

it is that time of the year again; the kids/grandkids are back in school. Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings, the indoor range is busy with the Junior club practicing or hosting a match. As is typical, the beginning of Fall equates to the beginning of a busy Junior shooting club season involving precision smallbore and precision air practice and competitions. The Junior Club will be taking a break from practice on Christmas and New Year's Eve. So the indoor range will be available for use by club members.

Recent matches our Juniors were involved in:

October 15, 2011 – 3P Smallbore and Beginner Prone – Salem, OR

600 points possible: Taylor Dueck 503, Tyler Chin – 494, Caleb LaChapelle – 540, Andrew Dudley - 529, Nicole Sebens – 478, Brandon Altermatt – 479, Dawson Young – 417, Zachary Powell - 381

October 29 2011 – USA Open 3P Smallbore & Air Rifle PTO – Salem, OR

Smallbore, 1200 Points Possible: Taylor Dueck 1010, Brandon Altermatt – 976, Dawson Young – 855, Zachary Powell - 877

Air Rifle, 600 Points Possible: Mackenzie Green – 564, Taylor Dueck - 536, Brandon Altermatt – 504, Dawson Young – 473, Zachary Powell - 484

December 3, 2011 – 3P Smallbore and beginning prone – Sherwood, OR 600 points possible: Taylor Dueck 519, Caleb LaChapelle – 544, Andrew Dudley - 504, Brandon Altermatt – 455

December 10, 2011, smallbore Junior Olympic State Championship – Salem, OR 600 points possible. Taylor Dueck 528, Caleb LaChapelle – 543, Andrew Dudley - 525, Brandon Altermatt – 485, Tyler Chin – 509, Zachary Powell – 474, Dawson Young, 470

THIRD ANNUAL SWAP MEET

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 21st and start saving all of the stuff you no longer use or the really neat stuff you got for Christmas that you didn't want and bring it out to the Gun Club and see if you can pawn it off on some unsuspecting gun loony for next to nothing.

The big show starts at 8:00 AM but the table setup starts at 7:00 AM or whenever you get there. First come, first served on the tables and donuts but if you get there late, someone will probably share their table space with you. Members and guests with money are

always welcome. We normally close up the place about 1:00 PM or so or when all of the money is spent. Same rules as before folks, this is a swap meet not a gun show; NO MORE than 24 guns available for sale on the premises. If you sell a firearm, you are required to obey all existing laws pertaining to the sale. Any questions, call Gary Anderson at 503-581-7907 after 5:00 PM.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following new members recently joined or rejoined the club: Luke Stevens, Kelly Worden, Robert Wood, James McGillem, Lee Weidman, Wes Knodel, and Eric Destival.

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 December meeting, member number 1899 belonging to Roy Corson was drawn. He was not in attendance and so lost out on collecting a check for \$500.00. So Roy, 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.

Hope Santa brought you everything you wanted for Christmas and that you and yours had a really great one. And may you have a wonderful New Years. Now as you read next four items, see if you can see a relationship between them.

First, who says that only things like flat screen TVs, smart phones, computers, designer clothes, toys, and the like were being snapped by buyers on Black Friday 2011? Guns were also a hot selling item on that day. Gun dealers flooded the FBI with background check requests for prospective buyers to the tune of 129, 166 requests. This smashed the single day, all time high of 97,848 checks set on Black Friday 2008 by 32%. The actual number of firearms sold is likely higher than the number of check requests as multiple firearms can be included in a transaction by a single buyer, and the FBI does not track actual gun sales. Gun industry analysts attribute the surge to a convergence of factors including an increase in the number of first time buyers seeking firearms for protection and women

being drawn to the shooting sports and hunting. Larry Keane, with the National Shooting Sports Foundation, said 25% of the purchases typically involve first time buyers, many of them women. He also said that he thinks there is a burgeoning awakening of the American public that they really do have a constitutional right to own guns. Dennis Henigan, of the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, said he was skeptical of the Black Friday surge in gun sales. He said there is no real significance in the numbers as the gun companies are just catching on to creating Black Friday frenzy for themselves. I wonder if that is his way of saying that they can't stop the tide of the right to keep and bear arms.

