



News

Letter

Volume 5, Issue 1

SPRING 2009

Board of Directors

Tom Jones
President

Dave Farley
Vice President

Don Nussmeier
Treasurer

Gerry Kroeger
Financial Planner

Marty Sevier
Secretary

Jim Danielson

Ellen Deleganes

Duane Hesketh

Roy Smith

Dick Wasson

Message from the President

Tom Jones



At our Annual Membership Meeting this past December, the out going Board of Directors thanked the hardy soles that attended the event and extended a special "thank- you" to Patsy Mitchell, for once again decorating our Club House in holiday spirit. As is the custom, I listed the following Board accomplishments during the 2008 year.

- Continued our Newsletter via email, thanks to Marty Sevier & Ellen Deleganes.
- Finished the Skeet field improvements in prep for the Zone 7- regarded infields, replaced deteriorated pads, replaced old doors & added new trims, painted all houses and stained all the

Please see **President's Message** on page 2

What's Happening Around the Club ???

Our Club now has a vision document and plan in place presenting how it can improve its facilities over the span of the next three to five years and beyond. Our "Master Plan" rendering is hanging on the north wall in the Club House. Please, take a minute to review it and see the specific improvements we hope to implement as funds become available. Although the total price tag comes in at over \$350,000, we plan to implement it in a phased, orderly and logical approach. Erecting the 60 foot tower this year was our first improvement on the Sporting Course. We hope in our next phase to improve the overall site storm drainage system which could start as early as this August. Most of the earthwork improvements will get implemented in this phase. This May, we will over-seed the lawn areas in front of the Club House and on Skeet Fields 7 and 8. The new irrigation system that was installed this past fall will keep the grass green and lush all summer and will help to keep our Club's landscaping looking great.

Membership Renewal Notices out in April

We will be sending out renewal notices in April so you can renew your membership for the coming year. Current membership is good until May 31st and dues for the coming year will remain at \$125, same as last year. In addition to mailing out notices this year, we plan to offer members renewal forms on-line at Mitchell's website.

Newsletter available on-line

As in the past, we plan to have the Newsletter published 3-4 times a year. It will be available in printed form at the Club House and in lieu of mass emailing the large PDF sized files, as we have in the past, we will post the Newsletter on-

Please see **What's Happening** on page 2

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 Message from the President
- 2 Master Plan
- 3 Meet the Newest Board Member
- 4 Proshop News

President's Message, continued from page 1

fences & stairs and planted several more trees.

- Installed a 60 ft Sporting tower & reused the concrete for a grouse butt.
- Improvements totaled \$31,000 this year.
- Our checking balance was \$8,000 and the bank loan was at \$27,000
- We updated our Clubs By-Laws to better reflect today's operations.
- An irrigation system was donated 100% & installed on fields 7&8 and in front of the Club House by member, Harry Yates & crew- Thanks Harry!
- We raised our Club membership dues to \$125 and have 236 current members.
- Completed our Club Master Plan effort and unveiled the color rendering.

The following slate of Officers and Board members were voted into office for 2009

Tom Jones-President, Dave Farley-Vice-President, Marty Sevier-Secretary, Don Nussmeier-Treasurer, Gerry Kroeger-Financial Planning and Ellen Delegates, Jim Danielson, Roy Smith, Dick Wasson & Duane Hesketh- Board members.

Dan Mitchell expressed his, Patsy's and Stephen's appreciation for the membership's dedication and support this past year and gave a summary of events to come for 2009. Of particular interest to those attending, Dan mentioned that they were going to move their Member Appreciation Day this year to June

6th!...Considering it was cold, wet and windy outside.

Goals for the Board during 2009

1. Protect the Club's assets and maintain the stewardship of our facility.
2. Continue our communication with the membership via email through our Newsletter posted on Mitchell's website.
3. Implement portions of our facility Master Plan as funds become available.
4. Retain and grow our membership

Well that pretty well summed up our Annual Meeting and the goals we plan to implement this coming year. If you have any suggestions and/or comments that you'd like to share with the Board, please attend one of our regularly scheduled meetings that occur at the Club House on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.

See you at the Club and remember to bring a friend with you once in a while!

What's Happening, continued from page 1

line. The plan is to offer more and more communications by Mitchell's website to reduce the cost of the mailings. The newsletter, club announcements, event notices, proshop specials, etc. will be made available on the website. If you haven't visited the website lately www.mitchellsclavtaraetsports.com

**OREGON STATE SPORTING CLAYS
2009 Shoot Schedule**

January 10	Tri County	Sherwood, OR
February 14	Tri County	Sherwood, OR
February 15	Mitchell's	Gervis, OR
March 14	Tri County	Sherwood, OR
March 15	Mitchell's	Gervis, OR
April 4	Tri County	Sherwood, OR
April 5	Mitchell's	Gervis, OR
April 18-19	Grants Pass	Grants Pass, OR
April 25-26	Siuslaw Sporting	Veneta, OR
April 26	Cherry Festival Shoot	R&M Game Birds Lyle, WA
April 30-May 3	Zone 7	Desert Lake, NV
May 9	Mitchell's	Gervis, OR
May 16-17	Tri County	Sherwood, OR
May 23-24	Siuslaw Sport	Veneta, OR
June 13	Tri County	Sherwood, OR
June 14	Mitchell's	Gervis, OR
June 20-21	Siuslaw Sport	Veneta, OR
July 9-12	Washington State Shoot	Tacoma, WA
July 16-19	Mitchell's	Gervis, OR
August 6-9	Top Gun Shoot	Mt. Vernon, OR
August 22	Tri County	Sherwood, OR
August 23	Mitchell's	Gervis, OR
September 13	Douglas Ridge (200 birds)	Estacada, OR
Sep 18-20	Mitchell's Huffman Memorial Shoot	Gervis, OR
October 4	Douglas Ridge	Estacada, OR
Oct 28-Nov 1	US National's	San Antonio, TX

