

# FFG SPORTSMAN CLUB

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### Special Points of Interest:

- *2009 elections completed*
- *SCTP Returns*
- *ATA and Meeting dates set*
- *Summer steak fry approach*



### ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2009

Dear member -

Our annual election meeting held on Nov 25th 2008 reflects the voting of 157 members out of 409 ballots mailed out to all members. The results were, Dave Hohler – Pres., Doug Server – Vice-pres., Dave Philippe – Sec’y, Pete Brennan – Treas.

New directors installed were – Carl Wedlick and Dick Gerlach

Incumbent directors are – Carl Chambers, Dave Johnston, David Oakes, Bill Bates, Don Dickerson.

### Dues are Due

In November 2007, the club membership voted (by a 3 to 1 margin) to increase annual dues to \$75. per year to cover ongoing increases in club operating costs. These dues were payable on Jan 1, 2009 for the 2009 calendar year. If your membership card does not show --- “in good standing until Jan 1, 2010”, then you owe dues for this year.

Our Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) Dates for 2009 are on **Mar 15, Apr 4, May 24, Jun 20, Jul 12, Aug 2, Sep 13, Oct 4 / Nov 1.**

These events are open to all shooters. You need not be a highly skilled trap shooter to participate. The protocol at these events is essentially no different than our informal, open shooting we do every day at the club. The only difference is that we accurately record your scores for handicapping at future ATA events. **Cash prizes are awarded.**

### SCTP GEARS UP FOR 2009 SEASON

The scholastic clay target program (SCTP) for all Cumberland County school students is again on board to use our club as home shooting grounds. A kick-off meeting was held on Jan 10 for about 25 interested students. The program is headed up by coaches Doug Server and Kenny Carey with past coach Kim Cham-



berlin working behind the scenes with Region III director Matt Simcox to expand the SCTP in our Region III. Practice is on each Saturday at 10 am with competition shooting starting in early April. With ammunition costs rising about 30% over the last 2 years, **any donation to help these youngsters will be greatly appreciated.**

*“This Newsletter contains many important dates*

*Keep it handy or write them down*

NEWSLETTER TITLE

WILD GAME DINNER—- SPORTSMAN OF THE 2009 YEAR

This February 28th marks the time for our annual wild game dinner. As in previous years, it will take place at the Crossville Elks club on genesis Road.

We will shortly be selling tickets for this annual feast.

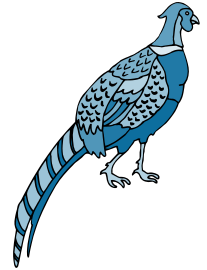
As in previous years Pete Brennan is the spark plug of this event. 456-6554

In what has become a part of these proceedings, we will be awarding the annual sportsman of the year to **Carl Wedlick**, longtime member and past president of the FFG Sportsman club. Past recipients of this award are Pete Brennan last, year, and Joe Puryear in 2007. The sportsman award is our way of saluting members or past members

who have dedicated their time and effort to make our club the success it is today.

Carl is well know for the countless hours he has expended and the many contributions he has made.

**We salute him as our 2009 Sportsman of the Year!**



*Enjoy a variety of wild game dishes served by the Elks Club Staff*

*We may be down some weeks due to the cold, but we certainly are not "Out"*

RIFLE /PISTOL SHOOTERS ENDURE A WILD WINTER

Although this year's extremely cold weather has presented a challenge to the Pistol and rifle teams, we still plan to offer our weekly matches and practice sessions.

Our winter hours call for starting at 1PM on Tuesdays for .22 Rifle matches, and 1PM on Wednesdays for Bullseye Pistol. We hold PPC or Action pistol

matches on Wednesdays following Bullseye, normally at around 2PM.

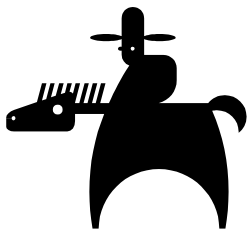
If you are not familiar with how we go about these activities, you can call Paul Cunningham for Bullseye 456-8321, or Dick Gerlach at 459-2070 for PPC.

We also shoot several action target games, which involve shooting at metal plates and paper targets. If

you are curious give Barry Reed a call at 456-5384 and he can fill you in on these fun activities.

