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Spotlight on Lucky BB Shoot AND Trap Shoot

There was a Lucky BB shoot sponsored by Al and Donna Ceol on Sunday, April 23rd. The shoot started at 1:00 P.M. A target board was available at noon to pattern anyone's shotgun, i.e. does it shoot low, high, left or right and where should you aim to get the most pellets in the center. You bring your own low brass (low brass shells - see article on page 3) to pattern. In the main action, there are 10 shooters per round firing one shell of 12 or 20 gauge at their own target. The greatest number of pellets in each of the center circles, and if tied, then the closest ones to the center win the round. Ties are decided by a shoot off of the tied individuals. The club provides the shotgun shell to use at \$2.00 for each round. The use of the same type shell insures that at least that variable is handled. There was a variety of shotguns on hand, so any 12 or 20 you have is welcome to participate. One selects the rounds (1 thru 10) they wish to participate in upon registration. Great weather and good fellowship reined. Your reporter was in 3 rounds, but not one

Registration went Smoothly

single pellet landed in the circles. Surely a number of pellets were consistently high left. Got to get my glasses changed, or learn better where my blunderbuss shoots.



Round 1 with 10 Positions



On April 23rd, we had 21 shooters, 3 shoot offs for ties and one shoot off was for a three way tie . We had 9 different winners and one winner who won twice and overall, Matthew Pyle. Rich L won the 60/40 and was present to pick up his winnings. Members that help get 2 work credits. The next Lucky BB will be in the fall.

The Lucky BB Shoot was followed by a Trap Shoot sponsored by Lauren West. This was characterized by up to 5 shooters at designating positions taking turns shooting one shot at a clay upon their ready command. After all shooters have shot, they rotate, until all 5 positions have been experienced. That means a box of 25 shells are used, able to be purchased on site or use your own. The cost of \$3.50 pays for the clays used. Your reporter was so lucky as to maybe have clipped 2 (out of 25). The sponsoring staff held their laughter and even said that some days they did the same (yeah, I'll bet). I think I was behind the clay on most shots, even the ones straight out (the clay was maybe faster than I was). But a fun time had by all.

Winner BB Shoot, Matthew Pyle



Did you change your phone number, email account, or address recently?
Please tell us so that we can communicate with you.

Sale or Wanted

For Sale - I have 2 pair of Jorestech ear protection earmuffs like new \$4.00 each. 1
Regal keyed trigger lock (Model
RTL3110) New \$8.00. Call Dan at 724 515
7130

For Sale - 4 Hankook winter tires 205x65-
15, used but in good shape, from 2005
Toyota Camry. Great buy at \$10 each.
Moving and no room at new place. Call
Ron at 724-863-8707

Wanted - Complete Issues of American
Rifleman Magazine for 2015 and 2016.
Contact Tom at 724-864-6542.

For Sale - 28" Barrel for Win 1400 12
Gauge 2 3/4 chamber Modified, Excellent
Condition \$60. Call Jamie after 4 PM at
724-396-7350.

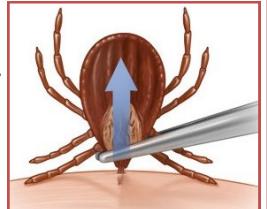
Activities

Officers Meeting - 7 PM 5/11, 2nd Thursdays
Membership Meeting - 7:30 PM 5/25, Last
Thursdays
Ladies Instructional Pistol Shoot 6:30 PM
5/2&16, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Work Party Schedule every Wednesday - 5-7
Action Pistol Shoot - 5/4 4 PM
Men's Pistol/Basic Self Defense Course 6:30
PM 4/9&23, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Work Party Schedule each Month - 9-11 AM
5/10 and each 2nd Wednesday
Pin Shoot 5 PM 5/11&25 - 2nd and 4th
Thursdays

Now is the time to think about
renting our pavilion for \$50 per
day. Why pay \$200 for the same
thing somewhere else.
Graduations, birthdays, etc. are all
good uses for the pavilion. And, if
it rains, go inside. See more info
on our web page or contact an
officer.

HOW TO REMOVE A TICK

Use fine-tipped tweezers to remove a tick. If
you don't have tweezers, put on gloves or
cover your hands with tissue paper, then use
your fingers. Do not handle the tick with bare
hands.



- Grab the tick as close to its mouth (the part that is stuck in your skin) as you can. The body of the tick will be above your skin.
- Do not grab the tick around its swollen belly. You could push infected fluid from the tick into your body if you squeeze it.
- Gently pull the tick straight out until its mouth lets go of your skin. Do not twist the tick. This may break off the tick's body and leave the head in your skin.
- Put the tick in a dry jar or ziplock bag and save it in the freezer for later identification if needed.
- After the tick has been removed, wash the area of the tick bite with a lot of warm, clean water. Be sure to wash your hands well with soap and water also.

