

Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear members,

We accomplished a great deal in 2009 and the coming year will have even more events, projects and progress. Come join us for our Membership Shoot on January 10 and sign up for the 8-week Winter League for trap and skeet, which begins on January 17. This is a great time to get involved in one of our many club projects. Volunteering to help at club events helps us to pay for our improvements. It is a great investment of your time.

Throughout the year we will be hosting registered trap, skeet and sporting clays events, as well as holiday ham and turkey shoots. We have scheduled a traveling skeet and sporting clays leagues and have some brand new event ideas on the drawing board. Of course, we are always open for practice every Sunday and Tuesday.

Our first big construction project of the year will begin soon. With the help of a grant from the ODFW, a new open side pavilion will be built behind the skeet fields this spring. This will be an area with tables and chairs where participants and visitors attending shooting events can relax between rounds, out of the sun or rain. If you can lend a hand, talk to Managing Director Dennis Crowell, or Project Manager Brad Sjoblom, or any board member.

We are excited about all of the changes taking place at the club and welcome you to join in the fun. As you have no doubt noticed, there are a number of new faces lately as our membership has tripled in the last two years and continues to grow. Our aim is to be a premier shotgun shooting complex in the region, and we have the facility and the people to do it.

Brighten up your day, come on down and break some targets. Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you on the line.

James Guernsey, President

If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back!

2010 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DAY – JANUARY 10

This is fun day planned for the membership. On January 10 the club will be open 10AM to 2PM for UNLIMITED SHOOTING (for today only) for the members of CGESC. Here's the details:

Schedule:

- ✓ Arrive early enough to have breakfast with Mike. The kitchen will be open 8 AM to 2 PM.
- ✓ Shooting will begin at 10 AM and close at 2 PM.
- ✓ All new and renewing members will need to fill out a 2010 membership form and pay annual dues before beginning the day's activities. Already renewed? Just show your card and you're good to go.
- ✓ Lifetime members are always invited to join the festivities. Pay shooting fees only.
- ✓ Every new and renewing member will receive a new 2010 Membership card at renewal.
- ✓ Every member will receive a shooting card/pass for the day's activities. Get at the cage window.
- ✓ \$20 for unlimited shooting for trap, skeet, 5-stand, wobble, and games.
- ✓ \$25 for Sporting Clays (100 birds) + choice of venues. Squads issued keys when carrying pass.
- ✓ Mike will serve lunch at noon as the kitchen will remain open throughout the day.

Fees:

- New Lifetime Member \$300.00
 - Individual Annual Member \$ 30.00
 - Family of Two Members \$ 45.00
 - Family of 3 or more \$ 30 + \$15 each additional member at same address (Maximum \$75)
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2010 TRAP-SKEET WINTER LEAGUE – JANUARY 17- MARCH 16

This year's winter league is going to be more exciting than ever now and including both trap and skeet (shooter's choice). 8 weeks, 50 targets per week for a total for 400 targets. Trophy Grover buckles to individuals from novice to advanced, plus and awards banquet and game night.

CGESC 2010 Winter League Fees:

- \$16 Winter League Shooter Fee
- \$64 Target Fees (50 target/week @ \$8 per 50 x 8 weeks) or 16 card punches
- Fees MUST be paid prior to starting winter league
- **plus** \$100 team sponsor fee or \$20/shooter to self-sponsor.

Winter League Teams:

- Form your own team and get a sponsor
-or-
- Be placed on a sponsored team
-or-
- Be placed on a non-sponsored team and team finds a sponsor or self-pays.
- Final team assignments are subject to the Winter League co-coordinator.
- Shooters allowed to shoot two shoots forward or makeup two shoots back to stay eligible.
- Shooters not required to shoot with team members. Cold gun starts.

Awards Banquet and Game Night:

An awards banquet will be held after the 8-week Winter League competition concludes. Date TBA.

Pre-register for Winter League now at the cage window

-or-

phone James or Wendy at 541 946-1718.

**Shoot with your friends.
More Shooters = More Buckles.**

ANNUAL SPORTSMEN'S WILD GAME FEAST – JANUARY 9

The Annual Sportsmen's Wild Game Feast is being held this year at CG-ESC. This is a group of hunters/sportsmen who get together every year about this time to share pictures, antlers or mounts of their trophies. It's a good chance to learn about hunting opportunities in other areas. More than likely somebody in this group has been there or done that. These experienced hunters can provide tips to make your trip more pleasurable, and perhaps more successful, too.

The sportsmen plan a potluck meal and each brings something to share that they have either harvested or caught this year in a prepared game dish for the table. Eating starts at 12 Noon. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join them. If you would like to bring a salad, dessert or beverage (non-alcoholic) to the table they'd be most appreciative. You are encouraged to bring a favorite game dish, too, if you'd like.

The sportsmen will provide plates, napkins, eating utensil and soft drinks. They will ask for donations at the door to offset these costs and the use of the club house. After eating, there will be a story-telling time for everyone to share their favorite story for the year. This is usually the highlight of the day, and we're told some of the experiences are one of a kind. Everyone has a good time in the retelling of time spent outdoors doing some of their favorite activities.

CG-ESC offers a new activity for this gathering this year, in that, we will open the trap range and assist in the art of trap shooting. If you would like to come and be part of this gathering, the invitation is open. Bring the youngsters, too. This will be a great time to expose them to some of our hunting and fishing traditions.

