

The Waltonian

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Pikes Peak Chapter 34

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Annual Election Meeting.

The Annual elections are right around the corner. August 4th is the election meeting out at the clubhouse, and all current members are encouraged to attend. The meeting starts at 6:00pm. There will be dinner provided by the club to those who RSVP beforehand by calling 683-4420 or by signing up at the clubhouse. This is an important meeting for all members, who you vote into office will determine how your club evolves and upgrades. Be sure to attend on Tuesday, August 4th at 6:00pm. We'll see you there!

Autumn Skeet League.

The Autumn Skeet league is next in our league lineup. This year, the Autumn Skeet league starts on August 19th. Shooting is schedule for Wednesday nights after 4:00pm, but is not mandatory. You can shoot on any day that works for you. New to the league format is team shooting. Three shooters are required for a team, however those 3 shooters do not have to shoot the same day. They will be scored as a team, but also as individuals like previous years. If you can't form a team, don't worry about it, as they are not required. Also new this year is the end of the league celebration. Instead of the traditional banquet and trophy ceremony, the league will host a fun shoot. All participants will be able to shoot free targets, paid for by the league, in a casual competition with friends. You can sign up at the clubhouse, just be sure to come out on Wednesdays and shoot in this league, there's no reason not to!

Rifle/Pistol News

Well, we finally had good weather in which to conduct our first SRPM. We had 11 shooters, including a junior. The winners were:

Senior Scope:

1st Place: Ken M.

2nd Place: Chuck R.

3rd Place: Fred R.

Senior Irons:

1st Place: Scott W.

Junior Scope:

1st Place: Roni Q.

Since this was our first match, there were a few things learned by the shooters. First, there seemed to be a consensus that zeroing the rifles for 100 yards and "holding under" for the 50-yard targets works best. (Your mileage may vary...) Second, while most of the rifles were semi-auto and bolt-action, there appeared to be no particular advantage to choosing one over the other. Third, always check your equipment prior to the match. One shooter had their scope mounts loosen and was thereafter unable to stay in the running for a ribbon.

Our next SRPM is scheduled for Saturday, September 5th. Start practicing now and join us then. And bring a friend!

Trail Gun Plate Match

The next TGPM will be conducted on Saturday, August 1st.

And there is still plenty of room for more shooters! In fact, there are two divisions that are geared towards revolver shooters and they tend to be under-represented. If you have a 22 LR revolver, we'd love to have you show up!

The sign-up sheets should be at the clubhouse for early registration starting the weekend of July 18th. Refer to the club's web-site for TGPM rules.

Hunter Sight-In

While we haven't yet formalized this year's Hunter Sight-In program, that time of year is rapidly approaching. Our program will likely start in late-August or early-September and the rifle range is always busy during that time. If you have a pet load you're still developing, now is the time to set up the chronograph and collect all that valuable data. Once sight-in gets underway, it will be very difficult to keep your fellow range users happy with a chronograph's inherent set-up delays. Don't forget that the rifle range is open Wednesday thru Friday, too. It's much less crowded then.

And with Hunter Sight-In approaching, we'll be looking for volunteers to serve as Range Safety Officers (RSOs) during the open range sight-in times. If you can spare a few hours, the help would be greatly appreciated! Keep an eye on future Waltonians for the call to go out.

Summer Trap League.

Summer trap league is almost over, and what a league we have had. Very close competition in all the classes going into the last week. I'm excited to see who ends up with the top spot. I'll have a full recap on the leagues results in the next issue, so be sure to keep up to date by checking the scores on www.pikespeakgunclub.org.

Club Projects are underway.

The clubhouse expansion has been approved by the board. Plans are already in the process of getting ready to be approved, so it won't be long before PPGC has a much bigger clubhouse.

With all the rain we've been having, we're getting some pretty bad erosion damage. We try to keep the trap and skeet fields as clean as we can, but everyday new mud washes over them again. Also keep in mind that during rain storms the rifle and pistol road can get VERY slippery, and that pistol has a tendency to get a little soupy. We are working out a solution, so bear with us.

The club will be holding the CSTA Hall of Fame shoot on August 23rd. Be sure to come out and shoot with some of Colorado's greatest.

The club is trying to organize a registered NSCA shoot sometime in late September. I'll have more details next month, but for those of you who have been waiting for some registered sporting clays targets, they are coming!

State Trap Shoot dominated by PPGC shooters!

PPGC had a fantastic turnout at the State Shoot in Delta. Trophy after trophy were awarded to PPGC shooters, just confirming that the state's, and the nation's greatest shooters come from right here.

In the 100 Singles Event #1, Mike Herman took Champion. Janessa Beaman was winner in Ladies. Alex Nicely took Junior Runner Up, and Ben Larson won the Sub-Junior category.

Next was Event #2, 100 Handicap targets. Mike Herman again took top spot in the 25-27 yard class. Billy Sayles grabbed Runner Up. Greg Budwine ended the event with the Runner Up spot in the 18-21 yard class. Janessa Beaman too Runner Up in Ladies. Alex Nicely got Junior Runner Up, and Jake Warner won Sub-Junior.

The 100 Doubles, Event #3 saw Mike Herman take Runner Up Champion to Scott Clark. Janessa Beaman got Runner Up in Ladies. Ben Larson took home the trophy in Sub-Junior, with Jake Warner right behind him.

Another 100 Handicap event saw Dan Treat, Shane Herman, and Mike Herman taking 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, respectively. Ladies winner is Janessa Beaman, while Alex Nicely takes Junior Runner Up. Jake Warner wins Sub-Junior, with Ben Larson snagging 2nd place.

