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Air Rifle Blasts

By Ed De Rienze

The air rifle match held on Sunday, September 20 was an interesting and often exciting match as 19 contestants did their best to hit the small center ring of a small diameter sized bull's eye on paper target set at a distance of 10 meters. The rather close distance of 33 feet that is 10 meters, suggests to most shooters that it is a "piece of cake" to get all of the ten shots required into at least the 8 or 9 rings to make a good score. That may be true if you are a wellcoordinated shooter with some degree of practice under you belt along with a good nights sleep and not too much coffee or cigarettes before the match but only a small percentage of the shooters that turned out proved that they were capable.

The one shooter that proved that he was very capable in this match was Bob D'Amico, aka, "Bobby The Barber" who was the first contestant to sign up for the match. With only a few members there to witness his shooting, Bob shot, well within the 12 minute time limit, a first time high score of 87 out of a possible 100 to set a new range record.

Ed Hilliard, our time honored master of the shooting sports, shot a nice second place score of 80 x 100 to make his return to air gun shooting something to talk about; and Bob Manfredonia showed his usual finesse with a third place score of 78 x 100.

Carl Cervino, shooting his newly acquired precharged air rifle, managed to take fourth place with his score of 75 x 100 and Joe Napolillo latched on to 5th place with a score of 73 x 100.

We have two more air rifle matches remaining in this year's schedule and they will be held in October and November followed up with a turkey shoot to be held in the month of December.

The next air rifle match will be held on Sunday, October 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a metallic silhouette match using the metal stands at a distance of 20 yards;177 or 22 caliber's may be used and the entrance fee is \$3. and reentries are permitted.

On Sunday, November 16, a paper silhouette match will be held at a distance of 10 meters, starting at 10a.m. and closing at 2 p.m. This will be the closing match of this season to determine the winner of the club sponsored "Jacket Award" There are currently several club members who are in contention for the annual award and the winner will be determined by the number of accrued points won by participating in the past year's shoots. The winner will be announced after the November match.

Annual Ladies Day and Junior Field Day Another Success

On September 13th the club held its annual combined Ladies and Junior Field Day. The days celebration was put together by Mary

MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday the 1st

8:00 PM

Nominations for 2008 elections

Range Meeting

Wednesday the 8th

8:00 PM

Executive Meeting

Wednesday the 22nd

8:00 PM

Club Election Day November 5th!!!

Please Come Out and VOTE

Archery Meeting

Last Tuesday of Every Month

All meetings are held in the Club House.

All club members are welcome to come to all monthly meetings



Cannon fire during Ladies/Youth day

Batt along with her husband and number of very helpful volunteers. There was great food for a and flowers for the ladies/moms. As usual, all activities were provided at no expense by the club. I know for a fact that there was a never ending flow of ladies and jr's at the Archery range that kept CRO Ray Caba and his crew busy all day long. Everyone love to shooting the bows.

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National Hunting and Fishing Day Fact

In 1970, the first to suggest an official “day of thanks” to sportsmen was Ira Joffe, owner of Joffe’s Gun Shop in Upper Darby, Delaware County. Gov. Raymond Shafer adopted Joffe’s idea and created “Outdoor Sportsman’s Day” in the state. With determined prompting from various sportsmen, the concept soon emerged on the national level when, in early 1972, Congress unanimously passed legislation authorizing a National Hunting and Fishing Day. On May 2, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed the first proclamation of National Hunting and Fishing Day, and soon after, all 50 governors and more than 600 mayors had joined in by proclaiming state and local versions of National Hunting and Fishing Day.

Happy Birthday! ! !

Come January, Delaware Count Field and Steam will be turning 70. The club will be celebrating its seventieth anniversary and we are looking for any ideas that the members have. The Executive board is looking to celebrate all year long. If you have any ideas that you think that out members would like, please feel free to suggest them. All year there will be a little bit of DCFS trivia and history facts in the newsletter. Also the club will be putting together a new booklet about the clubs history so that they can be handed out to new members and saved by others. If you have been a member for a while our club historian and former Editor and Steward Emeritus Mr. Ed De Rienze will be contributing a lot of information for this booklet.

