

Three-Peaks 4-H Shooting Club News

Iron County, Utah
July, 2010

During the last 4-H Shooting Sports club activity (afternoon of May 8), we spent 3 hours shooting rifles and cleaning up the rifle range. We collected more than a truckload of trash. We had 8 youth in attendance to learn about safety, practice shooting skills, and serve the shooting community.



The July club activity will be shooting muzzleloaders at the Three Peaks Shooting Range on July 10 from 2 to 5 PM. After a review of muzzleloaders, equipment, skills, and safety, we'll spend the remainder of the activity shooting paper and other targets. I'll bring my muzzleloaders and blackpowder ammunition. If you have your own muzzleloader (and ammo), feel free to bring it.



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 Ford Bronco and white trailer.



Future club activities are as follows:

- July 10, 2010 – Muzzleloading
- August 14, 2010 – Rifle Shooting
- September 11, 2010 – Police Department or National Guard Tour, Election, Calendar planning

If you haven't renewed (or started) your membership in Iron County 4-H, please visit <http://utah4h.org/html/general-forms/> to get the youth membership form and the adult volunteer club leader form. You can also stop by the Extension Service office to get a copy of the form. The forms need to be completed by both 4-H parent and the 4-H member. Please bring the completed forms to this



month's activity or drop them off at the Extension Office. If you have questions, call Angela Hackwell at (435) 586-8132 or me at (435) 590-7569.

Other announcements:

- This year's NRA Foundation Banquet will be at the Iron County Fairground in Parowan on Friday, August 13, 2010 beginning at 5 PM. These banquets include auctions that raise money for the NRA Foundation. Much of the money is used for funding shooting sports for youth including our own club. Tickets and more information at <http://friendsofnra.org/Events.aspx?sid=46&sc=UT>.
- Congratulations to club President Michael Matheson who received his Eagle Scout award on May 2. For his Eagle Scout service project, he installed two of the shooting benches on the 300-yard rifle range last year. Next week, he'll travel to Washington DC for the NRA Foundation's national Youth Education Summit.
- 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 state wildlife calendar is online at <http://wildlife.utah.gov/calendar/> (hunting seasons for deer, elk, rabbit, and various upland birds are coming up).
- The state has developed an interactive map that shows the ranges of some of Utah's game animals. Try it out at <http://atlas.utah.gov/wildlife/viewer.htm>.
- 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>.
- 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>.
- You can find current and previous issues of the *CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program) Newsletter for Coaches and Junior Marksmen* at <http://www.odcmp.com/OTM.htm>.
- 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. I can get you 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://utahshootingsports.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
- 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 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 friends.

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