

The Waltonian

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Pikes Peak Chapter 34

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Memorial Day Shoot was a success.

The Memorial Day Shoot had a surprisingly good turnout despite the ominous thunderstorms that threatened the shooters all 3 days. 108 brave souls came out to test their skills against one another, often in rain and lightning storms. We threw 36,000 targets, not bad considering this year still had a smaller turnout than we had two years ago. Thank you to everyone who came out and shot. The club gave out 12 volunteer punch cards, so thank you very much to everyone who came out and kept score. We appreciate the help and your continued support of our club.

Spring Skeet League.

The Spring Skeet League has come to an end for 2009. Not many shooters stayed dedicated during the gale force April winds and the monsoons of May, but those who did ended the league with a bang. Instead of trophies, they got to shoot the award money up in the form of 5-stand targets! Everyone had a great time, with some food, a little wine, and a lot of laughter. Do NOT miss the next league, which begins August 19th and ends October 7th. These dates may change, but so far it's scheduled to be a Wednesday evening league. Keep posted for any changes in dates or times, and be sure to sign up when the time comes. It's a great league with great people, there's no reason to miss out!

Pistol Range changes.

June Trail Gun Plate Match Results

Finally seeing good weather, June's TGPM saw its largest turnout yet, with 18 shooters.

The division winners were:

10-Shot, Long Barrel

1st Place: Randy Denny

2nd Place: Emile Guerin

3rd Place: Richard Walko

10-Shot, Short Barrel

1st Place: Ken Miller

2nd Place: Cece Casey

3rd Place: Andy Cripe

Standard, Long Barrel

1st Place: John Lariviere

Standard, Short Barrel

1st Place: Scott Wright

This match saw a couple of exciting firsts. Emile shot our highest ever single-string score, dropping 9 of 10 plates on his third string! Also, there was a three-way tie for 1st place in the 10-Shot, Long Barrel division. Randy, Emile, and Richard each scored 22 points during the match and settled the matter in a series of one-shot shoot-offs for their final positions. Good show, guys!

There were still plenty of slots available for shooters in this match and, again, there were left-over ribbons. The two Standard divisions are designed specifically for revolvers and semi-auto pistols that hold less than ten rounds. There were only two shooters in those divisions -- both shooting revolvers -- and four ribbons went unawarded. So, come'on revolver shooters -- there has to be more than two of us!

We welcome anyone that would like to observe the matches to come on out. What you'll witness are pistol shooters enjoying themselves in the art of "sight alignment and trigger control". You'll also hear for yourself the rewarding **PING!** sound of a solidly hit steel plate. If you have any questions during the match, feel free to ask any of the RSOs. Please check-in with the clubhouse before driving downrange and don't forget your eye and hearing protection.

Speaking of which, we'd like to acknowledge our RSOs, without whom the matches would be impossible. So, a big 'Thank You' to Aaron, Ken, Cece, and Judy for your help.

The next TGPM is scheduled for Saturday, August 1st. We hope to see you there -- and bring a friend, too!

Smallbore Rifle Plate Match -- July 4th

The inaugural Smallbore Rifle Plate Match (SRPM) was rained out in May, but we're not giving up! Make the SRPM part of your Independence Day festivities and join us for a morning of plate-falling fun! Break out your favorite 22 rimfire rifle and come prepared to engage 4" steel plates at 50 and 100 yards. The basic rules are:

- 50-yard shooting is done off-hand (standing), 100-yard shooting is done prone or seated.
- Scoped and iron-sighted divisions. Scopes limited to 10x. No hooded target sights in iron sight division.
- Senior and junior sub-divisions.

- Juniors are of high school age or younger. Juniors must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- 22 rimfire rifles of any action: single shot, pump, lever, bolt, semi-auto.
- Slings permitted but no rests -- bipods, sandbags, etc, are prohibited.
- The club will provide mats for the prone shooting stations.
- 40 shots fired for score. Four 10-shot strings: 20 shots off-hand, 20 shots prone.
- Registration and practice starts at 9:00 AM. Mandatory safety briefing starts at 9:45. Match starts at 10:00.
- Participation is limited to the first 36 shooters.
- Ribbons awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in all four divisions.
- Rifle range is closed to non-participants during the match.
- RSOs are present at all times. Strict safety-oriented course of fire will be observed.
- Club will provide steel targets for practice. Member provided targets are prohibited.
- Only registered match participants are permitted to shoot steel targets.

The complete set of rules is available on the web-site in PDF format.

Members \$10, non-members \$15. Pre-registration will be available starting June 21st.

So come on out and join the fun -- see you July 4th!

Summer Trap League.

Summer Trap League has officially begun, and so far so good. The weather for week one was fair, the people were wonderful. We have 15 teams of shooters this year, and every one of them is dedicated to shooting their absolute best, so stay tuned for regular updates on your favorite shooter or squad on www.pikespeakgunclub.org.

Membership Happenings.