CONTACTS:

Mitchell's	mitchellsclaytargetsports@yahoo.com 503-792-3431
Tri County	503-799-9127
Helms Canyon	jim@fadnessrealty.com (Cherry Festival)
Douglas Ridge	halofit@aol.com 971-219-1740
Grants Pass	fishgarden@charter.net Tom Tipton 541-956-6064
Siuslaw	siuslawsport@aol.com 541-935-5224

Meet the Newest Board Member

We thought this would be a great way to introduce each Board Member to our membership and give you a glimpse into their personality and life history.

Jim Danielson

Home: Tualatin

Childhood: Geneva, Illinois

Occupation: Professional Mechanical Engineer

Hobbies and Interests other than shooting: Dirt Bike Motorcycle riding, Hunting, Fishing, Model Airplanes, Down Hill Snow Skiing, Snowmobiling

Years Shooting: Since 1948

Current Gun: Krieghoff K-32

Ammo: Handloads 1oz.

Shooting Class: A Class Skeet

Technique: Sustained Lead

Favorite Shoot: Potato Head in Boise

Biggest wins: Oregon State Skeet Championship Twice
Potato Head Championship Twice

Most memorable shoot:

Winning the 28 gauge gun championship at the Oregon State Skeet Championship with 100 straight.

Funniest thing to happen while shooting: Trying to load a 20 gauge shell into a 28 gauge chamber during a tournament.

5 Year Vision for the Club: To complete the current Master Plan that the Board designed and approved in 2008.

A Little History: Growing up in Illinois my favorite past time was hunting pheasants and red fox. After graduating from College I was transferred to Portland, OR by the company I was working for. After arriving in Portland I got involved with deer, elk and chucker hunting with some of my coworkers at Hyster Company. I also began shooting competitive rifle for about 5 years becoming a master level shooter. After not having fired my shotgun for several years I discovered skeet shooting at Tri-County Gun Club and began shooting with Sam and Ellen Delegates. They told me about Mitchell's Clay Target Sports Club and I tried shoot there and have been there ever since. I entered my first skeet tournament in 2001 as a D Class shooter. That year I was fortunate enough to enter and win D Class HOA at the Northwest Championship in Spokane, Washington. At the end of my first year of shooting Skeet I was reclassified to A Class and have been shooting skeet at that level ever since. I occasionally dabble in Sporting Clays but my preference is still shooting skeet. I have noticed that skeet has been dropping off in shooters over the last 4 or 5 years and am hoping that things will pick up in that sport in the future. With the Board's interests in helping the youth shooting program I would like to see some of our young shooters get into the sport and help resurrect it.

MITCHELL'S CLAY SHOOTING RATES

Shooting Sport	Member	Non-Member
Trap/Skeet	\$4.50	\$6.00
5-Stand	\$6.25	\$7.75
Sporting Clays (50 bird)	\$15.00	\$20.00
Sporting Clays (100 bird)	\$29.00	\$38.00

**Saturday is Kids Day (under 17) -
Discount shooting rates
See Pro Shop news for details**

Gun Rentals - \$15.00

**Club Car Rental - \$22.00/2-seater or
\$40/4-seater**

Rugged Gear (push cart) Rental - \$10.00

**Salem Clay Target Sports Club Membership Fee
\$125 per year**

**14 month membership starting April 1, 2009
to May 31, 2010 ----\$150**

Join now to enjoy member's only prices on shooting fees,
ammo prices and pro shop specials!

(Member year runs June 1 - May 31)

F A Q

• **How easy is it to book an instructor?**

It is easy to book an instructor, but you should anticipate a lead time of 2-3 weeks for more popular instructors. Call 503-792-3431

• **Are there any all-in-one shooting/instructing packages?**

Yes. We have introductory packages including a hour's lesson, targets, ammunition and gun rental.

• **Can I purchase the proper ammunition from the club?**

Yes. Our ammunition prices are frequently the best on the west coast, especially for high-quality brands like Focchi and Rio. We typically have a very good selection of shot size, gauge and type of load to suit any shooting need at our club.

Pro Shop News

By Stephen Parks (Sparks)



NEWS FROM THE PROSHOP

It is Spring in the BERETTA SHOP IN SHOP enjoy 35% sale on all Beretta clothing and accessories. All members who mention they read about this sale in the newsletter will receive an additional 5% off, that's a total saving of 40% for all clothing or accessories.

THE PRO SHOP offers a selection of Beretta firearms and consignment guns. I will order any model or make of firearm for you please give me an opportunity to match or beat my competitors price.

Check out Mitchell's Clay Target Sports website at "SalemClays.com" for shooting schedules club events and links to shooting scores.

The Sporting Clay and Skeet schedule for MCTS 2009 events is on the calendar. You can email Stephen at Proshop@salemclays.com with suggestions or questions.

SATURDAY SPECIAL SHOOTING RATES

Mitchell's offers reduced shooting prices on Saturday's for all women and youth shooters 17 and under, Skeet/trap \$3.00, Five-stand \$4.00 and Sporting Clays \$20.00.

I hope to see you all out shooting soon - Sparks

**“Failure is the
opportunity to begin again
more intelligently.”**

Henry Ford