

Hello Fellow Members,

Summer is gone; boy it sure was warm and dry. I hope that all members and their families had a wonderful time and all are in good health. I know that everyone should be looking forward to the upcoming hunting seasons. Now for the Club News:

Dues- Starting with the October meeting, you can start paying dues for 2017. Your dues for 2017 must be paid by the close of the meeting in January 2017. You may pay your dues by cash or check either in person or by mail. If you choose to pay by mail you must still come to the club to pick up your card and badge. There are plenty of events at the club for you to stop by at as well to pay your dues.

Reminder: You must have your card and badge with you when using the club rifle range, archery targets or fishing. So, stop by at one of our block shoots, deer shoots, or meetings to pay your 2017 dues and keep up to date on what is happening.

Block Shoots- Our block shoots have been going well this past year. However, as everyone knows with all of our utilities, taxes, and insurance going up every year, it takes more to keep the club up and running. Stop by, bring your favorite tight shooting turkey gun and some extra cash to help keep the club moving forward. Do not forget the small games of chance played during the block shoots. We are always looking for extra help as well. The two big shoots coming up are the Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot and The Christmas Ham Shoot. Both are big events coming before the end of the year. Then starting January 5th our regular every Thursday night shoots will begin.

Running Deer and Elk Shoot- Shoots will start January 7th and every other Saturday starting at 11:30am through February and March. We have added some new classes so there is a class for everyone. All you need is your favorite rifle, shells, and a few dollars to pay for your shoot and food. Come out, join in the fun and get some good practice while swapping hunting stories and photos. There is always someone to help you if you need it and offer advice on leading the targets. Please do not forget your hearing protection like earmuffs or earplugs!

Top Gun Triathlon- We have scheduled the next Top gun for April 1, 2017. This is the first Saturday in April. We are considering making some changes to the program so some of the older people can participate as well. The advertisements will be coming out after the 1st of the year.

Annual Membership Feed- The feed will be held on the last Friday in March, doors open at 4:30pm. So save some cash to play the small games of chance. Remember your dues must be paid to attend this event. **NO DUES ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR.** Come out and enjoy an evening of good food and fun!

Gun Raffle and Meal- This year we are planning to have a gun raffle ticket and meal to be held April 8, 2017 at the club. Tickets will be limited to 150 tickets.

Price of tickets will be known once we get prizes and the meal figured out. There will be small games of chance and refreshments at this event. Look for more information in the next newsletter or better yet attend the club meetings to keep informed.

Rifle Ranges- This is the busy time of the year. Every member wants to make sure their favorite rifle is shooting bulls-eyes. Please be courteous to fellow members, follow all range rules-NO EXCEPTIONS. Be sure to clean up after you are finished shooting.

Hunting Season- Please everyone SAFETY FIRST! Follow all rules and regulations. When using tree-stands either ladder or climber, remember to use your safety lifeline and harness whenever you leave the ground. Let someone know where you will be and when you will return. Carry a cell phone or radio to keep in touch and incase of an emergency to call for help. Be sure to report your harvest and think, Do I really need to fill all my tags or just want to brag about doing it? Save a doe tag it will help build the herd up because we know some people still think there are too many deer.

Well, here I go again getting long winded. Do not forget to pay your dues by the end of the January meeting. Attend the monthly meeting to keep informed as to what is happening. Remember if you want to vote or run for office you need to attend the meetings. Stop by at the block shoots or running deer shoots come out shoot the bull and play the small games of chance to keep the club running smoothly. Think safety first when hunting. I am looking forward to see everyone at the club. Stop by volunteer to help and have fun at the same time. New by-law books are available at the club if you do not have one.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stan', written in a cursive style.

Stan Shrader, President