The club now has 1310 paid members. We signed up 41 new members in the month of May. There has been a bit of a mix up with Nationals, because they have not been including family members in the family memberships. Greg Budwine caught the error, and has worked out a fix for it. That might explain why only one or two members of a family received membership cards in the mail, while others did not. If that is the case, don't panic, we have you on record as a family membership with everyone you signed up, at the clubhouse. I'd also like to remind you that if you send in your membership renewal, be sure to send it to the clubhouse, DO NOT send it to Nationals, as it is very important that we update our databases before we send the information back to IWL.

AIM kids "aiming" to dominate State.

The AIM program is still going strong. The kids continue to shoot on Saturday mornings, and they are preparing to head to State and tear up the competition. However, they are still a bit short handed with volunteer coaches. If you would like to help out with the kids, please come out on Saturday mornings. The focus of the AIM program is safety and fun, so you don't need to be the world's greatest trap shooter to be able to help. You can call the clubhouse (719-683-4420) to check the practice schedule if you do want to lend a helping hand.

Pistol Class prerequisites finalized.

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.

Out with the old, in with the new.

The Election Meeting is coming up very soon! You, the members of PPGC, need to come out and elect a new Executive Board, as well as fill in the 3 open board positions. Anyone can run for any seat, as long as you are a member of the club. We need your help, even if you don't want to run for a board spot, come out and vote on who you'd like to see in office. It really does make a difference, every vote counts. If you do want to run for a spot on the board of directors, you simply need to let Gina or Ryan know out at the club, we can put your name on the nomination form and you'll be in the running. The meeting is on the first Tuesday of August, which is the fourth. It is held at the clubhouse, so you probably want to plan on being at there at 6:00 for the board meeting. Remember, PPGC is YOUR gun club, the people you put into office control how it's run, what direction we head, improvements to the club, and everything else. If you don't like what you see, this is how to change it. Cast your vote on August 4th, 2009 at the clubhouse!

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 seem to be doing well thanks to the frog drowners we've had at the club lately. Again, thanks to Carla Lindley, and thanks also to Dick Brady,

owner of Brady's Nursery down in Canon City.

The sporting clays course was changed in the beginning of June. Come on out and get some shooting in. Also, we still need volunteers to help move sporting clays around. It's a relatively simple task, since the tractor does all the heavy lifting. The course is usually changed on Mondays or Tuesdays, so if you're willing to help out, call Gina at the clubhouse.

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. This is for the safety of our shooters. You wouldn't appreciate someone kicking up dust behind you while you are shooting, so lets show some courtesy for your fellow shooters out there.

Shooters be careful. We have had numerous snake encounters at the club lately. Several rattlesnakes have been killed in the past few weeks, and many bull snake sightings also. I imagine they'll only be more frequent as the weather gets nicer, so be sure to keep a watch on where you're stepping out there.

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!

Perfect that shotgun swing...

... 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.

Looking for part time Range Safety Officers.

The club is still looking to hire part time Range Safety Officers (RSO) to work on weekends down on the rifle and pistol ranges. If you are interested, or would like more information, you can contact Gina or Ryan at 719-683-4420.

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

- May 23rd – Day 1 of the 3 day Memorial Weekend Shoot.
- June 3rd – Summer Trap League Signup.
- June 10th – Summer Trap League Week 1

For Sale:

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

Call 719-339-7398

For Sale:

Club Hours

The club has switched to 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

June 2009

Sunday 9:00 – 5:00	Monday Closed.	Tuesday Closed.	Wednesday 9:00 – Sunset.	Thursday 9:00 – 5:00	Friday 9:00 – 5:00	Saturday 9:00 – 5:00
	1	2 PPGC Board Meeting. 6:30 PM. Old Chicago, Austin Bluffs & Academy.	3 Summer Trap League Sign Up.	4	5	6 Trail Gun Plate Match. Registration begins at 9:00 am.
7	8	9	10 Summer Trap League Week 1.	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Summer Trap League Week 2.	18	19	20 El Paso County 4-H Shoot. Noon to close.
21	22	23	24 Summer Trap League Week 3.	25	26	27 El Paso County 4-H Shoot. Noon to Close.
28 Learn to Shoot Class. 9:30 am.	29	30				Hunter's Education Class.

July 2009

Sunday 9:00 – 5:00	Monday Closed.	Tuesday Closed.	Wednesday 9:00 – Sunset.	Thursday 9:00 – 5:00	Friday 9:00 – Sunset.	Saturday 9:00 – 5:00
			1 Summer Trap League Week 4.	2	3	4 Small bore Rifle Plate Match. Registration 9:00 am.
5	6	7	8 Summer Trap League Week 5.	9	10	11 Hatfield & McCoy NSSA Shoot.
12 Hatfield & McCoy NSSA Shoot. Learn to Shoot - 9:30	13	14	15 Summer Trap League Week 6.	16	17	18
19 Douglas County 4-H Shoot.	20	21	22 Summer Trap League Week 7.	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Summer Trap League Week 8.	30	31	

