

Palmyra Sportsmen's Association, Inc.



Club meetings are every third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

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NEWSLETTER

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High Power Sporting Rifle – Adam Hostetler
Pistol – Jeff Lutz
Smallbore/Air Rifle – Erin Gestl
Sporting Clays – Willie Carlisle
Trap Shooting – Bruce Meyerhoffer
Wobble Trap – Willie Carlisle

President's Message

The warmer temperatures have arrived and we can now progress to the outdoors. I wish to welcome all the new members since the last newsletter. Please do not hesitate to call me if you need help or have any questions.

There were two big events in April that need to be recognized and a big thank you to all who helped make these events possible. Sporting Clays had their Bunny Blast on Good Friday & Saturday and had a total shooter attendance of 480. This means they threw about 23,000 rabbits. I want to thank all the sporting clays committee for their outstanding effort and appreciate all the hard work.

The second event was the 11th Annual PSA Shoot out, which was four days of shooting and involved a total of 8 days with set up and tear down. I cannot express my deepest thank you to all the members who provided their help. I think there were probably at least 30 who gave of their time and effort and is a true picture of the success of PSA. I will not mention individual names because I may miss someone. I know who helped and I want those folks to understand that I appreciate your efforts from the bottom of my heart. Thank you to all.

Hunt safe as you pursue that wily gobbler and remember to enjoy your days afield. The Quitty is full of trout and some very nice ones from our nursery; thanks again to Dale for his dedication to raising the fish. Please accept my thank you for anyone who helped Dale stock and I hope the fishing is excellent for the next several months.

In closing, I would like to recognize that we have a large contingent of military personnel who are stationed at the gap, as new and renewing members. I would like to thank all of them for their service to our great country and hope that each one of our members will thank them personally too. Ladies and gentlemen of the US Military thank you and keep up the good work! May god bless you and your families.

Skip

REMINDER

No automatic firearms allowed on any indoor or outdoor range.

Remember safety first on all our ranges. NO, NO, NO, full automatic anything on any of our ranges at Palmyra Sportsmen's Association. Please help keep ranges clean.

RANGE CLOSURES

The competition range will be closed June 10 -14 for the 6400 Smallbore Match.

All **Outdoor Rifle** and **Pistol Ranges**, except Sporting Clays, will be closed on **Saturday, July 18** from 8 am to 3 pm for Archery instead of Sunday, July 19 as mentioned in the previous Newsletter.

Trap (Clay Bird) Shooting

Weather permitting we are still shooting every Tuesday evening starting around 5 pm. Feel free to use the hand trap between trap buildings 2 and 3, and as always PLEASE clean up when finished.

Also to the left of trap 3 is our shotgun patterning station. A 7-foot utility pole with cross arms on it, easily recognizable as half of the pole is shot away. You must supply your own cardboard for this station. Check it out, you will love it. Again PLEASE clean up when finished. For additional information, contact Bruce Meyerhoffer.

Trees for a Greener PSA

Can you spot the new 5-foot tall trees - 40 Norway Spruce and 5 Blue Spruce trees - that were recently planted on club property during the week of April 27? If you can find them all, you are invited to come out and help water them twice a week unless it rains one inch. Just see Bruce or Rod at the club.

CMP Highpower

The first match was held in April. There were 14 competitors including 2 new junior shooters. The matches are open to Vintage Military Rifles as well as the usual service and match rifles. Everyone is welcome to come join us for our matches. Please see the calendar for dates and times. For additional information, please contact Mark Burkhead.

Sporting Clays

We are having very good turn outs every Saturday, rain or shine.

The Bunny Shoot on April 10 and 11 was very well attended. On Friday, April 10 we had 356 shooters and on Saturday, April 11 we had 124 shooters for a total of 480 shooters. I want to thank all the help; without them we could not put the shoot on.

For those who are interested, we just bought two new Lincoln automatic traps, one bird and one rabbit for a total of seven Lincoln automatics.

If anyone has any questions, or is interested in information on sporting clays, please contact Harry Gordon.

Introduction to NRA Pistol Class

The Introduction to NRA Certified Pistol Class, which covered safety, handgun handling and some shooting, was very well attended. Please watch the newsletter for information on the next class.

