



BARTLESVILLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB



MONTHLY NEWLETTER
June 2009

President's Corner: Summer becomes a very busy season for most registered clay, skeet, and trap shooters in our club. This last week, several club members participated in the Oklahoma State Trap Championships held in El Reno Oklahoma. While many of us shot well, some shot extremely well. Jim Waite became the 2009 Doubles Champ for D-Class, and tied for first in the Mid Yardage Handicap Group (22-24 yard). Troy Sielsky shot a "99 straight" from the 16 yard Singles Championship but did not bring home the title. Congratulations Jim and Troy! Great shooting. Billy Pierce, Pat Kendrick and Jim Connolly threw a lot of shot out on the fields but not enough hit the targets to win anything other than money. And to think we did all this with constant wind gusts of 30 – 35 m.p.h. All was not lost as we will take this experience next week to the Kansas State Championships. Other new members from our club have been shooting extremely well also. Tim Bart, who just started shooting this year, shot his first 25 straight at the Bartlesville Sportsmen's Club. He had a brand new cap from the Byron Nelson Open that he was wearing and we told him it was going to be shot up. Well, we all felt sorry for him so we let him grab an older cap from a club member and 10 of us proceeded to blow it to bits. Remember, your first straight will cause you to loose your cap, so don't wear some pretty headpiece when you are out shooting. Please keep us informed when any of you have some newfound success on the ranges. We would all like to hear about it. (Pat 918 337-1477)

Independence Club Shoot: The Independence Sportsmen's Club held a picnic and club shoot June 6. Some of our BSC members are also members of this club and represented our club very well. Jerry Shaw placed (2nd high overall class A) and Jack Long (high overall class B). Competitors were required to shoot one round of skeet and one round of trap. The competition was enhanced by 35 to 40 mph winds. You know it's windy when they have to tie the trash barrels down to keep them from blowing away. Way to go Jerry and Jack!!!

Rifle / Pistol Range: The target stands were recently rebuilt, thanks to Alan Barnes, Troy Sielsky and yours truly. Many of the stands had the legs shot apart at ground level, (44 inches below the target board!). In addition, many of the target boards had multiple holes in their corners some very nice groups (to small a group to be an accident), these shots destroy the braces that support the legs. Also, the gongs and metal targets are being destroyed by large rifle bullets. Recently, a ricochet from one of the metal targets hit a member in the chest hard enough to go through their shirt and embed in their chest. It appears that the indentations made in the metal targets from large caliber rifle hits may have contributed to this accident. We are in the process of replacing these targets and gongs to prevent further accidents. I find it difficult to believe that this type of damage to the targets is accidental. If anyone sees a member or guest deliberately damaging the target frames or metal targets, please provide their name to one of the Board Members. In the interest of maintaining a safe, low cost range, the board will take the necessary disciplinary action. At our monthly Board Meetings, we have been discussing the possibility of charging a daily range fee or requiring members to pay for their targets in an effort to control the escalating range costs. We still need volunteers, preferably from the rifle/pistol shooter community to manage the range and volunteers to provide on-going maintenance at the club. If you are interested in managing the range, volunteering at the rifle / pistol range, or general club maintenance, please notify one of the board members.

CCW Class: BSC will hold another SDA/CCW Class. The class will be held on June 27th in the BSC Clubhouse. Details may be found on the BSC Website (www.bartlesvillesportsmensclub.org) under the CLASSES/TRAINING TAB. Questions may also be directed to Bill Powers (918-336-0496).

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