

We are beginning to plan for your annual NRA Shooting camp held during Memorial Day Weekend. Once the announcement is finished, I will post it in our newsletter. Our Junior Club members have continued to keep busy practicing and competing in matches around the region. Here are some of the matches they have been competing in:

January 16, 2010

NRA Open International Sectional 3-P – Salem
Marilyn Brooks – 968, Devin Dueck – 752, Jocelyn Jordan – 606, MacKenzie Green – 1077, Lauren Kraft – 1038, Caleb LaChapelle – 1058, Ian Guile – 1032, Heather Altermatt – 1024, Tyler Chin – 959, Taylor Dueck – 873, Nicole Sebens – 828, Brandon Altermatt – 687

January 23, 2010

Washington Air Rifle Championship – Olympia, WA

Standing: Heather Altermatt – 354, Nicole Sebens – 296, Brandon Altermatt – 291

3-P: Heather Altermatt – 534, Nicole Sebens – 511, Brandon Altermatt - 466

January 30, 2010

USA Open Air Rifle PTO – Sherwood, OR

Heather Altermatt – 494, Mackenzie Green – 564 (First place Intermediate Junior), Caleb LaChapelle – 544, Lauren Kraft – 533, Ian Guile 513, Marilyn Brooks – 510, Tyler Chin – 509, Taylor Dueck – 462, Nicole Sebens – 465, Brandon Altermatt – 432, Devin Dueck – 431, Jocelyn Jordan – 356

January 30, 2010

Air Pistol Junior Olympic State Championship – Sherwood, OR

Heather Altermatt – 301 (2nd Place Women)

February 6, 2010

NRA Open Sectional Smallbore 3P – Madras, OR

Lauren Kraft – 1010, Brandon Altermatt – 690, Heather Altermatt – 953, Mackenzie Green – 1090, Ian Guile – 1060, Tyler Chin – 976, Marilyn

Brooks – 959

January Golf Ball Shoot

On Tuesday, January 26, 2010 there wasn't much on TV. Nine shooters showed up at the Indoor Range to practice shooting .22 rim fire handguns. We shot at golf balls, tennis balls and, those that hit all the balls, paper targets. As usual it was a good night for joking and fun. When the scores were tallied the finishing order was:

1st Place - Jim Garges

2nd Place - Dusty Freeman

3rd Place - Tom Byerley

Come out and join us on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. It is a great way to practice your handgun control

Tom Byerley

Match Director

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following new members recently joined or rejoined the club. Russell Parker, Timothy Weld, Dennis Robinson, Steven Jackson, Jeffrey Perkins, Robert Davenport, Dick Dolan, Kevin Opgenorth, Mike Mitchell, Leon Nerpel, Charles, Miller Jr., and Bruce Johnson.

SINGING OR CRYING

At each general membership meeting the member number of a member is drawn from the BIG barrel. If that member is current on his/her dues and present at the meeting, then they are rewarded with money. The amount is based on what has accumulated in the POT-OF-GOLD up to that time with a maximum of \$500.00. If they are not present then they get the crying towel. At the January meeting member number 1447 belonging to Andrew McGladrey was drawn. He was not present so lost out on a check for \$368.00. So Andrew it is boo-hoo and the crying towel to you.

TIDBITS

Ah, a new month and new things to tell. So let's get started.

For those of you who may not know, hunter numbers have been declining for some years now. In an effort to turn those declines around, many states have put into place some type of program to try and increase hunter numbers mainly through trying to attracting more youth and women to the sport. One of these, The Families Afield program, was launched in 2004 by the National Shooting Sports Foundation and the National Wild Turkey Federation, with help from the NRA. Since its launch, 28 states, including Oregon, have changed laws and regulations to create additional hunting opportunities for youths. The result has been an addition of 283,000 new hunters to the sport. Take a youngster hunting this season.

How about those women? Between 2003 and 2008, women who hunted with firearms increased 3.5 percent to 2.9 million according to data from the National Sporting Goods Association. Also, the report found that women who target shoot increased from 4.1 million to 4.8 million. These figures are consistent with the participation trends the NRA has seen in its Women On Target program which began in 1999. So guys, how come we see so very few women shooting at our range? Buy them a gun and bring them out already!

And speaking of hunting, if you think you can violate a game law and if you get caught just move to another state and hunt again, you may have another think coming. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission has added Texas to the list of states who are members of the Wildlife Violators Compact which honors hunting and fishing license suspensions by all member states. This now brings the total up to 37 states in the Compact. You can run but you can't hide.

How about a funny from Michigan's *The Saginaw News*? According to the report, Sergeant Rod Kimberley of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources saw a vehicle stop, a window roll down, and then three shots slammed into the fake deer set up to nab poachers. When they pulled over the vehicle, the man inside was dressed in flannel pajamas and slippers. Of course he was cited for poaching but to add injury to insult he was also cited, based on his attire, for not wearing the legally required amount of blaze orange. I wonder if when he went to court that he plead innocent by reason of "sleep hunting"?

Now some firearm industry news. Pistol barrel maker Bar-Sto is relocation its operations from Twentynine Palms, CA to Sturgis, SD during the first part of this year. Irvine Stone, second generation owner of the company said that the tax climate between California and South Dakota were like night and day. It remains to be seen with the passage of the tax measures here how companies like Warne scope mounts and Gerber, just to name two, will react to the increased tax burden.

