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THE OLD TIMERS REPORT FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY FIELD & STREAM ASSOCIATION

Written By Ben Mower

December 2009-January 2010

The Old Timers try their hands at Skeet.

Skeet is a recreational and competitive activity where participants attempt to break clay disks flung into the air at high speed from a variety of angles. For the American version of the game, the clay discs are 4 5/16 inches in diameter, 1 1/8 inches thick, and fly a distance of approximately 60 yards. The use of clay targets replaced the more traditional target of live birds, as a cheaper, more humane and more reliable alternative, one reason they are also called clay pigeons.

The firearm of choice for this task is usually a high quality, double-barreled over and under shotgun with 28/30 inch barrels and open chokes. Some gun shops refer to this type of shotgun as a skeet gun. Alternatively a sporting gun or a trap gun is sometimes used. These have longer barrels up to 34 inch and tighter choke. Many shooters of American skeet and other national versions still use inexpensive semi-auto and pump action shotguns with great success.

There were 13 shooters for the first Monday and it was cold and you could tell several of the shooters had never shot skeet before. The top 8 shooters were only 3-4 hits apart with the other 5 bringing up the rear. The next week was the Monday after the big snow and the shoot for that day was cancelled. The second week was even colder than the first and we dropped to 9 shooters all with cold hands. The scores stayed about the same just a few hits apart and the competition for the top and bottom positions stayed close. The third and fourth weeks were no different; VERY COLD but with few complaints. Again the same shooters maintained their places. The final week was a great weather day and 15 people shot even though some had not competed for the whole event.

There were only 9 hearty souls who completed the shoot. When you look at the final standing you can tell

Meetings for February

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday the 3rd

8:00 pm

Range Meeting

Wednesday the 10th

8:00 PM

Executive Meeting

Wednesday the 24th

8:00 PM

Archery Meeting are now held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Main Club House. Any and all club members intersted in attending are welcome to come to all monthly meetings.

who had shot before and those who were shooting for the first time.

The final standings are as follows:

1st Place Bob Britton	100
2nd Place Bud Feindt	98
3rd Place Art Adkins	90
4th Place Carl Cervino	87
5th Place Gino Silvestri	81
6th Place Bob Manfredonia	70
7th Place Bill Winkelman	60
8th Place Rudy Giarrocco	56
9th Place Ben Mower	55

We will all go to lunch Monday, January 25th at the Old Country Buffet. All suggestions for our next shoot will be discussed during and after lunch. Possibly a Bench Rest Small Bore Shoot. The next shoot will be Monday, February 1st, 2010 weather permitting.

PLEASE JOIN IN THE FUN COME JOIN US FOR
THE NEXT SHOOT

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Air Pistol Shooters Now Have An Indoor Shooting Range

What began a few months ago as a long held theory that a safe indoor shooting facility could be made within the already existing range that was built in 1992, has now been made a reality!

At the meeting of the Ranges and Facilities Committee held in the club house on January 13, it was unanimously adapted by the members present to go forward with the plan that was presented at that time. This was a well conceived plan with a minimum of extra construction, to convert the range into a 10 meter range for air pistol use only.

The main idea was to close in the side window that faced the driveway and this was done with the use of half inch plywood. Then a backstop made of plywood with a covering of carpeting was made to be placed over the window closure.

To prevent entrance to the range while shooting is in progress it was decided to install a locking bolt on the main door. It was also decided at the meeting to install a warning light on the outside of the door to warn anyone about to enter.

The members who enjoy the pleasures of air pistol shooting can now do it the whole year round, and with the addition of several space heaters, the indoor area is cozy and warm in the winter months making it a pleasant way to spend some time shooting.

At the present time the members are enjoying air pistol shooting on Thursday evenings starting at about 5 p.m. and shooting until about 8 p.m. with lights and heaters and refreshments of pizza and soda to make for an interesting respite over the gloomy days of winter.

All club members are invited to attend and shoot at the range on Thursday evenings. There is space for those who just want to practice with their air pistol or for those who like to shoot in a league of friendly competition.

There is no charge for club members to use this facility and it is for club members only. New members are welcome and there are air pistols available for those who would like to try shooting with them.

