



MUZZLE REPORT

February 2018

President's Message

We have a marvelous opportunity coming up to promote our club, the shooting sports, and the defense of our Second Amendment rights. Thanks to the Builders Association of Southern Oregon, in particular Brad Bennington, we have been provided free of charge a large booth (20x15 ft!) at the upcoming Home Show (February 9–11) at the Jackson County Expo. We have partnered with other clubs in the area to let folks know how much fun shooting and archery can be as well as to advance Second Amendment rights. What is particularly great about this opportunity is that the Home Show is visited by thousands of our fellow citizens who would not normally be exposed to our passion for the sport or our Second Amendment rights. As opposed to a sportsman show, we are not “preaching to the choir.” Please encourage your friends and neighbors to attend and visit our booth.

Dave Dotterer, President

Annual Report

In 2017 we added archery to our name to reflect the growing number of archers in our membership, and adopted a new logo. Below is a summary of key info and events for the year.

Financial, Membership & Range Use: Thanks to many of our members renewing in a timely fashion, we ended 2017 with a checking account balance of \$34,230. That is a good start for 2018. Our total membership by the end of the year was 475, up from 437 in 2016. We also saw an increase in range use. Total visits recorded on the sign-in sheets for 2017 was 5,309, up from 4,089 in 2016.

Projects: Besides the mining of the shotgun field and the new Long Range Shooting Facility, the main projects for the year included the new front entry gate and fence, new front entry sign and bulletin board, and a very successful cleanup and weed whacking day last spring.

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The next General Meeting will be held 2/13/18 at 6:30 pm

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Grants:

In 2017 we received two grants from the NRA in the amount of \$4,000 each – one for a range study and one for a Long Range Shooting Facility. As a result of the range study, we plan to install a new 5 Stand course on the shotgun range. If you are not familiar with 5 Stand, it is a very popular and exciting shotgun game. We have applied for an NRA grant to purchase throwers and other equipment needed to establish this sport. If successful, that money could be available by August or September of 2018.

The Long Range Shooting Facility is up and working well. AGAC put \$2,200 of its own money into that project. We hope to see more Long Range Shooters in 2018.

We also received a grant of \$9,655 from ODFW to install 3 bullet traps on the 100 yard range. Unfortunately, the federal government refused to fund the grant because we do not offer enough “access” to the general public. Other Oregon ranges had the same problem. The Board is working on both political and practical solutions to this problem. We should know in the next few months if we can retain the grant.

Wetland Mitigation: As a result of the City’s Comprehensive Wetland Mitigation Plan, the old wetland area on the shotgun range has been eliminated. One of the largest lead reclamation companies in the country was retained by the City of Ashland to mine that area for lead shot. None was found. After mining, the ground was tested for lead and other heavy metals. All were below the background levels that occur naturally in the environment. Our club did not pollute the old wetland area!

The next step is to fill the area of the old wetland, and to expand the area of the remaining wetlands surrounding the archery bay. These projects have been put out to bid. The fill project is projected for completion in June, the enhancement project by October. Keep in mind, the timing of these projects is not in our control.

Lawsuit: The lawsuit is being held in abeyance until the wetland projects are complete. The fact that no lead shot was found in the old wetland area is a very positive outcome for our legal position.

Archery Walking Course One: In the past, a portion of Archery Walking Course One always crossed adjoining private property, with the permission of the owners. That property sold last year and the new owner plans to build a home on the property. Our new neighbor gave us permission to keep the course in place for the 3-D shoots last spring. After that, the portion of the walking course on his property had to be removed. The archers are working on a design for a new walking course.

AGAC Board

Summary of AGAC January General Meeting

- Reviewed the year end fiscal status for 2017; asked for ideas for 2018 budget
- Membership was 475 on December 31, 2017.
- RSO reported a heavy member turn out on the day after Christmas and New Year’s Day
- Announced the Board will be seeking volunteers for this year’s Home Show Feb. 9 -11
- Board is considering combining the board and monthly general meetings; members present agreed unanimously to do so.

Organized Shoots

- **Clay Busters – Shotgun Report** – As soon as the old wetland area on the shotgun field has been filled and the project approved by DEQ, we intend to re-establish Trap with lead shot. That could be as early as next July, but the timing is not in our control. Establishing 5-Stand will be based on the success of our grant applications.
- **Jefferson State Regulators – “Cowboy Action Shooting”:** The Jefferson State Regulators match is held every third Saturday of the month at 10:00 am, rain or shine, at the Ashland Gun & Archery 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:** 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 those days. Contact Gil Mastrofina for weather conditions and answers to questions: 541-601-7426.
- **Silent Accuracy – The Archer’s Report:** The Ashland Archers have announced their upcoming spring 3D Shoots Sunday, March 18 and Sunday, April 8, 2018. For more details check us out on Facebook, and flyers will be out soon. Our shoots are fun and challenging for the entire archery family. Thanks for the sponsorship Dewclaw Archery!

In preparation for the shoots, we are having an archery workday. Come on out on Saturday, February 3rd. We will have additional work days in March and the Saturdays prior to the shoot. We will need help setting up the targets.

The cost to replace the straw bale butts is over \$225 each. These targets are designed to be shot as five dot targets. Please shoot the other dots on the targets as well - not just the middle. If you are not comfortable shooting the edges of the target, move closer. We will replace butts as our budget allows.

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For Sale and Want Ads

Wanted: 20 or 28 gauge o/u shotgun, preferably not fixed choke. Looking to spend under or around \$1,000. Please call Frank Bertrand at 541-708-5660 or email frankbertrand77@gmail.com.

BCM 300 BLK upper - 9" barrel with 8" KMR keymod rail. Excellent condition (200 rounds fired). Includes AAC 51T flash hider and original BCM Comp Mod 1 muzzle device. Comes with 2 rail sections and BCM Mod 4 charging handle. \$550.00. Pics available on request or Northwest Firearms site under username "Slippy". Contact slippy@hotmail.com

For Sale: .30-06 ammo: 4 boxes Federal Fusion 150 gr, 1 box Hornady American Whitetail 150 gr. 10mm ammo: 7 boxes Remington UMC 180 gr FMJ, 2 boxes Underwood Hard Cast Flat Nose 200 gr (20rds/box), 3.5 boxes Underwood Delta Elite 180 gr JHP (20rds/box). \$15/box for all. E-mail scottbenson06@gmail.com.

970 rounds of .40 caliber ammo (840 rounds of full metal jacket target, 80 rounds of jacketed hollow-point, 50 rounds of lead ball). \$250. Contact Jim at 541-944-7873, or 7dcpilot@gmail.com.

Ashland Gun & Archery Club Calendar of Events

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 United Hunters Concealed Carry Class 8 am – 1:30 pm	2 Groundhog Day	3 Orientation 9 am
4 Super Bowl	5	6	7 Board Meeting 6 pm	8	9	10
11 Long Range Shooting 9 am (range closed til noon)	12	13 General Meeting 6:30 pm	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Orientation 9 am Cowboy Shoot 10 am (pistol & 50 yd bays closed til 1 pm)
18	19 Presidents Day	20	21	22	23	24
25 Long Range Shooting 9 am (range closed til noon)	26	27	28			

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