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Crush'n Clays®

Heroes Like You Can Help Heroes Like These
Steve Canale



Pediatric medical centers, like St. Jude Children's Research Hospital work miracles. If you've ever lived it, you'd know. Though not a St. Jude's patient, several years ago, I introduced you to Finn. Finn has a serious congenital heart defect, severe aortic stenosis. Because of the wonderful doctors at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC., he is now a thriving 2 year old. But now, Finn needs a mitral heart valve replacement. His heart is so enlarged that they'll may need to replace it with an adult size, artificial heart valve.

Finn doesn't know he is sick, at home, he smiles, loves attention, wants to be tickled, and chases the dogs around the house. "Believe" is the motto of Children's National Medical Center.

Finn is also part of the of the Arlington-Fairfax IWLA family. His father, Ian Gillespie and his grandfather, Dan Gillespie are IWLA members who compete in the Winter Shotgun League and are regulars at Crush'n Clays.

Finn is also my grandson. Every Crush'n Clays event is, now, more meaningful.

Regardless of whether you can attend this year's Crush'n Clays" event, please consider making a contribution.

You make a living from what you get, but you make a life from what you give.

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1st Tuesday of each month

7:30 pm @ Field House

All members welcome

Attend your chapter meetings

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3rd Tuesday of each month

7:30 pm @ Field house

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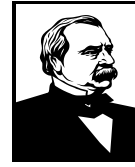
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President's Column

Judge Tobin Award winners:

Each year, every IWLA Chapter has the opportunity to name one outstanding volunteer for the Judge John W. Tobin Chapter Volunteer Appreciation Award. The award is to say “thank you” to one of the Chapter’s outstanding volunteers. I say “one of”, because this Chapter thankfully has a number of really outstanding volunteers; people who, by anyone’s definition, epitomize the very idea of giving back to the community.

Last year, that volunteer was Randy Hancock; who, along with Dr. Franzosa, manages the Rifle & Pistol Range. Anyone who shows up at the range on any given day is almost certain to see Randy there; going about the business of seeing that the range is maintained and run properly. He is there almost every day; and he usually puts in a full day of very real work while there. And for that, we awarded him the 2012 Tobin Award.

The year before that, the 2011 Tobin Award went to Oscar Starz; who does so very much to keep our Air Rifle program running smoothly.

This year, the 2013 Judge Tobin Award goes to Bob Brino, our Designated Director for Skeet & Trap. Bob has, for more than twenty years, put at least forty hours a week into managing our Skeet & Trap Range. Begin to see why I say we have a lot of very active and involved volunteers within the Chapter; and why it so difficult to select a single recipient for the Tobin Award? Year in and year out, Bob has made steady and significant progress in making our Skeet & Trap Range program what it is today. In the limited space I have here, it would be difficult to even begin to cover all the events and activities Bob directs, manages or accomplishes directly in a single year. To attempt to describe what he has done over the past twenty years would take a very long book indeed.

It would be hard to pick a day of the week, or time of day, when you can visit the Chapter and not run across Oscar, Randy or Bob. When you do run across one of them, how about taking just a few minutes out of your day to say “Thanks”? They do what they do, so that you can do what you do.

Miscellaneous Ramblings:

For some reason, a lady by the name of Millie Glass has been on my mind lately. No, no; Millie was one of my High School teachers; and she was pretty old even then. She may have even been as old as I am now. Not likely, but maybe.

Back when I was in High School (Yeah, we had schools then; and we had to walk five miles uphill through the snow both ways. Only the rich kids had mules to ride. And this was in Jacksonville, Florida.), the state of Florida decided in their wisdom to require

each student to take a course called “Americanism vs Communism” in order to graduate. The class was intended to make sure future American citizens understood the differences between our system of government and the Communist system. Not just the paper differences, but the way things actually worked in practice. Millie Glass was the teacher, and she was really excited by the opportunity. Being probably our oldest teacher, she volunteered to teach this new class; and it was something she very much wanted to do. If I remember correctly, the class was six weeks in length.

