

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following new members recently joined or rejoined the club: Stefan Gonzalez, Michael Bethers, David Ermer, Kenneth Buchheit, Roger Fuhrman, Richard Curtis, Donald Ruskauff, Jim Hall, Mark Baker, Ben Sutter, Howard Drago Jr., Lance Van Valin, and Dean Butler.

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 November meeting, member number 58 belonging to Robert Sendlebach was drawn. He was not in attendance and so lost out on collecting a check for \$500.00. So Robert, it is Boo Hoo and the crying towel to you. The pot for the next meeting will remain at \$500.00.

TIDBITS

Once again our old world kept on a turning and the stars, sun and moon stayed in their places so here we go again. Ain't it neat.

To start, let's fly back East and see what's brewing in Washington D.C.

In the House of Representatives, in the first pro-gun bill the House has taken up this year and the first since Representative Gabrielle Giffords, D-AZ, was severely injured in a gun attack in January, a state permit to carry a concealed firearm would be valid in almost every other state in the country under legislation recently passed by the House. The bill, backed by the National Rifle Association passed on a comfortable margin. The vote was 272 to 154 with only seven Republicans voting against it. 43 Democrats supported the legislation. The Democratic controlled Senate has no parallel bill. But two years ago GOP Senators John Thune of South Dakota and David Vitter nearly succeeded in attaching similar legislation to a larger bill. Under the House legislation, people with a concealed carry permit in one state could carry concealed in every other state that gives people the right to carry concealed weapons. Currently, only Illinois and the District of Columbia prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons. Well, the House got wise to the will of the people now let's see if the Senate is as bright in this area.

And speaking of the Senate. In an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 99 to 0, the Senate voted to prohibit the

Justice Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, from engaging in any more Fast and Furious fiascoes. It came on as an amendment by Senator John Cornyn, R-TX to withhold funding for any program like Fast and Furious. The amendment provides "No funds made available under this Act shall be used to allow the transfer of firearms to agent of drug cartels where law enforcement personnel of the United States do not continuously monitor and control such firearms at all times." Efforts by congress to investigate BATFE's Fast and Furious and Gun Runner debacle are still met with resistance and stonewalling by higher ups in Washington DC, including Department of Justice United States Attorney General Eric Holder. Will keep you posted as this ain't over yet folks.

More from D.C. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia up held the Washing D.C. Ban on semi-automatic firearms and magazines with a capacity of more that 10 rounds. The plaintiffs in the case, Heller v. D.C., challenged the D.C. law that requires the registration of firearms and prohibits so-called "assault weapons" and large capacity magazines. In the 2-1 decision, a panel of the court ruled the D.C. law did not violate the 2008 D.C. v. Heller decision by the U.S.

Supreme Court that held that the right to bear arms is an individual, fundamental right and invalidated the D.C. prohibition on private handgun possession. The plaintiffs in the case are discussing whether or not to move for a full (en bach) appellant court hearing. Go for it I say. D.C. since the 2008 ruling has made one attempt after another to put in place city ordinances and other such things that would water down or circumvent the Supreme Court ruling.

And one more. The Supreme Court refused to consider whether an individual's right to own guns includes the right to carry a firearm outside the home, thus staying out of one of the nation's most divisive social, political, and legal issues. The justices let stand a ruling by Maryland's highest court that upheld a state law prohibiting the carrying of a handgun without a permit outside one's home. The court turned down the opportunity to define the reach of its landmark 2008 ruling that the constitutional right to keep and bear arms applies to individuals and allows them to use guns for lawful purposes such as self defense.

What a difference only a few years can make. Do any of you remember back when a small town in Vermont(?) mandated that all able bodied citizen would buy and keep a firearm in their homes? It set off quite fervor and energized the right to carry movement. In 1986 only Vermont allowed restriction free concealed carry while 15 states prohibited concealed carry altogether. Now as the end of 2011 approaches, only Illinois remains as the only state with a total ban on concealed carry, while 37 states are

defined and 'shall issue', meaning their government must issue permits to anyone who meets the requirements.

And speaking of concealed carry, we all know that calling 9-1-1 and waiting for help to arrive is not always an option. So here is my definition of 9-1-1 when needed in a hurry. A 9mm handgun with 1 in the tube and 1 full magazine in the grip.

In parting, some sayings to muse over:

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

You are never too old to learn something stupid.

Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and then call whatever you hit the target.

Well, 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, be vigilant and protective of your freedoms, and God bless the USA.

