

# CrowCall

*Spring 2013*



## CLUB INFORMATION

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Crowfoot Sportsmen's Club  
4997 Crowfoot Road  
Murrysville, PA 15668

Web Site Address: ..... [www.crowfootsportsmensclub.com](http://www.crowfootsportsmensclub.com)  
Main Phone: ..... (724) 327-9315  
Office Hours: ..... Wednesdays: 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.

## CROWFOOT OFFICERS

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President: ..... Al Lewis  
Vice President: ..... Jim Marks  
Secretary/Treasurer: ..... Terry Christy  
Membership Officer: ..... Jon Vidak

## ARCHERY FACILITY

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Indoor Range Hours: ..... Daily: 8 a.m. – 11 p.m.  
Outdoor Range Hours: ..... Daily: 8 a.m. – Dusk  
Outdoor Archery Contacts: ..... Doug Marks or Jim Marks  
JOAD President: ..... Dan Pringle  
JOAD Contact: ..... Cheri Jamison

## CROWFOOT LAKE

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Lake Hours: ..... Daily: 8 a.m. – Dusk  
Contact: ..... Dick Pugh  
*All Fish Commission Rules Apply.*

## PISTOL RANGE

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Indoor Pistol Range Hours: ..... Daily: 8 a.m. – 11 p.m.

## RIFLE RANGE

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Outdoor Rifle Range Hours: ..... Daily: 8 a.m. – Dusk  
Contact: ..... John Pishko

## TRAP

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Open to the Public: ..... Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday  
Hours: ..... 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.  
Contact: ..... Al Lewis or Jon Vidak

**JUNIOR RIFLE**

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Contact: ..... George Kehlert or Scott Thomas

**OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

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Grounds Keepers: ..... Neil and Donna Barnes

The CrowCall Editor: ..... Al Lewis

## **CrowCall Spring 2013**

### **Crowfoot's Spring Gun Bash**

The Gun Bash will be held on March 17, doors open at 12:30. If you haven't purchased your ticket by now you may be too late. Stop in or call the club on Wednesday evening, March 13, in the event there could be some unsold tickets available. Volunteers are always needed to set up the tables on Saturday, March 16, as well as the clean-up and putting the tables away after the bash. Thanks to everyone who lends the club a hand by working hard to make our Gun Bash a big success.

### **New Surveillance System**

Our new security gate, TV cameras and security surveillance system is being installed by John Pishko as of this week and should be completed very soon. Members will be required to turn in their old electronic key card for a new card which will include your photo. Member's present key card will not work with the new system, you're upgraded key card will be permanent. New members will pay \$30.00 for their key card and should a member leave the club, the card will be terminated and no refund will be offered. Pictures are now being taken at the pistol building by chance during the day and also during evening office hours each Wednesday evening after 7:00. Please make it a point to stop by the pistol building before April 1 to have your picture taken. You will require the new photo ID badge to access the facilities. After April 1, your old card will no longer work.

### **Thank You**

Now that the new Rifle Range building is complete, and the Club members and their guests have had an opportunity to enjoy the new facility, it is time to extend an enormous "Thank You" to the vendors and contractors that helped make this project successful. If it were not for their quality product; commitment to perfection; and willingness to work with us, our new Rifle Range building and improvements to the Club would not be as impressive as they are today.

During the rifle range project I was fortunate to get to know Rick Speranza and his wife Anna. They are truly a great couple. At the range, Rick is my “go-to” person; when I need an objective opinion or something done right the first time, I go to Rick. Rick has the ability to take attention to detail to the next level.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Rick, and Speranza Specialty Machining. Rick donated countless hours of his time to the seating mechanisms for the shooting benches. Thanks to members like Rick and Anna, who are willing to donate their time and expertise, I was able to provide a far superior seating mechanism to enhance the shooting benches. And the Club members get Rifle Range seating that rates a 15 on a scale of 1-10!

Rick has also contributed to the Club by building the misfire boxes for the Rifle and Pistol ranges; repairing the charcoal grills that are located near the Trap House and the Rifle Range; and he has played a significant role in helping us to obtain test pieces of steel to conduct bullet penetration tests for the repair of the Club’s bullet bunkers.

In addition, I would like to thank all of the Club members that contributed their time and support during the project. Regardless if it was a pre-planned work crew taking down the former Rifle Range building; an impromptu stop that led to 30 minutes of assistance; or a daily visit to provide manual labor or moral support – it was all appreciated. We now have a great place to shoot rifles and a Club where we can be proud to be a member.

**Thank you to everyone.**

*John Pishko*

## **Parking**

The Club has had some trees cut down to make room for additional parking spaces by and across from the pistol building. Parking across from the pistol building should be used during the day and is off limits on Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday evenings, when the trap range is in use. The Trap Range will also be in use on Monday evenings during ASTL league from April through September.

## **Trap League**

ASTL Trap League starts soon, anyone wishing to shoot in the league for Crowfoot should sign up at the Trap building now. Everyone is welcome, new shooters as well as accomplished shooters, women, men, and young people twelve years old and up. Everyone has a great time; we shoot fifty targets at Crowfoot and three additional clubs each week in the local area. Afterwards we usually eat wings at the local restaurant and shoot more baloney than targets. Starting date is April 8, at 5:00 p.m. at West Penn Trap Club.

