

MUZZLE REPORT



April

Ashland Gun & Archery Club

2017

Board of Directors' Message

I need to raise the subject of gate codes and I do so with regret. Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that several members have been giving their gate code to friends and these friends are using our facilities free of charge. While I could discuss the fact that this is clearly against our rules, something that is pointed out at every orientation, it is the basic unfairness to the membership that bothers me the most. We have a VERY reasonable membership fee and we are an entirely volunteer club. We will only be able to maintain these distinctive attributes of our club if we ALL play by the rules.

In fairness to the vast majority of members who do play by the rules, the Board will not hesitate to expel any member found guilty of giving out their gate code to a non-member. Additionally, I spoke with the Ashland Chief of Police (yes, the City police do have jurisdiction over our land) and we will pursue criminal trespass charges against any "friend" who uses our superb facility without a paid membership. I don't want to make too big a deal about this issue, as I am confident we are talking about a very small minority. But I believe this is a fairness issue, and violations, however rare, create a serious problem for our club.

Dave Dotterer, President

Range Closures

The range will be closed for a time on Saturday morning, April 1, to allow set up for the Archery 3-D Shoot being held the next day.

The range will be closed to firearms all day on Sunday, April 2, due to the Archery 3-D Shoot.

The range will be closed all day on Sunday, April 16, for Easter as required by our lease.

The next AGC General Meeting will be held 4/11/17 at 6:30 pm

Orientations for new and returning members are held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at 9:00 am.

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Range Safety Officer Snivels

The Police range has ricochet marks on the deck. I've talked to the Ashland Police Department about this and will contact the concealed carry instructors. Ricochets are always bad, but considering that the rifle and pistol ranges are directly downrange, the situation is downright dangerous. Please keep your projectiles in the berms.

I've been finding cigarette butts in the garbage cans. Not a good idea. The content of the garbage cans is about 90% paper (paper targets, paper cups and plates, etc). It doesn't take much imagination to imagine the results of a trash fire in a wood revetment. We will be providing butt cans, for the smokers, in the future.

Be safe out there and have fun.

Bob Smoot, Chief RSO

Jailbreak at Lithia Springs 2017 (Cowboy Action Shooting)

On March 18 & 19, the Jefferson State Regulators held a Cowboy Action Shooting match, Jailbreak at Lithia Springs. This event was my High School Senior Project. The shooting match brought 36 shooters, along with their families, from three different states (Oregon, California and Washington).

The participants shot ten fun stages during this two day match. It turned out to be quite an awesome event, and I've had several requests to make my "senior project" an annual event.

I want to extend a big "Thank you!" to the gun club members who came to the event and helped us set up. And thank you to the gun club members for letting me use the range for my senior project! Kira Bell

PS: Thanks to Kira and the Cowboys for leaving the range in great shape after the event. AGAC Board

Silhouettes Return

.22 Rimfire Only

It's Back! On April 13, we begin Silhouette Shooting on the second Thursday of each month starting any time after 4:30 pm.

Silhouette Shooting is very informal. We encourage shooters of all ages to enjoy knocking over the steel chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams as a change of pace from paper targets. The banks of critters are set up with the small chickens at about 40 yards, pigs at about 60 yards, turkeys at 75 yards, and rams at 100 yards. We encourage off-hand shooting, but many shooters enjoy using the shooting benches. If there is interest, we also set up dedicated pistol targets.

We see this as a fun shoot for all ages and skill levels. However, we stress safe gun handling (management) and all safety rules are followed.

For further information, call Dick Lee at 541-621-2989.

Organized Shoots

Long Range Shooting: Long Range Shooting is held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 9:00 am to Noon, weather permitting. Normal range activities will resume at noon on that day. Contact Gil Mastrofina for weather conditions and answers to questions: 541-601-7426.

Pigeon Busters – “Shotguns”: Interested in skeet or trap, new shooter or registered competitor, give George Fritschi a call. 541-535-7117.

Silent Accuracy – “The Archer’s Report”: Our first shoot, the “Spring Forward” Shoot, was a great success. We had over 155 shooters, and many observers, a course record. A big “thank you” goes out to our volunteers that put in countless hours to make the shoot a success. Additionally, “thank you” to our shoot sponsor, Dewclaw Archery, for throwing two bows, gift certificates, and other swag into the raffle bucket. The funds we raise go right back into new targets, and maintenance of the course.

Another “thank you” to Mike Mastrofina and crew, and Bill Potts for putting together a video of the shoot. Check it out on Facebook and the AGAC website.

Our next shoot, the “Challenge Shoot,” is April 2 and we hope things dry out enough to get us on Course three. Bring a couple of extra arrows; this course is known to eat them up. We will have a number of new Rinehart targets making their debut.

Volunteer work day coming up is Saturday, April 1, before the shoot. Please, if you can put in a few hours, it would help greatly.

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For Sale

- Ruger Super Blackhawk .44 magnum Bisley model. 7.5 blued, less than 50 rounds fired. Comes with leather holster, all original packaging, and roughly 370 rounds of various mag, special, and shot shell ammo. \$900 obo. Trades considered. Call Brandon @ 541-301-1065.
- Rifles in Very Good to LNIB condition: Browning A Bolt Medallion II .25-06, \$525; Ruger M77 SS skeleton stock .30-06, \$400; Ruger M77 Blue .300 Win tang safety .300 Win, \$450; Ruger M77 Hawkeye SS .338 Mag, \$575; Ruger M77 Hawkeye African .375 Ruger, \$825; Weatherby Vanguard .270 Win, \$425; Winchester M70 XTR Featherweight 7mm Mauser, \$600; Winchester 94AE .30-30, \$500; Scopes, factory ammo, dies, accessories available for sale. Contact Lee at songtown@ashlandhome.net .

Keep this Schedule of Important Dates for Ashland Gun & Archery Club

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Orientation 9 am. Temporary range closures due to set up of 3-D Shoot
2 Archery 3-D Shoot all day – no firearms on the range	3	4	5 Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 pm	6	7	8 Concealed Handgun Class 8 am
9 Long Range Shooting 9 am (range closed til noon)	10	11 General Meeting 6:30 pm	12	13 Silhouette Shoot 4:30 pm	14	15 Orientation 9 am Cowboy Shoot 10 am (pistol & 50 yd bays closed til 1 pm)
16 Easter RANGE CLOSED	17 Tax Day (Taxes Due)	18	19	20	21	22
23 Long Range Shooting 9 am (range closed til noon)	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Concealed Handgun Class 8 am	Notes: May you have a happy Easter and palatable Tax Day!					

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