BB Gun

A match was held at Boyertown on April 18. Palmyra's A Team came in 2nd behind Penns Valley and the B Team came in 1st. The state match was held at Harrisburg Hunters and Anglers on Saturday, April 25. The A team finished 2nd, and the B team finished 3rd. For information contact Frank Pulli, BB Gun Coach, at 813-2196 or at home 838-1052.

Rifle Team

Thus far 2009 has been a successful year for several reasons, the Palmyra Invitational, National Junior Olympics and other matches, Regional Training Center, and increased public relations. The Palmyra Invitational in January was a success with over 300 individuals competing in the smallbore position and air rifle events. The University of Alaska at Fairbanks won all the top honors for both events in individual and team competitions. Our team, the Palmyra Quackers of Levi Spicher, Briann Derr, Abby Wert, and Alyssa Gestl fired a 2175 in air rifle and 2155 in smallbore. It was also nice to see our Palmyra alumni at the Invitational: Cody Rutter competing with Alaska, Jed Neidigh competing with Ohio State, Allison Paulson competing with Navy, and Tommy Carr competing with Army. I would also like to thank all the volunteers that make this match the best of its kind in the country as well as the club for all of their support.

The spring is one of the busiest times for the junior program with numerous state championships and NRA sectionals. We had teams represented at the 4-position open state championships in Alexandria and the 4-position junior sectionals at Trevorton in February. Ten juniors competed in the match including four that composed a sub-junior (under 14 years of age) team of Josh Martin, Alex Gestl, Mitchell Kleinfelter, and Sawyer Spicher. They fired an excellent score which put them at the top in their age group at the match with will likely place them near the top in the national rankings. The following weekend the team competed at the 3-position junior sectionals at New Tripoli. The team of Levi, Alyssa, Abby, and Nate Brandenburg fired a score of 2220. Individually, Alyssa and Levi finished second and third overall in the competition. Also, competing at the match were Briann, Mitchell, Alex, Josh, Matt Kowal, and Nick Richie. In March, Alyssa, Levi and Tommy attended the National Junior Olympics in Colorado Springs at the Olympic Training Center. In the women's smallbore 3-position event, Alyssa fired a 572 and 571 to put her 6th going into the finals. Firing a 99.5 with her last 3 shots being 10s, Alyssa held onto 6th place overall, taking the J2 (ages 15-17) gold medal. Tommy and Levi fired air rifle scores of 1141 and 1127 out of 1200, respectively. The end of March and April marked the 3-position air rifle season in which the team competed in 3 matches at Trevorton, Palmyra, and Ridgway (north of DuBois). At the state championships, Alyssa fired a personal best of 590/600 to win the match, while Abby fired her personal best of 580 at the air rifle sectionals to finish third overall. The last indoor match of the season was at the 3-position air rifle Junior Olympics at Ridgway. It was a good match with the precision team firing a score of 2286/2400 qualifying the team for the

nationals to be held at Camp Perry, Ohio. The sporter team of Matt, Alex, Josh, and Jerika Feaser fired also a nice match at the match to take second place. The Friday night league also finished with Palmyra taking second place in the league.

The Regional Training Center at Palmyra has also been active over the past few months. In February a clinic was held for the Northeast Training Squad with 11 juniors attending as well as coaches Jaime Beyerle from the Olympic Training Center and Ernie VanZant, World record holder, from Arizona. The responses from the clinic were good and another is planned for May 15-17. The rifle national team coach, Dave Johnson also commented that the program will continue over the next few years to determine its effectiveness.

One of our main goals for 2009 is to promote the Junior Rifle Team outside the club so that the program can continue to grow and prosper. In order to achieve this, we have put together a color brochure advertising the team and program. The brochure will be put into local gun shops as well as local events for promotion. The first weekend in May we had some people at a stand at the Lebanon Craft Show promoting the team as well as selling baked goods. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact either Byron Light at 838-9437 or Erin Gestl at 832-3385.



Alyssa Gestl at Jr. Olympic's

Archery

3-D League

Wednesday Night 3-D shoots have started and will be held every Wednesday night through September 16. Starting time is approximately 4:30 PM until ? Everyone is welcome. Come out and have some fun.

The Penn Dutch League shoot at Palmyra will be held May 9 and 10. The Club needs your support for these shoots! Schedule is available at the club house.

