

McDonald Sportsmen's Chronicle January 2008

Members,

We hope everyone a Great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The year 2007 was a busy year. It started out rebuilding our shooting stalls and adding on one more bay. Also we added a new plinking range. The work never stopped and the construction of the new 60x40 supply house took most of the summer to build.

The Turnpike commissions meet with us a few weeks ago and explained that the Mon-Fayette Highway is in its planning stages. They showed us maps where the road is going to intersect our club. We are going to have more meetings with them as time goes on. They are eager to help us rearranging the club. They told us that there was no money funded yet but was probably was going to start buying the land in about a year. Also that if they do get it funded they would not break ground for about five years .This is the only information we have. As we continue to have meetings with them we will inform the membership.

Next we want to talk about dues. If you know what your dues are please send them in. This year workdays and meetings can be earned starting January 1 2008. The last day they can be turned in will be the meeting in November 2008. Any workdays and meetings credited after our November meeting will be credited to 2009. Last year we had members turning workdays in December 31. This is why the invoices are so late getting out this year. Do to this we are extending the dues to February 29. Our Monday night workdays last year had poor participation. In fact there were some nights no one showed up. If members do not come and help with the ground maintenance we will have to hire someone to do this and this will create a great cost to the club.

We had a bylaw change effective January 1 2008 Section H Members in good standing, This is what was added to be a member in good standing you must come to 10 workdays and 6 meetings. This does not affect life members. This is how it will affect you. If you don't do your workdays and meetings you will have no voting privileges, you will not be able to nominate new members. If you are a senior member you will have to do six meetings and ten workdays unless disabled to get the cut rate of fifteen dollars. If not you will be the same as an in-active member and pay one hundred and fifteen dollars.

This is a reminder anyone using any of our ranges weather you are shooting archery, plinking at the new range, shooting on rifle and pistol range or indoors you must sign in before you shoot and out before you leave. Due to an incident this will be strictly enforced.

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