTER’S ED

August 28 & 29. Saturday 10-4, Sunday 12-4. Class is free and limited to 50 people. Pre-registration through ODNR required. Call 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543). For Class information contact Wayne Strunk.

FISH FRY

September 4th, 6:00pm till the fish is gone! Barry’s of Marysville is cooking, best fish fryer in the state! Take-out available. Adults $10, kids 12 & under $5. Desert donations needed! We hope this turns out to be a good fundraiser. Look for a Game Feed in the fall!

NETWORKING

Buy local! We hear that quite often these days. Most of us agree that buying local is one way to help keep jobs and businesses alive in our community. How about a little inter-club support for members? If you have a business or provide a service that may be of interest to other members – how about sharing it? Send us the information (snail mail or email) and we’ll publish it both on the website and in the newsletter. Don’t forget we’re on Facebook, it’s a great way to share information and get the latest information about the club.

NEW TRUSTEE

It is extremely unfortunate but, due to health issues, Mike Nichols has resigned as club Trustee. To fill the remainder of Mike’s term, which runs through the end of this year, the trustees have appointed Dick Igou. Dick has become a permanent fixture at the club. Doing maintenance, grounds keeping and helping with any event and issue that comes along, Dick will make an excellent Trustee . Mike has served the club well and while his presence and help on the board and at the club will most definitely be missed..., we hope to see him back at the club soon! We miss you Mike, get well soon!

CONCERT

August 29 at 6pm - Daniel Boling. Singer, song writer, story teller. Good food and good company! $10 suggested donation, kids 12 & under free!
To get the latest information about, range closing, cancellations, date and time changes, etc., please sign up for email updates.

**AUGUST**
- 2 - Women's Handguns 6pm
- 2 - Pin League @ Richwood 6pm
- 8 - Varmint Match 10am
- 9 - Bowling Pins 6pm
- 14 - Archery Set-up 4pm
- 15 - 3D Archery 9am – Noon
- 15 - Gun Show & Flea Market 9am – 2pm
- 16 - Bowling Pins 6pm
- 21 - Military & Rimfire Matches 10m
- 23 - Pin League @ Home 6pm
- 28 - Hunter's Ed 10am – 4pm
- 29 - Daniel Boling Concert – 6pm
- 30 - Meeting 7pm

**SEPTEMBER**
- 4 - Fish Fry 6pm
- 6 - Women's Handguns 6pm
- 6 - Pin League @ Richwood 6pm
- 12 - Varmint Match 10am
- 13 - Pistol & Bowling Pin Practice 6pm
- 17 - Archery Set-up 4pm
- 18 - Family Outdoor Sporting Day!!!
- 19 - 3D Archery 9am – Noon
- 19 - Military Match 10am
- 19 - Gun Show & Flea Market 9am – 1pm
- 20 - Pin League @ Home 6pm
- 26 - Lawrence Beall Concert 6pm
- 27 - Meeting 7pm

**OCTOBER**
- 4 - Women's Handguns 6pm
- 10 - Varmint Match 10am
- 15 – Lou & Peter Berryman Concert 6pm
- 17 - Gun Show 9am – 1pm
- 23 - Hunter's Ed home study completion 10am
- 25 - Meeting 7pm

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- President Marshall Baker 740-383-4418
- Vice President Ben Morris 740-383-4735
- Trustee Chair Charlie Schnitzel 740-499-2434
- Secretary/Treasurer Linda Tubbs 740-361-7281

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- Gun Show, Pistol Practice, Varmint, Events
- Archery
- Military & Rifle Sporter Matches
- NRA Cert. Instructor / CCW
- Game Warden - 614-644-3925

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Memberships available at:
- Memberships Office
- 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

Meeker Sportsman Club, Inc.
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Meetings – Last Monday of month

Find us on Facebook and Google Groups
FAMILY OUTDOOR SPORTING DAY

When: Saturday, September 18, 2010
8:30am – 3pm

Where: Meeker Sportsman Club

Purpose: To promote safety, knowledge and participation in outdoor shooting sports.

Contact: Linda Tubbs 740-361-7281

It's time to get ready for our annual FOSD and your help is needed! We guarantee you'll thoroughly enjoy yourself.

Mention the word gun and you'll usually get either a totally positive or very negative response. The negative responses often come from people who don't know the first thing about guns, and ignorance is probably the biggest reason for anti-gun votes. Giving someone the opportunity to experience shooting sports in a safe, educational, fun and friendly environment can change the way a person thinks about guns or even be the first step for a new shooting enthusiast. We are asking YOU to help us do just that. It's a totally fun day outdoors with a free lunch. The best part is the smiles on the faces of those you are helping! We need help with every aspect of this day, just let us know what you can do, even if it's only for an hour!

I can assist with:

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Do you have a skill not listed above that you'd be willing to teach or demonstrate?

Your name

Phone / best time to call

Email

PLEASE.... don't disregard this, we need every bit of help we can get!

Return this ASAP!! (Keep the top part if you need to)
Mail: 1920 Bumford Rd, Marion, OH 43302
Email: meekerclub@meekersportsmanclub.com
Hand in at Memberships Office or at the club during events.