

OCTOBER 2019

TODAY'S NEWS

CLUB UPDATES EARL SKONBERG – 541.229.2700

Gun & Knife Show

The September Gun & Knife show was another success with over 1,150 attendees over the two days. There were a total of 275 tables rented with no room to spare. Club volunteers did an outstanding job, as always, providing security, selling tickets and manning the clubs table. This of course was all orchestrated and coordinated by both Lester Fanning and our show promoter Del Applegarth. Next show is February 8 & 9, 2020.

Sight-In Days

The Annual "Sight-In Days" starts September 14th and runs through October 11th. The rifle range will open on Thursday and Friday from 4:00 pm to dusk and on Saturdays and Sundays between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. This event is open to members and the general public to sight-in their hunting rifles prior to hunting season. All shooters and/or spectators are responsible for bringing their own eye and ear protection. Remember, all actions must be open when arriving at the range. Paul Campbell can answer questions by calling (541)-643-9889.

Fees are:

- Members and Guests: \$2.00
- Members Children 17 yrs. of age and under: FREE
- Non-Members: \$5.00
- Non-Member Children 17 yrs. of age and under: \$2.00

Hunter Education

Volunteers are desperately needed so we can continue our Hunter Safety program. Kerry Boak, Club President, is looking for a few club members who would like to support this valuable program and help us to continue the ODF & W program. Applicants will be required to have a background check and be finger printed. If interested, call Kerry at (541)-530-2337.

CHL

With the completion of upgrades to the Indoor Pistol Range, the Concealed Handgun Carry Class is starting up again October 9th, 2019. The two-day class meets in the Education Building at 5:30 pm for sign-up with the class starting at 6:00 pm and generally runs two hours. The second class, a week later, is on October 16th and starts at 6:00 pm and runs to 9:30 pm with live fire in the Indoor range. You need to call ahead to reserve a spot as the class is limited to 10 shooters. Fee is \$30 for club members. Call Kerry to make your reservation (541)-530-2337.

Lost & Found

A dog-training collar was found in Bay #1 at the Outdoor Pistol Range. If it's yours, contact the Caretaker to retrieve it.

TRAP

Krys Schindler- 541.496.3231

Greetings Shooters! We just wanted to let you know of a few changes and upcoming events for Trap. We will still be open on Wednesday but the hours will be 4:00 to 6:00 pm; closing will be at the discretion of the volunteers running the counter. We all know the club is run by volunteers and sometimes life just happens, so we all need to be flexible. If the person running the counter is willing to stay later and keep the traps open, then it will be. If shooters are eating dinner at 5:45 or 6:00 pm, then the volunteer will have the option to close the traps down. We always need help with set up, tear down, and reloading of the trap houses.

As many of you heard, PITA has extended the Multiplex Shoots to be a year-round affair. We will be having a Multiplex every first Sunday of each month starting in October (the exception will be January, February and March. Those will be held on the first Saturday because of Winter League.) The next Multiplex will be Sunday October 6th. The sub-gauge event (20, 28, or .410 ga. allowed) will start at 10:00 am. If you are not shooting the sub-gauge, you need to be at the club by 10:00 am to take care of paperwork, get your squad assignment and be ready to shoot the singles (which usually starts at 10:30). All shooters that are interested in shooting the Multiplex need to pre-squad w/ Krys (jdk.fishhawk@gmail.com). Think about shooting the Multiplex venue with us. These are registered targets, meaning that PITA creates a permanent record of your scores. This can help new shooters in establishing the required number of targets needed to determine your official singles and doubles class, and handicap yardage. You don't have to drive a long way, and the events are cheaper than a weekend-long regular PITA shoot. 150 targets (the three 50 bird events) times 12 (mos.) equals 600 registered targets for the 2020 target year (Sept. 2019 to Sept. 2020). Another bonus is that you don't have to shoot a really good score to win, since the Multiplex pays out based on the "Lewis" class system; for instance, a "50" will obviously pay, but so will a score of 47, 45, 43, and so on...'usually', depending on total numbers of shooters doing the Multiplexes from AK to CA. It's also a good way to 'feel' competitive pressure...and get used to that, before expanding your trap horizons at the big events.

It is really not too early to start thinking about Winter Trap League. Dan and I will be running things again. We will be starting Winter League Sunday, January 5th, 2020. If you want to join in on the fun, please email us at jdk.fishhawk@gmail.com to get on the list. Like last year, we will be having a Winter League Draft (TBA). The team captains will be drawing for their teams; we will be having a few game shoots and lots of fun.

And, don't forget the annual turkey shoot, Saturday, December 14th. Additionally, we are planning a game shoot day in the near future: Buddy Backers, Custers, Miss and Outs, and a special event like a Slider or maybe use the Wobble machine on Trap 5 (very high, very low, very fast, two shots per target allowed, best of say...15?) These are \$money\$ events and will pay up to three places; and a good return to shooters since we only take out the cost of targets, the rest goes up to the shooters. More on this later.

See at the club - Dan and Kryz

Junior Rifle Program

Ralph Klein - 541.459.9517

The 2019-20 Junior Rifle season is starting up again on October 7, 2019. Renovation to the indoor range is complete. We teach the art of competitive rifle shooting. We shoot 22 LR target rifles at targets 50 feet away. The club has all the equipment necessary for competition including: rifles, spotting scopes, shooting coats, shooting gloves and shooting mats. Juniors 12 to 20 are invited to participate. We meet every Monday (except holidays) from 6 to 8 pm. Our season runs from October through April. So come out Monday, October 7th at 6 pm in the indoor range.

