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Club Nominations/Election

Nominations for this year's elections will be held on October 7th. Nominations will be taken from the floor for all eleven elected positions. Nominations will be overseen by Mr. D'Agnazio. Club elections will be held on November 7th and 8th. This year's elections will be two days long and we hope to have a good turnout because of this. Asking all questions and knowing the TRUTH before you vote is very important!!

The Youth Pheasant Hunt is on

When: November 1, 2009

Where: Meadow View Pheasant Preserve.

Who May Participate: All Club Youth (age 12 and Up)

Things Needed:

- 1 - Must Have a Pennsylvania Hunter Education Card
- 2 - Must Purchase A New Jersey Youth License (Good until age 18)
- 3 - Own means of Transportation
- 4 - Must wear Orange Hat and Vest (not an option)
- 5 - Permission Slip from (Parent or Guardian)
- 6 - RSVP at duckingworks@yahoo.com

Board of Game Commissioners to meet on Oct. 5 & 6

The Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners will meet on Oct. 5-6, at the Holiday Inn Philadelphia Stadium, 900 Packer Avenue, Philadelphia. A copy of the agenda for the upcoming meeting will be posted on the agency's website prior to the meeting.

On Monday, Oct. 5, the Board will gather public comments and hear Game Commission staff reports beginning at 8:30 a.m. Doors open at 7:45 a.m. Registration for those interested in offering public testimony - limited to five minutes - also will begin at that time.

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, beginning at 8:30 a.m., the Game Commission will take up its prepared agenda. Doors open at 7:45 a.m.

Wildlife Conservation Officer

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Meetings for October

Nominations for Elections

Wednesday the 7th

8:00 PM

Range Meeting

Wednesday the 14th

8:00 PM

Governing Body Meeting

Tuesday the 20th

7:00 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

The Old Timers League Of Shooters

Beginning back in January 2002, a small group of retired, or otherwise not too busy to come out, club members, began a series of friendly competition. It was to be held at a time during the week days when range activity was minimal so as not to interfere with the usual members' activity. It began on Fridays and then went to Mondays and they set the time schedule to be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on consecutive Mondays.

A shoot was planned for the group to attend at several of the club's ranges and the High Power range was picked to be the first one. Five weeks for each session was set and the sixth week was to be a luncheon for all to attend at a local restaurant.

These plans worked out quite well and pretty soon the number of shooters increased and included a few who just came out to enjoy the camaraderie with the group. They shot at several ranges that included, Smallbore Rifle, Pistol and Air Rifle and in recent years have included Skeet, Trap and Five Stand. They were not

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deterred by the change of seasons, shooting through the winter weather that included snow and freezing that brought out the hardiest of the old guys!

It soon became apparent that there were a few of these shooters who had been tops in their sport and who still could use the excellent equipment they had to have an edge on the others; so a system of handicap scoring was started to keep the scores fair for the others. The leaders of the group changed a few times over the years and so did the scoring system change from straight or actual scoring to using a handicap system and some variations. No matter what it was, there were the usual protestations and rivalry amongst the group who despite all of their gripes, kept coming back for more over the months and years.

Remarkably, the group has survived over the past without much in the way of disagreements. over scoring systems or types of targets or even why some guys seem to win all the time and others do not! Many of the original members have passed on and that brings in a sad note to the assembly. One member in his 70's died of a heart attack while shooting at the air rifle range and others have had to discontinue their activities for health reasons. Despite illness at home, family problems or even transportation difficulties with bad weather or car breakdowns, the old guys keep coming back.

The group that has been active over the past has aged somewhat since they began in 2002 and average in age from late 50's to late 80's and includes several past club presidents. They recently completed a nine week episode at the club's Trap Range where they had been held back by spring rainstorms and also a five week jaunt at the Air Rifle range. Also planned for future months will be the smallbore rifle range and the pistol range and then they come back to the high power rifle range to begin their routine again.

God's Speed to all of these hearty fellows who go on using and enjoying their favorite shooting iron in the

company of old friends to enjoy it as long as they are able. The group welcomes any new members who wish to come out to enjoy the shooting and the company. Interested ? Come out on Monday at about 10 a.m. at the main club house and join the group in their latest escapade!