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President's Column

On the first day of class, as her opening remarks, Ms. Glass told us about a Russian Phrase. I can't remember the Russian words, but roughly translated it meant "The Look". Ms. Glass explained that Russian citizens, when they were about to tell you what they really thought about something, particularly something which involved the government or the general state of Russian society, would take a quick look over their shoulder to see who might be listening. Not because they were ashamed of what they were about to say; but because they were afraid some one listening might report them to "the authorities" and twist what they were saying into something that could get them into trouble. To this day, I remember what Ms. Glass said: "'The Look' has no place in American Society. In this country, every person has the right to state their opinion, right or wrong, without fear. Particularly, without fear of the government".

That was a long time ago; and a lot of things have changed. How many times lately have you looked over your shoulder to see who might be listening, before saying something? Or how many times have you modified what you were about to say; or, even worse, remained silent? How many times have you listened to some one speak their opinion and then said to them "I agree with you; but I don't know if I would have said that in public."? Or maybe told them "You might want to be careful where you say that"? Maybe American society isn't quite what it used to be. And that is a shame. Think about it.

Members Take Note

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II, INITIATION FEES and DUES, PARAGRAPH 4. NON-PAYMENT, SUB PARAGRAPHS a. & b.

a. Time Limit. Any member other than a new applicant who does not pay the annual membership dues by January 1st of each year shall be dropped from the Chapter rolls; except that any member may petition the Board of Directors for an alternate payment schedule. However, any member accepted for an alternate pay payment schedule shall make each payment no later than 15 days following the date due or the member may be dropped from the chapter rolls.

b. Reinstatement. Any previous year member who does not pay the annual membership dues by January 1st or does not have an approved payment schedule by January 1st and who desires to continue membership in the Chapter shall pay the full annual dues amount, plus a processing fee of \$25.00. Any renewal after January 1st shall be subject to the Chapter membership limitation.

Tom Tobey
Membership Chairman
Arlington-Fairfax IWLA

News from Rifle & Pistol Range

Steel Jacketed Projectiles: Which ammunition is suitable for use at the Rifle-Pistol Range?

The recent ammunition shortage has many shooters scrambling to find ammunition to shoot at the Rifle-Pistol Range. A number of members have asked whether ammunition with steel jacketed projectiles is suitable or safe for use at the chapter's Rifle-Pistol Range. The answer is a bit complicated. Most steel jacketed ammunition is actually military surplus ammunition. In the US and western European countries most military small arms ammunition must conform to the Geneva Conventions. Regular pistol and rifle ammunition must be lead cores with a gilding metal (an alloy of copper and zinc) jacket fully covering the core. This is called "Full Metal Jacket" (FMJ) ammunition. In many Eastern European and some Asian countries gilding metal is too expensive for ordinary FMJ or "Ball" ammunition (ball is an old military term from the 1700s when smooth bore black powder muskets fired a round ball of lead as the standard ammunition of the day). A cheaper way to make FMJ or ball ammunition is to use soft steel in place of the gilding metal and coat the steel jacket with a "wash" or a very thin layer of copper to lubricate the projectile (bullet) as it passes down the barrel. Soft steel is very cheap compared to copper.

This brings us to the second complication of steel jacketed projectiles. The military has a need for armor piercing (AP) or metal piercing ammunition. Traditional western military procedures call for a hardened steel core or tungsten alloy core inside a moderate amount of lead inside a full metal jacket of gilding metal. This traditional method was used from WW II to the present day. The hardened steel core or tungsten alloy core would give excellent metal piercing qualities but making this type of ammunition was and is an expensive process. There are several cheaper ways to make AP ammunition. One way is to make a thicker and harder steel jacket around the all-lead core. A number of countries prefer this method as the process can use some of the materials and machinery used to make steel jacketed ball (FMJ) ammunition. Both kinds of steel jacketed ammunition are often sold as surplus ammunition. Often the seller does not know the specific degree of hardness of the ammunition (the extent to which it

is armor piercing). Armor piercing ammo will do a lot of damage to the baffles and the target frames on the Rifle-Pistol Range.

The first problem for a chapter member or a guest shooting at the range is to identify the type of ammunition they are planning to fire. Visual inspection is not sufficient to identify gilding metal jackets from copper washed steel jackets. The simple solution is to test the projectile with a magnet. **NOTE: this refers to the PROJECTILE not the case!** Quite a bit of military ammunition and **some commercial** ammunition is made with steel cases instead of brass cases. Since the case does not fly down range at 2000 or more feet-per-second, steel cased ammunition is not the problem.

