

The Waltonian

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Pikes Peak Chapter 34

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4-H State Shoot.

The 2009 4-H State Shoot came out to the club on September 5th, 6th, and 7th, and what a turn out they had. Hundreds of kids from all over Colorado showed up to represent their counties. If you didn't get a chance to come out and see the crowd, you can view pictures at www.pikespeakgunclub.org. This group brings down their own machines to set up two additional 5-stands! They are well organized, and certainly one of the friendliest groups we have at our facility. We love having 4-H every year, so thanks to that group for choosing us to hold their shoot.

Registered Sporting Clays.

The club held its first registered Sporting Clays Shoot (in years?) on September 27th, and we had a surprisingly good turnout. Shooters from all over Colorado came out to test their skills against our course. We couldn't have asked for better weather though, the sun shined all day and not a cloud in the sky. A little less wind would have been nice, but at least it kept the shooters cool out in the sunshine. 39 shooters registered and shot the morning flight, while 30 shooters shot the afternoon flight. Lunch was prepared and served by Carla and Dan Lindley, and it was great. Homemade spaghetti with garlic bread and salad. Thanks to those two, the shooters were reenergized and ready for the second half. Despite a few delays, all the shooters said they enjoyed the shoot and hopefully we can bring them back with more registered clays in the future. Thanks to everyone who attended, thanks to Dan Treat, and Harvey and Zina (I hope I spelled that correctly) from the Del Monte Gun Club for coming all the way up here to show us the right way to run a shoot like this, and again thanks to Carla and Dan Lindley for providing lunch.

CSTA Hall of Fame Shoot.

The August CSTA Hall of Fame shoot went well, especially considering the competition from other clubs holding big shoots that same weekend. 10 squads came out to show their support. If you missed out on this shoot, be sure to come out for the last registered trap shoot on October 11th.

Details on this shoot are below. They are a lot of fun, come out and see for yourself.

Rifle/Pistol News

Smallbore Rifle Plate Match

The last SRPM was held on September 5th. The weather was beautiful and, as usual, a great time was had by all!

Our winners were:

Senior Scope:

- 1st: Ken M.
- 2nd: Mike Q.
- 3rd: Harry C.

Senior Irons:

- 1st: David C.
- 2nd: Charles D.

Junior Scope:

- 1st: Roni Q.

We had another first this match. Scott W. cleaned the target rail during his first 50-yard offhand string, hitting 10-for-10 with his scoped Ruger 10/22! It must have gone to his head, though, because he shot 0-for-20 from prone, which ultimately kept him out of the running for a ribbon.

Again, we'd like to thank the RSOs that commit their valuable time to making the plate matches possible. So to Aaron, Ken, Cece, and Judy: **Many Thanx!**

The next SRPM will be held on Saturday, November 7th. We've had plenty of room for additional shooters and we hope that you'll attend our next match. It's a lot of fun for \$10 and a box of 22 shells! See you there -- and bring a friend!

Trail Gun Plate Match

The next TGPM will be held on Saturday, October 3rd.

There will be some discussion about an addition side-event that's been proposed. This will be your chance learn about the subject and voice your opinions. Stick around after the match and see what's up!

So mark you calendars, sight-in that 22 pistol, and meet us on the 3rd. See you then!

Upcoming Changes to Operations on the Rifle and Pistol Ranges

There has been a recent spate of reported safety violations on the rifle and pistol ranges. Additionally, there's been considerable damage inflicted upon some of the

range infrastructure that will be difficult and costly to repair. (You've probably seen the closed lanes; this is the reason.) While we understand that these occurrences are not due to malice on the part of any of our members, they are due to those isolated cases of carelessness and inattentiveness. Due to these issues, there will be a number of changes taking place on the ranges in the near future. Most specifically, the club will be implementing a program of Range Safety Officers (RSOs) on the weekends. The volunteer RSOs will -- by necessity -- come from the large pool of club members that use the rifle and pistol ranges. Once the RSO program has been initiated, RSO supervision will be mandatory in order for the ranges to be open on the weekends. For those times that no member has volunteered to RSO, **the ranges will be closed.** Details of the RSO program will be released soon, so keep your eyes on the web-site and the Waltonian.

In the immediate future, the most noticeable changes will be made to the 25-yard rifle range. Because of the repeated use of the taller target frames meant for other distances, the 25-yard rifle berm was shot through again. This resulted in damage to the baffle uprights downrange, which has created a safety issue. To help prevent further problems, **the use of target frames is no longer permitted on the 25-yard rifle range.** In their stead, a pair of parallel steel cables will be strung horizontally across the front of the berm at the correct height. Over-sized binder clips will be provided to retain pieces of backing cardboard between the cables. The cardboard must be sized to **32" tall**, by (ideally) 26" wide. The cardboard height is critical, as it cannot extend beyond the cable or it will increase the risk of severing it. If any of the cables or binder clips should ever become damaged, notify the clubhouse immediately so that they can be replaced. By the time you read this, the cable system should be in place. Please take care of it; it was the sweat equity of your fellow club members that installed it!

Halloween Fun Shoot.

Remember to mark down this year's Halloween fun shoot on your calendars. October 31st there will be games, cash prizes, food, and you might even see me dressed up as a shotgun toting pirate, or maybe a trap shooting disco dancer. So bring the family, the guns, and come out and have a good time.

Registered Trap Shoot on Oct. 11.

Trap shooters, listen up. The club's final registered trap shoot this year is on October 11th. 100 singles, 100 handicap, and 50 pairs of doubles. This is it until next spring, so be sure to come out and shoot your fill.

