

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

Summer is officially over and we are now one week into Fall! Is it just me or did that seem like a short Summer?

The month of September was very busy with work and shoot activities. Here is a quick outline of what has happened.

1. Nut Shoot. Was a very enjoyable and well attended PITA shoot, the attendance and target count was up over last year and there were great scores shot.

Many thanks to the volunteers who came out and helped score, and to the folks who worked in the Kitchen for three days and the volunteers who prepared the delicious pork barbecue on Saturday evening.

The success of this shoot was made possible by the generous donations to the program from various sponsors. The Club is indebted to you and thanks you, for your support.

2. Club Member Appreciation Picnic was held on September 18th, for those of you who were unable to attend you missed a good time with free food and targets.

3. PITA Doubles Classic for 2016 is in the books, several shooters from Hillsboro placed well in the competition, with Bob Robertson, Dennis Lowenthal and Steve Kaufman all winning buckles The results are available on the [www.shootpita.com](http://www.shootpita.com) website.

4. Driveway Gates are installed, there is now a 42 foot rolling gate in place at the RV driveway and a double swinging gate installed at the main POV entrance. Thank you Scott Julian and Todd Burk for all your hard work in getting them installed. The gates will be shut when the Club is not open for business. This will make the Club property more secure.

5. Shot Mining. The Mining season is coming to a close for 2016 due to the forecast for wet weather. The mining is not yet finished due to Mother nature being uncooperative in August and September (Rain). The mining will resume in summer of 2017 with even more shot available. The Club has already secured many tons of new shot that will enable us to have new shot available to Members for the foreseeable future, with more arriving next year. The Club has new shot on sale to members now, with size 7.5 and 8's available. We have a shipment arriving with some additional shot sizes. Check with Tonya for availability.

6. From the Skeet Range. There is a new game in town and its name is SCRAP! This is an exciting combination of Skeet and Trap, shot on the end Skeet range and Trap four. The fun began when the wobble trap and the skeet machines were incorporated into a fast flying, hard to hit game. Have you ever tried to hit a hard right target, cranked up out of Trap Four, off of Post Seven on the Skeet range? You had better bring your Trap gun or put in some full chokes in that Skeet gun. It is great practice for some real life situations you will encounter bird hunting.

7. PITA Multiplex is cranking up. The regular PITA shooting season is winding down, but the Multiplex is just getting started! Hillsboro's first Multiplex of the year will be this Sunday Oct. 2nd with 50 bird Singles, Handicap and Doubles events scheduled, PLUS a Sub Gauge event of 20, 28 or .410.

All Non PITA shooters can join the PITA for free at the Oct and Nov events, That's a \$20.00 savings and a good way to get started in shooting Registered Competition. The first event starts at 10:00 AM on Sunday, come out and see what this PITA stuff is all about!

There will be plenty of friendly shooters who will be happy to fill you in on what is happening.

8. Halloween Shoot. On Saturday, Oct 29th the Club will host a "Halloween Shoot" which will consist of a full schedule of Backers and Fun Shoots. Shooting starts at 10:00 AM with a 30 Bird Backer, and then progresses into a 80 Bird Slider Backer. With many other events to follow. Flyers are available on the Club media pages and at the Club.

Prize awarded to the scariest looking shooter! There may be a Great Pumpkin Shoot!

9. 2016-2017 Junior Winter Trapshooting League. The orientation meeting is scheduled for the Oct 29th at the Club, the meeting will be held in the training room, with safety training and gun fitting a priority. Check the Club website for additional information.

10. 2017 PITA Shoot Schedule, The 2017 dates have been established with Hillsboro set to hold five PITA registered shoots next year.

Our dates will be: St Patrick's Shoot, March 17-19th / Morlan Shoot, May 26-29th / 4th of July Shoot, June 30-July 2nd /PVA Shoot, August 11-13th / Nut Shoot, Sept 8-10th

Dates have not been set for the WRITA Shoot.

11. New Membership forms and Shoot waiver forms. Waiver forms have been put into place and New membership forms will be out shortly.

12 Card System, Several clubs have gone to a new electronic card system which allows shooters to prepay for shooting and eliminates the need for tokens. This type system has many advantages and allows the Club better control over its target inventory. Your Board of Directors is currently reviewing this new type of system and it may have an impact on how you pay for shooting in the future. We suggest that you start considering using up those old punch cards and dig out your shoot tokens and get them used up, in anticipation of an electronic change over in the future.

With the Registered shoot season over for the Club, your Board of Directors will be reviewing the condition of all of our Trap and Skeet equipment with an eye to repairing or replacing tired parts and machines. We have a plan to add new machines on an as needed basis with at least one or two new PAT traps and a new Skeet machine in our future. We will need these new traps to continue our increased pace of throwing targets.

Thanks to all the shooters who have been participating in practice and registered shoots this year.

There are several improvement projects that the Board will be addressing in the next couple of months, as soon as every one is back from their hunting trips!

Until next month,

Steve Kaufman  
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Hillsboro Trap and Skeet Club  
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