

Oakdale Sportsmen's Club News The Golden Pheasant April 2015

President's Corner—by Wayne Elam

Spring is in the air, flowers are blooming, the sun is shining, weeds are growing, and the days are getting longer. Everybody is starting to get that urge to start doing things outside. Speaking of working outside; we had a good turnout of volunteers at our club's work day. The board and I would like to thank everybody for their hard work, the club looks so much better.

Right around the corner is our 22nd annual Steak and Oyster dinner/fundraiser on Saturday May 2nd. This is not our regular "monthly dinner meeting", so it is open to members, non-members, women and children. If you still need tickets, they are going fast and we usually sell out, contact John Word @ (209)505-5002. This is our club's major fundraiser. If you work at a business, or know somebody that owns a business that would be willing to donate a raffle prize or gift certificate. Please ask them to make a donation to your club. All Donors will be given full recognition at the dinner.

The trap tarps have been reworked for now. I would like to personally thank Ryan and Justin Mendes for all of their hard work in taking down and putting up the new trap curtain. I hope that when you see them you would do the same. In the near future we will be doing some changes to move the trap curtain back, to let the shot slow down just a little bit more, to help the trap tarps last longer. For those of you that don't know what the trap curtain is for; the trap curtain is to keep the lead shot out of the river. To all the trap shooters out there; remember when you are shooting at our club, to use no hotter than 3 dram equivalent (1200 ft/sec) shotgun shells and no bigger than 7 ½ shot. We need to make these tarps last as long as we can.

Safety is always an issue at our club. We want you and everyone around you to be safe. In February we had a momentary lapse of safety and one of our members was injured. He had to be taken away in an ambulance, and has to go through many operations with the hope of being able to keep his sight. The member was shooting some hand loads through his rifle, evidently there was something wrong with his shells, as the brass was not extracting from the chamber after being fired. The member was using a cleaning rod to dislodge the stuck brass. On the last occasion the member failed to remove the cleaning rod from the barrel of his rifle, and then fired another round. When doing so the, bolt and breach of his rifle exploded, shrapnel went into the face and eyes of the member.

The shooter was wearing safety glasses, but the shrapnel went under the glasses, as I understand it. Please be safe, it only takes a second to change your life forever. Please keep this member in your prayers.

As always, if you see somebody doing something unsafe, say something to that person, or let the on-duty range safety officer (RSO) know. If you see something at your club that you believe is unsafe, let me, your President know. Wayne Elam (209) 541-7420 or cabugman@fire2wire.com

Trap Section Report—by Teddy Johnson

This has been a very busy time for the Trap Section. OSC and Safari Club USA member Tom Brennan III gave the Trap Section a donation check from the Safari Club USA for \$8,253 to buy a Pat Trap machine. Thanks goes to OSC Members Dave Gorman, Derrel Hardy and Scott Cole for installing the new machine. OSC Member Dave Gorman then shipped the old Pat Trap to have the company make needed repairs. The same three OSC members then installed the machine for trap use.

Thanks goes to OSC members Ryan Mendes, Justin Mendes, Steve Evans and Board Member Josh Dixon for making the Trap Tarps repairs in the last three weeks.

Uncase your shotgun and come shoot with us. We are open Wednesdays at 2p and Saturdays 10a to 2p.

Rifle Section Report—by Chris Bailey

We missed putting the January competition results in the newsletter. The January results are: Varmint- Brent Altieri; Rimfire- Brent Altieri; Lever- Warren Brier; Ar-15- Vernon Gladney; Military- Preston Dreyer Cowboy- Vernon Gladney; RU Warren Brier The results from the match in March follows: Heavy Varmint- Brent Altieri; Military- Preston Dreyer Ar-15- Vernon Gladney; Rimfire- Brent Altieri Lever- Vernon Gladney; BP Cart- Julio Rosa

What a great day for shooting! The weather was nearly perfect and the competition strong. Vernon Gladney won the cowboy action class with Julio Rosa a close second. Our next shoot should be exciting, come join us Saturday April 18th 9am. This date is offset one week due to the Oakdale Rodeo.

Pistol Section Report—by James Grassmidt III

On Sunday March 1, at our Fun Shoot, we had 152 guns. At our Cowboy Fast Draw Shoot on March 14 we had 26 shooters. On Sunday March 15, at our U.S.P.S.A. Match we had 98 guns. Mining the Pistol Bays is completed and we set an Archery container between Bays 2 & 3. A great big thank you to Wayne at Reliable Tow for picking this up and delivering this to us at no charge!!! I have a few other projects in the works on clean up day. Hope to see many of you out there.

Next Shoots

April 5 - Fun Shoot; April 11 - Cowboy Fast Draw
April 19 - U.S.P.S.A. Match; May 3 - NO FUN MATCH
May 8 - 9 Cowboy Fast Draw; May 17 - U.S.P.S.A. Match
Shoot Fast! Shoot Straight! Be Safe!

Oakdale Sportsmen's Club Schedule:

Members' Dinner: The cost of meals may have to fluctuate and will not all be the same price. Your Board is taking this issue under consideration currently.

April meal is April 7 and is Steaks by Julio Rosa, Annual menu: Jan—no meal; Feb—Cioppino; March—Corned Beef and Cabbage; April—Steaks; May—Mexican; June—Past President's meal, steaks; July—no meal; Aug—Steaks; Sept—Steaks; Oct—German; Nov—Fish Fry; Dec—Whole Pig. Always Social hr 5:30p. Dinner 7:30p or when ready.

22nd Steak and Oyster Dinner May 2. Contact John Word at cell 505-5002 or email at wordjohn@sbcglobal.net .

Trap League shoots April 12, May 3 Range closed all day.

Cowboy Fast Draw Regional Match—Range closed at noon May 8 and all day May 9.

Hall Rentals—Oct 10,

Pistol Fun Shoot—April 5 at 10a; **USPSA shoot,** April 19 at 10a

Cowboy Fast Draw—April 11 at 10a a

Rifle Competition—April 18 9a **Cowboy rifle 10a**

CCW Classes are available through The Madison Society. Go to www.http://madison-society.org/ for information.

Trap Wednesdays 2p and Saturdays 10a to 2p

Archery Shooting—Monday night shooting 5:30p

Rifle Range Open Thursday and Saturday 9a to 1p .

The kitchen Section—Wed 5:30p to 8:30p

Board of Directors Meeting—April 14 - 7:30p

We have a new Secretary, Sean Morgan. (top picture.) Thanks Sean for stepping up

Preston Dreyer new record lever action class reported last month—100 7x

