



The Smokepole

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"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

*Second Amendment
Constitution of
The United States of America*

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Ed Henson	2021

Coming Events

03/18-19 Kazoo living History
04/01—Zimmerman Memorial
Shoot @ GVCnB
04/02—Club Shoot & Meeting
04/15—Sporting Clays
04/24—May Club Shoot&Meeting

A patriot speaks

America Belongs
"To We The People" - It does not belong to Congress. It does not belong to special interest groups. It does not belong to the courts. It belongs to—

'We the People'



Jeff's Journal

It was so great to welcome everyone back to the club after the two-month winter layoff. The weather co-operated as well which I think contributed to the attendance for both the shoot and meeting, I think we had 25 or more for the shoot and then double that for the meeting, I'll have more about the meeting coming up later. Let's go back to the shoot and the weather. I certainly would not expect a day in early March to be as nice as it was, I mean a blue cloudless sky sunshine and 46 degrees, it was just great and all our shooters thought so too. Hey! It was such a nice day I decided to participate in the event too. I cannot physically shoot in really cold weather anymore so the warmer day was super good for me. As I recall I had not shot any of my muzzle loaders since last November. I rehearsed earlier so I would not forget what to do. The first target I shot was the small two bull 8 ring target, on this I really challenge myself each shoot just to get the five shots in the black regardless of the score, this month, success, I did that and then it was a surprise that it took first place. That made me excited to shoot the rest of the matches, sadly, after that I must admit it was all downhill from there. It did not matter to me it was just wonderful to have the chance to shoot again and spend the time being with my friends again.

After cleaning my rifle and toting equipment back to the truck it was now near meeting time. After having the usual meeting before the meeting, I began the real meeting by asking everyone to please be quiet, this was necessary due to the 52 people crammed into the basement, thankfully almost everyone co-operated. After the secretary's report Ron gave us a treasures report on the last three months and the year-end report as well. Due to everyone's hard work and co-operation we had another successful year, the truth is it was one of our best. Thank you to all our club members and to those who participated in our events. To quote "As a team we shall succeed". We will begin succeeding again at the History Show this month on the 18th and 19th. As I said last month donations to that cause are thankfully accepted even the day of the event.

Then just two weeks later we have the highly anticipated Art Zimmerman Memorial Shoot at Grand Valley, it takes place on April 1st this year. It will be fun, check the web for the details.

Last month the Smoke pole reported Delores Haag had fallen and broke her hip spending time in the hospital, this week her daughter Sherry reported to me ‘ mom is doing well and is in a rehab facility, she is feisty as ever and wants to go home ‘, Let’s all keep her in our prayers that she continues to improve and does get home soon. That is all I have for now. I will see you at the History Show.

Jeff

Last month we lost two of our long time and valuable club members. After long illnesses Anita Smith and Bob Hill both passed away. We will of course miss having them with us as we begin another season.

This also is to inform you that we will have our traditional parting volley for them on April 30th prior to our Club Shoot at about 12 O’clock noon.

Special Note

Beginning April 29 (May Meeting weekend) and continuing through Sept2, Shotgun, Air Rifle, and Archery matches will be held on the Saturday of each club shoot/meeting:

Saturday—

Shotgun—9:00-3:00

Archery—9:00

Air Rifle—1:00

Sunday—

Shotgun—9:00-1:00

On the Firing Line

Line Matches—

Men’s 25 yd Rifle—3 Bull

1. Jeff Terrell 43
2. Dennis Priddy 38
3. Ed Henson 37

Men’s 25 yd Rifle—Novelty (Otter)

1. Tod Gonough 47 2X
2. Larry Harrigan 40
3. Bill Barnum 39

Men’s 50 yd Rifle—Bear

1. Dennis Priddy 44
2. Bill Barnum 36 X
3. Jim Dauthrich 36

Men’s 25 yd Trade Gun—Bullseye

1. Bill Barnum 46 X
2. Dennis Priddy 46
3. Ed Henson 45 X

Men’s 50 yd Trade Gun—Bullseye

1. Larry Harrigan 45
2. Bill Barnum 43
3. Lou Lawrence 43

Women’s 25 yd Rifle—Pheseant

1. Karen Barnum

Women’s 25 yd Rifle— Novelty (Seal)

1. Karen Barnum 30

Special Novelty—Squirrel

1. Larry Horrigan 47 X
2. Ed Henson 40
3. Marty Olsen 39

Woods Walk

Flintlock

1. Drew 160
2. D 150
3. Kurt 70

Percussion

1. Tom Kelly

Smoke Pole News for March
Ron Fernwalt

The drawing for the \$5.00 gift certificates were Kevin Peters a new prospective member and Dennis Priddy. We had a total of 53 members present at the meeting. Bonnie Fernwalt was our 50/50 raffle winner.

Don't forget we will have club clean up on March 25th both on the main camp ground and at Shotgun. If we don't get shotgun done then we will have it again on April 8th and 9th. If anybody shows up before then and are able pick up limbs and pile them so they can be picked up and hauled away. Also rake leaves away from the building so we can use the rake to remove them from the area.

The lock to the shotgun area was not locked to the other lock. Both the locks on 136th avenue and 26th street are 2 locks that are locked together so if the power company needs to get in they can.

Don't forget "The Zimmerman Memorial Shoot" is Saturday April 1 and we will be starting shotgun Skeet and Trap on Sunday.

How not to lock the Gates



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