To repeat: **test the projectile with a magnet!** If a magnet sticks to the projectile then **DO NOT FIRE** that ammunition at the chapter's Rifle-Pistol Range. Steel jacketed projectiles are not allowed on the Rifle-Pistol Range. Steel cased ammunition is allowed.

So, what do you need to do? There is a magnet hanging next to the entrance of the covered firing line at the range. Use that magnet to test your ammunition. **If your projectiles ("bullets") stick to the magnet do not shoot that ammunition at our range.** When in doubt, do not use the ammo at the Rifle-Pistol Range.

If you shoot steel jacketed ammunition at the range we will require you to leave the range and I (the Chief Range Officer) may bring your case to the Board of Directors for further action. Steel jacketed projectiles will greatly damage the baffles on the Rifle-Pistol Range. We spend large amounts of money and a great deal of time to keep the baffles in good order. There is no reason, nor any excuse, for anyone to shoot steel jacketed ammunition at the range. The ammunition shortages are not sufficient justification for shooting ammunition that is so destructive of the range facilities.

Guests at the Rifle-Pistol Range

There is some unnecessary confusion about bringing guests to the Rifle-Pistol Range. This is covered in detail at the new member orientation. **Remember, members with Temporary Range Badges are not allowed to bring guests to the Rifle-Pistol Range.** We also strongly suggest that you visit the range several times prior to bringing guests. You need to know, and understand, how the range functions so that you can properly supervise your guests.

You may want to think twice before bringing a first-time handgun shooter to our range. Asking the first-time handgun shooter to shoot at a target 25 yards away is a good way to make that first shooting experience much less than a good memory.

From the Rifle-Pistol Range Rules:

Range Qualified Chapter members are authorized to bring guests to the Rifle-Pistol Range. This does not mean that your son who is NOT a chapter member can bring his buddies to the range for an afternoon of shooting fun. This also means that your son should not take your range badge and bring his buddies to the range. Yes, it happens!

However, no guest will be allowed on the range unless accompanied and supervised by a Range Qualified Chapter member. This means that if you (the chapter member) bring two guests with you, you are NOT getting two or three shooting positions. **Since you have to supervise your guests you CANNOT shoot when they are shooting.** You get one shooting position. You put only one firearm down on the position table at the firing line. You put only ammunition for that firearm on the table at the firing line. One person (you or a guest) shoots the firearm at a time. **YOU MUST MAINTAIN COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THE ACTIVITIES OF YOU AND YOUR GUESTS AT ALL TIMES.**

Remember: One Badge, One Bench, One Gun. Members are responsible for the conduct and actions of their guests. If your guest is shooting in an unsafe manner the duty Range Officer will tell you to correct the unsafe action(s). If you ignore this or if the unsafe shooting action(s) continue you and your guests will be required to leave the range. We cannot and will not accept unsafe shooting practices by members or their guests.

The number of times that any one guest may be allowed to use the range is subject to the Chapter rule (three times in one year.) So you cannot bring your neighbor or co-worker to the range every weekend. This rule was created when some members would split a membership fee between themselves and a friend or two. And the member brought the other guys out as many times as they wanted. If the guest likes our chapter he needs to join the chapter and pay for his fair share of the costs of running our chapter!

Members may bring dependents and spouses to the range without regard to this limit on the number of uses, but the member must remain in close proximity and immediate supervision of such family members at all times and members are responsible for the conduct and actions of their family members. The chapter member must have immediate supervision over family members at all times. You cannot supervise your child if you are shooting at another bench. We have seen instances where the adult parks the kid and a firearm on a firing line table along with a box of ammunition. Then the adult goes to another table to get some "real" shooting done. (Now occasionally the kid shoots better than the adult and the kid should be supervising daddy's shooting!) To keep the range safe for all participants and to prevent accidents that could lead to the county shutting down the range we must make the chapter member supervise his/her family members.

