



The Dead Clay Journal

March 2008

Official Newsletter of the North County Sportsman's Club

March Meeting Update

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Mike Weaver at 6:00pm.

The minutes of the January and February meetings were reviewed and approved.

Tim Riddle provided the financial report, which was distributed, reviewed and approved.

Leon Dunbar reports that there is good activity with the 4-H Club. In the interest of avoiding confusion with meetings every other Saturday, the club will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.

Corey Dickerson has once again submitted a proposal to mow for the 2008 season for a cost of \$50 per mow on an on-call basis with a cap of \$800 for the season. After much discussion, the board has asked Tom to propose a weekly mowing except when dry conditions indicate otherwise, and a \$700 cap with a couple of 10-Round cards.

Leon has agreed to resume his duties as Club Manager on April 2nd, and will be operating the club on Sundays and Wednesdays for the season. Wednesday shooting will resume on April 2nd, and we will return to our 4pm closing time on Sundays effective April 6th.

Greg Maurer, a club member for the past several years, has requested permission to use the club facilities to host an atlatl event. The atlatl is a prehistoric weapon, best described as a spear thrower. It was agreed that as long as the group can provide proof of insurance coverage for our venue, and can agree on a date that does not conflict with 4H or the Women on Target, that we will support the event.

Tim Riddle has been contacted by someone representing the Williston Police Officers Association asking for our financial support. The board has concluded that we will pursue other means of supporting our local police department since these fund-

raising organizations typically donate a rather small percentage of their collections to the local beneficiaries.

The club has been informed that our bid of \$1,000 for two Winchester traps that were listed on eBay by the 3F Club in Lewiston, NY, has been accepted. Now we just need to arrange transportation to get them here.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Easter Sunday

Yes, we are open on Easter Sunday. I would like to tell you that we will have bunnies to shoot in honor of the day, but that doesn't appear likely!

Wednesday Shooting

The reduced winter hours have worked well for us during the dark days of mid-winter, but relief is in sight! Effective April 2nd, we will return to Wednesday shooting from 4:00pm to dark. Also on April 6th, we will return to our 9:00am to 4:00pm schedule on Sundays, and Leon will be back fulfilling his regular duties as club manager and range officer.

Thank you to the people who have helped to keep the club open and operating during the winter, with a special Thank You to Fred Stetson who has been a regular early morning contributor on many a Sunday.

Club Merchandise

We still have a good supply of club patches and a few Medium and one 2XL T-Shirt. The regular price of these items is \$5.00 for each patch. From now until April 1st, anyone wanting to purchase a remaining T-Shirt can be the proud owner for not \$12, not \$10, but a mere \$8. Please see Tom or Leon at the club if you would like to purchase one of these items. We are also planning to order some new T-Shirts for the Summer of 2008. The price on the new shirts is not yet firm, but we are expecting

them to be around \$12-\$14. If you would be interested in one of the new T-Shirts, please let us know. You can reserve a shirt by dropping an email to tblairvt@comcast.net. Please include the size and number of shirts.

4-H Activities

The "Clay Crushers" 4-H club will be holding a raffle starting soon to raise money for the club. The raffle tickets will be \$10 each. There will be a limited number sold, and the winner will receive a \$500 gift certificate, to the gun shop of your choice in the area.

You can also help the club by donating to their lending library. The club is establishing a lending library of shooting sports related books, to be housed at NCSC. We already have a number of books donated by John Vibber. If you would also like to contribute, please bring them by the club during hours of operation, or give Gerry Moulton or Leon Dunbar a call. These can be books on firearms, gunsmithing, shooting sports, or hunting. Old magazines on these topics would also be appreciated.

Women on Target

In July of 2007, NCSC hosted a "Women on Target" event, which provided shotgun instruction for women and by women. It is sponsored by the NRA, and designed as an introduction to shotgun sports for women. This was a highly successful event for us, with participation by forty-three women. Due to the success of the 2007 event, and many requests for another such event in 2008, NCSC has committed to hosting another WOT event in June of 2008. Currently the date is set for June 7th, with June 21st as the rain date. If you can help, can instruct, can organize, or are interested in participating, please let a club officer know.

Learn to Shoot Clinic

During the summer of 2007, NCSC sponsored a "Learn to Shoot" clinic every

Sunday from May through September. It was a very successful program, and introduced around 200 people to shotgun sports. We are planning to offer this program again in 2008. We expect to receive a grant to continue the program from the NRA through the Vermont Federation of Sportsman's Clubs. Parker Brown has once again graciously agreed to instruct. If you can instruct, or can assist in any way, please let either Parker Brown or Tom Blair know. (see email and phone contact info at the end of this newsletter)

History Project

NCSC has a rich history, and many of us don't know it! Help us by sharing what you know or have, like photos. We will work at pulling it all together into a book. Any interested historians are encouraged to get involved. Contact Gerry Moulton at 238-5960.

Change in Meeting Times

The April meeting will be back at our regular 7:00pm meeting time, on Wednesday, April 2nd. Come on out and celebrate the beginning of Wednesday shooting and stay for the meeting!

Upcoming Events

Ducks Unlimited will hold its annual banquet and fund raiser on April 5th at the Doubletree Inn in South Burlington this year, and the Friends of the NRA will hold its annual banquet on May 3rd. Please plan to attend these events if you can, and support these organizations. These are the folks who support us!

In our Thoughts and Prayers

We have several members right now who are experiencing serious health problems. Gerry Moulton and Todd Murphy are battling some very aggressive and dangerous cancers, and Burr Miller is home recuperating from a hip replacement. Please keep them all in you thoughts and prayers.

NCSC Classified

Leon Dunbar has an extensive inventory of Solo powder, wads, and reloading presses. Here is a sampling of what is available:

64lbs Solo Powder in 8lb kegs - \$75 Each

10,000 1 1/8 oz Pattern Control Wads

30,000 1 1/8 oz Remington Wads

1,000 1 1/8 oz Winchester AA Wads

All Wads \$5 per bag of 500

Ponsness Warren 8000 12ga Press - \$600
includes 8 lbs powder and 5,000
Remington wads

Hornady 410ga Press w/5,000 Rem wads -
\$200

1 MEC 600 Jr - 410ga - \$50

2 MEC 600 Jr - 20ga - \$50 Each

All of these items are being sold at very attractive prices, well below retail costs. (Sorry, no lead!) Give him a call at 802-233-4580.

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