If you can't remove a tick, call your doctor. You may cover the wound with a thin layer of petroleum jelly, such as Vaseline, and a nonstick bandage. Apply more petroleum jelly and replace the bandage as needed. Some ticks are so small it is hard to see them. This makes it hard to tell if you have removed the tick's head. If you do not see any obvious parts of the tick's head where it bit you, assume you have removed the entire tick, but watch for symptoms of a skin infection. If you have a rash, headache, joint pain, fever, or flu-like symptoms, this could mean you have an illness related to a tick bite. If you have any of these symptoms, or symptoms of a skin infection, call your doctor.

Do not try to smother a tick that is stuck to your skin with petroleum jelly, nail polish, gasoline, or rubbing alcohol...he just holds his breath, or burn the tick while it is stuck to your skin...OUCH! Smothering or burning a tick could make it release fluid-which could be infected-into your body and increase your chance of infection. There are some tick-removal devices that you can buy. If you are active outdoors in areas where there are a lot of ticks, you may want to consider buying such a device.

Each membership meeting we offer 50/50 tickets for sale.
Can't win if you don't play. Come to our meetings and buy one
or more of our 50/50 chance tickets. \$42 was won by some
lucky member.

High Brass versus Low Brass in Shotshells

Every shotgunner knows that weak target and dove shotshells have low-brass heads. Really powerful magnum shotshells are built with high-brass bottoms to contain the incredible pressures generated by the huge loads of powder they contain. Except they don't.

All shotgun shells are standardized at maximum average breech pressures so that all shotshell and shotgun manufacturers can build their products for proper safety as well as performance. The truth is, shotshell pressures can be safely handled by all plastic hulls with no brass anywhere. So, if the brass heads on shotshells aren't there to contain gas pressures, what's going on? Why even have them?

Part of the reason is function, part is history. Functionally, a brass head makes it easy to insert and hold metal primers, even through numerous reloadings, which target shooters appreciate.

Historically, back in the black powder era, when the first self-contained shells were invented, they had to be made of a substance that would hold up to rough handling while safely containing the primer, powder and shot. Plastics weren't yet invented. That left paper or metal of some kind. Brass was cheap, malleable and already being used for rifle cartridges, so they used it to make shotshells. The all-brass shotshell was manufactured until shortly after 1900 when the paper hull was



perfected. The brass base was retained to firmly grasp the primer and contain the hot, burning powder. The tightly wrapped and waxed paper around the shot was more than adequate for holding it. Upon firing, all it had to do was swell against the chamber walls, which then absorbed all the pressure of the powder gases. But a problem developed.

Black powder was relatively weak, so a lot of it was needed to generate adequate velocities. To keep it from burning pinholes through paper hulls, brass was extended farther up the sidewalls. Shotgunners soon learned that high-brass shells meant they were loaded with more powder — the magnums of their day.

Once high-energy, smokeless powder took over, shooters still assumed high-brass indicated more powerful shells, so manufacturers maintained the tradition even though the smaller quantities of smokeless powder rested well below the paper or plastic portion of the shell.

Today's plastics are fully capable of holding primers and containing powder, wads and shot through the life of the shell, including firing, but shotgunners are firmly wedded to the brass shotshell base. Not only that, they still associate power with an ever higher brass base, which is why today's target and light game shells are still loaded in low-brass hulls and magnum shells are loaded in high-brass hulls. It isn't necessary, but it does make it easier to determine relative power levels of shells at a glance.

At each membership meeting we draw a member name, and if present, the member receives the current value of our pot. Joe Rush's name was drawn but he was not present and lost out on the \$\$.

New Members

Welcome to you all and may you find our facility and fellowship to your liking.

Larry Weightman - Derry
Michael Carbonara - Connellsville
Renee Kolesar - North Huntingdon





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TREE FALL - Most will not even know it happened, but during the strong windstorm on Thursday, April 20th, one of the trees beside the clubhouse broke in half and fell. It clipped a floodlight and siding near the equipment door. Mess was cleaned up within a few hours.

Trapshooting is one of the three major disciplines of competitive clay pigeon shooting (shooting shotguns at clay targets). The other disciplines are skeet shooting and sporting clays. In trap shooting, the targets are launched from a single "house" or machine, generally away from the shooter. In skeet shooting, targets are launched from two "houses" in somewhat "sideways" paths that intersect in front of the shooter. Sporting clays includes a more complex course, with many launch points.



The Junior Rifle Team is raising funds to compete at Camp Perry over the 4th of July week this year. They will be holding Triangle Hoagie Sales (yes from the Triangle Bar in Swissvale) on the first Saturdays in April, May and June (April 1, May 6, June 3). Hoagies are \$7.00 each and will be available at the ISA club during the silhouette shoots, roadside at the S and T Bank on Route 130, and the Manor Auto Care.

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