

Newsletter

Land of Legend

Rifle & Pistol Club

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Open Letter to the Land of Legend Rifle and Pistol Club from Bill Ripple

Fellow shooters (bull and otherwise): I hope I am able to participate in more shooting activities this year, but the cost of ammo has about put me out of business. I have been living on retirement income for 18 years now, and believe me that income ain't what it used to be. Periodically I have left some material here at the range pertaining to the upcoming elections, and all of them asking for money. I donate to all I can afford, and donate to you all I cannot afford. However I believe the shooting sports and the right to bear arms is in more jeopardy now than anytime in my lifetime!

At this point in time it is nearly certain that Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama will be the Democratic nominee for President. It does not take much imagination to picture either one of them with a House and Senate majority that is full of anti-gunners. That majority is in place now! The only thing holding them back is George Bush and his veto pen. As someone once said "We are in a peck of trouble". If you are a shooter and are a democrat I feel sorry for you. Every one of your presidential nominees are big time gun control people.

But don't ignore our local elections. All politics are local! We need to elect a new sheriff and a new state representative this year. I will

not try to tell you how to vote, but I do suggest you inquire into their past record, are they pro gun or not, that is the question.

It is also time to admit mistakes I have made, example the U.S. senate would not have a democratic majority if I had not voted out Mike Dewine in last years election. I had held my nose and voted for Mike in the past, but I decided that I could no longer stomach his sleeping with the Clintons and Ted Kennedy! Consequen4ntly if we had voted Mike in, the Vice-President would have given us a majority. So if you think Ohio doesn't matter, remember I caused the democratic majority in the senate. (with a little help from my friends) This was a mistake. Even though Mike was a liberal gun hating Democrat, he was counted in Washington as a Republican! Also don't forget we gun owners elected George Bush Jr. twice in Ohio and thus gave him the presidency. Don't let any candidate forget these facts.

Aside from that it is time the club recognized Kathy and Bob Dennis and their devotion to the Dillon Sportsman Center. I suggest a Kathy Dennis Day at the range with a little celebration and a lot of recognition for Kathy. I can smell her chocolate bit cookies yet. She donated thousands of dollars worth of them, and thousands of hours of her time! Enough said.

Executive Committee

The Committee met January 15 to review club finances, range finances, and plans for the future. Fred Smith presented a report on club finances, which detailed all expenses and income. Major income sources included the NRA grant, dues, match fees, and T-shirt sales. Major expenses include NRA Banquet support, skeet machines, youth shotguns, youth rifle, gun safe, classroom furniture, T-shirts, steel target repair, payments to the range, and the purchase of a garden tractor. Both income and expenses increased roughly \$1000 over the 2006 year. Overall the club finished the year in the black.

Terry Baker presented a report on range finances, which detailed income, and expenses on a monthly basis. This report showed some months income higher than 2006 and some months lower. This was a reminder that we are often at the mercy of the weather, gas prices, ammo prices, utility prices, and other factors that are out of our control. Major income sources included public range fees, public skeet usage, club range fees, club skeet usage, public trap usage, merchandise sales, and vending machine sales. Major expenses include wages, supplies (including clay birds), taxes, insurance, accounting, advertising, maintenance materials, the purchase of voice controls for trap machines,

and utilities. Terry noted that the electricity cost for the year had taken a substantial jump. Overall the range finished the year slightly in the red, but that includes the cost of some capital improvements such as the voice releases for the trap field and some costs to getting both skeet fields and five stand operating that were not covered by the NRA grant. So over all we are holding our own. (Members may contact any committee member for specific details of these reports.)

Plans for 2007 include the possible purchase of another trap machine, repair to the trap houses, improvements to the rifle range including a 100 yd. steel gong and yardage markers, and the replacement of some of the steel targets on the pistol range. The committee agreed to meet again in February to compile a list of tasks for the upcoming Work Party day on March 8.

Thank-You

The club would like to give a big thanks to John Shamp who donated a garden tractor complete with mower deck and snow blade. Yes, we now have two tractors, but we also have a two level range. We would also like to thank whoever delivered a load of firewood to the range. It almost makes you think that not everyone

enjoys the smell of burning bowling pins.

Gun Show Review

I guess I have room to review another gun show. In fact I can give you a “two fer” just like we got January 26. Fred Smith, Doug Schultheis, Jeff Hanger, and myself headed north for a day of gun shopping. In New Philadelphia there was a small show (one room) in the Holiday Inn. We have attended this show before and were not expecting much. (Support your local gun show) We were pleasantly surprised with a show that had grown slightly but had a nice selection of new and old guns. Little was bought but I did manage to pick up some blasting .223 ammo at what seemed to be a fair price by today’s standards.

