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Air Rifle Blasts

By Ed De Menze

It was a cold and blustery day at the club's Air Rifle Range on Sunday, November 16 as over 50 air gun shooters gathered to shoot in a combined match of all three types of airguns.

In addition to the regular scheduled air rifle match, there was the Air Pistol Turkey Shoot as well as the Air Rifle NRA type shoot with turkeys as prizes, to make the day a very busy one for the contestants.

Big Ed Hilliard started the 10 meter match at paper silhouettes by shooting a fine score of 15 out of the 20 with 4 chickens to his credit.

Joe Napolillo tried his best to top that score but came close with a 14 with 3 chickens Bob Manfredonia came up with a nice 15 total with 4 chickens and 5 pigs to top Big Ed's score by one pig

In the last 30 minutes of the shoot, Stan Lipinski shot a score that electrified the crowd with his total of 16 and 3 chickens to take the first place position.

Bob Britton, kept his good scores all year intact by shooting 12 with 3 chickens and giving him a season total of 17 points to make him the winner of the "Club Jacket Award"

This will conclude the Air Rifle shooting schedule for this year. For next year we hope to continue with a new schedule of contests to interest those members who enjoy shooting air rifles in competition. Until then we wish everyone a happy and enjoyable new year in 2009!

2009 March Skeet Classes

Every year, during the month of March, Barry Greenberg and a dedicated group of shooter instructors, host the highly regarded Delaware County Field and Stream Association Beginners Skeet Clinic. The course is designed to help shooters who are not familiar with the basic fundamentals of skeet shooting. The classes will cover all aspects of the sport, including gun safety, etiquette on the field, and of

MEETINGS FOR JANUARY

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday the 7th

8:00 PM

Swearing in of Elected Officers

Range Meeting

Wednesday the 14th

8:00 PM

Executive Meeting

Wednesday the 28th

8:00 PM

Archery Meeting

Last Tuesday of Every Month

All meetings are held in the Club House.

All club members are welcome to come to all monthly meetings

course, shooting instruction.

The complete course encompasses all four Saturdays in March, the 7th, 14th, 21st, and the 28th. Classes will begin promptly at 8 a.m., and will end at 12 noon. It is limited to 15 shooters.

The entire cost of the four week program is \$60.00, not including ammunition. It is highly recommended that only semi-automatics or over and under shotguns, of 12 or 20 gauge, be used for this instruction.

We would appreciate only those who are able to attend all four Saturday's classes, enroll.

If you wish to participate, or are interested, but seek further information, call Barry Greenberg, at 215-878-1277, or 215-266-8605. Enrollment is on a first come basis, so don't delay.

Looking forward to having you join us,
Barry Greenberg

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**In Memorium: Glenn Burnham, Former Air Pistol CRO**

Confined to a wheelchair, Glenn Burnham continued to shoot at the club's range with air pistols and air rifles and attended the weekly held Thursday evening matches over the past summer.

Glenn Burnham, past CRO of the Air Pistol range, died at his home, Monday, December 8, 2008.

Glenn was appointed as Chief Range Officer of the Air Pistol part of the range in 1994. Although he was new to shooting air guns, his prior experience with firearms helped him to organize and run competitive events for those members who enjoyed using air pistols.

Glenn was active in helping with the club's other scheduled activities, Ladies Day, Boy Scouts and NHF Day, and each year was a great help with the Good Friday cleanup day.

In the late 1990's Glenn accepted a challenge from a few of his fellow shooters to begin a new series of air pistol competition at the standard distance used for firearms, 25 yards!

Within a short time that type of shoot became a popular version for the air pistol shooters and even attracted some of those who used firearms.

There are many fond memories of Glenn that will always be thought of by those of us who knew him. EDR

Range Officers Wanted

Our club's newly elected officers are interested in finding some new Club Range Officers this year. Yes, this invitation goes out to all members, ladies, guys and especially youth. Do you have a favorite range that you frequent? Have you ever thought that you could be a better range officer than the one who was on that range? Do you think that you could bring new or interesting ideas to that range? This is your chance to give a little back to our great club. Would you like to be part of a certain event that goes on at the club throughout the year? We're looking for those people too. To tell you the truth, the pay is pretty small (no pay), but the rewards can make you feel real good inside. If you are interested, please feel free to stop by the office or contact any of the club's stewards for more information.

New Membership Totals

A very big thank you goes out to our Membership Chair, John Moloko. John has been keeping a fantastic record of our club's memberships. As of our Executive meeting this is a breakdown of 2008's new memberships.

