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Skeet & Trap News *Henry Marambio*

Hello All!! We are in the middle of prime shooting weather. We are burning a lot of powder and crushing a lot of clay targets in the skeet and trap area. Also we have several individuals hitting the road and traveling to various skeet shoots throughout the Eastern part of the US.

Since the untimely death of Boyd Blackwell earlier this year Skeet and Trap has been without a Vice President to assist me with certain duties. After some recent discussions I have asked Kelly Abbott to take over in this role for the rest of the year and he has accepted. Kelly brings a youthful enthusiasm to the job, and he has shown willingness to help and support skeet and trap activities in any way possible since joining ORSA. Congratulate Kelly when you see him.

We just completed our 2nd registered shoot of the year The Secret City Open (June 17-19). We continue to make strides in attracting out of town shooters. With each event we hope to attract more shooters and also make the event better than the last. Our most enjoyable moment of the shoot was when Zachary Albrecht (our youngest registered skeet shooter) outlasted all other shooters in a modified doubles event Saturday night. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work and help to make our shoot the best it could be, especially Boyd Dearden for teaching me how to run the registration desk.

This year we will again "declare" a skeet club champion but this year we will run this event concurrently with our last registered shoot of 2005 The Homecoming Open on Oct 7-9. We will have several 100-target events during the weekend to select "our champion." Please mark your calendars now and make plans to join us. Additional information

will also be posted on the bulletin board outside the clubhouse or you may contact me with questions.

In conclusion shoot well, visit with old friends, make new friends, and above all else, enjoy the game of skeet and trap.

Skeet and Trap Elections Just Around the Corner

Henry Marambio

Any individuals interested in running for any of the three Skeet and Trap Officer positions should contact Secretary/Treasurer Brian Schlenker at 483-3823 for posting of BIO information in the Rangefinder. The Skeet and Trap Elections and Fall Meeting will be held as always, in November, the exact date is still to be determined. The officers elected will serve in the positions of President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Deadline for submissions is October 14th, 2005 in order to guarantee inclusion into the Rangefinder.

Smallbore Class *Ed Johnson*

The next smallbore rifle class for beginners will start Monday, September 26, 2005 at 7:00 PM. We will meet at the indoor range. The class is for ages 11 through adult. The class will meet for seven weeks and covers firearm safety, shooting positions, trigger control, sighting in, and an introduction to formal range procedures. For more details, call Ed at 483-9573. ORSA will furnish the necessary equipment including rifle, spotting scope, pad, coat and ammunition. Each student must furnish his or her own ear protection, either ear plugs or muffs. Cost of the class is \$15.

Skeet and Trap Club Championship

Henry Marambio

The format for the skeet club championship will be tweaked a little for 2005 since last years event was not as well attended as we had hoped. We will be running the Skeet Club Championship the weekend of Oct 7-9 as part of the NSSA registered (HOME-COMING OPEN) shoot that is scheduled for that weekend. Please see the flyer located on the ORSA website or the bulletin board outside the clubhouse for more information. The "club champion" honors is only open to any current ORSA member, but to shoot in this registered event you must be an NSSA member.

Also because of the F-Class Championship scheduled for the High Power area on this weekend we will NOT be using skeet field #3 so the # of shooting slots will be limited to a total of 30 shooters. The HP event organizers have invited us to share in the food and drinks provided for the weekend's event. Please plan to attend and support both events.

If you are planning on shooting, please contact me to reserve yourself a spot in the shoot. Every attempt will be made to give your choice of squad rotation, but please note that rotations will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis.

An attempt is currently being made to organize an event so we can crown a trap champion. The event will be open to any current ORSA member. The shooters will earn some bragging rights for their efforts. The date and format for the event has yet to be finalized and will depend on how much interest is generated.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Henry Marambio at 803-6682.

Renovation and Remediation at ORSA Indoor Facility

President Ed Johnson

A major renovation and upgrade of the ORSA indoor range has been accomplished during the months of June and July. The renovations include the final installation of the armored partitions, which was initiated some years ago. Additional lighting was installed above the firing points. Electric target retrieval trolley systems are in operation at the first 9 firing points. A special rubberized backing was hung it isolate back splatter and has the added benefit of noise dampening.

The accumulation of lead in the baffles since 1966 was removed and sent to a metals recycler, all 10,620lbs of it. One wonders how many 10's and X's there were, probably not enough, and just how many \$\$\$ went down range over the years. Let's not count that too closely.

A lot of effort was expended by many dedicated ORSA Volunteers the short list includes the following:

Ken Palmer, Ed Askins, John Krummel, Linda Albrecht, Toby Albrecht, Zach Albrecht, Joddi Collins, Orie Rice, Fred Bertelsman, Kent Hepworth, Wels Bryan, Letitia Suffern, Kim McMahan, David Statwick, Tim Tucker, Mac Toth, John Merz, Nathan Hudson, J.D. Chazalet, Matthieu Wintergerst. No doubt some have been left out of the list and we apologize that we may have missed someone but please know your efforts were appreciated. We could not have successfully completed this long over due renovation without your support.

The range is now safer, quieter, and cleaner than ever before. Regrettably there is some sacrifice, the JOAD archery group shooting slightly more difficult than before because of the effort needed to shoot through the partitions form the extreme line of fire.

For Sale

5000 CCI Small Rifle Primers - \$50.00. Lots of 1000 are \$12.00 each. Dave Anderson,
Home: 865-376-4895, Cell: 865-898-7719, email: ander743@belllsouth.net.

Smallbore Prone State Championship

On the weekend of June 25-26, ORSA sponsored the Tennessee smallbore prone state championship, and 23 shooters came from 6 states to compete in this NRA-registered tournament. Competitors fired high-precision .22 rifles from the prone position at distances of 50 yards, 50 meters, and 100 yards. The course of fire included 160 shots for record each day, using iron sights on Saturday and scopes or iron sights on Sunday, for a total possible score of 3200. In this discipline, the competition is exciting and very tight, and it takes a solid hold, good wind-reading skills, and lots of endurance to win. Paul Gideon of Ohio (the national champion in 2003) fired the top scores on both days to win with a total of 3194. Gintaras Valentavicius (aka Vall) of Signal Mountain, TN, won the State Champion title with an outstanding score of 3187. Other trophy winners were Jerry Roberts in the Expert class, Randy Hermann in the Sharpshooter class, and junior David Bratcher, who finished with a commanding lead in the Marksman class.

ORSA will sponsor another NRA-sanctioned smallbore prone tournament on the weekend of September 25-26. For more information, contact Bruce Fogelman at 482-5904 (before 9 p.m.) or by e-mail at bfogelman@outdrs.net.

Volunteers Needed

Tobias Albrecht

Whilst conducting a tour of the facility for insurance renewal purposes it was noted that the storage building between the plinking and competition ranges was in dire need of roof repair. Could persons with carpenter/roofing abilities please contact me? I would attempt this project alone except that TWRA has banned me from working solo above my shoulder on anything requiring nails saws and a hammer.

The pavers have been out again to mark the areas needing repair. Hopefully by the time you read this it will have been done. Thanks in advance for your patience and willingness to cease fire for the work as it has progressed.



Left to right: State Champion Gintaras Valentavicius, First Sharpshooter Randy Hermann, First Marksman and High Junior David Bratcher, First Expert and High Senior Jerry Roberts.



Shooters to the line!

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