Help Keep the Range Safe and Clean Up After You Shoot

While most shooters at the Rifle-Pistol Range are getting better at picking up their brass after shooting, we still have a trash and other problems on the firing line. The range recycles spent brass cartridge cases and aluminum soda cans to make some money to help out with range operations. We must remove steel and aluminum cases from the recycling bucket to keep our metal "load" from rejected at the metal recycling company. We expect each shooter to pick up all their cases after shooting. **This includes all rimfire brass!** And we expect you to pick up the steel and aluminum cased cartridges and place them in the trash barrels too. We do not want the lawn mower throwing spent cases at someone or through the glass doors. **It is not sufficient for you to sweep the fired cases onto the gravel strip or the grass.** Do your part by putting the brass in the recycling boxes and the aluminum cans in the aluminum can bin after you have crushed the can. Both recycling containers are located at the entrance to the firing line.

Another trash problem is broken clay pigeons left on the range floor. The clay pigeons and spent fragments on the back berm can be left in place BUT if you are shooting at clay pigeons that were mounted on the target frames at 25, 50, or 75 yards, you must pick up the busted clay pigeon remains. Do not leave broken clay pigeons where we are mowing the grass. In the past, other shooters have come along and seen the orange remains on the range floor and used them as targets! It should also be obvious that you can **NOT** throw clay pigeons out onto the range floor and then shoot at them. This practice is totally forbidden as it can lead to ricocheting projectile that could leave the range. **THE RANGE FLOOR IS NOT A TARGET AREA!**

We are finding way too many candy wrappers, plastic sandwich bags, shotgun hulls, cloth cleaning patches, and other trash under the shooting benches, behind the firing line, and in the parking lot. **If you throw the stuff on the ground it is up to YOU to pick up the mess and put it in the trash barrels on the firing line.** The firing line should not be used as a trash bucket. Please respect others and place cigarette and cigar butts in the smoking urns provided.

The duty range officers are not there to pick up and clean up after you or your guests. Contrary to urban myth, the range does not employ anyone to clean up your mess or repair your damage. The range officers are chapter members who pay their dues like you and volunteer their time and labor to keep the range operating. **Without the Range Officers giving their time and work there would be NO RANGE for you to shoot at! You should thank the**

duty range officer for the EXTRA effort he makes to keep the chapter range running. So police up everything you are leaving behind before you leave the range and make the range a better place than you found it!.

Ask Questions When in Doubt

If you are new to the Rifle-Pistol Range or have forgotten our procedures **ASK** the duty Range Officer. If you have never shot on our range and don't know where the targets are stored, or don't know how to position the paper targets on the target frames **ASK** the duty Range Officer. If you have a new firearm, especially if you have a handgun that you have never fired before, start your shooting of that firearm by sitting at a bench to find out where the bullets are hitting relative to the sights. Too many people start shooting a new gun while standing before they have adjusted their aim to match the bullet impact. This leads to bullets hitting the target frames, or hitting the baffles, or hitting the range floor and ricocheting out of the range completely. Hitting the frames or the baffles costs time and money to repair. Rounds leaving the range can lead to an accident that could close the range forever.

To shoot you must have a Range Qualification Badge that shows you are a current (2014) member! 2013 range badge stickers are no long valid!

Dr Ed, CRO

Bullrun Muzzleloaders make donation to Air rifle Range Addition



Tony Sucher and Art Twichell presents Bucky Sills A check for \$500.00 towards the building of the new addition of the air rifle range from the Bullrun Muzzleloaders at the general membership meeting.

We thank them Very much for there support

IWLA-Monthly Rimfire Bullseye Match: May – October 2014

The Rimfire Bullseye Match begins May 4th and will continue through October. The range has 17 shooting positions with two relays. Interest in the Bullseye matches has been increasing. The thirty-four lane positions are available for this season.

The match is held on the first Sunday of each month. Beginners through experts are invited to compete in the Bullseye Pistol Match in either the first relay at 9:00 am or the second at 10:30 am. Please arrive 15 minutes before the relay to prepare your target frame. The match is held at the IWLA rifle/pistol range. All ages and talent levels are invited to compete. Because we shoot in a relaxed atmosphere, the matches are both fun and educational. If you are a beginner and are interested, please join us. If you are the parent of a young adult and would like them to learn the correct basics of pistol shooting and competition, they are also welcome. Many of the participants are willing to share their knowledge and experience.

