



The Juneau Gun Club

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APRIL, 2015 UPCOMING & PAST EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

2015 WINTER LEAGUE: For the spring of 2015, all our happiness for Winter League shooting activities has come to an end. The team order shown on our website and face book page reflects the winners per Mona's math checks of all ten weeks of shooting fun. As all may know, by now, the winning order changed places in at least three of the four divisions in the last several weeks of league. So congratulations to the league winners and all that participated in this mostly snowless, 12 or 13 weeks of fun. If you haven't seen the scores, here they are;

Earth:	Wind:	Fire:	Ice:	
Lady Intruders	1654 Square Shooters	1699 Montana Creek Homes	1734 Ward Air	1769
Kappler Computers	1646 Buck\$hot	1689 Jerue & Smith	1692 Mercantile Mercenaries	1766
Couch Pilots	1616 Building Pros Inc	1665 Lost Boys	1689	
Therapy Dogs	1440 Juneau Trap Boys	1648 Thunder MT Drywall	1685	
	Frontier Shooting Connections	1634 Juneau Building Trades	1675	

Again, congratulations to all and we hope to see every winter league member and there guest's at the upcoming shoot-off, awards night and spring BBQ.

JGC YOUTH TEAM: A notice has been sent to all members that on March 29th, the first meeting for the spring segment of the youth team shooting will be held. For further information please contact our head youth coaches Mark Kappler, John Joyce, Hanna Davis and Craig Saleillo.

SPRING JGC CLEAN-UP WEEKEND: Prior to our Winter League shoot-of; BBQ and the spring awards dinner we will have a club and grounds clean-up day. The clean-up day is set for Saturday, April 18th. So please come out from 10:00am to finish (should be by noon to 2:00pm, depending on how many member volunteers show-up). So bring a rag, shovel, machete, rake, or whatever, as well as a smile and help with the club and grounds clean-up.

WINTER LEAGUE, SHOOT-OFF, AWARDS NIGHT & BBQ; The date is set. The Winter League winning divisions will have a shoot off on Saturday, May 2nd, 2015. Prior to the shoot off, the club will have open shooting for all members and guests. Once the shoot off starts so will the BBQ with club provided steaks. This will be a pot luck dinner. Members are requested to bring a side dish and contribute \$5 toward refreshments. As the dinner comes to an end, Mona, Cathy and Anita will begin the winter League awards. The awards night will also include the winner awards for the one month Doubles League.

2015 DOUBLES LEAGUE; The 2015 Doubles League started on March 22nd. You can still join in on the fun shooting with your signature and a \$20 entrée fee. See the signup sheet on the manager's counter and slip him your entry fee. The scores for the first week are;

2015 APRIL, 2013 JUNEAU GUN CLUB DOUBLES LEAGUE													
Individual	22-Mar			29-Mar			5-Apr			19-Apr			Total*
	1st shot	2nd shot	Total										
Pete Hudson													
Mal Menzies	22	15	37										37
Jay Davis													
Jerry Burnett	19	13	32										32
Scott Bornemann	19	18	37										
Victor Winters	22	10	32	22	14	36							68
Craig Salzillo													
Bud Burnett	22	15	37										37
Chip Verrelli	19	15	34	23	19	42							76
Fred Bergandner	24	5	29										29
Forrest Bowers	24	15	39										39
Jamison Sanders	22	24	42	19	21	40							42
Pat Morrissey	20	17	37										37
Troy Whitlock	19	10	29										29
Steve Bennett	24	18	42	22	15	37							79
Paul Webb	15	11	26										26
Mar'Chant Thompson	18	2											20

APRIL REGISTERED SHOOT; Our next Registered shoot will be Saturday, April 11th. This will be an A.T.A. Registered shoot with Doubles being the only game. It will be 6-50 pair of doubles. You can shoot 2, 4 or all 6-50 pair.

Shoot Registration and trap field set-up will be 8:30 to 9:25am. A short safety meeting will be held at 9:25am. The first squad will be to the trap line posts at 9:30am. Depending on the entry and the available scorers, we will use up to all 4 trap fields. The 1st and 2nd 50 pair will have a \$25.00 entry fee and the remaining 3rd and 4th, as well as the 5th and 6th 50 pair will be \$15.00 each 100 targets. Four classes will set the field. There will be a HOA, A,

B, C and D winner. Bring your ATA classification card. Be sure you have paid your current A.T.A. dues. Cross registration will be allowed.

