



MUZZLE REPORT

August 2017

Board of Directors' Message

Great news to report this month! The Club has received three grants – two from the NRA and one from the State under the Pittman-Robertson Act. These grants total \$17,000 and required a lot of patience as the grant approval process is almost as long as a baby's gestation period. While the entire Board and others have been actively engaged in the grant process, I want to give special thanks to Gary and Jeanne Peterson for all their hard work in writing up these grant requests (a VERY painful process). Through their efforts our Club has been established as one that can put together a well-documented grant proposal which helps set us up for future requests; AND we fully intend to go after further grants, so if you have ideas please provide your ideas to a Board member.

These grants, along with the required match from the Club, will be used to purchase three additional bullet traps, build a shooting platform facility for the long-range shooters, and hire a range design specialist. This last effort is particularly noteworthy as it is time to re-evaluate our overall range layout, determine the best way to re-establish shotgun shooting, and conduct a review of our range best practices, particularly for environmental and safety rules. Using a certified range design engineer will also ensure that, as we go forward with additional grant requests, we can point to "expert" advice in building our plans and requests. We intend to use monies from the environmental fund as well as some from the general fund. You have been paying into the environmental funds for several years and it is time to spend some of this money on range enhancements.

The other good news is that the City is moving forward with the wetland remediation project and anticipates completion this Fall. Our hope is that we can now move forward with returning shotgun shooting to the Club. However, there are a lot of moving parts here so we have no expectation that this will happen overnight. Please give a special thanks to those Board members as well as a strong group of volunteers who have made these improvements possible!

Dave Dotterer, President

The next General Meeting will be held 8/8/17 at 6:30 pm

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Board Candidates

Any member who wants to declare their candidacy for any office or at-large board position must notify the Secretary not later than August 20 in order to be included on the ballot. Ballots will include a space for write-in candidates. The secretary will publish the list of declared candidates in the September and October newsletters. To declare your candidacy, contact Gary Peterson at garypeterson@ashlandhome.net or call 541-301-7534.

Range Safety Officer Report

It's gun safety 101, but especially for members new to the shooting sports – always practice these four basic rules of gun safety.

1. Keep all firearms unloaded until you are on the firing line and preparing to fire.
2. Keep all actions open until you are on the firing line and preparing to fire.
3. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to fire.
4. Never handle a firearm while anyone else is downrange.

The only exception to rules 1 and 2 is that you may carry a holstered pistol that is loaded with the action closed, but never handle it unless you are on the firing line and preparing to fire.

There is no shooting allowed after 8:00 pm. Violators will lose their gate access privileges.

Due to fire danger, no steel core ammo is allowed until further notice.

Watch for Rattlesnakes!

Recently, several rattlesnakes and been seen on the range in the archery sight-in bay and the rifle bay. Snakes are particularly active in the cool mornings and early evenings. If a person is bitten by a rattlesnake, the current recommendation is to quickly find medical care for antivenom treatment rather than administer first aid.

Range Closures

The first phase of the wetland mitigation work should start by early August and will take a couple of weeks, but we do not yet know exact dates. Pistol Bays 1 and 2 will be closed during this work because some of the project area is downrange from those bays. Watch the website for closure notices.

The Jays will be vacationing on their property across the creek down range from the 300 and 600 yard ranges from July 27 through August 13. The 300 and 600 yard ranges will be closed during these times.

Long Range Shooting will be held on August 27 only.

Orientations

Orientations for new and returning members are held on the first and third Saturdays of each month, 9 a.m. at the clubhouse.

Organized Shoots

Jefferson State Regulators – “Cowboy Action Shooting”: The Jefferson State Regulators match is held every third Saturday of the month, rain or shine, at the Ashland Gun Club. The match generally runs for about four hours. The pistol and 50 yard bays will be closed during this period, but the rifle ranges may remain open depending on the event. If you have questions, please email col.gilliam@charter.net.

Long Range Shooting: Due to visiting campers, Long Range Shooting will be held on August 27 only.

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”: A Three-Peat it is!!! Trever Nistrath crushed the field again this year at the Train to Hunt Nationals outside of Grand Junction, Colorado, in early July. Way to go National Champ!! This competition is not easy, but it is clear Trever out shot, packed and ran the rest of the Men’s Open competitors. Lindsay Nistrath placed a strong sixth in the always very competitive women’s open class. That’s sixth in the nation!

We continue to shoot and train on Tuesday afternoons and evenings, and will try to put out a number of our 3D targets in August. Come on out and shoot if you are a member -- archery season is days away. The Ashland Archers will be taking the month of September off. May we be blessed with wind in our face and the flight of a true arrow!

Rattlesnakes are not my friend, numerous have been spotted and dispatched in and around the sight in bay and club. Let us know if you see one. I don’t consider rattle snakes wildlife, they are vermin.

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Silhouette Shooting - .22 Rimfire Only: Silhouette Shooting is held on the Thursday following the General Club Meeting starting any time after 4:00 pm. In August Silhouette Shooting will be held on Thursday, August 10. This is a fun shoot for all ages and skill levels. For further information, call Dick Lee at 541-621-2989.

For Sale

Rock Island armory 1911 clone, .38 super, boening trigger job, upgrades. 3 magazines, hard case and 550 rounds of .38 super ammo... \$575.00 Mike LaNier (541) 512-0510

Firestorm/Kimber combo: Spanish 'Firestorm' government model 1911 clone, polished aluminum frame, with .45 acp barrel and 2 mags, as well as a Kimber .22 conversion, (barrel and two mags) with hard case & original box. Both slides ceracoted...550.00 Mike LaNier (541) 512-0510

Newton 'm.1916' rifle in .257 roberts, originally .256 newton, re- barreled to .257 with pfeiffer barrel, excellent wood, scope, original 256 barrel as well. sling and case. Made in 1917 with some ammo...\$1750.00
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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. \$800. FFL transfer required. Call Brandon @ 541-301-1065.

300 Win Mag- custom Wyatt Outdoor, Remington action match grade fluted and muzzle brake barrel, light weight Mossy Oak stock, Swavorski 3-12X 50 scope, \$3500 drewfbaily@gmail.com

Ashland Gun & Archery Club Calendar of Events

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 300 & 600 ranges closed due to visiting campers	2 300/600 ranges closed due to visiting campers Board of Directors Mtg 6:00 pm	3 300/600 ranges closed due to visiting campers	4 300/600 ranges closed due to visiting campers	5 Orientation 9 am 300/600 ranges closed due to visiting campers
6 300/600 ranges closed due to visiting campers	7 300/600 ranges closed due to visiting campers	8 300/600 ranges closed due to visiting campers General Meeting 6:30 pm	9 300/600 ranges closed due to visiting campers	10 300/600 ranges closed due to visiting campers Silhouette Shoot 4:00 pm	11 300/600 ranges closed due to visiting campers	12 300/600 ranges closed due to visiting campers
13 300/600 ranges closed due to visiting campers	14	15	16	17	18	19 Orientation 9 am Cowboy Shoot 10 am (pistol & 50 yd bays closed til 1 pm)
20 Hunter Ed Range Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Long Range Shooting 9 am (range closed til noon)	28	29	30	31	Notes: Be safe - watch for rattlesnakes!	

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