

A Note From the President

The shooting season will be in full swing very soon.

There are plenty of events to choose from: bowling pin pistol shooting, IDPA, trap, sporting clays, F-Class rifle, benchrest rifle, highpower rifle and some others I may have overlooked. Although most of these events are competitive in nature please don't let that intimidate you. Come to an event and observe, volunteer to help out, or better yet bring your firearm and participate.

You will most likely notice that the shooters are a bunch of really good people; people who would be very willing to help if you ask - they may even offer advice and help without your asking! You don't need to compete against the other shooters, just yourself - that's what I do. I consider it mandatory practice. Some events have a nominal entry fee of \$5, \$10 or perhaps \$15, but member most of the money stays in our club and helps to pay for future development.

So break out the old press and load some ammo or buy some and come join all the other shooters. I know you will have a good time. After all shooting is fun! Thanks for your participation and interest and see you at the range.

Eugene Kindell

Wurtsmith 600 Yard and Skeet Ranges

Last year construction on both a 600 yard rifle range and a skeet range began at the Wurtsmith Range. As of the end of January this year the 600 yard range target pits are dug, the target impact area and backstop is complete and the range has been cleared of trees, brush and stumps. The firing line side berms have been constructed and the firing line itself is nearly complete.

The skeet range has been laid out and trees, brush and stumps removed. The trees were harvested and sawn into rough cut lumber; we believe enough was obtained to construct both the high and low skeet houses as well as a pit target shed for the 600 yard rifle range.

We are working on obtaining the services of a bulldozer to grade and smooth out the range. The plan for this summer is to begin the concrete work and build the above shed and houses.

All the work accomplished to date has been done by volunteer workers. We greatly appreciate the hours of sweat and sore muscles. We are slowly creating a first class shooting sports facility and all the credit must go to the hard work of our members. Let's keep up the good work and push it over the finish line.

Benchrest News

AR-type rifles are now legal for use in benchrest matches under International Benchrest Society rules. You must have a brass catcher. AR-type rifles will compete in their own class against other AR-type rifles. More information will be available later this spring.

Come on out and enjoy this sport. See the web site for schedule information.

2010 F-Class 300yd Rifle Competitions

We are conducting NRA F-Class Rifle Matches at our Wurtsmith Range this summer. Those new to this type of rifle matches, here is a short outline of F-Class.

F-class started several years ago in Canada. The Canadians, like us here in the states, were losing competitors because of age in high power matches, so they created a new classification. The F-Class discipline is a modification of high power prone shooting, NOT a form of bench rest and should not be construed as such.

There are two classes of rifles in F-Class: Open Rifle (F-O) and Target Rifle (F-TR). In the F-O class, the bore diameter is limited to no larger than 35 caliber and not to exceed 22 lbs in weight with all attachments (bipods, slings plus any type sight). In F-TR class, the rifle's overall weight with attachments must not exceed 18 lbs and the rifles caliber has to be either an unmodified 308 Winchester/NATO 7.62mm or an unmodified 223 Remington / 5.56mm x 45 NATO cartridge.

A rest is allowed in both classes with the TR class limited to only a bipod and rear bag type rest or a sling. All our matches this year will be a 34 shot match, using two relays (2 sighter rounds and 15 shots for record/score).

We are forming a league to compete in 6 matches and count your 5 highest scores going towards trophies and prizes. League fee for members is \$20.00, match fee is \$10.00. Non-members league fee is \$30.00, match fee \$15.00 (both fees include NRA registration). You can also just come out and participate and not be part of a league. So dust off that rifle and come out and have FUN. We also need volunteers to help work these matches - it's a good way to get in your 6 hrs of work time for the club.

The following is a schedule of F-Class match dates to be held at the Wurtsmith Range:

1. March 27th 10 am Warm up match weather permitting
2. April 10th 10 am League begins/ and non league competition
3. May 22nd 9 am
4. June 26th 9 am
5. July 3th Special match 45 shots match with prizes (not league)
6. July 10th 9 am
7. Aug 28th 9 am
8. Sep 11th 10 am league ends - picnic to be announced

Contact Lynn Pillsbury 989-329-6153 or at lkpills2@yahoo.com for added information.

Shelters for Wurtsmith Pistol Ranges

A proposal to build shelters for the Wurtsmith pistol ranges is being prepared.

These shelters will be simple open structures with hard roofs sloped to the back. They will extend approximately half-way across each range and be capable of housing at least 4 shooting benches on the firing line. The design allows for sides and a hard surface floor to be added later. They will be deep enough front to back to accommodate loading benches and personnel behind the shooting line but still under the roof.

Volunteer labor is intended to keep costs down. The initial proposal will be for two shelters, one each on a 25 yard and a 50 yard range. Eventually all 4 pistol ranges and the sporting clays range will be equipped with shelters.

Water at Wurtsmith Range

You may be aware that our deed contains a requirement that we obtain permission from Oscoda Township to drill a water well at the Wurtsmith Range; this came from the USAF when the Wurtsmith AFB property was turned over to the Township several years ago. Groundwater contamination is present in many areas of the old AFB property, and recent tests by AGEISS Environmental, Inc., the USAF consulting agency, have found a small amount of contamination on our Range as well.

