

Hello Fellow Club Members and all Shooters and Clubs who receive this Newsletter,

First order of business is an invitation to everyone available to participate in our Clubs Work Party, scheduled for June 19th (Monday).

The Club needs some additional TLC applied to finish the grounds in preparation for the Oregon State High School Clay Target League State Championships which Hillsboro is hosting on June 23 -24. Much work has already been performed. However, we need to pressure wash traps 1-6 and do some additional clean up around the Club House and walkways. Additional mowing and weed whacking is always needed.

We will be operating 12 traps, 9 will be for the event on Saturday, June 24th, with 3 traps for practice.

As of now we anticipate about 150 High School League participants with most of their parents in attendance. The grounds will be rocking!

Mark your calendars to come out and enjoy the event! The future of our Sport.

Please call or email Tonya to let her know if you will be able to attend the work party, If you are unable to make it on Monday the 19th, she has work for you on Sat/Sun 17-18 and on Tues/Wed 20 -21. That's a five day span. You can get in your volunteer membership requirement for 2017.

Our next scheduled PITA registered shoot is the Annual Firecracker Shoot June 30 - July 3. This four-day event will give you the opportunity to shoot up to 1400 targets and compete for some really nice Solid Silver Trophies, in addition to Belt Buckles and Money Clips.. The shoot program has been out for about two weeks and is available on the Club website, Facebook and on www.shootpita.com .

The Work party will really help for all three of the upcoming shoots scheduled: The Oregon State High School Clay Target League Championships, The PITA Firecracker and the Paralyzed Veterans of America PITA shoot August 11-13.

There have already been three registered shoots held at the Club this year. In March we held the PITA St Patrick's shoot and the WRITA Shoot, and in May we held the Gary Morlan Shoot. All these shoots were successful and helped the Club finances.

The Board of Directors extends their thanks to all the volunteers who came out in adverse conditions and volunteered their time score keeping and working to make the shoots a financial success.

The Club depends on the income generated from these hosted events to continue to make improvements. It's important to have volunteers working the shoots to keep the labor expense low. Score keeping is an easy way to get in your volunteer hours and help the Club.

Practice alone does not always cover the club expenses on a month to month basis. Practice attendance is somewhat dependent on good weather. When it is raining and cold outside our practice numbers drop off. Dec-March of this year was tough on practice income. It seemed like it rained every day, and it was freezing cold and the wind blew. All clubs in the local area saw a decline in their practice due to the poor weather conditions.

The good news is the Shoots in March and May generated many targets in the air. With the onset of some better weather, practice has improved greatly.

The Club kicked off the "Jackpot Shoot" in April. It has been a weekly success story with many shooters attending every Wednesday to take a crack at running 50 straight and winning the Jackpot. The Jackpot is now over \$650.00 and growing! There are two purses every week.

Come out on a Wednesday and give it a try. It's a great way for shooters who want a little more than just practice to get into a competitive situation, and it's lots of fun. Rules and details are available at the Club.

Many visitors have asked for a Club Brochure to take with them to help familiarize themselves with the Club and its membership benefits.

Tonya and the Board of Directors are in the process of producing a new brochure that will be available to all very soon.

New items that have or will be added to inventory are "Tall" sized Club Logo T shirts and Club Logo Jackets in a couple of styles.

We have a line of stemless wine glasses with the Club Logo etched on them. Some of these were awarded at the Morlan shoot and they were very well received. They are for sale now and would make great gifts. (These will also work for other types of libations)

New Club logo "50 Straight" patches will arrive at the Club in about 2-3 weeks. All shooters who have qualified with a 50 straight in one of our registered shoots will be eligible to receive one of our Custom logo Hillsboro Trap and Skeet patches. Check with Tonya.

Under equipment acquisitions, the Board of Directors has purchased an additional three sets of BRB voice calls to replace some of the old speakers, controllers and cords that are over 20 years old and failing.

The Club has also acquired an additional riding mower, which now gives the club two serviceable riding mowers to keep all of our acreage in manicured condition. We can always use volunteers to help run these two fine mowers.

Scott and Tonya have recently had 30 yards of topsoil delivered to the Manager's home and are in the process of beautifying the yard and landscaping around the house.

The Board is also looking into paving the driveway entrances into the parking lot and improving the parking areas.

The Board is still focused on the RV 50 amp electrical upgrade, waiting on PGE to provide the final design updates.

The Club will be participating in the Basket Raffle at the Grand Pacific Championships held at the Spokane Gun Club in July.

The idea is that each participating Club enter a Basket filled with items that are produced in their local areas to help promote each Club.

Wine, food, shooting supplies, shells and equipment are great for the Basket.

Proceeds from the raffle come back to the Club with a little going to the PITA.

If you have something to donate to the Club Basket please contact Tonya and we will see that it gets included.

The PITA Oregon State Trapshooting Tournament will be held at the Portland Gun Club June 14 -18. Portland has been working hard getting their club ready for the State Shoot. Many new improvements have occurred to the old club house.

Stop by next week at Portland Gun Club and you will see many of the Hillsboro Club members and Directors participating at the Oregon State Shoot!

Thank you for being involved in our Club.

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Hillsboro Trap and Skeet Club
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