Second, the FBI reported that violent and property crimes declined in 2011 despite tough economic times. Violent crimes reported in the first half of 2011 were down 6.4% from a year ago. The number of property crimes, including burglary, larceny, and vehicle theft, fell 3.7%. All four offenses in the violent crime category – murder and non-negligent homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault – decreased. The report is based on information from 12,500 law enforcement agencies. Could the continued decreases be attributed to the continued increases in armed men and women and fearful bad guys?

Third, this from the National Shooting Sports Foundation. Since 2008 the number of women hunters has increased by 72%. Women hunters now comprise 16% of the total hunters. In the bow hunting arena, their numbers are up a whopping 176%.

And fourth, a recent Gallup poll of attitudes towards firearms ownership in the United States showed that the support for a ban on private handgun possession has dropped from 60% in 1959 to 26% today. Support for a ban on semi-automatic firearms dropped from 57% in 1996 to 43% today. Support for the broader concept of making gun laws more strict is at its lowest by one percentage point at 43%. Forty-four percent of respondents to the poll prefer that gun laws be kept the same and 11% favor less strict laws. The reason for the shifts do not seem to be related to any crime situations as the Gallup's Crime poll showed no major shifts in American's perception of crime, fear of crime, or reports of being victimized by crime in recent years. Nor does it appear to be tied to an increase in gun ownership which has been around 40% since 2000, though it was slightly higher in this year's update. Gallup surmised that "Perhaps the trends are a reflection of the American public's acceptance of guns. And "Perhaps the trends also are a reflection of the American public's growing opposition to more intrusion into their lives on the part of all levels of government, federal, state and local". Anti-gun politicians and spokesman in general better take note, or they will be cast into the dustbin of history where

they belong. And we can do our part at the polls by casting our votes only for those candidates who support our Second Amendment rights and who support our liberties.

Now an Oregon item. The Oregon University System will not appeal a court ruling that declared its gun ban on its seven campuses exceeds its authority and is invalid. Kevin Starrett, Executive Director of the Oregon Firearms Education Foundation, questioned whether the university system can restrict students with permits from carrying guns in public buildings. He said he had predicted university officials would try to find ways to circumvent the intent of the court decision. The decision was the result of a lawsuit filed by the foundation, a nonprofit group that fights for Second Amendment rights. This of course is good news for permit holders and can only result in campuses in Oregon being safer places to be. But let us not let down our guard and rest on our laurels. You can bet that the university system will probably try to do an end run through the legislature to get some type of ban in place. Be vigilant.

One more thing before I go away. The pigs are coming. Pigs were brought to North America by Hernando De Soto in 1539, and were spread across the growing United States by pioneers who relied on them for meat because unlike other livestock, pigs can fend for themselves. And pigs are adaptable. They can live in forests, grasslands, deserts, and swamps. Through natural movement and the intervention of man, feral hogs are now entrenched in 39 states including up in some of the northern states where it gets very cold during the winter. No more just sunny warm hogs. In Florida they now inhabit all the counties in the state. In California and Texas they are in all the counties except one in each state. The current estimate is that there are over 5 million porkers in the United States, up from just one million in 1988. And they are also in Oregon. The latest map shows them in pockets in Eastern Oregon and moving up the Oregon coast corridor. If they continue their spread in Oregon it will present two opposites. On the one hand, it will give us another hunting opportunity- probably all year round. And wild pig is good I understand. But on the other hand that opportunity will come at the price of torn up fields, crop damage, and all that goes along with having the pigs among us. Will keep you informed.

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

As it was beginning to look a lot like Christmas all around the town, the shooters who arrived at the Indoor Range on the evening of December 13, 2011 for the final Rimfire Defender Pistol shoot of the year were in for a Yule time target treat. In front of the line of shooters in the target holders were one bulls-eye target, one snowman target, and one Christmas tree target. Each shooter fired at their targets in the pattern directed by the match director until they had used up fifty rounds of ammo. With the snowman target, scoring was dependent on which round ball of the snowman the shooter decided to shoot at, and with the Christmas tree target the only scoring areas were the star on top of the tree and the balls hanging on the tree. At the conclusion 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 **Doug Herndon**
- 3rd Place **Jim Ritts**

My thanks to all those who came out and enjoyed the evening's shooting fun. As always to those who stayed away, I remind you once again that you can't improve your shooting by sitting on the couch. You need to come on out and shoot. So do come on out and join in the fun.
Tim Brown.....Match Director