We normally don't shoot if the temp drops below 40 degrees or these is rain or snow.

Our Pistol/Rifle range is in great shape so get ready for Spring— We sure are!



*Remember when you played those cowboy games as a Kid??*

BITTER CREEK RANGERS STILL 'RIDIN THE RANGE'

Have you ever driven by our rifle/pistol range on the south end of the property and wondered what those outlandish little structures are?

Well , the Bank, and the Saloon and the Corral belong to the Bitter Creek Rangers, our local posse of the **Single Action Shooting Society**, better known as the "Cowboys". They are a growing part of our

club dedicated to acting. Or re-enacting scenarios that call to mind situations in the old West. The Rangers hold forth on the first Saturday of each month for their matches, and also on the 2nd and third Saturdays for practice sessions.

They convene at 9AM, but arriving a bit early to help set-up will be appreciated. You can call Bill Wencker at 707-9452 for more details.

Come out and watch, if you like what you see they will gladly coach you and let you fire their authentic pieces.

**Oh, and by the way Cowgirls are also welcome— they have a few already, and Boy, can they shoot!**

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### BRING YOUR STEAK KNIVES ! LET THE FEASTING BEGIN

Speaking of eating, our steak fries will again be held on May 29, Jun 26, Jul 31, Aug 28, and Sep 25 – the last Friday of these months. Tom and Terry Boylson, Warren Kazmarek and a host of assistants will help out. We are trying to make our calling list more complete and interactive to accommodate as close as possible to 90 people (the pavilion limit) for each dinner. In the past, we have had as few as 40 or 50 attend when we could have had many

more. We will give priority to members (and guests) who have supported us in the past, however we realize that even those “priority members” can’t attend every month and thus we will give other members that are also on the list an opportunity to attend. Barb and Dave Hohler will be heading up the scheduling list. Barb and Dave will start calling those on the priority list in April/May to determine which dinners you can attend for the entire year. You will be com-

mitted to those unless you call us to cancel at least two weeks prior to the dinner. Don’t sign up for all when you are pretty sure you won’t make some of them. There is a good chance you can always get back on board during the last two weeks. Excessive cancellations will result in removal from the priority list. The onus will be on you maintain your commitment. Bear with us as we want to do our best to accommodate as many as possible on an equitable basis.



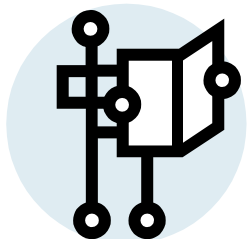
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Sep 25 –  
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these months.**

*Have you ever seen  
a man hit 10 clay  
pigeons on one  
throw?  
Tim can do that  
and more!*

### TIM BRADLEY TO GIVE ANOTHER EXHIBITION

Tim Bradley will put on his shooting exhibition again this year on **Saturday, April 18 with shows at 10 am and 2 pm. at the club.** Free donuts and coffee will be served prior to the 10 am show and lunch served prior to the 2 pm show. The show is free to the public and will provide a great opportunity for visitors to tour our shooting complex and even try your hand at some of our shooting amenities. Club members will be available to pass out club fliers describing our club amenities and show you around the club grounds. Tim is sponsored by Team Benelli USA and Dave Kirk Automotive of Crossville.

### MARK THESE MEETING DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR



*Come to member  
and board meetings  
and participate  
It's YOUR Club!*

Our Constitution calls for at least one membership and one board meeting per quarter. Membership meetings are open to all members and have been set at Mar 10, Jun 9, Sep 8 and Nov 24th The annual election meeting is on Nov 24. All are at 7 pm at the club.

Board meetings are held as required, usually within a week's notice, to more effectively conduct club business. Although, most often at-

tended by board members only, general members are encouraged to attend and partake in discussion of club issues. Board members can take note of your opinions, however only board members can vote on motions at these meetings. Board meetings offer an excellent opportunity for a member to observe and learn club operations and policy and eventually run for a board or officer position. If interested in attending a

board meeting, give us your name and we will call you as to its date. It is important to note, that ANY member wishing to address the board on any subject relating to the club, should contact any board member and have the subject listed on the agenda for the next meeting. We will call you when the next meeting is scheduled.