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Archery Range Approved

Our Board of Directors has approved a 10-point cement pad (4'x40'), for archery shooters. The range will be located at the upper level of our facilities. It will have one 8 foot raised section to aid with practice from an elevated shooting position. The Allegan and Kalamazoo Chapters of Whitetails generous contribution made this project possible. This will be a free service to SMGC members. However, guests will be asked to pay \$5.00 per use. Dick B. will oversee construction of, and rules for, the range. Dick is already talking about summer leagues, archery hunter safety clinics, and other clinics to hone your archery skills. Construction should start in May.

NRA BASIC PISTOL INSTRUCTORS

Six club members recently took the NRA Basic Pistol Instructor course. They will soon be certified, and are anxious to begin teaching hand gun safety classes. If anyone is interested, please contact us. This is for all club members, not just the Ladies. Please spread the word.



Annual Dues Increase

Your Board of Directors has successfully operated this club for a number of years, at our current membership rates, despite continuing cost increases, ranging from insurance to natural gas. During this time, we have seen member and organizational use of both our indoor and outdoor ranges significantly increase. We are offering more shooting events, at more ranges, than ever in the history of Southern Michigan Gun Club, and members are responding enthusiastically.

Unfortunately, as costs have increased, income has not kept pace. This created the need for a thorough board review of club operations, and recommendations to maintain viability. The board voted unanimously that a \$5.00 per year membership fee increase is a reasonable minimum to help in that effort. You will see this reflected in your membership renewal, which should be arriving shortly.

Thank you for your support and understanding. We will continue to provide the best safe shooting value in this area. If you would like to contact any Board of Director member, our information is located on your newsletter or through our website, www.southernmichiganclub.com.

Thank you. - SMGC Board of Directors

Targeting a Cure

On June 21, we will again host a shoot to benefit the Susan G. Komen for the Cure organization. Komen for the Cure is an international organization devoted to saving the lives of, empowering, ensuring quality care of, and energizing science to find cures for women suffering from breast cancer. Last year's event was a great success, raising over \$3,000. We want to do even more this year. This is a great way to enjoy your club's various shooting activities while contributing to an important effort. Please watch for details in next month's newsletter as well as on the web site. If you would like further information about the Komen organization, please visit their website at www.komen.org.

RSO and Safety Corner

by Greg A.

Following a winter which stayed too long, the weather is becoming good for participation in the outdoor shooting sports. Get outside and participate on the rifle or pistol ranges. Also, try the PPC, .40 Bore Rifle, Bench Rest .22 Rifle, CMP, or High Power Rifle matches. Break a few clay targets using the Lincoln target throwers, shoot a round or two of skeet, or maybe try 5 Stand for a little more challenge. You are a member of one of the more active gun clubs in Michigan, with several opportunities to participate in the shooting sports.

When you use the lower ranges, think about the volunteers who are providing safety oversight for the range that day. They are club members who have chosen to attend training to become a range safety officer, and are volunteering a few hours of their time, every month or so, to keep SMGC the safest gun club in Michigan. A quick "thank you" to them for their efforts is always appreciated.

If you are interested in becoming an NRA certified/trained RSO, please contact IHMSAGreg@aol.com

Division Reports

Light Rifle

by Dale D.

SMGC's last indoor light rifle match for this season was held April 8th. Winner of the "All Standing" match was Ron S. (284-6x), 2nd place Chuck C. (267-1x) and 3rd place Kerry R. (255-3x). The National Match Course winner was Ron S. (296-9x). 2nd place was a tie between Max W. (267-3x) and Chuck C. (267-3x). The door prize, a Winchester 4-14 rifle scope, was won by Kerry R., (no more excuses Kerry). It was donated by **On Target**, who supplied all door prizes for Light Rifle. Please show your support, and drop by On Target to see all their wonderful rifles, pistols and supplies.

Thanks to all the shooters who supported Light Rifle, and hope to see you when the season starts up next winter. Special thanks go out to Ron S., our match director, for all his hard work and commitment to SMGC light rifle. Ron is an exemplary rifle shooter and a true friend to SMGC.

.22 Bench Rest

by Dale D.

April 15th was the beginning of SMGC's .22 Bench Rest matches. Seven shooters tried to keep their bullets as close to the bulls eye as possible on a blustery April day. Curt D. won the 13.5# class with 227-3X, Ron M. won the 10.5# class with 229-1X, and Ron S. won the Sporter Class with 235-4x.

Bench Rest matches are shot at our 50-yard range with front and rear bags allowed. Any sights are also allowed. It might seem easy to hit the 3/8" bull, but it is a true challenge with the wind blowing. Our baffles also create many different down drafts to help complicate accurate shooting.