Remember, Singles is for “Glory”, Handicap is for “Money” and Doubles is for “FUN”.

PAST EVENTS

2015 LEGISLATIVE SHOOT; Saturday, March 21st found our club being the central focus of the 18th Annual Alaska Legislative Shoot. This event, sponsored by the following organizations; the Alaska Correction Officers Association; the Juneau Gun Club; the Juneau Shooting Sports Association; the Juneau Archery Club and the Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

Friday, before the event, found our members Rick Carter, Tom Boutin and Steve Bennett helping JSSF member’s set-up biathlon targets on trap 1 for the rifle event and Mal Menzies delivering cooking utensils to our kitchen for the Saturday morning breakfast.

Saturday morning started early (6:30am) for members of the Alaska Legislators (led by Terry Harvey, Billy Bonn of the ACOA and helped by Rick Carter) who began the morning breakfast preparation. Breakfast was to be at 8:00am but 7:30am found some members of the Alaska Legislature, ACCO, JSSF, JAC, ADF&G and JGC beginning the pan cake, bacon and sausage meal. At 8:30am, Bruce Bowler gave a firearms safety briefing and then the shooting fun began.

JGC members Craig Saleillo, Mar’Chant Thompson, Tom Brice, Fred Bergender, Mark Kappler, Victor Winters, Pat Morrissey, Rick Carter, Mal Menzies and Mona Yarnall (in the afternoon) took up positions at the gun safe and trap fields 3 and 4 for the next 7 to 8 hours. Each JGC team working traps 3 & 4 took one short break for a quick lunch. It was steady work supervising 47-3 person teams (141 individuals) in safe gun handling and trap shooting. It was great fun for all. Many of the event participants had never shot a shotgun (or any firearm). Our member’s instructions had to be polite and direct for a safe and well run event. Our participating members did an excellent job on the cool, damp day that had some wind. Please note that the Juneau Empire reported 47 teams, but ACOA counted 48 teams or 144 participants.

Although I had asked for a minimum of 10 to 15 volunteers, we had 9 all day and Mona in the afternoon. It would have been super to have 5 to 10 additional members participate for part of the day to ease the work demands and allow some to have part of their Saturday to

do home chores or errands. So, for the 19th Legislative shoot, please consider giving some of your time for this fun event so we can have a morning and afternoon team.

MARCH REGISTERED SHOOT: On a very snowy morning of Saturday, March 14th, only four members of our club showed to partake in the monthly registered trap match. Surprising how a relatively heavy snowfall can scare of some hardy Alaskan. The four shot three-one hundred bird trap targets in the order of 100 singles, 100 handicap and 50 pair of doubles. By the time the singles were complete, the sun shone and it warmed to the hi-thirties. It didn't last as for the doubles we had overcast skies and it was cooling again. The event stages resulted in the following scores, with Pete Hudson scoring for the Handicap and Doubles events;

EVENT 1, SINGLES, 4 ENTRIES, SNOW; "B" CLASS; Jamison Sanders, 96/100, event and class winner; Mal Menzies, 95/100; ***"C" CLASS;*** Chip Verelli, 90/100, Class Winner; Mar'Chart Thompson, 90/100.

EVENT 2, HANDICAP, 4 ENTRIES, SUNNY; SHORT YARDAGE; Mar'Chart Thompson, 88/100, event and class winner; Jamison Sanders, 87/100 and Chip Verelli, 87/100. ***MID-YARDAGE;*** Mal Menzies, 81/100.

EVENT 3, DOUBLES, 4 ENTRIES, OVERCAST, "C" CLASS; Jamison Sanders, 75/100, Event Winner; Mal Menzies, 72/100; Chip Verelli, 70/100 and Mar'Chart Thompson, 60/100.

HIGH OVERALL, JAMISON SANDERS, 258/300 (86.0%), Runner-Up, Mal Menzies, 248/300 (82.7%).



