



# WILDLIFE ACTION

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### OLD BUSINESS

#### Rifle Range Extension

Dennis and Kevin are going to mark off the property needed to extend two shooting lanes to 200 yards. Once this is done Dennis will work with the land owner to determine the additional cost to the club.

#### Santee Fishing Trip

The charter fishing trip to Santee will be April 21 to catch crappie. Contact Roger Burrows to sign up. There is room for four more fisherman if anyone is interested contact Roger. Estimated cost is \$83.00 per individual for one full day of fishing.

### FISHING REPORT

- Roger said the shad and herring season is over for the year.
- He also updated members on two local favorite fishing holes, Dargan's pond and Lowders lake. Dargans pond is owned by Clemson University and is closed indefinitely. One of the dikes was breached by a storm and needs to be repaired.
- Access to Lowders lake has been improved. The road into the landing has been paved.

### HUNTING REPORT

- Dennis and Roger contributed to the report.
- It's turkey season.
- Dennis and Walker put out seven food blocks.
- The season runs through April and through May 1 on Wildlife Management Areas.
- You can get your tags at the regional DNR office located near FMU.
- Roger reported to the group that the 800 acre WMA in Marlboro county is not suitable for turkey hunting. No turkeys are to be found on the property.



### TREASURER'S REPORT

Larry said we're still solvent.

### CRSO'S REPORT

- Steve made a motion that we purchase more press board for target back stops. The motion was seconded and approved.
- He also brought up the club paying for Father Morey's membership since he allows WLA to use church property for the annual Christmas Party. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the club pay Father Morey's membership.
- The youth CMP event has been placed on hold. Nick is currently busy with his daughter's wedding.
- Kevin said he had been asked about a CWP class for a local business. He asked for volunteers to help and several members agreed to help with the class.

## SHOOTING REPORT

Kevin told the group that the long range rifle events at Camp Lejeune have been suspended pending recertification by the Marine Corp.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- National has ask us to have someone fill the Environmental position at our club. Kevin asked the members that if they hear or see of any public meetings notices where environmental concerns would be an issue to please let the club know.
- One issue that a member brought up is solar farms. Saying that this green energy has several environmental unfriendly byproducts. The issues are shading the ground below the panels, not allowing grass to grows, and with age the panels leak a toxic chemical onto Mother Earth.
- Dennis mentioned that the River Revolution group is involved with cleaning up rivers and streams.
- Kevin has been talking with a Trail Life group about the possibility of being involved in our Pioneer Day event this year.
- Dan suggested contacting church groups about coming out the park.
- Dennis asked about converting the club trailer into a B.B. gun range and taking it to churches for the youth to learn about guns and gun safety.
- Bill asked about bringing in potential members as guest to use the facility's. The SOP states that your guest must be from out of the area. This issue will be discussed when revisions are made to the SOP at the end of the year. For now the upcoming May meeting will be an open event.

The next meeting will be Saturday May 12th starting at 10 with the range opening at noon.



Photo courtesy of the NWTf

### A few interesting facts about turkeys:

- The bird really is named after the nation of Turkey. Early European visitors to the Americas saw the creature and it reminded them of a bird familiar to them back home known as a "Turkey bird." It seems that the African guinea fowl made it to Europe in the Middle Ages via Turkey and the similarity to the American bird gave rise to the same name being applied.
- Wild turkeys include Eastern, Osceola, Rio Grande, Merriam's and Gould's subspecies. There are subtle plumage differences and different ranges that distinguish the birds.
- A group of turkeys — has many awesome and unusual descriptive nouns, including a "crop", "dole", "gang", "posse", and "raffle."