Senior Range membership 170

Family membership 125

Sr. Citizen membership 21

Youth membership 4

Total new membership for 2008 **320**

**THE AIR RIFLE RANGE REPORT
FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE DELAWARE
COUNTY FIELD & STREAM ASSOCIATION
Written and Published By Ed De Rienze, CRO, Air
Rifle Range
December, 2008**

Air Rifle Competition Into 24th Year in 2009

It all began back in 1985 when the club gave permission to develop an air rifle range. This was to be part of the club's smallbore, 22 rimfire range and we were permitted to install a few slabs of Styrofoam to catch the pellets.

We had a few trials and tribulations in getting some of the members used to the idea of using an air gun without the usual dire warning that "It will shoot your eye out!" However, despite a few negative confrontations, we managed to turn the smallbore range into a fine place to hold shoots and invited air gun shooters from a wide area to come and compete with us.

In 1992, it was decided that the airgunners needed a range of their own and plans were made to build the current Air Rifle and Air Pistol Range at the top of the hill on the northern boundary of the club's property.

We have been happy there ever since that time and

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Young Patrick Kane with his first buck. WOW!!! Nice job Patrick.

Archery Jacket Winners for 2008

Glenn Talley Unlimited
 Craig Talley Bow Hunter
 Patrick Kane Cub
 Johnny Hart Youth
 Debbie Gallagher Ladies
 Ed Norek Traditional

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continue to hold air rifle and air pistol matches of many types for the satisfaction of those members who enjoy the sport of shooting with airguns of all types.

Lucky Target Match Winners On December 7th Take Home Christmas Turkeys

The "Lucky Target Match" held at the Air Rifle Range on Sunday, December 7, was quite a success with 31 shooters competing to win a turkey on a cold and windy day at the range.

The shooting began early as the contestants slowly gathered around a nice warm electric heater in the range office. Ben Mower and his daughter, Cathy, were among the first to make a good impression on the paper target that was filled with a series of numbers. The shooters had to shoot at the blank side of the target and without being able to see where they were hitting, and with some luck, to try to hit a few high numbers.

Young Cathy Mower, shooting an air rifle for the first time, did a fine job of scoring five hits with a total of 41 and that score held as the highest until Jim Siti, shooter number 10 in the squad, came in with a total of 49 to take the turkey prize.

In the second squad of shooters, Joe Napolillo was leading with a nice score of 40 hits until Bud Feindt borrowed his air rifle and then beat Joe out by shooting a score of 45 to take the turkey.

The third squad got a little hectic as shooters began to try again to change their luck. There were a few who managed better scores like Jeff Marnmele with a 45 and Rich Mooney with a nice 48 but it was Dale Benson's final score of 53 that took home the prize! That score of 53 was the highest of the day and that is out of a possible total of 124 that could be hit but it is not very likely. Better luck next time!

Air Rifle Range To Have Varied Matches In 2009

Air Rifle Range 2009 SHOOT SCHEDULE

APRIL 19...25 yd. PAPER BULLS
 MAY 17...25 yd. SILHOUETTES
 JUNE 21...50 yd. PAPER BULLS
 JULY...No regular shoot
 AUGUST. No Regular shoot
 SEPT. 20.10 m. Bull's Eye Targets
 OCT. 18....20 m.. SILHOUETTES
 NOV 15...10 M Paper Silhouettes
 DEC. 6...LUCK TARGET SHOOT
 Start time: 10 a.m. Close 2.p.m.

A History Of The Organization

The First Beginning

The first beginning of the organization that was to become one of the largest and diversified clubs in the Delaware Valley, began in November, 1938. Outdoor columnist, Bill Everman, was writing about hunting and fishing for two local papers, The Chester Times and Inteiboro News. In a series of articles, he stirred a few local sportsmen into doing something about forming a club for the purpose of raising and stocking fish and wild game and also to enjoy the pleasures of shooting shotguns, rifles and pistols in an area out in the country, away from the local villages.

First Meeting, March 1939

Bill's offer to help in any way that he could was immediately taken by several interested sportsmen in the area. A few weeks later, at a meeting in Bill's home with the local sportsmen, Nick Young, Dick Newman, Harry Sauers and Leroy, "Shorty" Manning, plans were formulated to organize a local club. At that time they decided to name the club and they chose Delaware County Field and Stream Association.

Club Officers Elected

On the first Monday evening in March, 1939, thirty five sportsmen met in the garage of Griffith's Funeral Parlor in Norwood. Seated on coffin boxes and other makeshift seats, the group made their first major decisions and elected club officers. Bill Everman was elected president with Harry Sauers Vice President, Dick Newman, Secretary and Al Deger Treasurer

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