



SOUTH HAVEN Rod & Gun Club Inc.

Newsletter

June – July 2010

Presidents Corner

The Spring Clean Up went well with a nice turn out that accomplished many much needed tasks and headed us into the season a little more “spruced up” and cleaner. The facilities and grounds are looking better than they have in a long time, I’m starting to feel proud of the club again.

We held our first rifle “Egg Shoot” which turned out to be a lot of fun even with the sun bearing down on us. I must say for me it was quite a first time experience, my gun and myself definitely need a whole lot more range work. The gauntlet has been thrown down, I think the egg’s won this time but that may be short lived on their part, while they’re chilling we’ll be practicing.

Do you think we’ve had enough rain? These last few weeks we have seen some crazy weather, the rain just isn’t giving the lower ranges a break. The ground is really wet and soggy when it’s not under water with fish swimming in the ponds. However the ranges are is still usable, just watch where you drive and remember pick up after yourself.

The 4th of July Parade is coming up and we are putting in an entry so we can get the word out about the club and events. We will need a little help in setting up a trailer/float and then passing out flyers along the parade route. Earl says the parade route got a little long for him last year and could use some help and relief with this year. So if you can help pass out flyers, set up the trailer or has someone ie., youngster that could walk the route or help please let us know.

The club is hosting an all LADIES, taught by ladies, NRA-Personal Protection in the Home class, in July. Upon completion of this class the participants will be able to apply for their Concealed Pistol License. So ladies and all you gentlemen who have spouses, significant others, sisters, daughters or friends let them know about this class and get them signed up for some instruction by very qualified and certified lady instructors.

DAVE

Spring Clean up

Over 15 volunteers showed up to help with many badly needed tasks around the club buildings and grounds. The garage was power washed and a adjacent area for the trash receptacles and walkway was built with concrete pavers. The grounds and ranges had weeds trimmed, raked as needed, trees cut and trimmed and trash picked up and hauled to the dump. Out in front of the trap ranges the excess dirt was moved to raise the upper pistol berm and then the area was disked, dragged and leveled in preparation for seeding.

Chuck Sherman graciously donated two truck loads of topsoil and member Brian Horan brought in a skid loader to clean up the trap fields, place and grade the topsoil in between the sidewalks. Then it was raked and seeded so we may grow some grass instead of weeds, or maybe both. Now we’ll be able to walk across the field without twisting an ankle and the area can be mowed and edged.

You may have noticed the clean clubroom, I hope it stays that way for a while since it took Dave O. the better part of a day to clean and organize it. So when you see one of the following fellow members give them a big thank you for their help to clean our club, here’s mine “THANK YOU”! My apologies if I missed anyone, it was quite the busy day, so Thank You.

Spring Clean Up Continued-

Earl Akehurst
Al Baerren
Tim Bonge
Paul Bruce
Gordie Burns
Jake Jacobitz

Mike Dickson
Roy Eggers
Jim Fishers
Brian Horan
Ted Jones

Dave Overhiser
Craig Lewis
Craig Massey
Jason Rotzien
Bob Tortenson
Dave Wiatrowski

Roof Repair

We still have a plan to repair the roof, it includes some help from members, some materials, scaffolding and some dry weather. ☺

I will be getting a notice out via email when things are about to come together and a date is picked, so be ready to come to the aid of your club.

Rifle EGG Shoot

The first club egg shoot was held on May 30th and was that ever a very cool event. As a novice to this activity I really got excited with the concept, shooting at breakable little white eggs. When I actually hit one and saw it splatter in my scope that really made my day and was worth braving the sun and heat. Nine shooters showed up to challenge the eggs with various guns, equipment and plans of attack. Three separate classes were shot, the first being 200 yard with centerfire rifles and scopes. The next class was 100 yard with rimfire rifles ie., 22LR, 22WMR and 17HMR being used. In addition a 50 yard class was shot with open sight rifles.