The next stop was the gun shop in Strausburg (I forget the name) which is a nice shop with a good selection of guns. After an appropriate amount of “oooing and ahhhhing” we left with our money and credit cards still in our wallets.

Next stop was Berea, the main destination of the day. We have attended this show before but some changes had occurred. Instead of 3 fairly large buildings the show was “crammed” into 2 medium sized buildings. The crowd was huge! It was so crowded it was difficult to

walk. Many times each of us simply gave up trying to scan a table and skipped it. I am sure there were some interesting guns on the tables and in people’s hands but it was just too much trouble moving around for any of us to really enjoy ourselves. I will probably go back to this show sometime, but I think I will wait until warmer weather when hopefully they will return to the larger buildings. Overall the trip was well worth our time since we were able to see two shows without extra driving. (A similar situation will occur Feb. 23 & 24 with shows in Springfield and Dayton.)

Upcoming Gun Shows

Feb. 9 & 10 – Columbus (Westland)
Feb. 16 & 17- Medina
Feb. 16 & 17 – Wilmington
Feb. 17 – Marion
Feb. 23 &24 – Dayton (Hara Arena)
Feb. 23 & 24 – Springfield
March 1 & 2 – Berea
March 1 & 2 – Columbus (Westland)

Upcoming Events

February 10 – Bowling Pin Match
March 8 – Work Party at Dillon
10:00
March 9 – Bowling Pin Match
March 15 – Dillon Opens for the Season

January 13, 2008 Pin Match

PLACE	SHOOTER (STOCK)	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3	RUN 4	BEST 3/4
1	LARRY HOLLAND	6.97	7.28	NT	6.29	20.54
2	FRED SMITH	5.35	16.95	7.03	9.09	21.47
3	JIM FINERAN	8.66	21.28	7.90	9.19	25.75
4	PAT MURRAY	7.08	19.31	7.51	15.84	30.43
5	JEFF HANGER	13.98	16.38	4.70	11.99	30.67
6	JOHN KIMBALL	19.30	25.98	8.50	6.36	34.16
7	DICK VELICAN	10.79	14.15	NT	9.51	34.45
8	BOB FOUTCH	22.11	8.58	15.56	14.87	39.01
9	JIM CAUDILL	15.85	15.96	NT	16.75	48.56
10	JOHN SHAMP	25.07	27.57	24.61	18.48	68.16
11	TOM SMITH	60.85	36.27	48.36	54.70	139.33
12	AUSTIN MICK *	6.30	7.09	6.01	6.46	18.77
13	HOLLY FOUTCH	25.75	NT	NT	39.23	NT

PLACE	SHOOTER (OPEN)	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3	RUN 4	BEST 3/4
1	FRED SMITH	3.91	3.66	3.86	4.61	11.43
2	LARRY HOLLAND	3.87	5.82	4.77	3.65	12.29
3	PAT MURRAY	3.88	4.71	4.99	5.19	13.58
4	JEFF HANGER	5.38	15.84	4.36	5.71	15.45
5	DICK VELICAN	5.52	5.41	17.37	5.63	16.56
6	JOHN KIMBALL	4.49	8.37	7.03	6.64	18.16
7	AUSTIN MICK	7.16	15.20	6.32	7.27	20.75
8	JIM CAUDILL	13.31	8.93	4.51	15.31	26.75
9	JIM FINERAN	10.55	11.85	17.26	22.57	39.66
10	BOB FOUTCH	14.69	15.34	17.52	19.49	47.55
11	JOHN SHAMP	24.14	27.46	NT	20.86	72.46
12	TOM SMITH	NT	NT	NT	44.91	NT
13	HOLLY FOUTCH	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT

PLACE	SHOOTER (PINTOPS)	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3	RUN 4	BEST 3/4
1	PAT MURRAY	5.58	4.17	7.36	4.21	13.96
2	AUSTIN MICK	3.83	5.45	6.56	5.91	15.19
3	JEFF HANGER	3.39	NT	7.32	5.94	16.65
4	JOHN KIMBALL	6.88	5.70	11.45	6.94	19.52
5	FRED SMITH	7.69	10.05	5.48	6.42	19.59
6	LARRY HOLLAND	8.09	4.66	7.62	NT	20.37
7	DICK VELICAN	11.60	7.03	7.18	6.96	21.17
8	JIM CAUDILL	4.81	8.09	11.57	8.31	21.21
9	JIM FINERAN	15.88	7.16	26.67	10.48	33.52
10	JOHN SHAMP	NT	15.82	21.67	17.72	55.21
11	TOM SMITH	32.36	20.21	18.69	20.13	59.03
12	BOB FOUTCH	NT	10.03	27.04	NT	NT
13	HOLLY FOUTCH	NT	49.99	NT	30.59	NT