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June flew past and summer came on the 21st of the month. With summer here, PLEASE remember the FIRE DANGER when at the range. Keep your vehicles on the roads or parking areas, and have shovel and water with you. And, NO SMOKING outside of your vehicle.

The club has been asked to help with the Hunter Education air rifle trailer at the Malheur County Fair. We need to volunteer to work the trailer for the fair. Ideally, we could volunteer to work the trailer for one complete day. Otherwise, please volunteer whenever you can during fair week. The trailer operates from when the fair activities open daily until it closes each evening. Dave Stiefvater is heading up the schedule. Please email Dave to let him know the time and day you can work. His email address is: Dave.Stiefvater@ontariooregon.org. The fair will be held from Tuesday, August 2 thru Saturday, August 6.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

High Power Rifle

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We shot a 600 yard Mid Range and Palma Match July 11th under typical July weather conditions. Not a cloud in the sky very little in the way of a breeze and very hot. All in all a good day to shoot if you can take the heat.

Match Rifle winner was Dick Foster with a 600-7 and First F Class was Tanner Furniss with a 621-20 while Dave Smith was close behind with a 621-15 in F Class.

We had ten competitors out for this match and two couldn't fire the entire course due to impending heat stroke. The heat does take its toll if you are out there for a full day of shooting without shade is sure to drink lots of water and know the early warning signs of possible heat stroke. Fortunately both of these individuals did and we were fortunate enough to have a MD on site that tended to the individuals involved. The following day we shot an n 800 aggregate Across the Course match under somewhat more favorable weather conditions in that while the temperature was about the same there was some cloud cover and there was a gentle breeze most of the day.

We had six competitors out for that match and match winner was Greg Lewis with a 728-7. First Expert was Rod Davis with a 718-13 and first Marksman was Richard Triebbien with a 699-5.

In August we will have our Military Bolt Action Match on Saturday. The 8th Jim Krogh will publish a Match Program elsewhere in this newsletter for that match Any Military Bolt Action Rifle that is Rack or Service grade and is essentially unaltered is allowed and ammunition must be military ball or the hand loaded equivalent. i.e. no match rifles or match ammunition. I have a number of 1903 Springfield's and 1917 Enfield's as well as M-2 Ball (30-06) available. The ammunition is 25 cents per round and must be fired on the line that day. Let me know if you would like to borrow one of my rifles (208 642-3556 or e-mail me at djbrown1@srvinet.com) All other pertinent information is in the Match program. This is one of our novelty matches and is in most cases shot more for fun than competition.

The following day Sunday the 9th we will shoot our regular 800 Aggregate Across the Course High Power Rifle Match. Sign up time is 8:30 M, cost is \$20.00. We have published a Match Program in previous newsletters so if you need information contact me at the phone or e-mail listed above. Again we have Club AR-15's and 223 ammunition is

available but I will need to know in advance if you require either.

We will continue to hold our regular Friday night practice High Power across the Course sessions the month of August. Start time is 6:00 PM, cost is \$5.00. We fire one of the four stages of standard HP Rifle across the Course Matches each Friday night. Give me a call or e-mail; in advance if you need a rifle or ammunition.

We will hold a Johnnie Appleseed Training session later in August. This is pretty much due to the efforts of Rod Davis and Rod has what is essentially a Match Program for this event elsewhere in this newsletter so you can refer to that for all the necessary information. Rod sets this up and runs it along with the trainers the Appleseed organization sends out. Rod spends a lot of time in setting this up and running it as well as paying for some of the expenses out of his own pocket and for that we are thankful.

Basically this is offered as an introduction to rifle marksmanship to those individuals who may just want to learn to shoot a rifle well and are not necessarily interested in High Power Rifle Competition It is a two day even Although you can shoot either Saturday or Sunday by itself I would suggest, if possible, you shoot both days for the maximum effect. You will do lots of live fire exercises and be treated to some early American Revolutionary War history you may not be fully aware of.

Personal Protection in the Home

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I will be starting a new I Personal Protection in the Home Class Monday July 11th at 7:00 PM at the Ontario Shotgun Club House.

So far we only have two individuals signed up for this class so there is plenty of room for more students This Class fulfills one of the requirements for obtaining a Concealed Carry License in Idaho or Oregon.