The shooting match consists of a total of 60 shots at slow, timed and rapid fire. The May through October match requires the participants to use rimfire pistols or revolvers. If you need advice on the type of pistol or revolver needed, contact Jack at the email listed below. Targets are provided for all matches. Bring your pistol/revolver, ammunition and lots of enthusiasm. See you on the first Sunday of each month.

This is a great opportunity to learn the basics and improve your skills. If you are not on the email list and are interested in the event or have additional question contact Jack Machey by email: [reddotbull@verizon.net](mailto:redbull@verizon.net). Please join us for an enjoyable Sunday morning event! If you are seeking information about Bullseye shooting, visit this great website www.bullseyepistol.com.

From the Air Rifle Range

The high school season has come to an end and we wanted to say thank-you for letting us practice at the air rifle range. There are 6 high school teams using the range for practice. We had our regional match on Sat. Feb. 15th. Each team had a fantastic season! The top teams at regional's were Robinson, Woodson, and West Springfield. Congratulations to Ginny Thrasher who broke the regional record with a score of 593 out of 600.

We are all very excited for the new and improved range that will be 25 lanes with running water! We will continue to practice year round so we are ready for the next high school air rifle season. Thank-you again for your continued support!

Valerie Thrasher
Assistant Coach West Springfield Rifle Team

Up Coming Cub Run Shoots

AFRICAN SAFARI SHOOT: JUNE 8th Twenty eight 2-D safari animal targets throughout our wooded archery range. Come on out, have some fun, bring the whole family. Sandwiches and snacks will be sold from our snack bar throughout the event. Registration 9:00am till 1:00pm.

BUCKBUSTER 3-D SHOOT: SEPTEMBER 21st

ARCHERY UPDATE

Cub Run Archers would like to extend a warm welcome and an invitation to all members of the IWLA to take advantage of the many facilities, training opportunities, archery equipment, events and great camaraderie that our club has to offer. Our state of the art indoor range is available for your use anytime a qualified Range Officer is on site. It is common knowledge that a good many regulars in the club are at the range house every morning from approximately 9:30 am until noon. This is a great time to come down and introduce yourself and find out what Cub Run Archers is all about. If you are new to archery and need advice on anything from bow setup, arrow tuning to shooting technique, not only will you find literally, several hundred years of collective experience, but the equipment to perform those tasks. We especially would like to encourage youth participation and have a great many youth bows that young shooters may practice with to develop their skills. The cost to join Cub Run Archers is only \$15 per year, per family. Though you don't need to be a member of Cub Run Archers to use the facilities, we have a monthly newsletter and several dinners and picnics throughout the year and attendance at even one of these would easily be worth the annual membership. If you are interested, please contact Robert D'Imperio, Secretary, Cub Run Archers, 13490 Edge Rock Ct. Chantilly, VA 20151. You may email Bob at robbyrayd@yahoo.com as well.

The outdoor facilities are available to any member in good standing of the IWLA. We have practice range with target butts at 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60 yards. These are lighted as well if you would like to shoot in the evenings. There is also a crossbow station with a movable bag target for field point shooting and a broadhead target for shooting broadheads into. **Remember**, crossbows are allowed **ONLY** at the special crossbow station and not at any of the other targets or ranges. A 28 point field archery course is also available for use to all IWLA members. Daytime use only as there is no lighting on the field course.

Archery 101 Class

On Sunday, May 18th starting at 1:00pm, in the indoor archery range, Cub Run Archers will be putting on a class for chapter members who have never shot archery before but would like to give our sport a try. We would like to see ladies, children and men attending the archery training workshop. We have the bows and the arrows all you need to do is show up. To register for this class please email Bob Walla at r.walla@verizon.net. For children's registration please include their age.

Archery Contuses To Grow

Last year the Archery Trade Association (ATA) hired Responsive Management Company from Virginia to do a nationwide survey on the popularity of archery shooting. There are 18.9 million archers shooting in the USA. A big surprise in the survey was the high number of women now shooting and bowhunting and the growing number of crossbow users. One third of all hunters use archery equipment. Following is a breakdown of the survey.