Reported By Ed DeRienze

SKEET NEWS

By Dick Dietz

Coming Events

Surprisingly, summer's almost gone but there's more to come right into autumn. By the time you read this, we'll have completed the club's August 15 registered shoot in 28-gauge and .410-bore. Look for the results posted in the Ed Martin house. Following this, September 12 will bring the year's final registered shoot in 12 and 20 gauges. Since this date is simultaneously the club **Ladies' Day**, why not bring the gals up the hill for a look at competitive skeet.

Club Skeet Championships: Here's plenty of advance notice for all skeeters to reserve Saturday, **October 17**

*Continued on page 3***SHOOT SCHEDULE FOR SEPT./OCT.****Air Pistol Sept. 27th 25 yd paper bull's eye****Air Rifle Silhouette Sept. 27th****Air Rifle Sept. 20th 10m paper bull's eye****Archery Fita Sept. 26th 10am****Archery 3D Sept. 13th****Muzzle Loader Championship Sept. 13th****Cowboy Action Sept. 16th****B.P. Cartridge Sept. 27th****High Power Cowboy Lever Rifle Match Sept. 13th****Skeet Registered Sept. 12th Last Chance****Open 20/12ga.****Trap Registered shoot Sept. 26th****Air Pistol Oct. 25th 20 NRA Silhouettes****Air Rifle Silhouettes Oct. 25th****Air Rifle Oct. 18th 20m Silhouettes****Muzzle Loader Championship Oct. 18th****B.P. Oct. 25th****High Power WWII Era Combat shoot Oct. 11th****Trap Club Championship Oct. 24th**

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for the club Skeet Championships. There will be dual competition for both registered and recreational shooters. Registered shooters will be handicapped as followed based on their last, registered 12-gauge class. Those in Class A and AA must compete with 28-gauge ammo, class B shooters with 20-gauge ammo, and class C or lower shooters with any skeet gauge of choice. This also applies to any shoot-offs.

Non-registered shooters can compete with their choice of gauge.

Skeet Novice Day, October 31: This is a new event that helps shotgunners unfamiliar with or inexperienced in skeet to learn the basics of the sport – with a short classroom primer in the Ed Martin House and actual shooting by experienced instructors. Remember, this is for novice skeet shooters, not novice shotgunners. To register for this event and help us plan ahead, please call Joe Conti at 610-565-1073.