Now, let me tell you a little about the egg targets, those little chilled jewels are hung from a wooden rack by a string and wire at various heights from 2” to 10” off the ground, so any disturbance by a breeze or splatter from a neighbor can set the egg to moving. The shooter gets three relays of 5 shots and 10 minutes to break 5 eggs each relay, so there is plenty of time to bring sweat to your forehead and a cramped trigger finger.

The winners for May were “Sniper” Jim Fisher taking the 200 yard class with seven “kills”. For the 100 yard class Ted “ The Smasher” Jones smashed seven poor little eggs and then again scrambling three more at 50 yards for a second win.

We are holding this event every month until fall, so look at your calendar, come on out and give these boys a run for their money. Speaking of money this event made a few bucks for the club and it looks like we’re on our way to putting a roof over the benches so we not so dependent on the weather to shoot.

LADIES CCW Class

Just like the title reads this is a NRA-Personal Protection in the Home Class (CPL) for the Ladies. The class is going to be held on the Friday evening the 23rd and Saturday the 24th of July.

This class is going to be taught by Sue Mills and Bobbe Orr, two Lady NRA certified Instructors from the Kalamazoo area. The goal of this course is to develop the knowledge, skills and attitude essential for avoiding dangerous confrontations and for the safe, effective and responsible use of a concealed handgun for self-defense outside the home. This class is the one needed if you are going to get your CPL / CCW license to carry concealed.

The participants prior to attending this class must have shooting experience, including basic skills of safe gun handling, shooting a group and knowledge of the firearm. Proof of experience can be a certificate from the NRA Basic Pistol Course, First Steps NRA qualification card or a letter from a club officer attesting to your ability.

The equipment required is a handgun (centerfire preferred), 200 rounds of ammunition, ear and eye protection, pencil/pen and paper.

In order to get the class materials in time please register before July 1st by call either calling Sue 269-271-0618, Bobbe 269-381-6317 or Dave Wiatrowski 269-767-1078.

If you need a letter of ability please get in touch with Dave Wiatrowski and he’ll go over this with you in order to get you qualified for this class.

4th of July Parade

We will once again be putting an entry in this parade. This is a great opportunity for us to get our club out in front of the public and let them know who we are and what we are about. Last year Dave W. drove his Jeepster in it with Earl Akehurst and his niece passing out flyers for our Youth Shooting Sports Day Camp. This year Dave W. would like to do that again except maybe with the addition of a small trailer decorated and group of people to pass out more flyers with the kids day on one side and club information and activities on the other. We need a few volunteers to help out with this, so please if you can spare a few hours and help, email or call Dave W., soon.

Club Meetings

Although our monthly club meetings are fairly well attended, there is always room for more. As a member make a little time on the 2nd Monday of the month and come out to the club. There are a lot of things discussed and happening that you as a member should be involved in and express your opinion. In addition to that some times the well runs dry, so to speak and fresh ideas and insight are always welcome. You pay your dues so come out and see how they are spent and how we can make our club a better place, one in which you can be proud of and want to visit more often. We all can use a little more fun and relaxation in our lives, so come on out, take part in the activities and burn some powder, after all that's what it's all about.

Trap

The boys are shooting some yardage, the trap house is full of birds and they are talking about shooting some games if they can get enough shooters. Sounds to me like a challenge, so after you get done drinking your Sunday morning coffee (10:00a.m.) grab your shotgun, some shells, come out and break some birds. If you haven't shot trap before don't hesitate, grab your gun, shells, come out and see what it's all about, the fellows are all willing to help get you acquainted with the sport. You'll find it's probably the most fun you can have with your clothes on.

Up Coming Events and Activities

Ladies Day, Youth Shooting Sports Day Camp (Aug 21st), Hunter's Safety, Fall Fun Shoot

Orientations can be scheduled for Sunday mornings or other times by contacting Dave Wiatrowski either by email bigboredave@yahoo.com or calling 269-767-1078

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Remember: Our shooting events are open to the public, so bring a friend and spread the word

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South Haven Rod & Gun Club - Event Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Bullseye Pistol	2 Action Pistol 6:30 Reactive Target Night 22LR	3	4	5
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