It is the standard NRA Personal Protection in the Home class and it consists of twelve or perhaps slightly more hours of instruction (that depends on

the experience level of the class, if inexperienced it may require an additional hour or two) and live firing at the Vale Range. The class is about evenly divided time wise between lecture and live fire and the cost is \$75.00 for non SRS students and \$65 for SRS members.

In the live fire portion we start with air guns and then graduate to 22 long rifle pistols and finally center fire pistols, usually 38 Specials You can either use your own handguns or we can provide you with the appropriate handguns at no additional fee.

We supply text books and can supply eye and hearing protection or you can supply your own eye and ear protection. You will also supply about two boxes of 22 long rifle ammunition and one box of center fire pistol ammunition. I will cover all of that the first night.

There will be one session in the lecture portion which is taught by Charles Oakes, a practicing Attorney in Ontario. Charles covers the legal aspect of using deadly force and a number of avoidance techniques. IT IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL THAT YOU KNOW WHEN YOU CAN AND WHEN YOU CAN'T USE DEADLY FORCE and Charles, who is also NRA qualified to teach this course, covers that in detail. If you make a mistake here it could mean jail time and/or the loss of thousands of dollars.

Generally we find that a number of our students have either no or very little experience in shooting handguns so we always start at the very beginning of basic handgun marksmanship and safe gun handling. I endeavor to run a pretty relaxed class, i.e., no pressure as I have found, over the years, that most beginning handgun shooters have already placed enough pressure on themselves without the instructor adding any more. So if you are a neophyte when it comes to shooting we will do our very best to accommodate you.

I am a stickler for safety but have found out that when you explain what the safety procedures are and why we do each of them it hasn't been a problem when dealing with adults.

By starting with the air pistol and then going to 22 handguns and finally center fire handguns I have only found about two individuals in twenty plus years of teaching who couldn't become a reasonably proficient

center fire handgun shooter. This is basically a baby step, baby step approach which I have found works out quite well for new shooters.

Of course if I do happen to get a class of all experienced shooters we can eliminate some of the beginning shooter approach but I can only think of a couple of classes where we had that mix. If there is just one inexperienced shooter that is the level we start at and it is always amazing how quickly the new shooter catches up with the more experienced shooter

This is a coed class and husband and wife teams are quite common.

Since I am retired I can usually work out whatever days work best for the majority of the class. Usually it is Monday evenings for the lecture and a Saturday for the shooting portion which comes at the end of the class but that isn't written in stone and we have done two Saturday sessions, a Saturday and Sunday or about any other combination that works out for the students.

If you are interested in getting in on this class or future classes contact me at either 208 642-3556 or e-mail me at djbrown1@srvinet.com.

Shotgun

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The shotgun range is still staying very busy. I would like to thank Bill, Will, Jim, Steven, and Charles for their help in getting the new traps in house one and four. The units are up and running and throwing very good targets. Our next Registered PITA shoot is on July 16th and 17th. Also we're having a fifty target junior shoot on the 16th before the start of the registered shoot. I think we will have a good turnout for this shoot so we can use a lot of help. The lead shot and supplies are selling very well so if you need some stuff let me know. We'll still opening at 4:00pm on Thursday to give all a chance to shoot.

YHEC

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All five of the kids that have been working with YHEC this year went to Redmond, Oregon for the state event on June 11-12. It was the first state

competition for Clay, Jensen and Taylor. One of our junior competitors, Boston, placed 3rd in the Hunter Safety Trail. Will, senior division, placed 3rd in Orienteering. They all represented our club proudly and all did very well.

Thank you to all of the club members for helping the YHEC kids with practice, supplies and for providing great ranges for practicing.

PRACTICAL PISTOL

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The pistol matches have been on and off for the first part of the year. We will be having a match on July 23rd starting at 10 a.m.

Hope to see you at the match.

Bench Rest

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We had a good turnout of shooters weather was great and we also had a new shooter. Gary Vanlier

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| 1st | Gary Vanlier | .419 | |
| 2nd | Josh Mikojima | .4284 | small group .589 |
| 3rd | John Malmstrom | .4307 | |
| 4th | Clarence Appleford | .4487 | |
| 5th | Dave Schrum | .531 | |

We shot at 200yds the wind was iffy at times.

We will shoot 100yds July 2 2011 at 9AM.

See you all there John.

Small Rifle Silhouette

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No more shoots are scheduled at the resent time.