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

Our last Newsletter was in June and a lot has happened in the past three months! I was going to try to keep this newsletter brief. However, when I sat down and started my draft I came up with a dozen items to discuss.

1. First order of business is the Board of Directors asking you for your attendance at our 34th Annual Nut Shoot, Sept 8,9 &10.

This year's program is very similar to the one we ran last year, which was well received. Guaranteed money and trophies, with each event

having its own separate payout. Six 12 gauge events this year: Singles, Handicap & Doubles on Saturday, with Doubles, Singles and Handicap on Sunday.

In addition there will be a 100 bird 28 Gauge event following the Doubles on Saturday. Free Barbecue pork loin dinner on Saturday.

A copy of the program is linked to this newsletter. We appreciate your consideration in attending our shoot.

Presquad is open and there are many already signed up. This will be our last major PITA shoot of the year. Hope to see you at Hillsboro!

2. Since June, Hillsboro has hosted two additional PITA shoots and the Oregon High School Clay Target League State Shoot. The HS Shoot was well attended with almost 150 shooters, along with several hundred parents, grandparents, relatives and friends. Our estimate was over 400 people total with about 205 vehicles in the parking lot. Attendance was down slightly from last year at our Firecracker shoot due to many shooters doing family things. The Board has decided to look at a different date for the Firecracker Shoot next year. The PVA/PITA shoot in August was a first for the OPVA. They partnered with the Club to throw a nice little shoot.

Both shoots were successful from a financial perspective. Many times the difference between good and great is only 10-15 shooters, from the Club standpoint.

3. Lead Mining. For the second year in a row the Club was mined for lead shot. Last year the miner arrived later and ran into some rain which is not conducive to mining. Knowing that there was still shot in the ground to be mined, our miner came back a month early this year and finished in about 4 weeks. It was well worth the trip as he was able to pick up 80% of what was mined in 2016. The Club ran some short days and hours while the mining was taking place. What we need now is a few more days of rain to help wash all the dust down.

4. The Club has several years supply of new Northwest Magnum shot in sizes 7, 7.5, 8 and 8.5 with more on the way. We want to pass our bounty on to our membership so we are running a Member Appreciation Shot Special.

The Member Appreciation Special starts next Wednesday, September 6, and will run through the end of September.

Members will be able to purchase (3) THREE Bags of New Shot for \$80.00. (That's only \$26.66 per bag.) You must buy three bags to get that price, and you must be a Club member. Individual bags of shot are available for \$30.00 per bag. One bag per member per month.

5. ERAD... what is an ERAD? It is a remote, voice activated release system for Trap and Skeet. The Club has acquired a complete system and we think it is the future of Trap and Skeet release systems. Next time you are at the Club ask Tonya about setting up the system and giving it a try.

6. 3S Cashier program. The Club has acquired the popular cashier program used by all the top cashiers in the country. We have also purchased the required computer equipment and printer. We have already had a trial run with the equipment at the PVA shoot in August. With very little experience, Tonya and Bridget stepped up and made the cashier job happen. The shoot ran smoothly with very few glitches. The Board is proud of the job done by these two ladies. Our plans are to get more experience at the Nut Shoot and then start running most of our registered shoot cashier jobs with our own members.

7. Which leads me to the next new innovation: As many of you know the PITA Fall/Winter 2017/2018 Multiplex is set to start in October. The regular Multiplex consists of three 50 target 12 gauge events with a 50 target sub gauge event. With our ability to cashier all of our future Registered shoots in house we have decided to expand our PITA Registered Shoot Schedule. On the following dates we will host a one day PITA, 300 target 12 gauge registered shoot. The first 50 targets we will offer the Lewis option for the Multiplex, and you will have a choice of shooting only the first 50 targets of each event or the entire 100 target event: Singles, Handicap and Doubles. We will have a limited amount of options/purses for the 100 target events and a reduced trophy package. The Dates: First Sunday of each month. Sunday, October 8th, 2017; Sunday, November 5th, 2017; Sunday, December 3rd, 2017; Sunday, January 7th, 2018; and Sunday, February 4th, 2018. Of course we are hoping that you, like we, are tired of those 50 bird scores on your PITA shoot card and that you will come out and shoot the entire program at Hillsboro. You now have a choice.

8. PGE.. Great news! After some back and forth with PGE we have reached a point where they are ready to install a new transformer, which will give us the ability to upgrade the power to our RV parking area and the trap line. We are anticipating getting the work done this fall, with many new 50 and 30 amp RV parking spaces available for our future shoots. The Club is in need of a trac hoe to dig the new trenching and many volunteers to lend a helping hand. When we get ready to install the new equipment we will be calling for your help.

9. New Stuff: Shortly before our PVA Shoot our old glass front 23 CF refrigerator died and was too old to refurbish. Thanks to a generous donation from Mr. Randy Lederbrand, the Club has acquired a slightly used 45 CF glass front refrigerator and it's working good.

Tonya has added to her line of Club Branded clothing with additional shirts, hoodies and jackets available in many sizes. Her recent addition is the Club logo 30 oz stainless drinking containers. These double walled containers work great at keeping ice for long periods on these hot summer days. She also has a new line of Beer mugs and wine glasses, all with our Hillsboro logo. These will make great gifts. Pick up yours before they are gone.

The Club has also added three new BRB voice control systems, replacing several old non functioning sets that date back 20 years.

10. Club Schedule: With the end of August comes the end of our Tuesday operation. The Club was open for business on most Tuesdays throughout the summer. The Board of Directors has decided to end those extra hours of operation.

11. Jackpot Shoot. Our Wednesday Jackpot shoot has been a shooter favorite. There has been a good following of shooters since its inception back in April. With two purses available each week many shooters have enjoyed the competition and appreciate the growing Jackpot purse. The Board has added to the competitive nature with the purchase of three HTSC Money clips to be awarded to the top three shooters at the end of September. A new Jackpot will start in October and run through the end of March. Each shooter's top 15 scores are counted over the six month period. The three highest shooters will each win a money clip.

12. PITA Grand Pacific. Several shooters from Hillsboro and Oregon made the trip to the Grand Pacific Championships held in July at the Spokane Gun Club. There were many individual awards won, and the list of the winners can be viewed on the PITA website shootpita.com.

I do want to mention our own Club Secretary, Scott Julian. Just before the Grand, Scott had a mishap at his favorite haircut emporium, and he came out of the chair as a Blond! Well, don't know if that had an impact on his shooting but it sure seemed to. Scott went from the 25 yard line to the 27 yard line, winning several class, yardage and HOA events. Since then, I have noticed his hair has gone back to its normal color and his scores have gone down! (I'm thinking about having my hair done).

Club Raffle basket. For the first time Hillsboro submitted a basket to the popular raffle event at the Grand. Since it was our first time, the Director Raffle Committee decided to submit TWO baskets. One basket was oriented to shooters stuff and the other oriented to wine and food. They were popular and received many raffle tickets. We will do it again next year.

Thank you in advance for attending our 34th Annual Nut Shoot and being involved in our Club.

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President

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