- Please note the high power range will close during the five Monday evenings scheduled at Crowfoot.
- Dates are as : April 22, May 20, June 24, July 22, and August 19

## **Welcome New Members**

Welcome everyone; please take the time to check out the club, our adult and youth programs and get to know our Board of Directors and officers of Crowfoot. We are a family friendly run club to meet the needs of moms and dads alike. If you have questions or need information, the club's office is open every Wednesday evening. Several Board members, including myself, are usually around to assist you.

## **Rifle**

Junior Rifle meets every Monday night at the pistol building from 6:00 to 8:30. The range is closed during this time to allow the kids to practice with their coaches.

## **JOAD**

Junior Archery meets every Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 8:30 at the Archery Building. The range is closed during this time to allow the kids to practice with their coaches.

## **Annual State FITA Indoor Archery Championships**

Crowfoot hosted the Annual State FITA Indoor Archery Championships the first weekend of March. This event was held simultaneously at 3 clubs across the state. Crowfoot had a good turnout with JOAD students and adults competing from several clubs around the Allegheny County area. Crowfoot had several of its JOAD students and adults compete at this State Indoor championship and our Crowfooters shot very well. Two Crowfooters in particular came away with state championship first place titles. R J Pugh took first place in the Recurve Male Bowman division and Lilly Kosoglow took first place in the Compound Female Yeoman division. Miss Lilly also walked away with a new state record in that class.

Other Crowfooters who competed in the state championship and finished in the top 3 included Ashley Li, Austin Barnes, Jessica Miladonvich (competed with a broken hand), Hannah Winchell, and Larry Walker (JOAD Instructor). Congratulations to these fine shooters for maintaining the fine archery tradition of Crowfoot. The results of the State Indoor Championship can be found at [www.FITAarchersofpa.com](http://www.FITAarchersofpa.com) under the Shoot Results for 2013.



Lilly Kosoglow (above) took first place in the Compound Female Yeoman division; Miss Lilly also walked away with a new state record in that class.



R. J. Pugh took first place in the Recurve Male Bowman division.



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### **Crowfoot Youth Attains Eagle Scout Rank**

We at Crowfoot Sportsmen's Club would like to offer our congratulations to Matt Plance for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Matt has displayed incredible dedication and ambition in becoming a productive member of the club for the past many years. As a youth Matt participated in many programs including Junior Olympic Archery Development also known as "J.O.A.D.". He competed for over ten years and achieved many awards. He advanced to be an expert archer and was admired by his fellow teammates. Matt



also participated in the club's small bore program. He always displayed good sportsmanship and was kind and courteous to everyone. In most recent years Matt has been working at the club as a trap operator. He is prompt and dependable and does a commendable job. He endures the wind, rain, cold and snow without any complaining. Crowfoot Sportsmen's Club has been fortunate to have someone of Matt's character so involved and active in many aspects of the club and we look forward to having Matt continue being a part of Crowfoot throughout his adulthood.

### **Crowfoot Pistol Course**

Larry Boreland will be teaching an additional NRA 1<sup>st</sup> Step Pistol learning course on March 23, which is filled and registration is closed. He will also be holding a course on Saturday, April 27, and he has openings available for that course. Contact Larry, at [blckrose@pitt.edu](mailto:blckrose@pitt.edu), for more information and to register for the upcoming April course. Participants will receive a NRA certificate for completing the course.

### **Crowfoot Apparel**

Show support for our club by wearing a club hat, t-shirt, dress shirt, or a really nice sweat shirt. See Club Vice-President Jim Marks to order yours today. We also offer women's and children's apparel as well. Jim is usually at the Club office on Wednesday evenings or at the Trap building on Tuesday evenings.

### **Lake**

Trout season and opening day will soon be upon us, the club follows the Fish Commission rules and regulations, no exceptions when fishing here at the club's lake. You will need a fishing License, our catch limit is three Trout and children are not permitted to fish without an adult member such as a parent or grandparent to supervise them. Please make sure you obey the lake rules posted for all to see down next to the lake.

## **Final Thought**

Last week during office hours, a man, his wife, and children stopped in to purchase a membership. I was standing outside my office when I noticed this man's wife look around at the inside of the building, pause and then she sat down on the sofa. She looked at her kids, then her husband and said, I never expected a gun club to be this nice and clean ... WOW this is really nice. She then remarked that they have visited a host a different clubs and that none could compare to ours. She then took hold of her husband's arm and said, "We are going to join this club, honey, I really like it and so do the kids."

Well to say the least, I felt a sense of pride; it is a really nice club. Our membership keeps growing. More and more families continue to become members. The Board of Directors and I believe we are setting the standard of what today's sportsmen's club should be about and what people in today's world want in a club. Modern updated facilities; environmentally friendly; clean, filtered, dust and lead free inside shooting ranges; clean bathrooms; comfortable seating areas; and a fun safe environment for the whole family.

Good Shooting!  
See You At The Club!

*Al Lewis*  
President of Crowfoot and CrowCall Editor