.22 Rimfire Pistol Silhouette Shoot

There was no doubt in the minds of the shooters who arrived at the that lower range on the morning of December 18, 2011 for the scheduled .22 Rimfire Pistol Silhouette shoot that winter was just a few days away as a cold misty light fog covered the range and the little animals. Targets in the .22 rimfire pistol silhouette event consist of metal chickens set at 25 yards, javalina (pigs) set at 50 yards, turkeys set at 75 yards and rams set at 100 yards. The targets for this shoot are 3/8 scale duplicates of their full size high power rifle target counterparts. In due order, each shooter went to the firing line and took ten shots from each firing position in an attempt strike and topple as many of the steel animals as they possible could. With every round fired, it was either a hit and the animal left its stand for a score or there was nothing but the disappointing sound of a miss. Each shooter went through the targets twice for a total of eighty rounds fired.

When the shooting was over and the animals knocked from their stands were tallied, honors for this shooting event went to:

- 1st Place **Dusty Freeman**
- 2nd Place **Jim Ritts**
- 3rd Place **Kiel Adkins**

My thanks to all those who came out and shivered through this shoot and enjoyed fun of toppling the little animals. As always, to those of you who stayed home, you missed out on the chance to have a lot of fun. Silhouette shooting is a great way to have fun, be challenged, and to become a better shot. So do come out and join in. You'll like it.
Tim Brown.....Match Director

Centerfire Defender Pistol Shoot

Seeing how it was Christmas Eve morning it was a good turn out of shooters who arrived at the Short Range on the morning of December 24, 2011 for the final Centerfire Defender Pistol Shoot of the year. At the twenty five yard distance each shooter had in front of them six bulls-eye targets at which they fired a total of thirty-six rounds as directed by the match director. After completing the targets at twenty-five yards, each shooter took their remaining fourteen rounds of ammo to the ten yard line where they found one bulls-eye target, one snowman target and one Christmas tree target (just to keep them in the holiday shooting spirit). The snowman target had three different sized snow balls each with a different point value – the smaller the ball the higher the value. The Christmas tree was decorated with Christmas balls and the shooter had to hit a ball in order to score. 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 Garges**
- 2nd Place **Tim Delgrosso**
- 3rd Place **Buster Watts**

Many thanks to all those who came out and enjoyed this holiday shooting fun. To those who stayed away, you missed out on a bunch of HO, HO, HO shooting fun. Well maybe you'll come out next year sometime and see just what you have been missing out on.
Tim Brown.....Match Director

An Election Reminder

Just another reminder that the annual election of club officers will take place at the February 2012 General Membership meeting. At that time the members present will by their votes say who will run the club for the next twelve months. If you want a voice in that process, come to the meeting and cast your vote. 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 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 or be at the February meeting and make your nominations from the floor.

Also remember that, nominations are being accepted for Member of the Year and Life Member recognition. Recognition of any individual(s) selected 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. The decision on any recognition will be made at the January Executive Committee meeting so get your nominations in as soon as you can.

.22 Rifle Silhouette Shoot

Dispite the chill in the air and the Christmas shopping season, it was good turnout of shooters who took to the firing line of the Lower Range on the morning of December 17, 2001 for the scheduled .22 Rifle Silhouette Shoot. Targets in the .22 rifle silhouette event consist of metal chickens set at 40 meters, javalina (pigs) set at 60 meters, turkeys set at 77 meters and rams set at 100 meters. The targets are 1/5 scale duplicates of their full size high power rifle target counterparts. On the firing line, each shooter fired ten rounds at the ten animals in front of them – one round at each animal moving left to right, bottom row then top row, hit or miss - and then moved positions until they had fired ten rounds at each set of animals for a total of forty rounds expended. Each shooter went through the animals twice for a total of eighty rounds

fired.

When the shooting was finally over, the range cleaned up, and the scores of the animals toppled by each shooter from their stands tallied, honors for the mornings shooting fun went to:

1st Place	Bob Dozler
2nd Place	Neil Dozler
3rd Place	Keil Adkins

And again a word to those who have never enjoyed the exhilaration of silhouette shooting. You are really missing out on a ton of fun and off hand shooting practice. And there is no better gladdening sound to the ears than the clang of a well placed shot ringing the steel. So come on out and see for yourself just how much fun can be had. No fancy rifle or ammo needed. Just a desire to have fun.

Tim Brown. . . . Match directors pro tem