Smallbore Youngster and Oldster Shoot

By Carmen Amatucci

The Smallbore Range is proud to announce a Fun Youngster and Oldster Shoot, on the Third Sunday of the Month starting Bring your Son(s), Daughter(s), Grandchildren, Nephew(s), Niece(s) and Neighbors.

The Fun Shoot will consist of:

Balloons at 50ft,

50ft Paper Silhouettes,

50yd Metal Plates

Running from 12:00 Noon to 3:00pm.

Club Guns will be available for your use. Also, there will be Heaters in the Smallbore Range Office running so you can warm your hands during the cold winter months.

Remember these shoots are free and only for DCFS Club Members and their Guest.

The DCFS Smallbore Range Officers are looking forward to seeing at the Smallbore Range.

Smallbore Shoot Report for 1/03/2010

It was a cold and windy day on 1/3/2010. Four Smallbore Shooters braved the elements, and came out to the DCFS Smallbore Range Fun Shoot. We all enjoyed the day at the Range.

I want to remind everyone, that the Smallbore Range Fun Shoots are for members only. They are restricted to DCFS Members Only because they are free (that is no charge).

The next Fun Shoot will be held on 2/07/2010. The course of fire will be:

50yd Metal Silhouettes

50ft Paper Silhouettes

I hope to see you on 2/7/2010 on the Smallbore Range.
Carmen

SHOOT SCHEDULE FOR FEB/MARCH

Archery Feb 21st 3D

Small bore Feb 7th Fun Shoot

Feb 21st Youngster/Oldster Shoot

Archery March 21st 3D

Small bore March 7th Fun Shoot

March 21st Youngster/Oldster Shoot

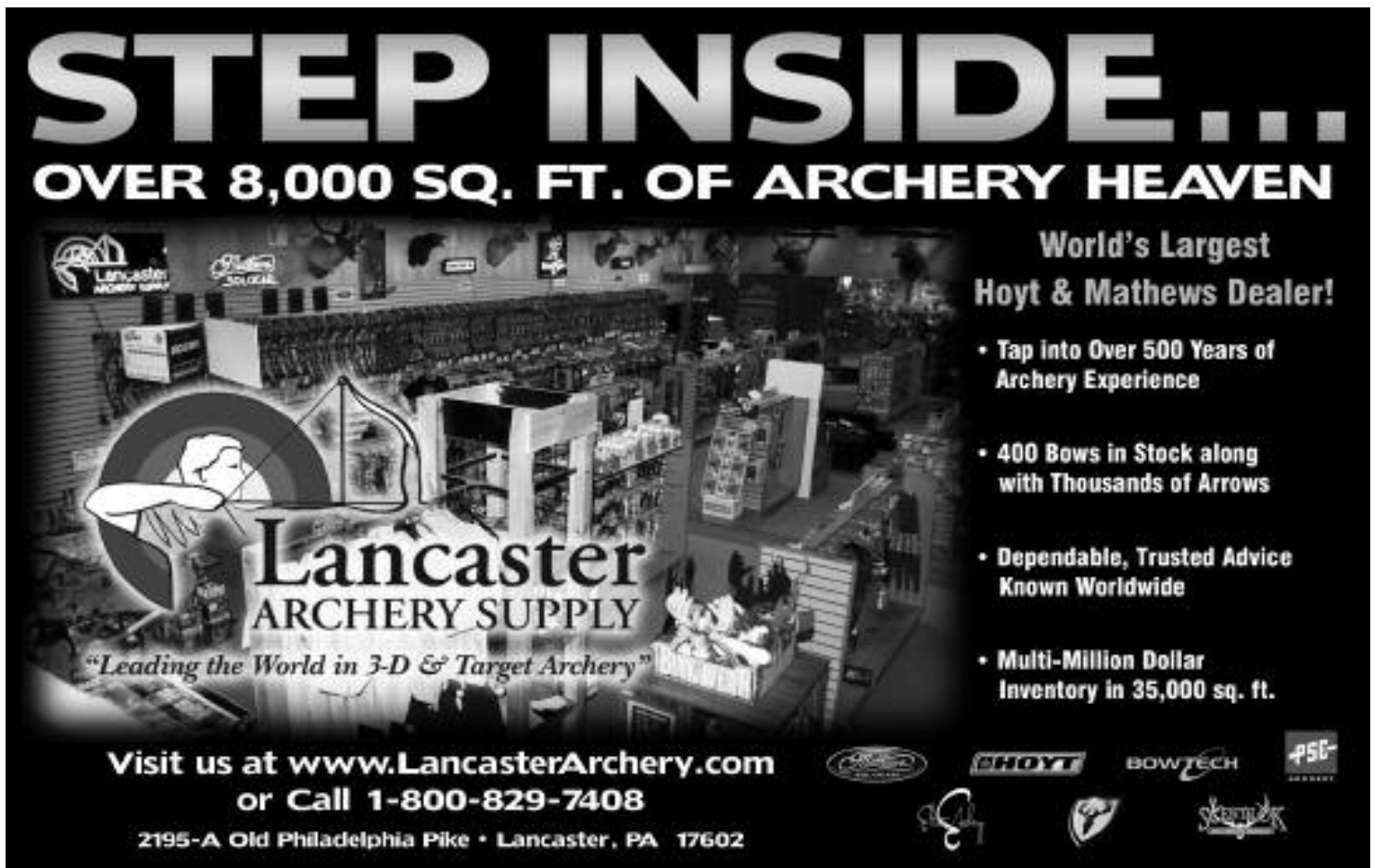
Muzzle Loader March 14th Fun Shoot

Talk To Us

This years elected Club Stewards like always are at and around the club to listen to the voice of the members. We want to hear what is on your mind, good and bad. We need to hear what you would like at the club. This includes improvements, additions and any ideas about new types of shoots at the club. We will be working close at hand with our Chief of Ranges and Chief of grounds in order to get the repairs and improvements started and completed. We feel that the club members have confidence in us in electing us to our positions, so this year we would like to bring some non-shooting events to the club. What would you as a member like to do or see at the club this year? I know, your saying “non-shooting”? Well, we can still incorporate some type of shooting to go with the event but what we want to bring to the club is

