

November 20, 2017

Hello Fellow Club members and all Shooters and Clubs who receive this newsletter.

Since our September 1st newsletter there have been many activities at the Club.

September 9-10 the 34th Annual Hazel Nut Shoot was held, attendance and targets thrown exceeded 2016's shoot. Bob Robertson won HOA Champion with a 566/600 score. Many solid silver bars and rounds were awarded to the event winners. A great barbecue dinner was cooked by Bill Loyd and friends.

On Sept 30, the PITA Oregon Doubles Classic concluded, with the final shoot at the Portland Gun Club. Two shooters from Hillsboro won buckles in their respective class. Tony Terry and Steve Kaufman each won a beautiful belt buckle for the 2017 ODC.

September and October were busy months. Lots of practice targets being thrown, with many shooters visiting the Club to sharpen up their skills for the upcoming bird season. The end of Sept. also saw the conclusion of the 1st Jackpot shoot, which started back in April. This shoot has become a Wednesday favorite for many shooters, with a regular group attending each week to make an attempt at breaking 50 straight and winning both the Jackpot and the weekly purse. Also each shooter established their own personal best 15 scores over the course of the six month period. The top three money clip winners were Scott Julian, Steve Kaufman and Beryl Terry. Competition was close and the final two shoots established the finishing order.

The Jackpot has become a solid income producer for the Club and is a lot of fun. The second six month term started in October and will run through the end of March. A couple of changes have been made for the second term, with a class system (Champion, A, B, C, D) established based on shooters averages in the Jackpot shoot. Trophies will be awarded on a shooters best 15 scores at the conclusion in March. With the Jackpot continuing to grow the Board has decided to establish two categories of awards for the Jackpot. Club Members will compete for a 25% prize according to the established rules of the Jackpot shoot. Non-Members are welcome to compete but will only be eligible for a 10% prize of the Jackpot, with a normal share of the weekly purse. All the more reason to become a member.

Oct 28th was our Annual Halloween Fun Shoot, with backers and a 80 bird sliding backer. The shooting was close but when the event was over one team was the clear winner. Congratulations to Darryl and Al for their score of 77/80!

Jr Winter League has started with a great turnout. If you know of a Jr Shooter who wants to join and compete have them contact Tonya and she will provide you with information.

Tualatin Valley Winter League is just around the corner, The first shoot is at Verboort on Friday, December 1st, Newberg on 12/8 and Hillsboro on 12/15.

Come out and and shoot for Team Hillsboro!

December PITA Multiplex at Hillsboro: Sunday 12/3 at 10:00 AM. Singles, Handicap and Doubles. In November we had 18 shooters which was the best attended Multiplex in Oregon. Ryan Kramer was the Top Shooter on that day with a 133/150, Good shooting Ryan! You can also shoot/register 100 target events if you need to start establishing your averages for 2018 or if you just want to get in some shooting.

The Board is currently looking at improving the trap lights with new LED type lighting, these new lights greatly reduce energy consumption and improve visibility. We are working with a contractor, developing engineering studies and narrowing down exactly what LED units will work best. Stay tuned for more information.

The Board has established a committee to work on a "New Shooter Orientation Program". Several Directors have volunteered to receive instructor training, this will take place over the next several months.

November 17 was a great day for a Hillsboro Elks Turkey Shoot, the weather started out foggy but soon cleared off and the shooters come out in droves. At 11:00 AM a count was taken of the vehicles in the parking lot, 135 was the number. We usually run three traps for this Annual Charity Event, but with the number of shooters eager to try their luck, Tonya opened up a fourth trap. Needless to say, several hundred turkeys were given away as prizes. With lots of smiling shooters leaving the parking lot! This Annual Shoot has been held on the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving for at least 50 years.

This Wednesday night 11/22/2017 at 5:00 PM, Hillsboro Trap and Skeet Club will be hosting our own Annual "Night Before Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot" This annual tradition dates back to the 50's and earlier. We will have lots of turkeys on hand so that everyone will have a chance to go home a winner.

There will be three classes of shooters, Novice Shooters (beginners with low experience levels). Intermediate Shooters (some experience, short yardage 18-20 yd competition levels). Pro Shooters, (You know who you are). With 128 turkeys on hand we want everyone to have a chance to win. Once a shooter has won two turkeys in the class they started in they will need to advance to the next level of competition.

Shoot tickets are \$5.00 each. Buy 10 tickets and you will get an extra ticket free. At the end of the night we will have a "Don't go Home Empty Handed Shoot" Where all shooters who have purchased at least 5 tickets and have not yet won a Turkey will have an opportunity to shoot off against other forlorn looking shooters who have yet to win a Turkey! The Club will hold out three turkeys, one for each class. We want you to be able to go home and say, "YES, I won a Turkey"! Come out early Wednesday, shoot some practice and try your hand at the Jackpot Shoot.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 PM.

If you are a Current Member of the Hillsboro Trap and Skeet Club please consider this your notice to attend. Each Member whose dues are fully paid shall be entitled to cast one vote on any matter coming before a meeting of the membership.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the performance of the Club for the current year and to replace, elect or reelect any Directors whose two year term is expiring.

The agenda of the 2017 meeting will be: 7:00 PM, Call to order, Review of past minutes, Treasurers report, 7:30 PM, Election of Directors, for 2018-2019. 7:45 PM Executive session, Board of Directors Elect, shall elect the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to take office effective January 1st 2018. 8:00 PM, Performance report, 8:15 PM Conclusion of Annual Meeting.

As of today all Directors whose terms are expiring have indicated their intention to seek nomination and reelection to their current position for another two years. The Board has established an election Committee and we ask that you contact the committee for and interview prior to the Dec 12, 2017 meeting date. The two Directors on the Election Committee are Alfredo Apolloni and Robert Rozee, they will discuss the duties and responsibilities of a Director position and ensure the eligibility of any prospective candidate. You can contact them through the Club email, Club phone or check with any Directors or the Manager when you are at the Club.

The regular monthly Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00 PM. The Directors meet each month and will always receive any Club Member who would like to address the Board. If you have any pertinent issues that you would like the board to address to you personally, we suggest that you attend the Board meeting on 12/6/2017 or any month thereafter.

Dues Renewal, please accept this reminder that your 2017 Membership expires on 12/31/2017. Regular yearly individual membership is \$80.00.

The Club will be running a Membership Special for your 2018 Membership. During the month of December, 2017 you will receive an added bonus of a five round punch card for only \$10.00 when you renew your 2018 membership, \$90.00 total, that's an extra three rounds of shooting for free. In addition, Tonya will be running her Shot Special during the entire month of December you get three Bags of New Shot for \$80.00, with your 2018 Membership renewal. Just the Clubs way of saying "Thanks". The Club will be mailing out reminders of the Dues Renewal and the Annual Meeting.

See you at the meeting,

Steve Kaufman  
President  
Hillsboro Trap and Skeet Club  
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