

Aloha to all Club Members and everyone who receives this newsletter.

I am writing this letter from the Island of Hawaii. (Big Island)

Monday was the final day of the PITA Hawaii State Championships.

There were several shooters who attended from Oregon, Hillsboro, Verboort, Newberg and Canby were well represented. The Hawaii State Shoot is hosted by the Big Island Trap Club at the shooting range in Hilo, Hawaii. Its range consists of four trap fields with a skeet range superimposed over the fourth trap field. Big Island Trap Club goes to great lengths to make all the visitors from the mainland feel welcome. Their local High School air rifle team has performed the duties of scoring and loading traps for several years. All the kids, their instructors and parents do a great job of insuring the shoot runs smoothly. Very professional.

During all four days of the shoot there was hospitality tents open to all participants with all types of generously donated food available. Any time one felt the urge to either snack or eat a complete meal all that was necessary was a trip to the hospitality tables. Several shooters noted that although their shooting left something to be desired, they did gain a few pounds!

On Sunday night at the annual awards banquet, we were treated to not only a great meal, but prior to the dinner a wedding took place! The PITA Secretary Kay Reynolds and 27 yd shooter Waylon Klundt were married in a brief ceremony in the banquet hall. All scores are available for viewing on shootpita.com. Attending this shoot should be on every trap shooters list!

Back home at the Hillsboro Trap and Skeet Club the snow is melting (its 74 here in Hawaii) and preparations are underway for our 2018 shoot schedule.

Hillsboro will host five PITA shoots in 2018, our St Patrick's shoot in March, the Morlan Memorial in June, The PITA State Shoot in June, The PVA shoot in August and the HazelNut Shoot in Sept. In addition there will be a WRITA shoot in May and the Oregon High School Clay Target League State Shoot in June. The program for the St Patricks Shoot is posted on our website, our Facebook page and on www.shootpita.com. In addition it is on Presquad.com.

As promised, we are in the process of updating our RV electric facility to all 30 and 50 amp hookups. This work is scheduled to be completed by the end of April.

All shooters wishing to secure a parking reservation for any of our shoots between May and the end of the year need to contact the club via phone or email. Tonya will take your reservation. Parking assignments will be made after the completion of the contract work. The Club will be offering a RV parking special to all shooters who will be attending both the Morlan Shoot 6/8-6/10 and the PITA State Shoot 6/13-6/17.

Volunteers; All members are asked to donate 10 hours of volunteer work towards the club each year. Tonya has had many folks ask her for volunteer assignments. This year the Board of Directors has established a system where each individual who volunteers

their 10 hours, working at the Club will be tracked on a spread sheet and their labor recognized. In addition any Club Member who volunteers over and above their ten hours will be rewarded with a shoot token for each additional verified, scheduled hour worked at the Club. All work hours need to be scheduled with the Club Manager, Tonya Julian. She will be the person in charge of verifying and tracking all hours worked. Our first shoot is March 16-18th, St Patrick's shoot. There are many volunteer opportunities open now for this shoot.

June will be a demanding month. The Club will be hosting three large shooting events three weeks in a row. It is anticipated we will throw over 200,000 targets in the month of June alone. Please check your calendars and see if you can spare some time for the Club on any of our upcoming shoot dates.

Looking forward to a great year!

Thank You,

Steve Kaufman
President
Hillsboro Trap and Skeet Club.