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## Scheduling Committee

CCFSA Directors, committee heads and event directors have been working on the schedule for the first quarter of 2021. With today's environment I would encourage you to track the schedule at <http://localendar.com/public/ccfsa> or follow the link on the <http://www.ccfsa.com> . With COVID 19 still with us, things can and will change quickly.

To contact the scheduling committee please email us at [calendar@ccfsa.com](mailto:calendar@ccfsa.com)

**Always check the online calendar for the latest scheduling information!**

## **CCFSA Calendar of events**

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Safety committee:

First, I would like to mention we have had a decent year as far as safety concerns at CCFSA. I do appreciate the effort of the membership. I would like to mention a few items that will benefit all of us at CCFSA.

We still need to police all the ranges for live ammo. We do have live round deposit boxes on all the ranges, please do not throw live ammo in the trash cans.

In my opinion the ranges have never looked better, but we do need to stay on top of range clean up.

On rifle pistol range, it is paper targets or stationary polymer targets only. Water bottles are not polymer targets.

Target stands are to be kept as close to the backstop berms as possible.

Be safe and enjoy your time on the range.

Safety is every member's responsibility, whether you are on a range or using the facility for other recreational interests. The rules are put in place for everyone to follow and for everyone to enforce. Safety should be the first thing on everyone's mind. If you have a safety related issue that is on your mind, contact any director, match director, Range Safety Officer, or Safety Officer. Most of the time, especially weekends, you can find someone to fill this bill on-site. If you cannot find one on-site, give someone a call. Contact information should be posted on the ranges or you can call Don French (937)783-2762, Darin Ashley (520)-818-4510, Kristie Kiphart (937)218-2512, Rick Siermann (513)314-5236.

### **Safe Storage of Weapons at Home**

I have an agreement with my son, if I leave my handgun laying around and he finds it, I owe him five dollars. So far, I have never had to pay him that five dollars, though one time I did have to pay him one dollar for leaving out my folding tactical knife. My son now likes to tell people I will have to pay him 10 dollars if he finds my gun in an unsafe location. Hmmmm.

As American Citizens and protectors of life and freedom we invest heavily in purchasing equipment and learning procedures for the safe handling of weapons. Equally important are procedures for the safe storage of weapons. The big concern here is children, and also those who are impaired. It is not enough to only look out for risks by those who live in our household, but we must also look out for the safety of those may visit our household.

Do you have kids? Do they have friends who come over, with or without their parents? With respect to your firearms, ask yourself the question, "what could go wrong here". That is a great way to foresee a potential problem and deliver a solution before it happens. If we don't store our firearms safely, we are not being good protectors.

The first general rule for temporary firearm storage is place it up high on the fireplace mantle or top shelf in a closet. This keeps the gun out of easy reach of a child. If away from your home, be sure to leave your car keys with your gun, so you don't drive off without it. The second general rule is the gun must be no higher than condition two, with an empty chamber. Before negligence could happen, the child would have to chamber a round.

Next, I train my kids what to do if they come across a firearm: do not touch, keep smaller kids away, go tell an adult. As soon as they are old enough, I will teach them how to clear a weapon then put it up high without pointing it at themselves or someone else.

I like to show-off how my kids are trained. In front of some shooters the other day, I asked my son, "What happens if you find my gun laying around in an unsafe place?" He answered without blinking, "You owe me twenty dollars". Good point! Safety is worth the high price.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Now to what's up:

I have every confidence most of us are displeased with the current condition of our November election. For me, I'm not giving up until my president does. Hang in there!

In other news:

AMMO LAND noted: The number of checks done in November of 2020 was 3,626,335, according to the FBI NICS month and year tabulation. This brings the total sales for 2020 to about 18.76 million in 2020, so far. I think if current trends continue, we could crack 20 MILLION for the year. I say it's a great boon for the industry and for our citizen's ability to defend themselves and families!

All 12 Senate Appropriations subcommittees released their respective FY 2021 federal funding bills that include NSSF priorities to combat chronic wasting disease, as well as funding agencies overseeing industry-priority issues.

Recent Gallup research finds that in a year that has seen record-high gun sales, Americans' appetite for gun control is the lowest it has been since 2016, before tragic murders in Las Vegas, Nevada and Parkland, Florida. Our industry is filled with men and women who carried a gun in defense of our nation. Now, they're in the business of providing Americans the means of exercising their God-given right to keep and bear arms.

U.S. Senate Banking Committee Chairman Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) warned the banking industry that hard questions over banking discrimination against politically disfavored industries will continue in the next Congress.

Arnold Ventures, a billionaire philanthropy organization, wants to save us from ourselves through their deep pockets. More specifically, they seek to restrict the freedom to keep and bear arms.