Jamison Sanders, HOA



Mar'Chart T., Handicap Winner

RANGE ETIQUETTE; The club directors, past and present have talked about and work to prepare a "white paper" on Range Etiquette. Some of what we have is from national organization and some from other clubs. We ask our members to review the attached paper, give our directors and fellow members your comments. We then can complete the attached so old and new as well as visitors to the Juneau Gun Club follow Range Etiquette.

RANGE ETIQUETTE

Trap shooting, perhaps more so than other shooting disciplines, is a "quiet" sport which requires a lot of concentration for competitors to consistently shoot high scores. Distractions to the shooters and disruption of the squad's rhythm need to be minimized. Trap shooters like everything to be orderly, and to follow an established protocol. Adhering to this protocol, or etiquette, also contributes to the safe conduct of the event. Accordingly, the following conventions are observed:

Guns are ALWAYS carried with the action OPEN and with NO shells in the gun. This includes carrying your gun from your vehicle to the range, from the gun rack to the firing line, and when changing stations during a round of trap.

Guns should remain in the gun rack and out of your hands until your squad is called. The closing of actions and racking of slides is dangerous and distracting to officials, spectators and other shooters. If you absolutely need to check your gun or demonstrate something to someone, please do so well away from the spectator area and be sure your gun is unloaded and always pointed in a safe direction.

While we all like our guns to be admired by others, always ask permission before handling another person's firearm.

The person who shoots first from station 1 is the "squad leader". To start a squad, the squad leader will wait until he/she observes that all 5 shooters are on their stations. The squad leader will then ask the other shooters and puller if they are ready to begin. This is done by the squad leader asking, "squad ready?" and "puller ready?" The squad leader should make eye contact with the other shooters and puller to confirm that all are ready to begin. The squad leader may then also ask to see one "free" target, traditionally by saying "let's see one".

Do not put a shell in your gun or close the action until it is your turn to shoot. Only one shell may be loaded.

After the squad leader has fired his/her fifth shell at each station, the scorer will announce "ready" to the squad. This is to alert the squad that they are on their last shot for that station and that a station change is about to be announced. "Ready" is a short-hand reminder to the squad that, "after this shot, don't load another shell".

All shooters should remain on their station, standing facing the trap quietly, until the fifth shooter has fired his/her fifth shell and until scorer has announced "change stations". Do not leave your station until the scorer has announced "change stations" or "squad out" at the end of the round.

When changing stations, guns must be OPEN and UNLOADED. This means that no live shell or empty shell is allowed in the gun during a station change. Care should also be taken to assure that your muzzle does not swing past or point at any other shooter, puller or spectator. Guns should be carried with the muzzle pointed up or at the ground.

At a station change, the shooter on station 5 will walk behind the other shooters to station 1. When ready at station 1, the shooter will announce to the squad leader "ready on one".

The squad leader is always the first person to shoot after each station change. This means that after the first station change, the shooting begins with the squad leader who is now on station 2. After the next station change, the squad leader will be on station 3, and so on. The squad leader should not begin until he/she has observed that all shooters are on their stations and ready.

Semi-automatic shotguns should be equipped with a shell-catcher. Ejected hulls hitting or flying past other shooters is a distraction.

Hulls that fall to the ground should not be picked up until the squad is completely finished shooting.

Do not raise your gun or move around until the shooter ahead of you has fired. Also, do not distract other shooters with unnecessary talk on the firing line. Unnecessary chatter or movement is also distracting to the puller and scorer and can cause slow or fast pulls or incorrectly scored targets.

If a delay occurs on the line due to a malfunction or any other reason, guns should be unloaded and actions open.

Guns must be opened, unloaded and placed in the gun rack anytime shooters are directed to do so by the puller.

Guns must be out of your hands and in a rack when personnel are down range. There is nothing more disconcerting for range personnel than to see people pointing guns at them as they emerge from the trap house. Normally, an orange flag or cone will be displayed at the trap house when personnel are down range.

Safety is everyone's full-time responsibility at the range. Should you observe an unsafe act, you should always feel comfortable in immediately bringing it to the attention of the individual involved. Be firm and polite and no one will find fault with you for speaking-up.