Palmyra Archers are holding a 2-man 3-D money shoot on Saturday, July 18. Look for flyers at the club and at archery shops for information or contact Ed Davies at 460-0057.

JOAD

Recently Palmyra's J.O.A.D. team attended the state shoot in Harrisburg and brought back some trophies. Dakota Smith took 1st and Nate White 3rd in the Bowman class, while Emily Smith took 1st in the Cub class. Dakota also finished 1st in his Olympic round and Emily took 2nd in hers. Dakota also took 2nd in merit for Master Archer. Great job to all who attended. We hope to see you all back in December.



Dakota Smith, Nate White and Emily Smith

Calendar of Events

(Not inclusive – see calendar at clubhouse)

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Parole Bd. – Bullseye Range	2 Sporting Clays 8-2
3 ATA Trap Shoot 9 am	4 Derry T. Police- Indoor Pistol 8-10 Bullseye Range12-3 SB & AR Jr. Rifle Prac. 6:30pm-9pm	5 Parole Bd.-Bullseye Range Trap Shoot 5pm	6 Parole Bd- Indoor Pistol 1-5 Archery 3D Shoot	7 Parole Bd.-Bullseye Range Wobble Trap 3:30-? SB & AR Jr. Rifle Prac. 6:30pm-9pm	8 Parole Bd. – Bullseye Range	9 Sporting Clays 8-2 Archery Penn Dutch CMP HP 9am– Comp. Range
10 Archery Penn Dutch USRA Bd. Mtg.1-3 G. Weaver Rm.	11 SB & AR Jr. Rifle Prac. 6:30pm-9pm	12 Trap Shoot 5pm N. Lond. T. Police- Bullseye Range8-4	13 Archery 3D Shoot	14 Vo Tech – Bullseye Range Wobble Trap 3:30-? SB & AR Jr. Rifle Prac. 6:30pm-9pm	15 Vo Tech – Bullseye Range Rifle Clinic	16 Sporting Clays 8-2 Rifle Clinic-Comp. Range
17 NRA Banquet- Holiday Inn-Grantville Steel Shoot Rifle Clinic-Comp. Range	18 SB & AR Jr. Rifle Prac. 6:30pm-9pm	19 Trap Shoot 5pm Club Mtg. 7:30pm	20 Archery 3D Shoot HIA Police-Comp. Range	21 HIA Police-Comp. Range Vo Tech – Bullseye Range Wobble Trap 3:30-? SB & AR Jr. Rifle Prac. 6:30pm-9pm	22 Vo Tech – Bullseye Range HIA Police-Comp. Range	23 Sporting Clays 8-2 SB-3P Comp. Range
24 SB 3-position Comp Range	25 SB & AR Jr. Rifle Prac. 6:30pm-9pm	26 Trap Shoot 5pm	27 Archery 3D Shoot Parole Bd.- Bullseye 8-1	28 5-Stand SC & Wobble Trap 3:30-? SB & AR Jr. Rifle Prac. 6:30pm-9pm	29	30 Sporting Clays 8-2 SB Rifle League 1pm Comp. Range Women & Youth Field Day
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	1 SB & AR Jr. Rifle Prac. 6:30pm-9pm	2 Trap Shoot 5pm	3 Archery 3D Shoot	4 Wobble Trap 3:30-? SB & AR Jr. Rifle Prac. 6:30pm-9pm	5	6 Sporting Clays 8-2
7	8 SB & AR Jr. Rifle Prac. 6:30pm-9pm	9 Trap Shoot 5pm	10 Archery 3D Shoot SB 6400 Comp Range	11 5-Stand SC & Wobble Trap 3:30-? SB 6400-Comp Range SB & AR Jr. Rifle Prac. 6:30pm-9pm	12 SB 6400-Comp Range	13 SB 6400-Comp Range Sporting Clays 8-2
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Legend for Calendar of Events

SB – Smallbore on Indoor Rifle Range	Trap Shoot – All shooters welcome
AR – Air Rifle on Indoor Rifle Range	Sporting Clays (SC) – Open to public, bring your friends
CMP HP – Civilian Marksmanship Program for Highpower	Comp. Range – Competition Range Outdoors
Club Meeting – All members urged to attend	
SB Rifle League – Adult and Junior Smallbore Rifle League open to any smallbore shooters	
CP Trap Shoot – Central Penn Trap Shoot	
