

# Oakdale Sportsmen's Club News *The Golden Pheasant* September 2016

## President's Corner, September 2016

The August meal was steaks and Pistol Section Head Bruce Whitacre was in charge. His crew did a great job serving the 158 members and guests. The raffle also was a success with Beryl Graybill providing an engraved .410 O/U shotgun, shells, 500 rounds of 22LR, and a premium gun bag. This was possible due to networking with member Doug Jaeger, owner of Shooters Supply & Warehouse. It was nice to meet several new members who attended their very first dinner meeting.

We have accepted 50 new members above our 700-member cap recently to test a new electronic dues payment method. Our plan is to make this available for dues renewal in 2017, giving added convenience for our members. This also is a significant reduction in cycle time and work load to our Membership and Newsletter Board positions. We are currently evaluating our Club's capacity with the recent improvements and increased headcount. Stay tuned for more details as we head into October dues renewal.

The Board recently approved an increase in the annual dues to \$96.00 in 2017, which is a \$12 increase. If you take a few minutes to consider the value of what our Club provides compared to any other shooting range or outdoor club within reasonable driving distance, you will quickly see the increase in dues is far less annually than anything out there.

I'm pleased to announce two new appointments to the Board. First, Board of Director Dave Bellington is our new Bar Section Head. He takes over a very productive and established section from Hal Walthers after training for the last 8 months. Hal will continue as our Trap Section Head, and I want to thank Hal for his diligent work and years of service building up and maintaining a very successful Bar Section and Trap Section. I also want to welcome newly appointed Board of Director John Schiro who has backfilled the vacant board position. John is an avid rifle shooter, and is a core member who has worked across all sections supporting club functions, and is active on projects from work days. I'd also like to thank Board Secretary, Sean Morgan who lead the efforts to update the verbiage and have the signs fabricated.

The Board is actively looking to fill our open Treasurer position. Steve Lyda resigned from the Board after 2 1/2 years of service. Steve brought automation, lean principles, and a new degree of transparency to the position and we thank him for his service and wish him well in his future endeavors.

We will also have three board seats up for election this December. If you are an engaged person and want to become active on the Board, please call me. I can provide the requirements and invite you to a board meeting in Sept, Oct, or Nov to address the board. All board appointments and nominated positions are dues free!

On August 6th we had a scheduled work day. We had a decent turn out with 23 members in attendance. This was a clean-up day which filled two large trash bins. All Section containers were cleaned and organized, we cleared the weeds from the trap range and south hillside, repaired archer butts, built new target stands, discarded old belting and trap tarps and were served a proper lunch by our own Kitchen Section Head Matt Brown.

### Final Thoughts

- There are absolutely no long guns or rifle caliber pistols allowed in Bay 1 & 2. We have disciplined yet another member for violating this rule.
- Be safe and read the new range, pistol, & rifle rules that are posted. If you have a guest, it is your responsibility to ensure your guest reads and adheres to our rules. They are for everyone's safety. Ask if you don't know.
- The board is now actively looking to fill board Treasurer. We are also taking candidate requests for upcoming board seats this December. The board preference is to interview all interested candidates in advance of the December dinner meeting election.

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**Member's Dinner is Tuesday  
September 6th:  
The September meal is  
Steaks!  
Social hour 5:30p. Dinner 7:30p.**

## September Dinner Raffle

Henry U.S Survival AR-7 Rifle

### Calendar

All events and match information can be found on our web site at [oakdalesportsmensclub.com](http://oakdalesportsmensclub.com)

### Section Reports

#### Rifle—August Results:

Heavy Varmint: Brent Altieri .263 group size

Light Varmint: John Shiro 1.297, D.L.: 1.53, Mike Shrunck 3.90

Hunter: D.L.

Modified Military: Vern Gladney

Rim Fire: Brent Altieri, John Shiro, Mike Shrunck

Lever: John Shiro

\*New category- Cap and Ball revolver: Karl Fierling, Vern Gladney, Mike Shrunck

#### Pistol

Our section has been blessed with great people that not just shoot but also help. We had a work day and got a lot of repairs and cleaned up the Pistol bays. It truly is a team effort to run this Section. Also would like to thank the kitchen section, Matt and his crew for keeping us fed and hydrated thru the hot days of summer. The Aug 7th Fun shoot had 101 guns go thru 5 fast and fun stages. Lots of paper targets mixed with steel and tricky disappearing targets. Our Cowboy Range has been completed enough to have a multi-State pot shoot. Jimmy Grassmidt has worked tirelessly to make this happen. On Aug 13th, we had 56 shooters come to play and try to take money and trophies back home with them. I saw more than a hand full of world champions and national champions too. Tough day to win with all the top guns trying to put a x on you!!! After the shoot we served a pistol section steak dinner. A big thanks to Jimmie's family for all there help too. Our next USPSA shoot will be on Aug. 21st Until then be safe and keep cool. Bruce

#### Archery

Archery season is here! We will close on 8/22. See you in the field and send me some pictures of your archery kills!

Aaron