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Monthly Newsletter

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With fall now here, shooting activities are winding down for the year.

Indoor shooting for the winter will probably be starting in November. Please watch the newsletter for location and times. A new location locally for indoor shooting hasn't been found so we will most likely be going to Nampa again.

Congratulations to all of you that are hunting this fall. Stay safe and good luck filling your tags.

High Power Rifle

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On September tenth and eleventh we held the final matches of the 2011 High Power Rifle Season. On Saturday, the tenth, we held an NRA Approved 600 yard Midrange Match and a Palma Long Range Match (the Palma is shot at 800, 900 and 1,000 yards; fifteen rounds at each range). Match Winner was Jeff Williamson with a 631-14x out of a possible 650 points, First Expert/Sharpshooter was Tanner Furniss with a 617-19 and First Marksman was Rod Davis with a 527-6.

Conditions were generally favorable with moderate heat and moderate winds as the afternoon progressed. Not too bad for Eastern Oregon in early September.

On the following day, Sunday the eleventh, we shot an 800 Aggregate High Power Rifle Match under equally favorable conditions Match winner was Rod Davis with a 721 -4 First Master was Greg Lewis with a 684-7 and First Expert was Ethan Davis with a 720-16. I think this is the second time this year Rod has outscored his son, not bad for an old guy.

I would like to thank all who participated and especially Rod Davis for filling in for me when I couldn't make it. It sure makes my life a lot easier knowing things are in capable hands when I am out of town.

Personal Protection in the Home

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I am back from elk hunting for awhile and would expect to be starting a new Personal Protection Class in the near future. This Class fulfills one of the requirements for obtaining a Concealed Carry Permit in Idaho or Oregon. The Class we use is the NRA Personal Protection in the Home Class and consists of approximately twelve hours of lecture and actual shooting.

The class, as we teach it, is geared for novice students as we find most of our students fall into that category and if you are an old hand with a handgun we can accommodate you too. We start at the very beginning of handgun marksmanship and safety and try to teach a hassle free class as we believe most adults learn best in a friendly relaxed atmosphere. We generally start with air guns and progress to 22 caliber handguns and finally center fire handguns as we find this progression from the non intimidating air gun to the .22 and finally the center fire pistol works out best for beginning students.

This class includes a segment on the use of deadly force and methods of avoiding the use of deadly force taught by Charles Oakes, an Ontario Attorney, who is very well qualified to teach this part of the course. Knowing when you can and can't use deadly force may well make the difference of possible jail time and the loss of thousands of dollars should you use deadly force incorrectly. This portion of the Class is an eye opener for most of our students who have found the things they assumed regarding the use of deadly force in many cases weren't correct.

Generally we hold the course on the weekday evening that works out best for most of the students generally starting at 7:00PM and finishing at 9:00 PM and doing the shooting at the Vale Range on a Saturday. I am fairly flexible as to the dates or starting times and we can generally work out something time and date wise as long as we get in the required time in class and on the range. We can provide handguns in 22 caliber and 38 Special, 9mm or 45 Auto or you can use your own as long as they are mechanically safe. You will need to supply 22 caliber ammunition and whichever center fire ammunition you will be using. We will supply text books and can supply eye and hearing protection or again you can supply your

own. I do require both eye and ear protection for this course. I will cover all of that in detail the first night.

Cost is \$75.00 for non SRs members and \$65.00 for SRS members.

If you are interested in taking this course or have questions regarding the course you can contact me at 208 642-3556 or e-mail me at djbrown1@srvinet.com and I will get your name on the list or endeavor to answer your questions.

Indoor Small Bore Rifle and Pistol

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I would expect to start the Indoor Small Bore Rifle and Pistol sometime in December and I would expect to start the Idaho State Rifle and Pistol Association Postal's about the first week or two of January. There is still no word on the availability of the Oregon National Guard indoor Range in Ontario. They still have an air circulation problem which has been ongoing since the building first was built and until that is solved we won't be shooting there so we will, in all probability, be using the Nampa Rod and Gun Club's Indoor Range on Friday nights. The local people associated with the Guards Armory are doing their best to solve the problem but until Salem gets its act together it is going to be awhile but we remain hopeful and sometime in the not too distant future we may actually be using the Guard Range. We pretty much have a working agreement with them concerning our use of the Range we just have to get the air circulation problem fixed.

Watch the November Newsletter for dates

Bench Rest

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We had a few people shoot v f s and the wind was tricky again.

1 st	Clarence	Appleford	250-13x
2 nd	Gary	Paananen	248-10x
3 rd	Gary	Christian	244-10x

Oct 1 2011 bench rest will be canceled because of the vale range will be used for the filming of the Oregon Trail history watch for the news letter.

600Bench Rest

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We had good weather for a good shooting day. Everyone enjoyed the day and had a really good time.

We had 12 shooters that all shot really well, we had really good conditions with a little wind.

Small group of the day was 1.5 shoot by Tanner Furniss, High score of the day was Casey McDonald with 188.

Shoot off was Casey McDonald, Tanner Furniss, Steve Simmons, Gary Paananen, Tanner won group and score in shoot off.

Next shoot will be October 15, come and shoot with us for a fun time, bring a friend!

Setup at 8:00 AM first shot downrange at 9:00AM.

We would like to thank all shooters for their participation. For questions contact John or myself.

PRACTICAL PISTOL

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We had 5 shooters at the September match. We shot lots of steel and had lots of fun.

The next match will be Saturday, October 22nd. Please note the start time is 10:00 a.m.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions prior to the match.

MEMBERSHIP

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It's that time of the year again; yes that's right, Renew Your Snake River Sportsmen Membership.

If you are not a current 2011 member and register for membership now, you will get the last three months (October, November, and December) of this year free, and you are automatically updated to 2012 membership status.

Please make sure you check your email address and it is correct.

If you have any questions please let me know.

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Have a great 2012, Shoot straight and be Safe.