Skeet shooters rejoice!

Two of the skeet machines that have been sent off to be rebuilt are back, and installed. They seem to be working much better than before. See if you can tell which ones they are by coming out and

shooting skeet! The rest of the machines are in the process of being rebuilt, so before too long all four fields will be operating like brand new. Now you have no reason to dust off that skeet shotgun and getting into the action.

Rifle range info.

I'd like to remind members that we are in the middle of sight-in season, so it is usually a good idea to call the club before coming out to get an update on bench availability. Often we have lines to get onto the rifle range in the mornings, but the crowd usually dies down in the afternoon. Also, please be extra careful on the rifle and pistol ranges this time of year. With the increase in traffic, everyone needs to be aware of what they and others are doing down there, so everything can have a safe and enjoyable experience at the range.

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.

A big big thanks are due to Mike Bennett, John and Pam Sherfesse, Andy Cripe, and Gina and Bob Allen for helping rebuild the fence between skeet fields 3 and 4. The wind had blown the fence over in August, and they came out with the heavy equipment and elbow grease needed to get it fixed. It looks great and hasn't blown over yet, despite the daily thunder storms. Volunteers like this help keep the club operating and looking great, and we could always use your help too! Don't be shy, if you have a couple spare hours come volunteer at the club!

Please remember to keep your speeds down in the parking lot and on the road to rifle and pistol.

Nick Sol has been doing a great job updating the web site, so be sure to give it a look. It is the most reliable and up to date way to find out about recent club happenings and upcoming events. We appreciate his dedication, so let him know that you think he's doing a great job, I'm sure he appreciates hearing positive feedback.

Mr. Lambert wants to help you!

From just starting out, to fine tuning or a complete overhaul, Larry can help you out. 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.

Wanted.

The club is in desperate need for full time trap help. The school year has kicked off, 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

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

Dean Blanchard.

Autumn Skeet League.

What a great league this has been so far. 30 participants are shooting the league, which has to be one of the biggest skeet leagues in years. It's not enough to satisfy us however, so if you didn't shoot this one, we definitely expect to see you signed up for the Spring Skeet League. Bill Willhoit has done an amazing job organizing and running the league, so a round of applause to him for putting in the work.

Plan for the future.

Winter trap league is right around the corner, with sign up the first Sunday in January. If you haven't shot in a Winter league, you're missing out. Winter league is the biggest league the club holds all year! The shooting is on Sunday mornings. Every squad has an assigned time, so no waiting on a field to be available if other teams got out to the club before you. Yes, it can get a little chilly, but that's half the fun. So be sure to bundle up and bring your buddies, we want a good turnout this year. We won't take no for an answer, so write it down and come on out!

Where is our club expansion?

I've been getting that question quite often lately, so here is a clarification. The club expansion has

been approved, and currently the contractor is working on the blueprints and trying to get a permit pulled so construction can begin. This can be a long process, as most everything needs to be engineered before Regional Building Department will stamp it off. However, the plans are coming along nicely, it shouldn't be too much longer before we get the approval, and we can start building. Once the first shovel hits the dirt, it will go by quickly, as this is an easy expansion. So bear with us, we should hopefully be seeing some progress at the club itself in the very near future.

Rifle Range Work Day

We had a rifle range work day on Saturday, September 19th. It was hard work and there was plenty of it! But the range is in much better shape for the effort. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers that made the outstanding results possible:

Bob Allen
Gina Allen
John Allis
Harry Caseldine
Mark Cerda
Andy Cripe
Mike Payne
Aaron Pelouze
Judy Wright
Tom Wright

Many Thanx, folks!!

We will be scheduling another work day in the near future to finish the pistol range. Keep an eye on the club's web-site for details.

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Upcoming Events

- October 3rd. Trail Gun Plate Match. Register at 9:00. Shoot at 10:00.
- October 11th. Registered Trap Shoot. Register at 8:30. Shoot at 9:00.
- October 31st. Halloween fun shoot. Starts at 10:00 am.

For Sale

For Sale: Fausti Side by Side. New in box. Choked improved cylinder and modified. \$700.00. Call Dan Treat 591-7188 day.

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Club Hours

The club is on its summer hours. Sun 9:00-5:00, Wed 9:00-Sunset, Thurs 9:00-5:00, Fri 9:00-Sunset, Sat 9:00-5:00

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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 Autumn Skeet League Week 3.	3	4	5 Smallbore Rifle Plate Match. 9:00am. 4-H State Shoot.
6 4H State Shoot	7 4H State Shoot	8	9 Autumn Skeet League Week 4.	10 Shriner's Club (Sporting Clays)	11 Shriner's Club (Trap)	12 Elk's Club (Trap)
13 ATA Trap Shoot.	14	15	16 Autumn Skeet League Week 5.	17	18 Broadmoor Rotary Club Clays on 19th - ----->	19 Proposed Rifle/Pistol Work Day.
20	21	22	23 Autumn Skeet League Week 6.	24	25 NRA Banquet @ Mr. Biggs.	26 World Warm Up NSSA
27 World Warm Up NSSA	28 Registered Sporting Clays Shoot on the 27th.	29	30 Autumn Skeet League Week 7.			

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				1	2 Pistol range will be closed on Saturday the 3rd to non-participants in the TGPM. -->	3 Trail Gun Plate Match. Starts 9:00am. C.S.U. Shoot.
4 C.S.U. Shoot.	5	6	7 Autumn Skeet League Week 8.	8	9	10
11 Registered Trap Shoot. Registration 8:30am.	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween Fun Shoot. Starts 10:00am