A lot is going on at the club and we've had some good weather despite the fact that we are well into December. Now is a great time to sharpen your skills or release some tension! Take advantage of your club, I hope to see y'all out there!

Dave Bientz, Legislative Chair.

# Dave Atwood

## New BOD Candidate



I am a machining engineer with Ahresty Wilmington Corporation. My roles include troubleshooting the machines and robots on our production lines, reject reduction projects, and training other employee's technical skills. I earned a Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Wright State University.

To unwind and enjoy life, I tend to play outside. Remember when your parents said to go play outside? It stuck with me. I hike, fish, hunt, kayak and go shooting. Mostly shooting. While I participate in GSSF and IDPA, my first love is rifle. Or I just sit on my porch and watch the world go by while enjoying good bourbon.



Hi my name is Kirk Colyer. As a past Master of the Masonic lodge, a recently retired business owner of 40 years, and a gun shop owner, I am looking for the next chapter and hoping to become more involved in the CCFSA. You may recognize my name as I initiated the installation of the range covers, advertise in the newsletter as K&S Customs and have been a long term member here. I have been a gun enthusiast for most of

my life and I am excited about the additional time I will have in retirement to pursue and advance the mission of the CCFSA. I enjoy shooting a variety of rifles, handguns and shotguns and have introduced my wife and our four children to them as well. I believe that for ourselves and for the next generation we must encourage organized shooting in the community and teach proper care and handling of firearms. Promoting improved marksmanship, self discipline, honesty and good sportsmanship is something I'm sure we can all get behind. As a member of the board of directors I bring a wide variety of experience from running a successful business to organizing events, and bringing people together through other affiliations.

I hope you will sincerely consider my bid for a seat on the board, as it is my sincere intention to serve us all well.

Thank you

Kirk Colyer

**Don French**  
**Current Director**

I am currently serving as the Safety Committee chairman and the Scheduling Committee. I previously served as CFFSA president for six years, Archery Committee chairman for four years, and I held the position of Second Vice president for two years. I have served five terms on the Board of Directors and I have been a member of CCFSA on and off since 1979.

I have assisted with the 4H Archery program and the youth shooting camp. I have assisted with the Building & Grounds Committee and the Lake, Hunting & Camping committee.

My very understanding wife Lisa and I have four grown children and nine grandkids. We have lived in Clinton County for the past 30 years.

I enjoy all the shooting sports and many of the other events at CCFSA. There just is not enough time to do them all. If you look at the club events schedule you will see that there is something going on all the time.

My goal for CCFSA is simple: Promote the growth of CCFSA and adapt to changes as we go. Long story short, I will promote anything that is good for CCFSA.

I am a member of many shooting and hunting organizations, too numerous to mention them all.

# Michael McCarthy

Current Director



My name is Michael McCarthy. I am currently a board member at CCFSA and fully support what we do as an organization. I am actively involved in IDPA and GSSF. I am a member of the NRA, safety officer for IDPA, Range Safety Officer for the NRA, and looking to expand my shooting disciplines.

Growing up I was involved in 4H, and believe youth programs are vital. I take initiative and work well as an organizer and planner. Because of this, I feel I could be a valuable asset to the club and its members. I believe we should continue to promote all shooting sports and the second amendment. I look forward to continuing to help CCFSA grow.

# Rich Nolde

**Current Director – CCFSA President**



My name is Richard Nolde. I have been a member of CCFSA since January of 2010 and a board member since January of 2014. I am a CCFSA Range Safety Officer and also an IDPA Safety Officer. I am also a concealed carry license holder and an NRA Life member.

I served as chairman of the Rifle and Pistol Committee in 2017 and 2018, and have been club President since January 2019. While serving in these capacities, I have made several significant contributions to the operation of the club, including:

Championed an effort to ensure that a significant portion of funds raised from paid shooting events would remain available for use by the committee responsible for maintaining the facilities used for that event. I worked with John Tonkin this year to revise the procedure to be more fair to the applicable committees

Worked with the Safety Committee to develop a comprehensive and consistent set of rules to govern matches, classes, and other organized events on the rifle and pistol range.

Accomplished (with much help from others) the purchase of additional land for the club.

Although my personal interest lies primarily with the Rifle and Pistol events, anyone who has been at board meeting over the last 7 years knows that I am extremely interested in the variety of activities offered by the club and have offered strong support for all of them.

# John Tonkin

Current Director



For the past few years, I have served as the Director of Shotgun Sports at CCFSA. During this time, the Shotgun Committee has helped with the return of the Youth Skeet Camp in the Summer and the club is now host to a High School and College Clay Target Team in the Spring and Fall. We have also held several skeet events, 5-Stand shoots, and instructional events for CCFSA members and local Boy Scout Troops. I am proud to say that with significant help from other club members, shotgun activities at CCFSA have been steadily increasing and we plan to continue that trend.

