

Three-Peaks 4-H Shooting Club News

Iron County, Utah
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During the last 4-H Shooting Sports club activity (afternoon of April 14), we spent the afternoon shooting various handguns. We had 3 youth shooters and 2 parents participate. The weather was great for duck hunting. Thanks to the NRA Foundation and to Hurst Ace hardware of Cedar City for equipment used in this activity. Thanks to Amy Matheson for the photos.



The next club meeting will be rifle shooting on 12 May at the Three-Peaks Shooting Range from 2 to 5 PM. After a review of rifles, equipment, skills, and safety, we'll spend the remainder of the activity shooting paper and steel targets. As usual, I'll bring a few rimfire and centerfire rifles and ammunition. If you have your own rifle, feel free to bring it if your parents give permission.



Here's how to get to the shooting range: From Main Street in Cedar City, drive west on Highway 56 (200 North). After traveling 5.3 miles turn right on Iron Springs Road. After another 5.4 miles, turn right onto a dirt road. After 2.0 miles, you'll see the range on your left. Look for my red Bronco and white trailer.

Here are our remaining activities for the year:

- June, 2010 – No club activity – participate in the Utah Summer Games
- July 14, 2010 – Muzzleloading
- August 11, 2010 – Rifle Shooting (rimfire only)
- September 8, 2010 – Shotgun shooting, Election, Calendar planning



Club members elected new club officers in September. Officer duties are in the club bylaws at <http://tinyurl.com/2ecxaxo>. Officers for the next 12 months are:

- President – Michael Matheson
- 1st Vice President – Noah Strasmann
- 2nd Vice President – Matthew Matheson
- 3rd Vice President – Bryce Pollock
- Reporter (Historian) – Vacant
- Secretary – Mason Cleveland

Other announcements:

- The 4-H program offers leadership opportunities for youth at the county level in addition to within our shooting club. If you are interested, call Angela Hackwell at (435) 586-8132.

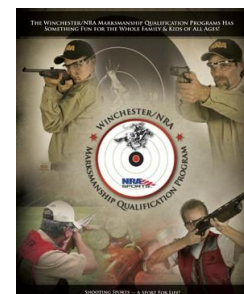
- The Iron County 4-H website is <http://extension.usu.edu/iron/hm/4-h>.
- The Utah Division of Wildlife has an online magazine for outdoor sportsmen. You can find it at <http://wildlife.utah.gov/wr/>. There is a lot of good reading there.
- The State 4-H calendar is online at <http://utah4h.org/hm/calendar/>.
- The state wildlife calendar is online at <http://wildlife.utah.gov/dwr/calendar.html>.
- Purchases of hunting licenses and hunting equipment include taxes levied by the Pittman-Robertson Act. This tax provides about \$4.7 million per day to fund wildlife conservation and other related activities. To see your impact on wildlife, watch this video – “It’s Amazing How Many Animals You Can Save With a Rifle” - <http://www.nssf.org/video/versus.cfm>.
- Everyone now is talking about their green initiatives, but United States' sportsmen have been putting their money where their hearts are since 1937. Sportsmen contribute nearly \$8 million daily toward conservation for everyone through licenses, excise taxes and other special taxes such as duck stamps. That equates to over \$2.7 billion annually for conservation. For more than 80 years, sportsmen have paid more than \$12.1 billion for on-the-ground projects in every state, protecting our natural environment and our fish and wildlife. For over 50 years, the National Shooting Sports Foundation has fulfilled its mission to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. That really has meant more green for everyone. Request a set of three free Original Green Movement bumper stickers at <http://nssf.org/requestForms/GreenMovement.cfm>.
- One characteristic of the Internet is the constant flood of emails containing hoaxes and out-of-date information. Among these are emails containing incorrect information about gun rights and legislation affecting those rights. The NRA publishes a daily email newsletter with factual information regarding your gun and hunting rights. You can sign up for this free newsletter at <https://secure.nraila.org/EmailSignup.aspx>.
- I encourage membership in the NRA (National Rifle Association). Membership benefits include your choice of three magazines (*American Rifleman*, *American Hunter*, and *America’s First Freedom*), \$1,000 in firearms insurance, \$10,000 accidental death insurance, and discounts on rental cars and hotels. Youth members also get a subscription to *InSights* magazine. The most important reason to join, however, is that your membership helps give the NRA the horsepower it needs to fight the ongoing battle against gun control. If it weren’t for the efforts of the NRA, there would be no 4-H Shooting Sports program. Ask me about a special deal on a life membership for only \$300. For annual and five-year memberships, the NRA pays the club \$5 to buy shooting supplies and equipment for each new membership purchased through the club at www.three-peaks.org/nra.htm.
- The Utah Shooting Sports Council publishes a less frequent email newsletter (email alerts) similar to the NRA newsletter mentioned above. You can sign up for this free newsletter at <http://utahshootingssports.com/>.



As always, I remind our shooters to practice their shooting skills regularly, both live shooting at the range and dry-firing at home.

- Always follow the 10 rules of gun safety
- Handle firearms with adult supervision
- When dry-firing, always ensure your gun is empty and never have any ammunition in the same room
- Always concentrate on the fundamentals of shooting – make good shooting form a habit
- You can download targets from the club website - www.three-peaks.org

Each club member who took the Hunter Education Course from me should have a copy of the NRA’s Marksmanship Qualification booklet (yours might be a different color) or you can go to www.winchester.com/nra/ for more information.



The NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program is designed to be self-paced. It is a good way to develop your shooting skills in shooters of all ages – and get some nice awards. I encourage all club members to use this program with their parents.

Please share this letter with your parents and interested friends.

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