Event #5 of the State shoot is the State Champion 200 Singles. Mike Herman is your 2009 State Champion, and Billy Sayles your Runner Up Champion. Alex Nicely is your Junior Runner Up Champ. Ben Larson takes Sub-Junior Champion, and Jake Warner takes Sub-Junior Runner Up Champ.

6th Event, the State Champion 100 Doubles. Billy Sayles is your Runner Up Champion. Scott Clark wins AA class. Janessa Beaman wins the Ladies class. Ben Larson is Sub-Junior winner, and Jake Warner is Sub-Junior Runner Up.

If you see Janessa Beaman or Michael Budwine, congratulate them on being State Handicap Champions. Janessa wins over the Ladies class, Michael showing his handicap muscles in Sub-Junior Class. Don't count out Ben Larson, he's runner up in the state for Sub-Junior handicap.

Billy Sayles was the High All Around Champion for the State Shoot, with Mike Herman grabbing that Runner Up spot. No surprise that Janessa Beaman got High All Around Ladies Champion, she's been doing some great shooting. Ben Larson is High All Around for Sub-Juniors, and Jake Warner got High All Around Runner Up in the same class.

Finally we come to High Over All. Mike Herman takes Champion. Janessa Beaman is High Over All for the ladies. Ben Larson is Sub-Junior High Over All Champ, and Jake Warner is the High Over All

Sub-Junior Runner Up. Congratulations to everyone, some fantastic shooting this year. Keep up those high scores.

Anyone interested in holding pistol classes, this is for you.

The board has come to a final decision regarding pistol classes being held at the club. The new requirements must be met if you plan on holding the actual classroom portion at the clubhouse. To get a copy of the new requirements, call Gina, Jim, or Ryan at the club and we can fill you in on the details.

Benches for sale!

Remember, if you are a small business owner, the club is selling advertising space. For a one time fee, you can purchase your choice of a spectator bench or a new gun rack. Both are made from composite material, so they don't weather. They'll look just as good as the day they are ordered forever! Each one comes with a custom sign advertising your business. If you or someone you know is interested in advertising at the Pikes Peak Gun Club, call 719-683-4420 and talk to the club manager on how to order your bench or gun rack.

Odds and Ends.

The seven donated trees at the west end of the parking lot are doing well, with the recent rainstorms, and Bob Allen's continued dedication to water them on the off chance that we don't get rain. Give Bob a thanks next time you see him, those trees are a much needed change of scenery out there, we want them to get big!

We still haven't received any volunteers to help out with the changing of sporting clays. Don't be shy, a couple hours a month will do wonders. There is no heavy lifting, that's all done by the tractor. Just bring a bottle of water, and your imagination and help up set up some new targets. Call the clubhouse if you can spare some time to help us keep our clays range unique and interesting.

10 MPH! 10 MPH! 10 MPH! The speed limit on club property is 10 MPH! Please slow down in the parking lot, and on the road between rifle and pistol.

As always, watch out for snakes this summer. They haven't been too bad this year, but all it takes is one bad encounter to ruin your day of shooting. If you do encounter a snake, please remember to be safe and NOT shoot it. Report any snake sightings to the managers and let them take care of it. Safety is our number one goal.

If anyone out there has anything they'd like to see on www.pikespeakgunclub.org, you can simply email the webmaster to have it put up. It's easy, just follow these directions.

In your web browser, type in www.pikespeakgunclub.org

On the left side of the screen, you will see a little button that says "Contact." Click it.

Under the club's address is a blue link that says "email webmaster." Again, click it.

It should pull up an email window. If you haven't set up an internet account, the program may require some simple information first. It's just that easy, so send away!

Having problems? Overcome them...

... with a little help from Larry Lambert. Larry is a great shooter in Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays. If you are interested in meeting with him and getting a lesson or two, you can reach him at 719-540-0657.

The club needs YOUR help.

The club is in desperate need for full time trap help. The school year is right around the corner, which leaves the club short handed. If you know anyone who is looking for work, have them come out to the club and fill out an application. Call 683-4420 for more information.

Learn to Shoot Class

The Learn to Shoot Classes are open to Men, Women, and kids who have never shot at moving targets on a public range. In this class I will go over safe gun handling, how to operate different types of guns, how to hold and stand with a shotgun, the basics on shooting a moving target, and the different clay target games. This is a fun class for the beginner.

The class includes ammo, targets and gun rental if needed for only **\$40** per person for a group lesson. The class is by appointment only. You may contact me to sign up at any time. 719-499-8422 or call the clubhouse at 719-683-4420.

This class is between 2 and 3 hours long depending on the number of students.

Classes are Held at Pikes Peak Gun Club

Current Dates:

June 28, 2009 Time 9:30 AM

July 12, 2009 Time 9:30 AM

August 29, 2009 Time 9:30 AM

<http://www.sportingclaysinstructor.com/>

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Upcoming Events

- August 1st & 2nd. State Games of America
- August 1st. Trail Gun Plate Match. 9:00am
- August 19th. Autumn Skeet League.

For Sale

For Sale: Reclaimed Shot. Washed, screened, and graphite added. Ready to load.
\$.90 per pound.

Call 719-339-7398

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Club Hours

The club is on it's summer hours soon. Sun 9:00-5:00, Wed 9:00-Sunset, Thurs 9:00-5:00, Fri 9:00-Sunset, Sat 9:00-5:00