I would like to retain my position on the CCFSA Board of Directors in order to continue my assistance with the improvement of our club and help plan future events for members to enjoy.

As a shooting sports enthusiast, I joined CCFSA many years ago to improve my rifle, pistol, and shotgun skills, as well as teach responsible firearm handling to others. My wife Laura has also enjoyed improving her skills at CCFSA, especially within the shotgun and archery disciplines.



Dave Bientz



Eric Deer



Kirk Colyer

Hello all!

First of all, as another year comes to a close, I want to express my sincere appreciation to Eric Deer and Kirk Colyer for their tireless efforts to help build our sponsor base. These guys work harder than they would if they were being paid! I regretfully must announce that Eric, due to commitments at a new job, will be moving to nights and unable to continue on the BOD. Thanks Eric, we're really going to miss you!

Cold weather is here but we can't really fuss about it. We've had a pretty mild winter (so far). I hope you all have your ammo loaded and ready to take full advantage of the club facilities!

We have been able to add a few range covers this year but much needs to be done. As all are aware, we purchased 69 adjacent acres on which we hope to install a 500 yard range and perhaps other sporting venues. This all requires cash, which is in short demand due to the current Covid 19 situation. Many businesses as in the past nine months are in survival mode. We need to continue to push for sponsorships to help build the coffers!

Please continue to let us know of any potential businesses of which you may be aware that will want to get in front of our 1,200 plus members, their families and friends. We have sponsorships at several levels starting at \$100.00 per year for the newsletter and website with links to the advertisers and they are affordable for every business both large and small. E-mail me at [dbientz@cinci.rr.com](mailto:dbientz@cinci.rr.com) or call me at 513-313-5436 with any interest, requests for quotes/information on sponsorships or any suggestions. We need to hear from YOU!

Wishing all a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe, Prosperous, Healthy & Happy New Year!

See you at the range!

Dave, Sponsorship Chair

## Range Hours

- Shooting hours are 9 A.M. until sunset.
- Range is closed during meetings and maintenance.



## Range Safety Rules

- The fastest shooting permitted is **semi-auto**.
- No automatic fire, tracer/incendiary/explosive ammo
- **Paper or stationary polymer targets** are the **only** types allowed. **No aerial** targets and no personally owned steel targets.
- Targets are to be placed as **close as possible to or backstop mounds**, and the **shooter will approach the targets** to shoot at short range.
- **Do not shoot at:** side berms, the junction of the back and side berms, rocks and plants, near the top of the berms, or the target stands. Do not shoot club targets with shotguns.

Baylee Deer started shooting in the youth shoots at the Clinton County Sportsmen's Club when she was 12 years old. Her father, Eric Deer, has been a member of the Sportsmen's Club for many years. Now, Baylee is the top female archer in Ohio and ranked second in the nation for ASA archery. She has won two national tournaments in the year of 2020 in the highschool open class, specifically, the ASA Pro/Am in Foley, Alabama and the S3DA 3D nationals in London, Kentucky. This coming year, she plans on going to Vegas for the world tournament. Baylee will also be attending many of the ASA pro/ams since 3D archery is her favorite. She shoots for Archery World USA, Clinton County Sportsmens club, and Rogue Bowstrings. Because of the constant traveling out of state, her family is accepting donations and will be doing a raffle drawing to raise money. The drawing will be at a poker tournament in Fairborn, Ohio on December, 19th at the Moose Club Lodge. If you are interested, contact Eric Deer for more information. (937)-218-3219



# 5-Stand Returns to CCFSA

After a long hiatus, 5-Stand shooting returned to the shotgun range this past September.



A rabbit dashes across the 5 stand field

For those not familiar with 5-Stand, it has similarities to trap and skeet, but with more variety. The sport has five stations, or stands, from which shooters engage various combinations of targets thrown from multiple locations. Each station has a menu card that lets shooters know the sequence of clay targets they will be shooting. Each station starts with a single target, which is followed by a report pair, where the second target is launched as soon as the shooter fires at the first target. The station concludes with a true pair – two

targets thrown simultaneously. Shooters then shift to the next station for another five targets. The round ends after all shooters have cycled through all five stations and engaged 25 targets.

The 5-Stand field was brought back to life thanks to the efforts of Bruce and Cindy Warren, Jim Scott, Mike McCarthy, and several others. Their efforts resulted in a course with as many as eight different target throwers. Target types include the skeet field's high and low house, a "rabbit" that rolls along the ground, an overhead, and incoming targets. Cindy has developed multiple menus so that no matter how often you shoot, the experience never gets old.



John crushes another one

Bruce and Cindy plan to make 5-Stand available more frequently on future Sundays, as long as the weather is accommodating. Come on out and enjoy the newest shotgun activity at CCFSA!