18.9 Million Total Archers

10 Million Target Archers
6.5 Million Participated in Archery and Bowhunting
1.9 Million Just Bowhunted

31% Of All Archery Participants are Women

59% Women Archers Hunt
41% Women Target Shoot only
16% Of All Bowhunters Are Women

61% Of Archers Only Shoot Compounds

7% Shoot Only Shoot Traditional Bows
18% Shoot Only Shoot Crossbows
14% Shoot More Than One Style Of Bow

Hunter for the Hungry

The Virginia Hunters Who Care Inc., Hunters for the Hungry program was founded in 1991 by David H. Horne. David loved the outdoors, loved to hunt, and at the same time he loved his fellow man! During that year he decided to try a pilot program to allow hunters to donate their harvested deer and the meat would be processed and then distributed at no charge to feeding programs who in turn could give it to needy men, women, and children. The goal for the program that first year was 15,000 pounds, however due to the generosity of hunters the program processed and distributed 33,948 pounds to those in need!

Since the program began the Hunters for the Hungry program has processed and distributed over 5.5 million pounds of high protein venison to needy Virginians through food-banks, missions, churches, pantries, and soup kitchens all across the state. This amount of meat equates to over 22.2 million quarter pound servings going to those less fortunate, men, women, and children.

In the Northern Virginia area alone the program has 4 participating processors and more than a dozen feeding programs to provide food for the poor on behalf of HFTH! The program, while providing for those who hunger, is able to raise more awareness about its feeding efforts and the vital role that hunting plays in managing the deer populations through a variety of events. The program also strives to raise the necessary funding to grow our efforts in the Northern Virginia areas as well as the entire state! These achievements are accomplished through a variety of events held across Virginia, however, we would like to recognize and invite all to attend the Hunters for the Hungry / Whitestone Farms banquet fundraiser! This event is in its third year and will be held again in 2014 at Whitestone Farms in Aldie Virginia on July 26, 2014. In just 2 years this special event has averaged approximately 220 persons in attendance and has raised a total of \$42,774.00 which has allowed us to process and distribute 192,483 quarter pound servings to needy men, women, and children in the Northern Virginia area. In addition to raising much needed funds, the program has raised more awareness of its mission and its impact on lives in this area as well as to promote the hunting heritage in the most positive way. For more information about this special event or the Hunters for the Hungry program call 1-800-352-4868 or visit www.h4hungry.org

Colonel Birt Kidwell Winter Skeet and Trap League 2014 Season Award Winners

The 2014 season of the Winter Skeet and Trap League concluded on Sunday 6 April with the final standings once again being determined during the very last matches for both team and individual competition. The season started on the 5th of January followed by week after week of cold, snowy weather. Week seven of competition had to be canceled and rescheduled due to one of many snow storms and miserable sleet combined with high winds made the matches shot on last week in March extremely challenging. Despite the weather, all teams completed all 12 of their matches.

In the Individual Competition, our High Overall Average winner was Jim Hickerson, who broke 568 of 600 targets equating to a combined average of 24.667. Jim also shot the best average in Skeet finishing with a 24.083 average, but since each shooter is only eligible for one individual award, the prize goes to the next highest shooter. Matt Love took the honors for High Skeet average with an impressive 23.917 hitting 287 of 300 targets. Right behind him for Skeet runner-up was Scott Stannard, who broke 284 targets. In Trap, the high average winner was James Hsu, ending the season with an average of 23.333 hitting 280 of 300 targets. The runner-up for high trap was John Spicer, coming in with a 23.250 average. In the Most Improved Category, James Reed beat out several other contenders to capture the award with a combined average improvement from last season of 5.000 targets. Congratulations to all of our individual awardees for their consistent performance and excellent marksmanship.

The team competition this year included two categories: one based on team points won in head to head matches each week against another team and the second based on cumulative team scores over the entire season. The top five teams in each category earned an award for all the team members, with no team permitted to receive an award in both. The competition was fierce with the winners being decided by tenths in the team scores and a match point spread of only 6 points.

