

Hello Fellow Club members and all Shooters who receive this Newsletter,

The results are in from several shooting events.

We will start off with the 2015-2016 Junior Winter Trapshooting League report, submitted by Randy Lederbrand.

The 12th season has been completed with Travis Sahlfeld, a senior from Glencoe HS taking home the Champions buckle after winning a shoot off by one target, 24 to 23, over Tristin Cooper, a 7th grader from Evergreen Middle School.

Dusty Weaver, a junior at Banks HS, took the Senior Division award; Tristin Cooper captured the Junior Division award and Troy Marsh, a 5th grader from Swallow Tail Elementary School, received the Sub Junior Division award.

Receiving \$500.00 Scholarships, donated by the Tualatin Valley Chapter of Oregon Hunters Assn, were Travis Sahlfeld, who will be attending Portland Community College in the fall, and Avery Babcock, from Westview HS, who will also be attending PCC.

Nick Hald of South Ridge HS, heading off to Oregon State University, and Cierra VanBlarcom from Forest Grove HS, on her way to PCC, also received \$500.00 Scholarships made possible through donations of a number of local sponsors of our program.

Grayson Jackson, from Woodland Washington Grade School, earned the Ron Lackey Memorial Award, presented to the participant displaying the "Greatest Determination with the Most Smiles."

This year's event, which started in November 2015, finished on February 27, 2016. The Club hosted nearly 60 youth shooters, representing over 30 local area schools.

We want to thank all the sponsors and volunteers that continue to make it possible for the young shooters in our local area to have the opportunity to experience the fun of participating and competing in Clay Target Sports.

The next report is our **St Patrick's Shoot** which was held on March 11-13th. This shoot was made memorable by the cold, wet, windy conditions that the shooters braved over three days. In spite of the nasty weather the turn out of shooters exceeded last year's shoot, and the Club threw over 30,000 targets. Saturday night's traditional "Corned Beef and Cabbage" dinner was well received with upwards of 50 dinners served.

In addition to the dinner, a PITA ceremony was held, recognizing a Milestone Achievement of one of Hillsboro's shooters. Randy Lederbrand received his award for reaching the 100,000 target milestone in his PITA registered target shooting career!

There was a special cake served commemorating the event, and many of Randy's family were in attendance.

Sunday morning brought 40-50 mph winds blowing in from the south; it was something you had to "be there" to fully experience!

How hard did the wind blow? Hard enough that at times you had to keep your foot on the speaker stand to keep it from falling over. Weights had to be put on the control boxes to keep them from being blown away. Empty shells that normally eject 5 feet behind were landing 2 feet in front of the shooter. Several shooters had great difficulty in standing erect and were close to being blown over. One score sheet got loose and was 400 feet in front of the traps before it was finally chased down.

Through all that, Jon Thompson broke 100 straight in the singles! It was his first 100 straight at Hillsboro and one he said he would not be forgetting soon. The Club set a new precedent by shooting the events over eight event traps. We finished in great time with few trap issues.

The very next weekend the Club rolled into its next scheduled shoot. The **2016 WRITA** shoot March 18-20 was a resounding success. We had 136 shooters in attendance and the Club threw 27,000 targets over three days. Friday, with the weather much improved, we threw two impromptu 50 bird handicap events and a 30 bird backer which were well attended. Saturday we hosted a 50 bird handicap, 60 bird Backer, 60 bird Challenge shoot and three 30 bird backers. The final event was finished by 5:30 PM. Sunday saw 28 squads in attendance. We shot over eight event traps and were finished by 4:30 PM. Lots of competition between the Clubs, with Hillsboro winning first in the Team awards.

Prior to any of the shooting events, our Club manager Tonya Julian headed up a painting party of volunteers. The interior of the Club house was given a new coat of paint, and the new TV was installed.

The TV came in handy during the PITA shoot. All shooters' scores, by event, were streamed onto the screen which made for easy viewing.

Scott Julian has taken a lead role in cleaning up and organizing the club work shop. He now has specific areas for storage of grounds maintenance equipment, Pat Trap maintenance and trap electronics maintenance.

The Club has embarked on a complete, expensive, much needed overhaul of all of our Pat Traps. The goal is to return all 12 Pat traps back to proper working order. With the help of several volunteers, Scott is making great progress toward reaching that goal.

The Club welcomed the recent donation of a pressure washer from Walt Carter. Thanks Walt!

We now have a couple of months before our next registered shoot in June. This will give the Club an opportunity to tackle several projects that need attention: we want to paint/stain all of our new benches, refurbish the skeet houses, take control of the weeds, work on the parking lot, and continue our RV electric update project. Plus the manager's home could use some landscaping TLC.

Always looking for volunteers to help out the Club. Please contact Tonya to schedule your time.

I want to personally thank the many volunteers who donated their time and efforts to making the Club events such a success this past month. From working in the kitchen to scoring on the trap line; we could not have done it without you!

Until next month,

Sincerely,

Steve Kaufman
President
Hillsboro Trap and Skeet Club.