

Hello Fellow Club Members and all Shooters and Clubs who receive this Newsletter.

With a busy summer schedule in full swing I thought it was time to update everyone on all the activity at the Club.

Our last newsletter was in May, and with all the events taking place at the Club and many different shoots around the NW there has been little time to update.

Many good things have been happening at the Club. I will start with some quick bulletins on past events and then move into what is scheduled.

1. June 10-12 our own "**Gary Morlan**" PITA registered shoot went off without a hitch. It was well attended and the competition for trophies was fierce! The HOA trophies were shared with the Portland Gun Club and competitors had to shoot at both clubs to be eligible. To review the shoot you can go to our Facebook page or to ww.shootpita.com. There are pictures and information available.

2. June 25th we held the **1st Annual Oregon State High School Clay Target league state Championships**. This being the first year attendance was expected to be light. However the competition was tough with Hermiston winning. Next year we expect there to be many more participants from around the State, now that there is a better understanding of the program. The date is already set for Saturday, June 24, 2017 at Hillsboro.

3. July 1-4 we hosted the 1st Annual "**Firecracker**" PITA registered shoot. It featured 1350 targets over the four days, with many unique trophies that were well received. We are already planning our 2nd Annual shoot for 2017 where we plan on securing additional sponsors and more guaranteed money. Our intention is to return this shoot back to its original glory that was seen when the Salem Gun Club hosted it in the 70's, 80's and 90's.

4. On July 1st at our Firecracker Shoot a new **PITA record** was set in Doubles shooting. I was fortunate enough to witness the record breaking run set by **Jim Warn**. We were shooting the Oregon Doubles Classic on Friday 7/1/2016. Our squad started on trap #8 where Jim broke 47 out of the first 50, missing his 50th target. After some ribbing from his squad mates, Jim proceeded to break the next 25 pair (50 targets). The squad then moved to trap #9 where Jim broke all 100 targets. We moved to trap #6 and Jim did it again, 100 straight. The squad took a break for lunch and we were informed at that time that Jim had just set a new record for the Doubles Classic with his 250. Back at it again on trap #7, another 100 straight! At that point Jim was thinking about calling it a day. However, we still had 100 targets to go, and no one on the squad was finished! We proceeded back to trap #8 and Jim destroyed another 100 straight. That brought his total to 450 straight for the day. That broke the old record of 403 set back in 2003. Jim traveled to Albany the next week and proceeded to break the first 50 registered Doubles, finally missing his 63 target -- stopping his run at 512 for a new PITA record. Congratulations, Jim!

Several Club members traveled to Medford Gun Club in June for the Oregon State PITA Championships, then on to Evergreen Sportsmans Club in Washington for the Washington State Shoot, followed one week later at Evergreen by the PITA Grand Pacific Championships. Our Club has been well represented at many trap shooting events around the NW this year, with many club members winning trophies and recognition for their shooting skills.

Our next scheduled shoot will be August 19, 20 & 21 at 10:00 AM this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Hillsboro is hosting the **2016 Paralyzed Veterans of America Shoot** with 100 singles and 100 handicap targets on Saturday, and 50 pair (100) Doubles targets on Sunday. As an added plus you may record these targets as PITA registered targets as long as you are a PITA member and pay

the required daily and target fees. Rules of the PITA require that only shooters with paid PITA memberships can shoot on the same squad.

That will give shooters a choice this weekend. With your entry fee in this shoot you will be provided shells to shoot and meal tickets. The Club will be open on Friday for practice.

The final PITA registered shoot of the year will be our "**33rd Annual Nut Shoot**," hosted on September 9th -11th. This shoot was started by a group of Club Members back in 1984.

I happen to have been involved in writing and producing that first program. My father Harold Kaufman owned Hal's Printing, and he printed that first program and many more.

There are currently three Directors on the Board now who were involved with the Club back then.

In 1984, Jim Powell was the President, Steve Kaufman was the Vice President and Beryl Terry was the Club Manager. The original program was billed as the "First Annual Hazel Nut Shoot." Over the years the name has been shortened to "The Nut Shoot."

The Board has decided to move back to the style of program that made our shoots popular back in the last Century! We will be seeking out advertising money and sponsors for all of our registered shoots in 2017. We will offer sponsors an opportunity to have a specific event named as they choose: after themselves, family or their business.

