



BARTLESVILLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB



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CLEANUP DAY

Spring is HERE and it's time to get the club grounds in shape for the season. **We will close the shooting ranges on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12.** We will start work each day at 8:30. Each hour is appreciated so come on out even if you can only work an hour or two!

- Please bring rakes, gloves and the willingness to work alongside other club members! We will be mowing, trimming, painting, moving targets and other general cleanup.
- Special item for this year is the destruction of the old 5 Stand shed (which is mostly down due to nature!) and configuration of the new 5 Stand building. We will be "setting" the building, wiring for electricity, building a floor from gravel screenings, shelving, and stock with targets. Please bring hand tools, sledge hammer, rakes and shovels.
- We will also be cleaning out the east end of the components trailer, building shelves and arranging that storage area. Then move "storage items" from the overly crowded Clubhouse storage into the trailer-east location.

Coffee and donuts will be available for workers.

Spring shoot / Picnic

The annual spring shoot and picnic will be held **SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2011**. This year we will have shotgun competition from 9 AM to 2 PM and the lunch line will start at 12:30 PM. The later lunch time and continued competition times after lunch will allow for those attending services to enjoy the meal and competitions.

Our own Mike Proctor is going to smoke some AMAZING pork loins for the meat. We ask that our members whose last name begins with

- A thru J bring a vegetable dish.
- K thru Z bring a dessert dish.
- The Club will provide tea / lemonade / ice.

Military Rifle Match March Results

We had our first Military Rifle Match of the year. Joe Franco won the closely contested .22 Military Trainer match by 1 point. Bobby Hale won the closely contested Military Bolt Action Rifle match by 1 point. Neil Stamper was the bridesmaid in both matches. We had enough shooters to run two .22 Trainer relays.

2014 Military Rifle Match Schedule

All members welcome to shoot, you did not have to be in the military to compete. Competitions start at noon of scheduled day. Rifle range will be closed to open shooting until the competition completes. If you have questions contact Joe Franco at jfranco@cableone.net or 918-914-2917.

Apr 19	Military Semi Auto	.22 Open *
May 17	Military Bolt Action	Military Pistol *
Jun 21	Military Semi Auto	Concealed Carry Pistol *
Jul 19	Military Bolt Action	.22 Military Trainer *
Aug 16	Military Rimmed Cartridge	.22 Open *
Sep 20	Military Bolt Action	Military Pistol *
Oct 18	Military 2 Gun Match	Concealed Carry Pistol *
Nov 15	Military Bolt Action	.22 Military Trainer * Turkey Shoot
Dec 20	Military Semi Auto	.22 Open *

*** See weapon descriptions on back for specifications.**

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Why is there a .22lr Shortage?

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While rumors abound ranging from a Government conspiracy to Elvis buying up all the .22 ammo I think that it is much simpler, there is just a surplus of customers. Over 14,700,000 dealer transfers of firearms occurred in 2013 following only a slightly smaller number for the previous 5 years. **The largest civilian weapons grab in the history of mankind will lead to the largest ammo demand as well.** The ammunition manufacturers had been running 90-100% capacity before this past few years, you just can't stay in business if you are producing more than you can sell. The Shooting Industry publication reports ammo manufacturers running at 150-250% of what they were just 5 years ago, so they ARE increasing production to try to meet current demand but they are being very cautious not to build more capacity than necessary. All manufacturers are "making to ship" as much as possible.

Why .22lr? Simple, EVERYONE owns a .22 or several and most realize that they can purchase 10,000 rounds of .22 for the cost of 1,000 rounds of center fire ammo. The "more is better" mentality takes over and the next thing you know we have people lining up at retailers at 6:00am to buy 3 boxes of ammo.

Remington has pledged a \$32 million to expand their Lonoke, Ark. ammo plant while just about all manufactures are expanding as their economy allows. Industry insiders are predicting that 2014 market and supply will remain just about like it is currently with the "shortage" ending in 2015 as new manufacturing capabilities come online.

Military Match weapon specifications (see opposite page for competition periods):

Military Bolt Action - pre 1953 as issued bolt action service rifle. Any nation. No optics.

M1903, M1903A3, M1917, K31, K98, M91-30, M44, SMLE, etc

Military Semi Auto – pre 1953 as issued semi auto service rifle. Any nation. No optics.

M1 Garand, M1 Carbine, AK-47 etc. No ARs or M1A1s.

.22 Military Trainer – As issued military .22 cal trainer rifle. Target sights allowed if as issued.

Kimber M82G, Mossberg M44, Winchester M52, etc

2 Gun Match – 50 rd match using 2 different guns. Swap guns each 10 rd leg.

Military Rimmed Cart. Match - .303 British, 7.62x54R, 30-40 Krag etc.

Military Pistol – Any as issued military semi auto or revolver, any caliber, any nation. 40rds plus sighters No optics.

Concealed Carry Pistol – Any revolver or semi auto with barrel length less than 4". No optics.