MORE MEMBERS. We want everyone to want to come and have a great time! We climbed a HUGE mountain last year and that needs to be put behind us and move forward in a positive direction. Since the role of the Stewards is to voice the members concerns we hope to also build the moral amongst friends, old friendships and the new ones that we make this year. We all can agree that we all belong to DCFS because we love the outdoors and the shooting sports and that we need to help make it grow. That means KIDS!! The youth of our club is the future of the club, and that is what we need in order for the club to be here in another 75 years, Our youth also have a voice; so if they would like to do something special, please let us know. How about a youth only competition this year?

What do YOU think?



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Delaware County Field and Stream Association Smallbore Rifle Range 10th Annual Winter Smallbore Rifle Offhand League Results

On every Saturday morning in January, the smallbore rifle offhand league met for this growing annual competition against ourselves, each other and the elements. This year, we had 19 competitors in the league. The winners of this year's league are:

Craig Saitto	927 – 11X
Bob Kirby	905 – 10X
David Philo	895 – 10X
Martin Poultney	870 – 8X
Bob Manfredonia	842 – 6X
Jerry DiBona	840 – 8X
Alex Poultney	838 - 7X
Al. Zdankowski	804 – 4X
Rick Tassoni	799 – 7X
Dan Vicario	796 – 5X

Bob Perkins	705 – 4X
James Albright	693 – 4X
Ben Shaw	682 – 2X
Dennis Kilderry	605 – 1X
Bud Feindt	600 – 2X
Larry West	523 – 0X
Ben Mower	414 – 0X
Erika West	DNF
Daniel Sawyer	DNF

Next year, come and freeze with us in January! We want to add more new competitors and we hope to see you there!!!

Perry W. McFarland, Match Director



The 2010 Elected Board of Directors were sworn in at the General Membership meeting on January 6th.



Mr. Bill McCann will be the club's new Chief of Ranges for 2010. Bill will be working on the day to day work, improvements and repairs at the club. Mr. McCann will also be working closely with this year's Stewards.

Renew Your Membership Now!!!!

2010 RENEWAL APPLICATION

NAME _____ PHONE _____ AGE _____

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TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (Check type desired and enclose check or money order)

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JUNIOR RANGE _____ \$30.00 (Ages 6 to 17)

CONSERVATION _____ \$25.00

SENIOR CITIZEN _____ \$50.00 (Ages 65 and over)

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