If you are interested in supporting the Board and the Club, please let us know what upcoming event in 2017 you wish to sponsor. Yes, it takes more effort to accomplish and create these opportunities. However this is something we feel must be done for the Club and the sport of Trapshooting.

The Current program is available on our Club website www.hillsborotrapandskeet.com, on the Club Facebook page and on www.shootpita.com. 500 Doubles Classic targets on Friday, 100 singles, 100 Handicap, 50 pair (100) Doubles and 50 28 ga targets on Saturday, and 100 singles and 100 Handicap on Sunday. There is \$3500.00 in guaranteed added money. This money has been made possible through generous sponsor donations. Several thousand dollars was raised in a short period of time by soliciting contributions from members who care about the Club.

At this time the Board of Directors wants to thank all those who have donated and made this specific shoot program possible. There will be many unique trophies, with 1050 total targets. Please support the Club's efforts to host the Best Shoot of the Year! Looking forward to seeing you at the "Nut Shoot." Your attendance will be your support and create opportunities for future excellent Shoots.

Hillsboro Trap and Skeet Club **Member Appreciation Potluck Picnic and Shoot** is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The Club will be hosting a barbecue with free Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and Chicken. We ask that you bring a shared side dish to add to the provided barbecue. Contact Tonya for potluck ideas. There will be organized games and Fun Shoots on both the Trap and Skeet ranges, with one free practice round per member. This is a **Members Only Event**. However the club will be open for regular practice for Members and Non Members.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

CLUB IMPROVEMENTS:

Concrete: The Club owes a "Thank You" to Director Tony Terry who recently completed a refurbishment on the concrete walkway in back of trap #7. The old concrete was crumbling and breaking apart and had become a safety problem. Tony undertook the project and in short order with the help of volunteers, he replaced the old section of concrete with 4 yards of fresh finished good stuff.

Gates: Director Todd Burk has been the force in getting a 42 foot rolling gate built for the Club. This gate is on the grounds and will be installed shortly. The Board of Directors has determined that there is a need to protect the property from trespassers, and we have been advised by the County Sheriff that the best way to prevent this is to post signs against trespassers and to install gates to restrict access to the property during hours the Club is closed. This gate will be installed in the RV driveway in back of the rest rooms. An additional gate will be installed in the entrance by the Managers home. "Thank You," Todd!

RV Electrical Upgrade: Dexheimer Electric is in the process of completing the engineering with PGE for the RV upgrade. This is a slow process in dealing with all the requirements. Progress is ongoing and the Board is focused on this project.

Shot Mining: North West Shot Manufacturing will be on the Club grounds in the near future to begin mining our Shot. This will entail several weeks of activity, well into September. The reward will be new shot available to Members at reduced cost for years into the future. Tonya will keep Members posted on when our next shipment of shot will be available for sale. As with the last ton, the Board has restricted the amount available to each member on a monthly basis. This will insure shot is available to all Members and discourage hoarding.

Trap Maintenance: Director Scott Julian has put in many hours updating and rebuilding our PAT Traps. The equipment needed specific repairs on many worn parts. We have embarked on a project to bring all of our 12 traps into "Excellent Condition." Thus far the Club has spent many thousands of dollars bringing those old traps back to life. In addition we have purchased several sets of new speakers, controllers, buttons and cords to replace old equipment that has failed. The Board has discussed purchase of new PAT Traps and will continue to monitor the condition of ones that will need replacement in the future.

Skeet House repairs: Work is scheduled for repairs on the Skeet houses. The intention is to have them refurbished by the end of September.

Shells: The Club recently acquired a supply of Cleaver brand "Mirage" shells, and they have been well received by many members. You may want to try a box next time you are practicing.

Reclaimed Shot: Tonya has recently received a supply of reclaimed shot and has it available for sale.

Clothing: An order has been filled for Club Logo T-Shirts and a limited supply of Club Logo hooded sweat shirts. If you have been waiting for your size, now is the time to see Tonya.

We will be soon moving into the season of Meat Shoots and Fun Shoots. Tonya is cooking up a Special **Halloween shoot**, so stay tuned!

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped make the Club run smoothly. Many hours have been put into grounds maintenance. The Club is looking Good!

Until next time,

Steve Kaufman
President
Hillsboro Trap and Skeet Club
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