Black Powder Range

We have been busy this year with matches starting in January and an average of three scheduled matches each month since April. The black powder muzzle loader regular matches will end with the final 2008 season championship match on October 12 . The muzzle loaders will then turn to specialty matches in November and December and win hold the annual turkey shoot on November 9th and deer shoot on December 14th.

Regular black powder cartridge matches will continue into November with the final two regular matches for the year on October 26th and November 30th. Any black powder cartridge can compete.

The last regularly scheduled cowboy match is scheduled for October 19th. We are planning a larger cowboy event for to end the year and asking as many people as possible to dress in their best

cowboy clothes for a group picture. The cowboy aftershoot lunch has become popular and will continue with the last cowboy match ending with a BBQ, and I would imagine a bunch of stories about the past year’s shooting.

All the programs at the black powder range have drawn new shooters this year and we welcome anyone that wants to see what goes on to stop by and even give one of the matches a try.

Shoot safe and see you at the range. Bill MacCain,

Club Elections! Come out and Vote

This years Elections will be held as usual at the General Membership Meeting on November 5th . The Nominees for this year are as follows:

President	John Henry	
1st Vice President	Stacey Poulathas	
2nd Vice President	Bob Bowles	
Corresponding Secretary	Mike Wiciak	
Financial Secretary	Brian Buclunan	
Treasurer	Tom Ochuida	
Recording Secretary	Don Taylor	
Stewards	Mary Batt	Bud Fiedt
	Phil Ewaka	Rich Mooney

SHOOT SCHEDULE FOR OCT./NOV./DEC.

Air Pistol Oct. 26th 20 NRA Silhouettes
Air Rifle Oct. 19th 25yd Silhouettes
Air Gun Silhouette Oct. 26th
Muzzle Loader Oct. 12th
Black Powder Oct. 19th
BP Cartridge Oct 26th
Pistol Oct. 12th 1800 Bullseye
Oct. 19th 2700 Registered Bullseye
Smallbore Oct. 12th Silhouettes
Oct. 19th Bench Rest
Table Trap Oct. 12th Duck Shoot
Air Pistol Nov. 16th Turkey Shoot
Air Rifle Nov. 16th 10m Paper Silhouette
Air Rifle Silhouettes Nov. 16th Turkey Shoot
Archery Nov. 16th Turkey Shoot
Muzzle Loader Nov. 9th
BP Cartridge Nov. 30th
Pistol Nov. 2nd Club Championship
Smallbore Nov. 9th Silhouettes
Nov. 16th Bench Rest
Table Trap Nov. 9th Red Neck Shoot
Air Rifle Dec. 7th Turkey Shoot
Muzzle Loader Dec. 14th
Smallbore Dec. 7th Silhouettes
Dec. 14th Bench Rest

Quarterly Newsletter Approved

Last year, due to rising expenses at the club the Executive Committee decided to stop sending out the Club News by mail. Recently more members have been concerned with not being able to read the newsletter online. Believe it or not in this age of the computer, not all members have one at home. At a recent Exec. meeting it was approved that we should start sending out a quarterly newsletter by mail to all members. Well, this is the first issue. In order to help keep the membership up to date, the information in the Quarterly Club News will deal with anything that has happened or will happen in the next three months.

Christmas Stockings for our Soldiers

Donations are being taken at the club house to make Christmas Stockings for our troops. These stockings are being sent to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. We can all let them know that we are thinking of them while they are away from home. All of these stockings are being sewn by area volunteers and decorated by area Girl Scouts. Some items are suggested are: nuts, Slim Jims, toiletries and lotions, hot mixed drinks, gum, music cd's, phone cards, cookies, playing cards, lip balm, foot powder, hand warmers, disposable cameras, Cracker Jacks. If you would like to leave your return address with the items you just might get a THANK YOU letter back. Just fill a 2 gallon ziplock bag this your items that would fill a stocking and drop them off at the club house. Also \$2.00 per bag is needed for postage costs. All donations are needed before November, 19th since they will be mailed out before December 1st. If you have any questions you may contact Dottie Berry at the club or Judy Travis at 610-475-2526 or Jamt1@aol.com