Almost anyone has a rifle that can be competitive. 10-22's, CMP surplus rifles or just the plain old squirrel rifle can be used. Rifles are put on a scale to determine which class you will be shooting in. To request a copy of the rules please email me.

Matches start at 5:30 PM, and all are welcome. Please put these dates on your shooting calendar: May 6 and 20, June 3 and 17, July 8 and 22, Aug 5 and 19 and Sept 2 and 16.

.40 Bore

by Jim C.

SMGC has a fun match designed around rifles of .40 caliber and larger. We shoot off hand at 50 yards, 10 shots per large Buffalo target, 20 rounds total, but we give 5 sighters. Open sights only, peeps are allowed but no scopes. You will see original 1894's, plenty of lever actions, some bolts, weird conversions and some Sharps...calibers run from .45 ACP, 45 Long Colts 45-70's and some larger. Quick and easy, matches start at the SMGC 50 yard range at 10:00 AM, and are usually finished around 11:30 AM. New rule for 2008, palm rest and hooked butt plates are now allowed.

Match Dates: April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 13, October 4.

Women's Division

by Sheila Hoekstra

May 10, we will be doing an intro to CMP (Civil Marksmanship Program) Rifle. Shooting it will start at 10:00 AM. If you're interested, please call so we can get an idea for ammo. We'll shoot the M1 Garands and the AR-15's (Those are my favorite.). June will be Shotgun.

The 2nd annual Targeting a Cure Breast Cancer Shoot is June 21st. If any one is interested in volunteering that day (or before) please contact me at 330-4279. Looks like we'll have some guns for door prizes again this year.

22 Plates

We've moved to the outdoor range the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, at 6:00 PM. We will be shooting .22 only on the steel, using HANDGUNS & RIFLES. Please use standard ammo only (hollow points are OK). ALL ARE WELCOME, not just women. We won't be keeping score, or handing out any great prizes at the end of a shoot. Come have some fun. You will need at least 2 magazines and 100 rounds. See ya on the range.

For Sale/Wanted

Wanted, Land to lease for hunting purposes. Small group of experienced, ethical, and safe SMGC members are seeking multiple parcels of land to place under hunting lease, primarily for deer hunting purposes. If you know of anyone who might be interested in leasing property for hunting to a limited number of SMGC members, please contact Greg A. (See newsletter.) or email IHMSAGreg@aol.com

For Sale ... leather crafting supplies and tools Punches, cutters, and dies. 330-4279.

Several Guns for Sale

1. PARA-ORDNANCE P14-45: .45 ACP, barrel: 5 inch, receiver: steel, finish: black, (3) 14 round clips. Excellent condition. \$450.00.
2. BERETTA A391 3.5 Xtrema: Semi-automatic, 12 Gauge, 3 1/2 inch, steel shot, 30 inch barrel, 5 choke tubes, camouflage mossy oak. Brand new extra barrel: Camouflage Real Tree Hardwoods, 24 inch with 5 choke tubes. Fired only 1 time, like new in box. \$1250.00.
3. REMINGTON 1187 PREMIER: Semi-Automatic, 12 ga, 21 inch fully rifled cantilever deer barrel, enhanced receiver engraving, camouflage sling, LEUPOLD 47300 VARI-X II scope 1-4x2mm matte shotgun, new Remington (gun with scope) case. Like new. \$1500.00.
4. HENRY Lever Action .22: .22 short, long or long rifle, 15 round .22 LR capacity, grooved receiver for scope, adjustable rear sights, American Walnut stock, made in USA., BRAND NEW IN BOX NEVER USED. \$200.00.
5. RUGER 10/22: .22 Long Rifle autoloading rifle, hardwood stock, BRAND NEW IN BOX NEVER USED. \$175.00

Call Shawn M. (See newsletter.) or email
max300@sbcglobal.net

Quote of the Month

Beware the man who only has one gun. HE PROBABLY KNOWS HOW TO USE IT!!!

PURPOSE OF THE SMGC: "The object of the organization shall be the encouragement of the organized shooting sports among citizens of the United States resident to our area, and to facilitate the safe handling and use of firearms by those citizens. It shall be the further object and purpose of the organization to assure the continuation of the organized shooting sports through competitive sponsorship, applicable training, and safe facilities." SMGC BY-LAWS, ARTICLE II: OBJECT

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES: Total membership in January was 801. Current dues structure: New Members, \$75; Renewal, \$55; Senior Renewal, \$25; New Senior, \$45; Life Member, \$750; Senior Life Member, \$250. *Note: Membership privileges, except for voting, will be extended to the spouse and dependent children, from 10-18 years of age, of a regular member. Contact the Membership Secretary for further details of SMGC membership applications and conditions.*

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