Tim Brown

Rimfire Defender Pistol Shoot

It was a good turn out of shooters who arrived at the Indoor Range on the evening of November 8, 2011, to see just what was in store for them as far as targets for the Rimfire Defender Pistol shoot. In front of the line of shooters in the target holders at each shooting position were three silhouette targets and one bad guy with a hostage target for the evening's shooting fun. Each shooter fired at his targets in the pattern directed by the match director until they had shot their first fifty rounds of ammo. On the bad guy/hostage targets hits in the bad guy counted as a positive score, while hits in the hostage were a negative score. At the end of the first fifty rounds of fun, the targets in the holders were replaced and the evening's shooting continued through another fifty rounds. When all the targets had been scored and the range cleaned up, shooting honors went to:

1st Place Jim Garges
2nd Place Daryl Fitzpatrick
3rd Place Kiel Adkins

Many thanks to all those who came out and enjoyed the evening's fun and challenge. To those who stayed away, let them be reminded again that you can't improve your shooting by wishing it was so. You need to practice and challenge yourself. So come on out and join in the fun.

Tim Brown.....Match Director

Centerfire Pistol Silhouette Shoot

It was a chilly Fall morning and the steel animals seemed to be shivering in the cold as setup was completed and the shooters took to the line on the lower Range on the morning of November 20, 2011 for the scheduled Centerfire Pistol Silhouette shoot.

Targets in the centerfire pistol silhouette event consist of metal chickens set at 25 meters, javalina (pigs) set at 50 meters, turkeys set at 75 meters and rams set at 100 meters. The targets are 1/2 scale duplicates of their full size high power rifle target counterparts. Each shooter, when their turn came, took their centerfire handgun and forty rounds of lead bullet ammo to the line and fired ten shots from each of the four shooting positions in an attempt to knock over as many steel animals as they possibly could. And, sometimes the squeeze of the trigger resulted in a satisfying clang and the animal toppled over and sometimes it only resulted in the sound of the shot fading away into the distance. But, that is what makes silhouette shooting so much fun. With silhouette shooting there is no waiting for a target to be recovered and checked before you get your score. You know in an instant whether or not you made that good shot. Each shooter made two rounds through the animals for a total of eighty rounds fired during the event.

When the shooting was over and the animals toppled from their stands were tallied, shooting honors for the morning's fun went to:

1st Place Kiel Adkins
2nd Place Jim Ritts
3rd Place Lee Daue

A big thanks to all those who came out and participated in this steel toppling fun event. As has been said before, silhouette shooting - whether shot with a rifle or a handgun - is not only fun and challenging but will definitely improve your shooting abilities. And you don't have to be crack shot with a fancy gun to get started. All you have to be is willing to give it a try. So don't be shy, come on out and give it a go. The animal toppling fun is waiting.

Tim Brown.....Match DirectorCenterfire

Defender Pistol Shoot

It was a good turn out of shooters all clutching their open sight concealed carry firearms who arrived at the Short Range on the morning of November 26, 2011 for

the Centerfire Defender Pistol Shoot. At the twenty five yard distance each shooter had in front of them one full sized hostage/bad guy silhouette target, two small silhouette targets and two bulls-eye targets. In each phase, each shooter fired one round at the bad guy, and the remaining four rounds at the other targets as instructed by the match director. Hits in the bad guy added positively to the shooters score while hits in the hostage deducted from their score. Each shooter fired a total of forty rounds at the targets at twenty-five yards and then took their remaining ten rounds of ammo to the ten yard line. At ten yards they faced a full size silhouette target with stick-ons for the vital areas. Here each shooter loaded and fired five rounds at a time as instructed until they had fired their ten rounds. In the second go around, shooters fired their first five rounds in each phase and then without waiting reloaded their firearms and fired another five rounds. In all each shooter went through the shoot program twice for total of 100 rounds for the complete shoot program.

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

1st Place Jim Ritts
2nd Place Jeff Johnson
3rd Place Jim Garges

A heap of thanks to all those who came out and enjoyed the shooting fun and supported this event. As always if you stayed away you missed out on a lot of shooting fun and practice. Just maybe someday you will come out, join in, and realize what you have been missing out on.

Tim Brown.....Match Director

like to be a candidate for one of these positions, or would like to nominate an individual to be a candidate for a position, please contact the club secretary.

Also at this time, nominations are being accepted for Member of the Year and Life Member recognition. Recognition of any individual(s) selected by the Executive Committee will occur at the February meeting.

These honorary awards are based on an individual's service to the club. To be considered for Member of the Year an individual must be a current member and have throughout the prior year given outstanding service to the club above and beyond the ordinary. For Life Member consideration the individual must have at least 10 years membership in the club and throughout that time have given sustained and substantial service to the club.

If you know of someone who should be considered for recognition, please contact the Vice-President with the individual's name and your reasons why that individual should be considered for recognition.

Elections are Coming

The annual election of club officers will take place at the February 2012 General Membership meeting. Although that may seem right now to be a long way off, it will be here before you know it. Therefore, it is not too early to be thinking about who you might want to manage your club in the coming year.

The officers of the club consist of the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasure, Executive Officer, Outdoor Range Officer, Indoor Range Officer, and three Trustees. If you would