

LANDER VALLEY SPORTSMEN NEWS

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Are you ready for another summer of shooting sports? As you saw in the last newsletter, the club has a great variety of events and you are encouraged to take part in them. I remember the mental challenge of 'showing how poorly I shoot' before my first event. Get over that!! You'll be shooting against yourself and trying to improve your skills.

Some of you got to see the air gun booth at the Winter Fair. We have been asked to set it up and staff it for the Fremont Co. Fair. That takes people. We do not need to be set up for all the days of the fair. Dates this year are July 26 to Aug 2. Lets try for July 31 to Aug 2. Contact Roger 335-9323 or Tom 330-4065 if you will help.

The Junior shooters will have the booth set for a fun day while they also have a fund raising brat-burger-dog sale at the Garfield St. fire hall on June 6th. Give them your support and have lunch with them. They plan to attend an Olympic Training Center program next fall and funds raised will go toward that trip.

As reminder, only targets hung on the carriers are to be used at the indoor range. It appears that some 'tin can' shooting has been occurring by the damage done to the lower backstop boards and the bullet tracks on the floor. At the outdoor range **do NOT use the coffer dam rail road ties as targets or target holders!** There are 2x2 target holders set in the ground at ranges from 25 yards to 600 yards. The club tries to keep a few target holders available for your use but suggest you build one for your use. That way you know that you will have a workable holder when you arrive to shoot. It seems the club furnished ones get the support leg damaged as soon as they are put out. Members, please be more considerate!

Work nights will be starting again Monday evenings as of June 2nd. Watch the web site and your email for the filling of the tire wall with gravel, indoor range repair of backstop and brush cutting.

Paul Steinkemp has a new sign and will be installing it at the gate soon. Thank you. Also a big THANK YOU to Dave Langerman and Jack Simkin for all the hours they put in chairing the Winter Fair booth. Thank you also to those that served shifts. Many shooters enjoyed the new electronic timed falling plate action with the Crosman repeaters. Did anyone beat Mike Pattyn's 1.2 seconds?

The drawing of moose, sheep and goat tags should be hitting your mailbox soon. Be sure to get your G&F applications in before May 31 if you want one of the limited elk, deer and antelope licenses.

Enclosed are tickets for this year's rifle raffle. Purchase a bunch and sell even more to your friends. The One Shot Association donated the majority of the rifles' cost. The Good Place was very helpful in the purchase of the package. Thanks Doug and Marla.

AND THE WINNER'S of the offices until July 2010 are: President Roger Sebesta, Vice-Pres Carolyn Cain, Sec./Treasurer, Tom Banks, Chief instructor, Dan Thomas, and Chief Range Officer, Bruce Campbell. Chip Williams and Jack Simkin were elected to serve on the board until 2012. Fred Tammany and Dudley Irvine BOD terms go to 2010. Did you hear the train?? Can you spell railroad??

The outdoor shooting season has started. Bruce Campbell directed the 100 shot offhand match April 13. The day was pleasant, with the winning score of 919 posted by Sebesta. On April 19, Mike Pattyn ran the National Match Course during high gusting winds. The shooters elected to shorten the program to 60 shots and was won by Sam Chopping of Casper. The small bore prone event directed by Dan Thomas on Apr 27 and was won by Bruce Campbell with 982-39X; Top junior & 2nd was Tyler Christopherson, Laramie, 973-24X. Tom Spriggs took 3rd place with 971-33X.

The indoor season ended with the 3P air rifle Championship directed by Pat McCoy. Twenty-three juniors from around the state shot it out April 26th. Dustin Chesebro, Laramie is precision State Champ with a great score of 591/600. Ellie True, Casper topped the sporter gun competition to earn her 1st State Champion trophy by posting 497. Lander's Alicia Espinosa won the silver in J3 (14 & under] with 378. Be safe and enjoy the shooting sports.

Best wishes Roger Sebesta, President

A long time member of LVSA, Mrs. Doris Clark, passed away early this year at the age of 90. She and her husband were avid shooters and contributed a great deal to L.V.S.A., earning them lifetime memberships. The bylaws allows up to 3 exceptional members to be recognized by lifetime memberships. At the April meeting, nominations for a new lifetime member were opened and Pat McCoy was nominated and approved unanimously. Pat has been a tireless participant in this organization for many years and this recognition is richly deserved. Congratulations and many thanks to Pat!

For our newer members, this is the last newsletter that will be mailed until September. A dues notice for 2009 membership will be mailed in August. If you have any questions about your membership, please do not hesitate to call me at 330-4065. Have a fun summer!

Tom Banks, Secretary/Treasurer