

SEPTEMBER 2019

TODAY'S NEWS

CLUB UPDATES

EARL SKONBERG – 541.229.2700

Gun & Knife Show

Show times are Saturday, September 14th from 9:00am - 5:00pm, and Sunday, September 15th from 9:00am - 3:00pm at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Admission is \$7.00 and is good for both days.

Children under 12 are free with a paid adult admission. **Contact Del Applegarth, at 541-530-4570 for table rentals and show details.**

Volunteers are always needed to help run the show, no experience required. Whatever time you care spare is always appreciated. If you would like to support your club, **call Lester Fanning at 541.863.4333.** He is always looking for volunteers to help with the show.

Sight-In Days

The Annual "Sight-In Days" starts September 14th and runs through October 11th. The rifle range will be available each week on Thursday and Friday from 4:00pm to dusk, and on Saturdays and Sundays between 9:00am and 5:00pm. The range 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
- Member Children 17 and under: FREE
- Non-Member: \$5.00
- Non-Member Children 17 and under: \$2.00

Pavilion Use

When not rented, the Pavilion is always available to members for their own use such as holding a family gathering, a BBQ or just a plain old lunch with family and friends. However, due to a recent incident, the Board has decided that from now on, folks wishing to use the pavilion for ANY kind of event MUST let the Caretakers know in advance of the intended date of use and include time and estimated number of people.

This specific incident left the pavilion with overflowing trash barrels, lids on the ground, empty water bottles strewn everywhere and confetti all over the pavilion floor.

If you use the Pavilion or grounds for any reason, we expect you to leave it as you found it or better.

Thank you!

Fishing & Recreation Report

Best bets for fishing

- Trout anglers should focus on areas where summer water temperatures are cooler - the lakes at higher elevations and the upper reaches of rivers and streams.
- Tuna fishing at several ports has been terrific lately! The fish are relatively close to shore, and there are plenty of commercial charters for would-be anglers that don't own a boat or gear.
- Bass fishing is great for beginners and chances are there's a place to fish nearby. This time of year, bass fishing (both small and large-mouth) can be good in ponds, rivers and reservoirs throughout the state.
- Ocean salmon fishing has been good throughout the season and now the ocean fish are moving into the Buoy 10 fishery, where many are being caught.

Practice good catch-and-release techniques in late summer conditions

When water conditions are low, clear and warm, like they are now, be sure to practice good catch-and-release techniques when releasing fish:

- Fish early in the day when water and air temperatures are at their coolest.
- Land fish quickly. Playing a fish too long reduces its chance to recover.
- Keep the fish in the water while landing and releasing it.
- If you can't remove the hook easily, cut the leader near the hook, which will eventually dissolve.
- Revive the fish in moving water before releasing it.

Fire and Early Season Hunting

As early season hunters know, dry conditions and the associated fire danger can have a large impact on your hunting opportunity. It pays to check in advance to see if there are any access restrictions in the unit(s) you plan to hunt.

Youth Pheasant hunts begin in September

Kids 17 and younger can experience a low-pressure, pre-season hunt with a good chance of harvesting a pheasant or two. Hunts are on various dates throughout the state. All kids must have completed hunter education and be accompanied by an adult.

Defensive Pistol

Neal Itzkowitz 541.784.8610

We had a great shoot on August 3rd with 25 shooters in attendance. August's scenarios tested shooters' skills and some replicated real life events that took place. I will be out of town for our September shoot and Larrie will be taking the helm that day so that Defensive Pistol can still take place. (**Thank you, Larrie!**) I will be back for the October shoot, which will end our season for 2019. I will design stages for this last shoot that will be more fun, yet challenging, and will please all skill levels.

Our September 7th shoot will feature 5 stages, one of which will be a rifle stage. This stage can be shot with your pistol should you not have or bring your rifle. We will also have one stage that will be compact/subcompact pistol-friendly. This scenario will have paper targets closer to the shooter though the number of targets will still be generally the same.

Registration is between 8:00am and 8:30am, with a mandatory safety meeting at 8:45am. The fee is \$10/shooter and those under 18 are free. If you would like to show up at 7:00am to help set up the scenarios your fee will be waived. For questions please call me, Neal Itzkowitz: 541.784.8610.

Rimfire Match

Wes Jackson - 541.784.5041

Four shooters participated in the August Rimfire match. At 50 yds. all four got a perfect 250. In first place was JD Conn with 13Xs, Mike Jackson and Wes Jackson were tied for second with 11Xs each. At 75 yds. three of the shooters shot a perfect 250 with Mike Jackson first with 8Xs, Wes Jackson in second with 3Xs and JD Conn in third with 1X. Final scores had Mike Jackson finishing first with 500-19Xs, and JD Conn and Wes Jackson tying for second with 500-14Xs each. The next match will be September 1st. Sign in and setup will be at 8:00am, with the match starting at 8:30am.

NAME	CALIBER	50 YDS	75 YDS	TOTAL
1. Mike Jackson	22LR	250-11Xs	250-08Xs	500-19Xs
2. JD Conn	22LR	250-13Xs	250-01Xs	500-14Xs
3. Wes Jackson	22LR	250-11Xs	250-03Xs	500-14Xs
4. Jay Conn	22LR	250-06Xs	249-03Xs	499-09Xs

Junior Rifle

Ralph Klein - 541.459.9517

Junior Rifle will start a new season on Monday, October 7th at 6:00pm in the indoor range. We shoot 22 LR target rifles at targets 50 feet away. I will teach the art of competitive shooting while stressing firearm safety. 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 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Our season runs from October through April. If anyone would like to assist with coaching, come on out - no experience necessary.

Junior Rifle starts Monday, October 7th at 6:00pm at the Indoor range at the clubhouse.