Field and Stream Annual Youth Pheasant Hunt

Hi Kids,
I hope your summer was fun and you all are safe and healthy. It's that time again, time for your Pheasant hunt. This year's hunt will be held on Sunday, November 2nd. This will be a morning and an afternoon hunt so let me know what's good for you. Anyone wanting to donate to this project just give me a call 2673078765. Email me with the time you can come and who will be with you. If you have a friend that would like to come let me know, if we have room it won't be a problem. Dog guys if you have a trained dog and would like to help out, let me know we can always use the help. We will still need the help of our guides so if you have experience in hunting and would like to volunteer your time please email me.

Bob Amot
TPM184@RCN.com

SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT AUGUST / SEPTEMBER, 2008

“Old Timers” Do Five Stand For 5 Weeks!

It began on Monday morning, August 11, 2008, 18 members of the club's group of retired, or otherwise not employed on that one day each week, to get together with their buddies at the club grounds for their weekly stint of shooting.

This is the first time in the over 7 years that the group has been

shooting together that they picked one of the most difficult disciplines to shoot in for their 5 week stint.

When they arrived at the trap range where the Five Stand setup is they found to their dismay that the computer that does the work of directing and shooting out the different birds at the various locations was either not working or needed someone with the experience to control it.

The results of the first (lay's shooting by the “Old Timer's” showed a tie score for two top shooters, Bob Britton and Bud Feindt both had identical scores of 15 out of 25 birds total.

On the second Monday, with a total of 16 shooters participating, Bob Britton took the lead with a new high for the day of 16 out of 25.

The third Monday of shooting brought out a few more of the old timers who managed to shoot better scores. Geno Silvestri, gets a hit on the No. 5 Rabbit shot to make a good score total of 40 hits and 2nd place next to Bob Britton's high of 43 total for the 3 days of the shoots

The Monday shoot of the Labor Day weekend was cancelled by the “Old Timers” but they were back in force on Monday, September 8, and on that date, Bud Feindt, shot a “makeup” score of 18 and another score of 17, bringing his total for the 4 weeks to 65. and the new leader in scores. The 5th and final week on 9/15/08 was rescheduled for the next week however, it was determined that the potential winner was Bud Feindt whose score at that time was 65 x 100.

What Is Five Stand?

The term “Five Stand” as it is applied to a shooting game at the DCFS club grounds is derivation of a shotgun field shooting game of Sporting Clays that is practiced where there is plenty of room for the numerous field targets to be set up. This club's range area for setting up a facility for its members to enjoy Sporting Clay practice shooting was devised and built by the club in 1994.

The club president at that time was Carmen Martino, who with his executive Building Committee was instrumental in getting the new range built and into operation by Labor Day weekend of 1994. In his President's Column in the monthly Club News for April, 1994, Carmen wrote the following information:

“This game evolved from the game of Sporting Clays. It can be installed in a club that does not have the expanse of grounds that necessary for a sporting clays course. It gives you the same shots in an area the size of a skeet field.”

“You will shoot at a standard clay target and a target called a “rabbit” which is capable of bouncing across the ground and those babies are hard! If you hit them with only a few pellets they woift break so you really have to whack'em!”

“There is also a “battue” which is the same diameter but thinner and it flies off the machine at an angle and which doesn't present a shot until it turns to provide you a target at the end of its night..”

“There is a “midi” that is smaller than the standard target and a “mini” that is smaller still (90 mm) and is a real challenge to hit.”

Club President, Carmen Martino, also mentioned that a new machine called a Tower was to be built on the trap field in front of the range house. This machine, to be 12 feet off the ground, will throw targets over the heads of the shooters. There will also be several degrees of difficulty to set up for the shooters and it is recommended that they start with the lowest!

Reported By Ed De Rienze

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