

Three-Peaks 4-H Shooting Club News

Iron County, Utah
January, 2012

During the last 4-H Shooting Sports club activity (afternoon of December 14), we spent the afternoon shooting air rifles. We had 9 youth and 3 parents participate. This was our first chance to use the airgun shooting range obtained through a grant from the NRA Foundation. Thanks to the NRA Foundation, Hurst Ace Hardware of Cedar City, and Sportsman's Warehouse of St. George for their help in acquiring the equipment and ammunition we used during this activity. Thanks to Amy Matheson for the photography.

The January club activity will be a presentation by Lt. Scott Dalebout of the Utah Division of Wildlife on Saturday, December 10 from 2 to 5 PM in my home at 714 South 1175 West, Cedar City. We'll learn about his role and the hunter's role in conserving Utah's wildlife.

The Washington County 4-H has again invited us to join them for their Desert Shootout on March 24. That will be our March shooting activity. A flyer is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Here are our activities for the following 12 months:

- February 11, 2010 – Air Pistol Shooting
- March 24, 2010 – Archery
- April 14, 2010 – Pistol Shooting (rimfire & centerfire)
- May 12, 2010 – Rifle Shooting
- 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 member 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/htm/4-h>.
- The State 4-H calendar is online at <http://utah4h.org/htm/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>.
- 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.nra.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.

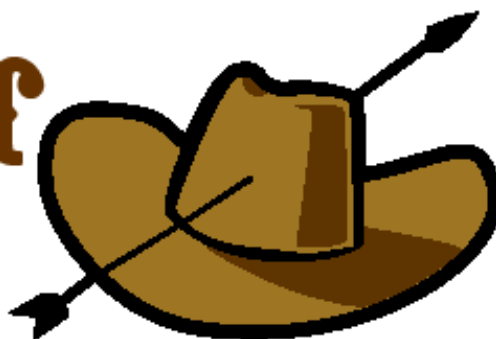
- Always follow the 10 rules of gun safety
- Handle firearms with adult supervision
- When dry-firing, always ensure your gun is empty and never have any ammunition in the same room
- Always concentrate on the fundamentals of shooting – make good shooting form a habit
- You can download targets from 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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2012 DESERT SHOOTOUT



First Place
Second Place
Third Place

In each age group. There will be four age group divisions (K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th)

SATURDAY MARCH 24TH

Come and have some fun in the sun down in Utah's Dixie for the Washington County 4-H Desert Shootout. This year we've added shotgun, so be sure to bring not only your bow but also your shotgun!

Lunch will be at the shotgun range. There will also be a raffle with lots items to choose from!

SCHEDULE

TIME	EVENT
9 30AM	ARCHERY
1 30PM	SHOT GUN

EVENTS ARE AT THE SOUTHERN UTAH SHOOTING PARK

NAME _____ AGE _____ GRADE _____

EMAIL THAT WILL BE CHECKING _____

Please remember to bring or send a copy of your Hunter's Education blue card.

\$10.00 registration fee (covers all range fees).

Subtotal: _____

Send registration and any questions to:



USU WASHINGTON
COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
435-634-5706
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ST. GEORGE UT 84770

SIGN-UP FOR EVENTS

Sign up for: Time
 Archery 9:30am
 Shotgun 1:30pm

T-SHIRT FORM

Youth S ___ M ___ L ___
 Adult S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___
 *XXL ___ *XXXL ___

\$10 for youth \$15 adult & *\$20.00 for larger sizes
 Subtotal: _____

Total: _____ Checks or Money Order only