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To: Three-Peaks 4-H Shooting Club Members
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During the last 4-H Shooting Sports club meeting (afternoon of April 12), we spent 3 hours learning about, and practicing, archery. We had 5 youth attending this meeting. Those attending got pretty good at hitting the kill zone of the deer in my back yard and we didn't hit any of the horses in the neighbor's pasture. We thank Craig Christiansen for taking time out from the Color Country Archery Shootout to share his skills with us and show us his high-tech equipment. (Craig was pictured in the *Cedar City Review* article about the Shootout - <http://tinyurl.com/5s6Int>)

Our next meeting was scheduled for this weekend with shotgun shooting as the topic. For a couple of reasons, we need to postpone May's 4-H shooting activity until May 17th:

1. I wasn't able to get the second Saturday off from work as expected (I'll be in Hong Kong).
2. The club got a \$4005 grant from the NRA Foundation to buy some equipment. Part of the budget is to buy some youth-size shotguns for the club. However, the bank put a hold on the funds until May 12, so I couldn't get the shotguns in time for a May 10 activity.

Everything will be in place for a May 17th activity at 2 PM, however.

A local trap shooter and NRA instructor has volunteered to help us with our shotgun shooting activity. He will arrange for us to use the Cedar City Trap Range for our activity on May 17th from 2 to 5 PM. After a review of shotguns, equipment, skills, and safety, we'll spend the remainder of the May 17 meeting shooting clay targets. The club will have those brand new 20-gauge shotguns for your enjoyment. If you have your own shotgun and ammo, feel free to bring it. The club will have some 12-gauge ammo and some 20-gauge ammo. If your gun shoots anything different, you'll need to bring your own ammo. For directions to the Cedar City Trap Club, go to <http://tinyurl.com/3vtgq7>.

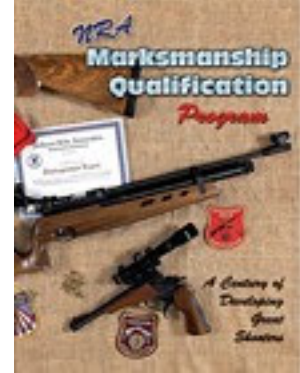
Other announcements:

- 12 Apr - 31 May - Turkey hunt
- 27 May - Regional Advisory Council (RAC) meeting (Southern Region), Beaver High School, 7 PM
- 31 May - Black Bear spring hunt ends
- 2 Jun – 30 Jun - Antlerless deer, elk, moose and pronghorn application period
- 10 Jun - Remaining big game limited entry permits are available
- 12 Jun - Remaining general season buck deer permits available
- 8 Jul - Regional Advisory Council (RAC) meeting (Southern Region), Beaver High School, 7 PM
- 25 Jul - Antlerless drawing results posted

- The state wildlife calendar is online at www.wildlife.utah.gov/calendar/

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
- When dry-firing, always ensure your gun is empty
- When dry-firing, 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 on the club website - www.three-peaks.net/4-h.htm



Each club member who took the Hunter Education Course from me should have a copy of the NRA's Marksmanship Qualification booklet (your's might be a different color). 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.

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