

- FROM THE PRESIDENT -

At the end of 2009 I will have spent almost three years as club president, and I hope that the results have been positive. It has been my pleasure to work with and meet all of you.

I would like to give my sincere thanks and appreciation to the other officers, Gene Davis, Bob Stewart, and Jon Bowden, who give substantial amounts of time and effort to make sure the club runs successfully, and to the other board members, Melvin Daniel, Jim Goldman, and Bill Craig, who give consistently good advice, and to Mike Briley for keeping the grounds looking nice.

Jon Bowden was elected as president for 2010 and Dustin Keers was elected secretary. Gene Davis and Bob Stewart were re-elected as vice-president and treasurer, respectively. Jon has become a good friend over the years that I have been associated with the club, and I know that he is dedicated to the club's future success.

This year we were able to pay off the roofing loan (thanks, Jon, for the interest free loan!) and we finally received our new tax bill... about double.

I have made more of an effort this year to bring my family and use the club this year, and a few of my friends joined as well. I believe the club can be a value to the community. People are watching to see how we are acting, talking, and treating the environment, so we have the potential to do a great amount of good for our cause.

- PITCH-IN DINNER-

On Saturday December 19th from 5-8pm we will have our Christmas pitch-in dinner. We hope you will join us to enjoy some good food and good company. The club will provide the meat and drink; please bring a dish to pass.

- MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS -

Renewals are due on January 1st. The gate combination will be changed on March 1st. Dues are \$100 for the year and \$50 if you are over age 70. Please fill out the enclosed renewal form and mail it to the club with your payment.

If you attended a range safety orientation in 2009, you do not need to attend another orientation to receive your 2010 membership card. Please indicate on the form if you would like a "fishing only" membership; you are not required to attend a range safety orientation. Membership cards will be mailed out before March 1st with the new gate combination. Spouses can get their own range card by attending the safety orientation held after each monthly meeting. If you would like to review the range safety orientation, it is available on the website.

Updated range rules are on the club website at www.danvilleconservationclub.org. After reading the updated rules, please check the box on the form. If you do not have internet access, please check the appropriate box on the form and we will mail you a copy of the rules with your membership card.

Also check the club website for calendar updates, the latest meeting minutes and other news, like the Friends of the NRA banquet! I will still be doing webmaster stuff and hopefully have more time to add few more pictures. It's about time, eh?

- MATCH UPDATE -

Thanks to all of those who supported and attended the NRA sanctioned silhouette matches, and special thanks again to Plainfield Shooting Supplies for their generous prize donations. Matches will be held every fourth Saturday from March to October in 2010 starting at 9am. The event is open to .22LR Hunting Rifle and Silhouette Rifle competitors.

The non-sanctioned .22 benchrest matches will be held every second Saturday in 2010 at 9am from April

to October. The 50 yard contest is open to .22LR in both "sporting" and "benchrest" classes.

Contact Jon Bowden at jon@dccsafety.com to get on the contact list for next spring.

- TRAINING PROGRAM UPDATE -

Again this year we held a number of group and even a few individualized gun safety classes. It has also been a successful way to introduce the club to others and we gained several new members as a result.

If you or someone you know is interested in taking an NRA adult pistol or youth rifle class please drop me an e-mail at andy@dccsafety.com. If you think you are already on "the list" but you haven't heard from me about a class, don't hesitate to send a reminder.

- RAFFLE TICKETS -

In this mailing are nine raffle tickets. This is our main fundraiser for the year, so we appreciate all you can do to help us by selling raffle tickets. Please return the money and all completed ticket stubs to the club before the December 9th meeting, when the drawing will be held. If you are unable to sell the tickets, please return them early so others can have a chance to sell them. If you want extra tickets, please call Mike at 317-718-7475, extras may be available. The ticket prices and prizes are listed on the tickets.

- MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS -

Club meetings are held every second Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm in the Clubhouse.

Be safe and enjoy the Holidays!

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