

Firesticks July Newsletter

31st Annual Funshoot was a great success. We had 53 shooters with the best part being that nearly all of our members got a chance to shoot the match for once. Usually that is not the case. Thanks to everyone who helped with set up, scoring and cleanup. Having that much support really makes the shoot go smoothly. We made about \$600 profit on the match (about 60% of the income), a little lower than usual due to our choice to purchase prizes this year, but I think we have to do that as prizes are getting harder to get. We spent a total of \$270 on prizes for the match. Did anyone hear or get any feedback on our choice of prizes? We still have about \$300 worth of prizes remaining for next year, as we bought in quantity to get the best prices. We will continue to solicit donations from those firms that have traditionally donated prizes. Thanks to Len's neck knife we sold 115 chances at the Toadsticker. We also did well on the food sales that brought in \$163; it looks like everyone is paying for their drinks and dogs. Thanks again for everyone that helped with the match and to those who donated or made prizes.

Results: **Alan Pichan** came in first in the aggregate and picked up Rob Sheffler's powder horn. We thank Rob for donating another one of his beautiful horns this year. **Tim Cooper** had the best shot on the 50/50 (50 entries out of 53). **Al Fryer** won the Toadsticker knife and **Chuck Bradford** outlasted the field to win the Grande Elimination chest.

We will be reserving dates for our **2012** matches: **March 11th for the Silhouette, and June 24th for the 32nd Funshoot.**

If you have any ideas for targets for next year, let me know so we can get them into production over the winter. John Scott's idea of a Zebra has already been acted upon and we have a prototype ready for the torch, thanks, John. We would like to have about 5 or 6 new targets each year to keep things from getting boring, so think them up.

Ladies Day at the Range. Ladies Day will be **Sunday, August 28th** this year. We have a new format. Instead of 7 groups in the morning and 7 more in the afternoon (about 110 ladies), we are limiting the number of attendees to 70 women and will have them go through the course in groups of 10. Even with a lunch break, this will get the event over by 3:30 or so, which is better than last year when we finished up the last group at 7:00. In order for them to have the opportunity to experience the 7 different types of shooting, the groups will be given more time at each event, and more women will have to shoot at the same time. We will add another shooting position to our operation making it a total of 5 stations. Therefore we will need 5 shooting coaches this year, and as usual, I will handle loading the rifles. Anyone who wants to help as a coach let us know. If we have extra people, then we can take breaks. If you have never been to a Ladies Day event, this day is a lot of fun. The ladies really get into our shooting with the water targets, knock down targets, etc. We will award fashion accessories (beads) to all the attendees that try black powder and with the return of the Flamingo, we will also have those tacky flamingo beads for those that hit the pink bird. The Squirrel will return also. We will also have our traditional cardboard bears as take home targets for the ladies.

That **Saturday, August 27th,** will be a range cleanup workday and we usually use that time for setting up our stands and equipment. It only takes about 2 hours including cleanup, so if you can help, let us know.

If you can help on Ladies Day itself, please let me know so I know how many members we will have and can arrange for additional help if necessary. 810-629-0478.

See you at the range!