In 1995 our neighbor to the north, Canada, passed a long gun registration act. Since its inception, it has cost the Canadian government billions of dollars to operate and been plagued with operational problems. On November 4, 2009 the Canadian House of Commons voted to advance a bill which would scrap the registry. This is the first time that such a bill has gotten this far, but it still has a long way to go. The next few months will tell of our Canadian rifle and shotgun owning brothers and sisters will have some of their freedoms restored. Let us hope so.

And last but not least for this month a quote – one that should scare the heck out of you if you read it not so hidden meaning. "They keep talking about a Constitution of Iraq...Why don't they just give them ours? It was written by a lot of smart guys, it has worked for over 200 years, and we're not using it anymore". See what I mean about scary. We have so many freedoms in this country, freedoms that persons in the rest of the world can only wish they had, and most of the time we give them such little respect or thought.

Once again that is all for now. More next month if the world keeps turning and the sun doesn't get too close to the earth. Until then, shoot straight, keep em in the ten ring, be safe on the range, and be vigilant and protective of your freedoms.

Tim Brown

January Centerfire Defender Pistol

Fourteen eager shooters turned out at the Short range on the morning of January 23, 2010 for the first Centerfire Defender Pistol Shoot of a brand new year. As each squad of shooters took their positions on the firing line, each shooter faced four

bulls-eye targets at twenty-five yards and then two three circle targets at ten yards. At twenty-five yards each shooter fired a total of forty rounds at their targets in the manner prescribed by the match director. They then took their remaining ten rounds of ammo to the ten yard line where they fired two five round strings in the manner prescribed by the match director at the two three circle targets. The three circle target had three scoring areas - a small, a medium and a large circle – with a different point value for each with the smallest circle having the highest value. As each shooter lined up on their target they had to decide which circle they felt comfortable in hitting before pulling the trigger. Each shooter went through the shoot program twice for a total of 100 rounds fired.

When all the targets were brought back and the hits scored, shooting honors went to:

1st Place Jim Garges
2nd Place Dusty Freeman
3rd Place Jim Ritts

Many thanks to all those who came out to the shoot. This was only the first shoot of the year so those of you who stayed home will have plenty of chances to come out during the year and join in the fun. There will always be a space just for you.

Tim Brown.....Match Director

February Rimfire Defender Pistol

A fun shoot was ‘in the cards’ for the shooters who arrived at the Indoor Range on the evening of February 9, 2010 for the monthly Rimfire Defender Pistol shoot. As each shooter took to the firing line, in front of them were three bulls-eye targets and a playing card target. The card target had representations of playing cards from the Ace down to the three. Each shooter, as they came to the card target had to pick which card to shoot at keeping in mind that only one bullet hole per card counted for score. So as instructed by the match director, each shooter loaded the given number of rounds for each phase and then fired them off moving up and down, side to side, and/or crosswise on the targets as instructed. After the first shooting relay, new targets were put up, the shot targets were scored, laughs were had, and then it was back to the firing line for another go around at

the targets. Each shooter went through the shoot program twice for a total of 100 hundred rounds fired. At the end of the evenings shooting, when all the targets had been scored and the range cleaned up, shooting honors went to:

1st Place Jim Garges
2nd Place Dusty Freeman
3rd Place Tom Byerley

My thanks to all those who came in the dark of night and ‘played cards’ and enjoyed themselves. To the rest all I can say is this shoot is held each month so there will be many more opportunities for you to come on out and join in and have fun. There will always be a space just for you.

Tim Brown.....Match Director

Elections Results and Awards

The annual election of club officers took place at the February 2, 2010 General Membership meeting. From those who chose to throw their hats and hopes into the ring, the following persons were selected to direct your club in the coming year.

President Tom Byerley ..
.....503-363-2832
Vice-President Keith Olson
..... 503-743-9121
Secretary Tim Brown
..... 503-390-1922
Treasure Joe McFadden
..... 503-779-5038
Executive Officer Dale Basl
..... 503-990-6215
Outdoor Range Officer Bob Chambers
..... 503-990-4895
Indoor Range Officer Manny Carter .
..... 971-388-5337
Trustees Chris Alumbaugh
.... 503-931-9619
..... Jim Miller
..... 503-585-8271
..... Dean Backer
..... 503-362-4281
Past President Dave Hill
..... 503-585-7999

Also at the meeting awards were given out to deserving members for their service and dedication

to the club.

The Chuck Weems Memorial Trophy award – granted to the member volunteering the most hours of service in the past year – was presented to Tim Brown.

Outstanding Member of the Year award – granted to a member or members who have throughout the year given outstanding service, above and beyond the ordinary, to the club – was presented to Dave Hill, Tim Brown, and Manny Carter.

Life Membership - granted to a member with at least ten years membership and sustained outstanding service to the club – was presented to Dave Le Doux.

At the end of the meeting, the remaining door prizes were given away to lucky ticket holders. Prizes ranged from cleaning supplies, to ammo, to all sorts of shooting related items. Then, of course, to top it all off, there was the after meeting donuts.