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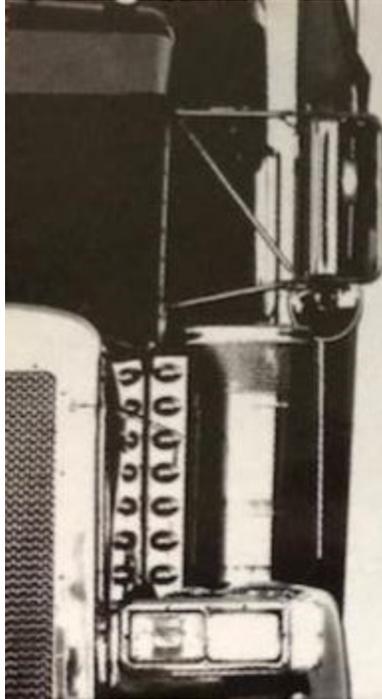
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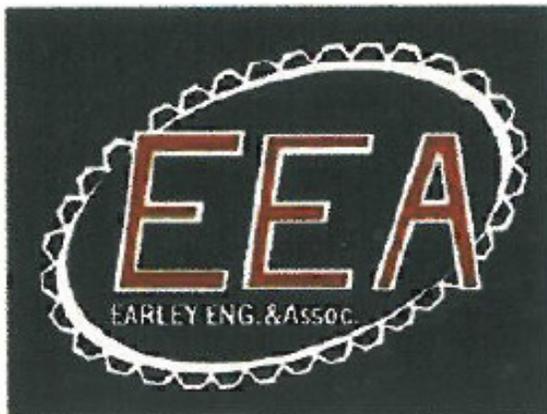
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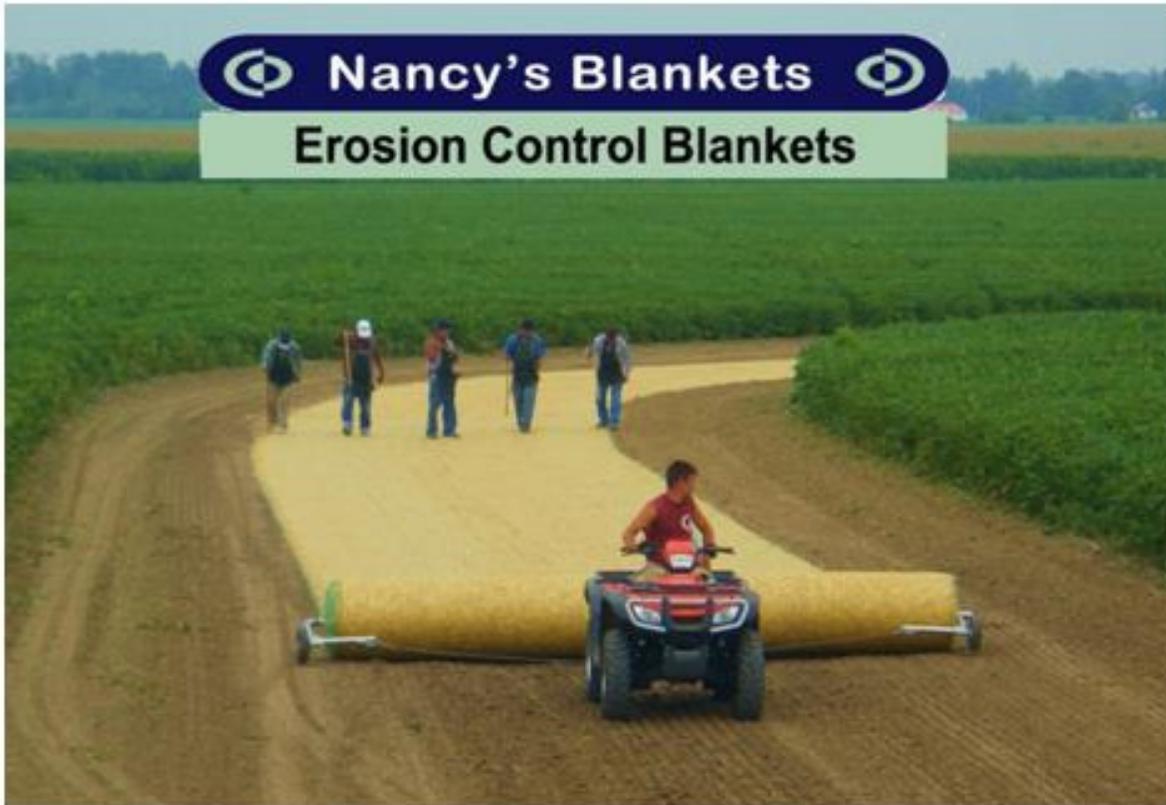
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