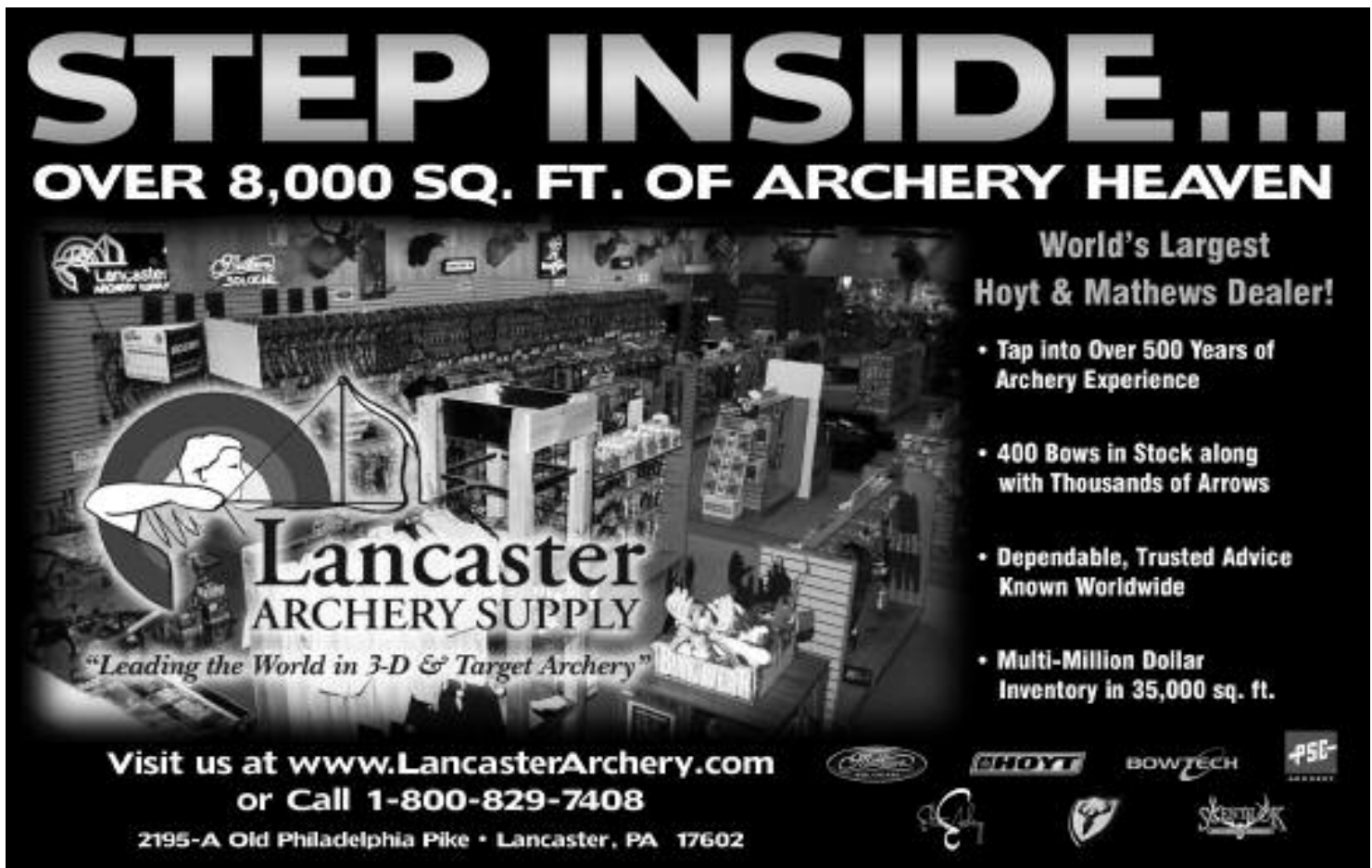
Winners Circle: Our home shooters did well at the club's July 25 two-gun shoot. In the 12-gauge competition, Barry Greenberg's 99 won him the class

AA title while Ed Elener, Dave Greenblatt and Richard Miller were class B, C and D champions respectively. In 28-gauge competition, classes A, B and D respectively were won by Bill Luttrell, Dick Dietz and improving new competitor, Dave Greenblatt.

On the Road: Despite medical problems with both his left hand and left foot, skeet Hall-of-Fame club member Bob Uknalis ran his consecutive 100 straights in 28-gauge events to six, with follow-up shoot-off wins in each. Added to this were three 100 straights in other gauges plus three High Overall (sum of four gauges) titles. Bob is a gifted natural shooter with lightning reflexes and sharp, broad peripheral vision. But those of us who watch him practice up on the hill also see that natural ability backed by the serious work ethic that is the hallmark of all champion athletes.

Final courtesy note: To all skeet shooters, particularly those using autoloaders, **please pick up your empty hulls.** This saves work for range officers and prevents a blade dulling and semi-dangerous situation during lawn mowing.

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AIR PISTOL SHOOT

Written By Ben Mower

July 2009

10 Meter Paper Target Shoot

On Sunday July 12th from 10 AM To 1 PM. 20 shooters converged on the air gun range to test their abilities against one another. The cost \$3.00 per entry and you could enter more than once. They shot paper targets at 10 meters with their air pistols. There was a wide variety of air pistols used by all shooters. The rules were each shooter must be in the standing position using only one hand and can not come in contact with any object for support. Trust me each shooter was watched very closely for infractions. Each shooter could only use 20 pellets five to be fired at each one of four targets on the same piece of paper. This means the highest score could be 200 if each one of the five shots hit the bull's eye for 10 points each on all four targets. Unfortunately that did not happen this time.

