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PRESIDENTS POTSHOTS

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Welcome to the New Year, 2012! I would like to thank my fellow officers and all the club members for allowing me to serve as your President for the last two years. This is my final newsletter article as President. Being President was very challenging at times. I really felt the need for more club member involvement. We are sorely lacking for volunteers to serve in this great organization.

The date, time and location for the annual meeting has not been decided yet. As soon as that is determined, notice will be sent by email.

Thank you again. - Bill

NRA GRANT PROJECT

by Bill Price

The club received a \$5000.00 grant from the Oregon Friends of the NRA for partial development of a new road into the shot gun field. The road enters from NW 4th Avenue and allows easy access in the winter. We have the new road project started with the installation of a pipe at the road and at the ditch to allow crossing, installation of a fence and some of the gravel for the road base. The Friday after Thanksgiving, with the help of Monte, Todd and Allen from the Old Owyhee Ditch Co. we installed the pipes. John Pearce, with help from club members, put up the fence and removed the trees. DeWayne Bellows and his crew started building the road base by laying "pit-run" and graded the road. We still have work to do this spring. We need to install gates and posts at the new entrance and install inlet walls in the ditch at the crossing. Finally, we need to come up with more money for additional road mix to finish the project. The \$5000.00 grant helped defray a huge amount of the costs of the project but additional funding is needed to complete it. Thank

you to the Oregon Friends of the NRA for your help in this much needed improvement.



Personal Protection in the Home

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There is nothing going on in this venue right now and nothing on the horizon. I have written quite a bit on this in previous newsletters so I will keep this short. This class fulfills one of the requirements for obtaining a Concealed Carry Permit in Idaho or Oregon. It is a twelve hour course with about six hours of lecture and six hours of shooting. Cost is \$65.00 for SRS members and \$75 for non SRS members. Generally we meet for a two hour session at the shotgun clubhouse on Monday evenings starting at 7:00 PM Experience with handguns isn't necessary. I start at the level of the person with the least experience. We endeavor to make this a low key approach to this subject with no pressure on the student to perform to a certain level. Commitment on the student's part has never been a problem and the only thing I am a stickler on is safety. I can supply handguns if necessary and regardless of experience we always start with 22 caliber handguns before going on to center fire handguns Text books are provided.

If interested call me at 208 642-3556 or e-mail me at djbrown1@srvinet.com.

Indoor Small Bore Rifle and Pistol

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Idaho State R & P Postal's will start the first week of January. SRS will be fielding a Small Bore Rifle and Pistol Team. We are shooting on Friday night at 7:00 PM at the Nampa Rod and Gun Clun Indoor Range in Nampa. We will be car pooling from the Ontario Denny's parking lot leaving about 6:00 PM or you can drive over by yourself. (If you need directions to the Nampa Indoor Range call me at 208 642-3556 or e-mail me at djbrown1@srvinet.com and I will give them to you.

I have detailed the course of fire in previous newsletters but if you need that information contact me.

SRS has a number of high quality 22 target rifles and I have 22 caliber pistols suitable for competition that I would be willing to let you use. We can also supply some shooting coats, mats, gloves and spotting scopes if needed. Range fees are \$5.00 for non Nampa members and \$2.00 for Nampa members and we will supply targets.

Wither you are an experienced small bore competitor or a novice come out and enjoys an evening of shooting. I will need at least four competitors in Rifle and Pistol.

Terry Bowers informed me he won't be taking junior shooters over to Nampa this year. Too bad as he had a nice program going and the best way to get good in pistol or rifle marksmanship is to compete.

The season lasts ten weeks but you don't have to show up every Friday; just come when you can make it.

If you will be needing to borrow a rifle or pistol or accessories let me knowing advance and I will bring them otherwise I don't bring extra gear.

Last year we finished first in pistol and second in rifle, it would be nice to take first in rifle this year but I need more than 3/4 of a team to be competitive and the Boise Rifle and Pistol Club fields a pretty darned good pistol team so we will see what happens.

We can do on the spot instruction in rifle or pistol if you area newbie and Rod and I really enjoy doing that

600 Yard Bench Rest

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We had cold, but great weather for a good shooting day. Everyone enjoyed the day and had a really good time.

We had 11 shooters that all shot really well, we had really good conditions with no wind or mirage, just a little hazy.

Small group of the day was .913 a new 600yd record shot by Gary Christian, the first sub 1 inch group, great job. High score of the day was Dave Shrum with 188 very consistent

Shoot off was Chris Johnson, Tanner Furniss, Dave Shrum, Gary Christian Cris Johnson won group and score in shoot off, with a 1.29 group and 44 score, good shooting Chris.

Everyone is shooting really well, making for good competition and fun.

Next shoot will be January 21 weather permitting come and shoot with us for a fun time, bring a friend! Setup at 9:30 AM first shot downrange at 10:00AM. Would like to thank all shooters for their participation. For questions contact John or myself. John and Wayne Malmstrom

Hunter Education

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There is two hunter education class's coming up in the Ontario area. Dave Stiefvater and Dale Wickert will be starting a class on Feb. 6th. Dave's phone number is (541) 889-3933. In the Nyssa Adrian area Tom Witcraft and I will be starting a class on Jan. 24th. My phone number is (541) 372-3174. Thanks, Swede.