In the Cumulative Team Score Category, Captain Mike Logwood led his squad to a season score of 2,375.006 to lock down the 1st place award. Joining Mike were Team 13 members Dave Carlson, John Green, John Hunter, John Seaberg and John Skuchko. Team 7 landed in the 2nd place slot with a score of 2,372.555 led by Captain Brian Hickerson and members Alan Hickerson, Ben Hickerson, Glen Hickerson, Jim Hickerson and Marcelo Labarca. Third

place was won by Team 23 with a score of 2,355.155 and members Mark Brill, Joe Graziano, Sooho Ham, James Hsu, George Mong and Derek Slusher. Team 9 captured 4th Place coming in with a score 2,352.917 and members Scott Stannard, John Bumgarner, Evan Feldman, Steve Geraci, David Lowry, and Bob Ponier. The 5th place finisher was Team 21 with a 2,351.73 and members Buddy Baker, Ron Gazda, Tom Horio, Ed Matricardi, Robert Milikian, and Steve Schlesinger.

In the Team Points Category, Team Number 20, Captained by Steve Canale, topped the list in 1st place with 28.0 points. Joining Mike were Tom Delewski, Carl Jofeson, Ashly Palles, Mel Stahl, and Tim Tynan. Storm Rhode's Team 3 took the 2nd place honors with 27.5 points consisting of James Hendrickson, Karl Higgins, Travis Rockwood, Steve Sarigainis, and Stu Wood. The 3rd place winner was Duane Perry's team 10 with 26.0 points and members Curt Anderson, Bob Baublitz, Jake Bullock, Justin Collins, Jim Marino, and Joe Marino. Team 28 captured 4th place with 25.0 points and members Captain Bill Leonard, KC Haile, Dave Hargrave, Jim Johnston, Henry Lucas, and Jeff Powell. Taking Fifth Place award was Team 11 with 22.0 points and members Captain Randolph Williams, Ken Curcio, Bill Donneley, Rob Ellis, Bob Hohman, and Greg Wilcox.

The awards for all the winners will be presented at the Chapter Picnic on Saturday, July 12th. Make plans to come out, congratulate all the shooters, and eat some great food prepared by the Bucky Sills BBQ Team and served up by your Board of Directors.

Thanks to all of the league members for their participation and help in keeping the ranges operating smoothly throughout the season. Special thanks to Pete Bills for organizing the work parties and to Hank Waters for his web site work. Bob Brino, Director of Trap and Skeet, also deserves a thank you for all the league members for his gracious hospitality, but especially for keeping the hamburgers flowing every

Sunday! Although we are just concluding the 2014 season, the summer will go by quickly and it will once again be time to get ready for the 2015 season – first shoot is already scheduled for 4 January. See the chapter calendar for registered Trap and Skeet tournaments throughout the remainder of this year and don't forget the Crushin' Clays charity trap shoot for St Jude's Children's Research Hospital coming up on Saturday, June 14th.

**Club Elections
are coming in July!**



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RUN FOR OFFICE OR VOLUNTEER

WORK THE POLLS for a couple of hours

(Counts toward your volunteer time
and is a great way to meet your fellow club members!)

**Elections are held the following weekends
July 5-6 & 12-13**

Positions up for re-election in 2014

Vice-President

Treasurer

Director of Conservation

Director of Education & Training

Director of Skeet & Trap

Director of Target Archery

3- Director-at-Large

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Skeet & Trap

PATRIOT'S PATH TRAP SHOOT 9/13/14 All are invited to the annual benefit trap shoot for "**Patriots Path**" for the recovering Veterans that have served our country well and need our help. This is the 4th annual event and your participation is needed. It will be held on **Saturday September 13, 2014 at 9:00AM**. Mark your calendars. We will be shooting 2 rounds of trap. You will receive as part of the \$60.00 fee, 2 boxes of 12 or 20 ga. ammo, lunch. Prizes will be awarded to the High gun and runner up shooter as well as 5 class winners. It will be a fun day and a great opportunity for you to help our veterans that served our country. To sign up for the shoot please contact Bob Brino. by e-mail only rgpb46@aol.com

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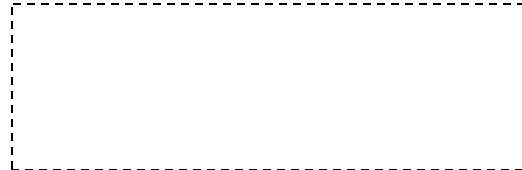
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