The good news is that the testing has also shown that there is also a large area of uncontaminated water, and this area is upstream from the contamination. We have met with AGEISS and District Health Department #2 representatives and determined a location for a well that would satisfy the requirements for both agencies for clean water, 150 feet northwest of the west end of the current 100 yard range shelter. This also means we will not have to drill a test well. In addition, we have contacted MDEQ and informed them of the results of our meetings; they appreciated being kept informed but said they have no official status in this activity.

The next step is to write a letter to the Oscoda Township Board of Supervisors requesting permission to drill the well; both AGEISS and DHD2 have offered to support that letter with letters of their own indicating the results of their surveys.

All this means we are highly likely to be successful in bringing water to the Wurtsmith Range this spring or summer. Accordingly we have begun contacting local well drillers to obtain estimates for drilling the well and installing a pump, wiring and plumbing to the main clubhouse. We expect to have a project cost available for general membership approval at the March meeting.

2010 Event Schedule Released

The event schedule for both ranges for calendar year 2010 has been released. A copy of the schedule for March, April, May and June is printed on the next two pages.

Winter indoor activities at the Tawas Range include both Slowfire Pistol League on Sundays at 3pm, Mondays at 7pm and Tuesdays at 3pm and Bullseye Pistol League on Sundays at 5:30pm and Thursdays at 7pm. These events generally wrap up the third week in March. Summer outdoor activities begin in early to mid April.

General Membership Meeting

A regularly scheduled General Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3 March at the Tawas Range clubhouse starting at 7:00pm. It will be preceded by a Social Hour at 5:00pm and a great corned beef dinner at 6:00pm. The dinner costs \$7 per person; please RSVP to Tom Marsh at 989-739-4977 if you are going to attend the dinner. We're also asking dinner patrons to bring either an hors d'oeuvre or dessert dish to share.

The general membership meeting will include a request to approve funds for the the installation of a water well at the Wurtsmith Range. Your vote on this important measure is needed, so please plan to attend.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1 MARCH 2010	2	3	4	5	6
Slowfire Pstd League - 3 pm T Bullseye Pstd League - 5:30 pm T	Slowfire Pstd League - 7 pm T	Slowfire Pstd League - 1 pm T	General Membership Meeting 5:30 pm T ISC Board Meeting 7 pm T	Bullseye Pstd League - 7 pm T		
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			IDPA Practice 7 pm - W			High Power Rifle League - W
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25	26	27	28	29	30	1 MAY 2010

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We Thank You

Our major fund raising event, Sight In Days, was once again successful. The following people were responsible for this success:

At the Tawas Range -

Shirley Martin, Bill Leitchman, Lynn Pillsbury, John Phillips, Barbara Ann Thomas, John Smith, Dale Wood, Tom Broughton, Fred Trudell, John McGrath, Bill Jones, Joe Bryant, Dick Youngs, Dale Willett, Don Spencer and Lou Toth.

At the Wurtsmith Range -

Dave Dodd, Dave Steinaway, Dan Welton, Don Pregizer, Tom Marsh, Bill Schumaker, Jack Pathoud, Hubert Stoffel, Harvey Hampton, Kurt Beck, Don Ellis, John Novack, Pete Murphy, Ray McLaughlin, Jim Magadini and Rick Meyers.

The Wurtsmith staff would also like to thank the following members for special help in maintaining the range assets and the clubhouse during the year:

Tom Marsh, who also provides excellent meals and desserts.

Don Pregizer for simply fantastic carpentry and target maintenance work as well as cleaning and trash pickup.

Steve Rowland for his organizing and running the bowling pin league.

Dave Wright for the superb IDPA league events and practice sessions.

Gil Waitkus for many helpful items on every subject.

Georgette Troy for the fantastic cakes, pies, cookies and lunches, plus the coffee supplies throughout the year.

Barb Thomas for scoring and organizing during competition events on the 300 yard range,

Jim Keunbitz for his weekly cleanup, litter pickup and help keeping the trash receptacles empty, and everything else we asked him to do.

The many folks who ran the 5 stand sporting clays events over the last 3 years: Dale Willett, Don Washington, Jack Snow, Joe Bryant and Jason Walters.

Rich Dixon, Tom Majewski, Eugene Kindell, Hubert Stoffer, for the many hours working on the 600 yard range and skeet/trap range.

Bill Schumaker, for donating his time and expertise to the club in repairing our guns and other equipment (for club members his labor is free!)

Dan Welton for doing anything we asked, and thinking of things we didn't throughout the year.

Terry Loucks for keeping the Wurtsmith Range parking lot clear of snow.

This list is long, as it should be. We are a volunteer organization; without your help we don't exist. If you've helped and we haven't listed your name, we deeply apologize (we're getting older....). Thanks again, to everyone.

Help Needed

Your club needs volunteers for the following positions:

- Newsletter editor
 - contact Mike Smith
989 469-0010
- Board of Directors (June election)
 - contact Eugene Kindell
989 469-9234
- Work projects at Wurtsmith Range
 - Contact Art Troy
989 739-3370
- ◇ Personnel to run the front desk taking money and assigning range positions.
- ◇ Personnel to act as Range Officers and provide assistance to the shooters.
- ◇ Perform routine range maintenance on a timely basis.