Some of the contestants shot more than once some shot three times. The contest was close with each shooter watching the scoring very closely and making sure they received the correct score. There was a tie for first place each shooter having the same exact score so it was necessary to go to the tie breaker and each shooter had 1 X each so the decision came down to the second tie breaker the number of 10s scored by each shooter. Now that's a great shoot to watch when competitors are that close you need to use two tie breakers. The third place finisher was one of the two women competitors. And the 4th and 5th place finishers who are consistently battling one another finished only 3 points apart. Oh just one more thing the 6th place finisher who will go nameless finally finished ahead of his daughter. Thank goodness. **What a great job by all**

the shooters.

The final standings are as follows:

1st Fred Mannis 172 with 1X and 5-10s

2nd Carl Cervino 172 with 1X and 1-10

3rd Abby Wiles 160

4th Joe Napolillo 149

5th Jeff Mammele 146

PLEASE JOIN IN THE FUN COME JOIN US FOR THE NEXT SHOOT. OR AT ANYTIME ON THE AIR RANGE. REMEMBER EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND CAN COMPETE. IT'S FUN AND GREAT CAMARADERIE FOR ALL.

The next pistol shoots will be held as follows:

September 27th 25 Yard Paper Bull's-eye

October 25th 20 NRA Silhouettes

November 15th Turkey Shoot

All shoots run from 10 AM till 1 PM No sign ups after 1 PM. Prizes will be given to the top 5 finishers. Look us up on the web site www.dcfcs.org. See you on the range.



Charlie Wright does it again! This time he went all out and got a Cape Buffalo with his crossbow while hunting in South Africa this past summer. It was supposed to be a hunt for leopards but that was cancelled and instead Charlie got Impala, Zebra, Kudu and wart hog along with the Cape Buffalo.

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Air Pistol Silhouette Shooting: A Challenging Sport For Pistol Shooters



Air pistol shooting at the ranges of the Delaware County Field and Stream Association has been going on for many years and although there was a form of shooting at knockdown type metal silhouettes at the club's firearm handgun range it never quite made it for use by air pistol shooters. It was not until 1992 when the new air rifle and air pistol range was built that the NRA type of silhouette matches were instituted and regular matches began.

One of the features of the NRA type matches is the separate distances for the various metal silhouettes: chickens at 10 yards, pigs at 12.5 yards, turkey at 15 yards and the ram at 18 yards. Airport silhouettes are scaled down versions of the larger ones used by firearms shooters and are, set up on saw horses in lanes for the shooters to scope clearly.

The shooters are allowed to use either a two handed hold or one hand as they desire, for this type of shooting, and they shoot one shot at each of the targets in each group; usually starting with the chickens and then going to the next group of pigs etc. Each shooter has a scorecard that is handled by a score-keeper who marks each hit or miss and tallies the total at the end of the 20 shot that will be fired by each shooter.

The silhouette targets used in the matches are of the free standing type and are set up on individual stands, five in each group and carefully set up to present a good target picture to the shooter.

After each shooter completes his round, the targets are reset on their respective places on the stands and made ready for the next contestant

It should be made known that although the matches that are scheduled at the DCFS club are based on the NRA rules, distances etc., they are not officially sponsored by the NRA but are recognized as proper procedure at the DCFS organization. Shooters are not

required to be members either the NRA or DCFS and all are subjected to a nominal registration fee.

For further information about air pistol competition at the Delaware County Field and Stream Association, phone 610-872-9728 or www.DCFS.org

Cowboy Action Shooting Contests: A New Activity At The High Power Rifle Range



When Big Ed Hilliard began making plans to rejuvenate the club's High Power Rifle range back in late 2008, he included a new type of shooting competition that had become a great attraction for many shooters who were looking for just what its title represents; Cowboy Action!

After the cold winter of '08-09 Ed got his chance to not only improve the facilities at the range but also to get a nice group of helpers in the form of Assistant Range Officers to help him in his efforts to get the range back into the great attraction that it had been over many decades in the past.

The Cowboy Action contest is notable first of all for its participants to wear authentic western clothing including Cowboy Hats! This also includes using authentic cowboy firearms such as double barreled shotguns, six guns (in holsters) and lever action rifles.

The contestants are timed for their action run from one station to the next; first shotgun, then to rifle and finally pistol. All observed and tallied carefully by several judges.

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