Questions? Call Cal Speckman 741-2585; Max Schumacher 729-4461; Randy Smith 672-8949

FALL CHALLENGE SHOOTS AT CG-ESC

Each of you have received emails from cg_esc.gunclub@yahoo informing you of our Challenge Matches being held at CG-ESC this past fall. Many of you attended, but many of you weren't able to be here --- So -- I'm borrowing an article written in On Target that shared some of the events at these shoots. Thanks to James and Wendy.



"The CG-Eugene Sportsmen's Club held their second and third Fall Challenge Shoots on October 31 and November 21. Challenge shoots consist of 150 targets and combine several different shotgun games to really test a shooter's abilities and flexibility. The Oktoberfest Challenge featured 50 Wobbles Trap using the high speed Materelli bunker trap, 50 5-stand and 50 Sporting Clays; while the November Gobbler Challenge was 50 doubles of your choice (Trap or Skeet), plus 50 5-stand and 50 Sporting Clays.

Portlander Tom Jones proved his prowess, finishing at the top of the chart twice and garnering the High Overall Award in both contests. He paced the Wobbles in October and the Trap Doubles and 5-stand in November and finished in front of the pack in both Sporting Clays contests. Richard Cunlisk took the Runner-up title in October's High Overall, finishing three birds behind Jones. Jerry Martin topped the 5-stand by a pair with a 42.

Laser engraved trophy Oktoberfest Steins went to Dan Dunnington, Reino Linden and Vern Skogen. Tom Jones, Dan Guile, Dave Abel and Rick Dvorak split up the Lewis

cash purse.

Ron Mecklenberg claimed November's Runner-up title with a 123. Frozen turkeys were awarded. Lewis class went to Ron Mecklenberg, Jay Waldron and Nate Hill, while Tom Jones, Dale Fultz and Reino Linden divided the cash prizes.

We'll look forward to seeing you at the next Challenge Shoot!

OTHER SHOOTS – NEAR AND FAR

SKEET TRAVELING LEAGUE (Contact: Gary Wilson)

A traveling skeet league has been set up for January-February and March. The traveling league will visit three clubs (CG-ESC, JCSA at Grants Pass and Medford) for a total of six visits—two at each club site. The shooting venue will consist of 100 targets each time. A handicap will be imposed of 80% of misses from the previous week. The entry fee is \$30 for a T-shirt and prize money. Shooting costs will be at the member prices of each club. After a day of shooting, shooters will socialize with a potluck gathering and lots of camaraderie.

The dates are:

Medford 1/16;	GPass 1/30;	CG-ESC 2/13;
Medford 2/27;	GPass 3/6;	CG-ESC 3/20.

If you'd like to be a part of this, call Gary Wilson at 541 942-5535 (O) or 541 686-1324 (H).

SPORTING CLAYS SPRING LEAGUE DATES (Contact: Steve Wilhite)

Feb 20	CG-ESC	Mar 6	Florence Siuslaw Sporting
Mar 20	CG-ESC	Apr 3	Florence Siuslaw Sporting
April 10	CG-ESC	April 17	Florence Siuslaw Sporting

League participants will be able to shoot league targets as registered targets. The day immediately following each league day has a registered event scheduled. If you want to shoot registered targets you will need to declare your wish to do so on the league day. More details will be forthcoming in the next week or so. Mark your calendars and plan to join us again this year for this exciting spring league!

SPORTING CLAYS STATE PRELIMINARY SHOOT

April 30 - May 1 & May 2 State SC Prelims will be hosted by CG-ESC. This is a big event in the State of Oregon and draws participation from all our surrounding states. This is a big undertaking for CG-ESC and all hands will be needed on-deck to work this shoot. We're in the planning stages now and as the details come to the forefront you will be receiving information on what you can do and where your help and participation will be appreciated.

OTHER EVENT CALENDARS (Newsletter Editor: Jeanne Littleton)

Several of you have asked me if I have dates for the Sporting Clays and Skeet state venues. Yes, I have the State Skeet Association calendar at the printers as we speak. The State Sporting Clays calendar can be found on Mitchell's website at Salemclays.com. I found it under "calendar." I did not find a calendar for Siuslaw Sporting Clays. I'm sure that will be available soon. If you need those dates contact Jerry at SiuslawSport@aol.com.

YOUTH SHOTGUN PROGRAM (Jeanne Littleton, Youth Program Chair)

The Youth Shotgun Program is underway for 2010. Our finalized program will be available within the next several weeks. If you are interested in helping with the program, sign your name on the Youth Shotgun Program sheet posted on the cage wall in the lodge. If you have a youngster that would be interested in shooting with the youth shotgunners, please add name and contact information as well. All youth shooters will need their own shotgun (ability to load two shells), eye protection and ear safety plugs. The focus of the program will be on safety and geared to ALL venues at CG-ESC. Parents will be expected to participate in the program. You will be invited to a planning meeting where I can answer questions about the program in more detail. Please, get your name on the list so I can contact you. If you need to contact me, call me at 541 895-2697.

A LAUGH A DAY

I was in the express lane at the grocery store quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries.

Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the cart and asked sweetly, "So, which six items would you like to buy?" Wouldn't it be great if that happened more often?

A dog is the only being on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.