



## Portage Rod & Gun Club Spring Newsletter Volume 22 Issue 1

### **President Message**

As we start 2022, I'm sure everybody would like to know what's going on at the club. As a board we've decided to spend some money this year on new benches and the pistol bays. In early Spring we are going to try and soundproof or dampen the sound in the rifle building. This year we're also looking at adding a 5 Stand, as many of you have shown your interest in Sporting Clays.

Please check out our new calendar flyer for important dates for events throughout the year. We should have copies of this at the club starting in February. We have Hunter Safety classes, Clean-up Day, Quad Shoots, Fun Day Shoot, and a whole bunch of other things listed. As always, we're looking for help at these events and it's a great way to get your 4 hours of time done. We have our Gun Show coming up soon and we could use help at that as well.

I want to personally thank my board members for all of the hard work during my presidency. And look forward to working with you in the future. Just a friendly reminder to everyone, our board meets the third Monday of every month at 6:00 PM all members are encouraged to attend. Let's make 2022 a safe and enjoyable time at the Portage Rod & Gun Club.

Steve

### **Claybusters**

Registration has just started. I expect to have 30 or more kids this spring. We are just making plans for a raffle for the team. Will keep everyone posted to how things are going.

### **Hollow Point Defensive Shooters**

HPDS will be starting their season on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Every month throughout the summer will be a training and every month will be an IDPA match at the range. If you are interested in improving your handgun skills, joining in is an excellent way to accomplish that. Details are available at [www.hollowpointshooters.org](http://www.hollowpointshooters.org) or contact me at [shane@sandenwood.com](mailto:shane@sandenwood.com)

Shane Marquardt

### **Range Improvements**

Long overdue, but we have some more projects in the works. By spring, there will be sound insulation in the rifle building. There will also be new shooting benches on the pistol range along with permanent target stands for each of the 13 stations. Thank you to Ron Dorn of Portage Lumber here in town for help with pricing on the material and thanks to Bruce Weyh for building the additional steel target stands. The benches will be built and ready to install as soon as the frost is out of the ground. If you are interested in helping with these projects, please contact me at [shane@sandenwood.com](mailto:shane@sandenwood.com). This is another way to get your work hours in for the year.

Shane Marquardt

## **Gun Show**

The spring gun show will be March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> with \$5 admission per person.

Doors are open Saturday from 9 to 5 and Sunday from 9 to 3.

Contact Bob Corning (608) 617-8388 if you would like to reserve a table.

We will again be holding a gun raffle at the show to help the club with improvements.

We picked a 12 gauge over/under shotgun with choke tubes, wood stock and an engraved silver receiver.

Thanks to Doug and Pam from DW Sports in downtown Portage for their continued support with the club.

## **Precision Rimfire League**

2022 is the year of the .22!

A survey was recently e-mailed out to assess interest in establishing a Precision Rimfire League. It appears that we have enough interest to continue with our preparations. Thanks to all those that responded. Unfortunately, the survey results did not capture contact information. If you are interested in participating or willing to serve on the committee, please contact me via e-mail listed below. The next step to get this off the ground is to assemble a committee and secure funding.

The objective of the Precision Rimfire League is to provide a low cost rifle marksmanship competition that is readily accessible, serve as an entry point for new shooters while challenging the experienced, and have a good time. Matches involve positional shooting utilizing simple barricades and steel targets. They can be shot using any rifle chambered in 22LR by anyone able to independently manipulate the firearm. The matches will be similar in format to NRL22, no awards or prizes, and without a seasonal commitment. Gear may be shared between

competitors. For those new to the sport, coaching is not only allowed but encouraged.

This is an excellent opportunity to introduce people to the sport, an activity that can be shared with family or just show up to challenge yourself and have a good time.

Ben Halverson – halversonb@yahoo.com

## **5 Stand**

We are excited to be looking at adding a Five Stand this year to enhance the Club's offerings. More information will be coming out soon. Please watch your emails or mailbox.

Five Stand is a type of shotgun sport shooting like sporting clays, trap and skeet. There are five stations or stands and six to eighteen strategically placed clay target throwers (called traps). Shooters shoot in turn at various combinations of clay targets. Each station will have a menu card that lets the shooter know the sequence of clay targets (i.e. which trap the clay target will be coming from). The shooter is presented with 5 targets at each station, first a single target followed by two pairs. Pairs can be either "report pairs," in which the second target will be launched after the shooter fires at the first; or "true pairs" when both targets launch at the same time. After shooting at the 5 targets on the menu at that station, the shooter proceeds to the next stand, where they find a new menu of 5 targets.

Typical five stand targets are a rabbit, chandelle, overhead, standard skeet high house and low house shots, teal (launched straight up into the air), trap (straight ahead from ground level), and an incoming target.

## **Trap Leagues**

The Gun club has a Winter yardage League for 12 weeks this year, it started on December 1, 2021 and will run until February 16, 2022. We have 16 shooters and shoot from different yardage each week. At the end of the 12 weeks we will have a Potluck dinner.

The club has already picked dates to run two different trap leagues this summer, the first one will start on May 4, 2022 and will be our 16 yard team trap league. This will run for 20 weeks and at the end will have a Potluck dinner.

The second will be our Summer Yardage Trap League, this will start on May 5, 2022 and will run for 12 weeks with shooters shooting from various yardages each week. This league will also have a Potluck dinner at the end of the 12 weeks.

**Summer Trap League** will be a 20-week League beginning May 4, 2022. League Meeting and Sign up is April 27<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 7:30pm. Team fee is \$50, and a Team consists of 5 members.

Shoot times are:

Wednesdays 9am to noon and 6pm to 10pm.

Saturdays from 10am to 3pm.

**Summer Yardage Trap League** begins May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. League Meeting and Sign up will be April 27<sup>th</sup> for 6 to 7:30pm

This will be an Individual Shoot and is a 12-week Progressive Yardage Increase League. There are no teams or team fees.

Shooting Times are:

Thursdays from 9am to noon, 6pm to 10pm and Saturdays 10am to 3pm,

For both Leagues - End of League Potluck Dinner and Awards to be determined. We have a limited supply of shells, so we encourage you to bring your own.

Contact Clayton at 608-742-2334

## **2022 Calendar of Events**

**Gun Shows** – March 19-20 & Oct. 8-9

**Fun Day Shoots** – Aug. 13 &

Oct.29 (Halloween)

**Clean up Days** – Apr. 30 & Sept. 24

**Adopt a Highway** – Apr. 23, July 23 & Oct. 22

**Hunter Safety** – Apr. 5,7,12,14,16 & 19

Aug. 2,4,9,11,13 & 16

**ATA** – Apr. 17, May 15, June 12, & Sept. 18

**Quad** – Mar. 6 & Apr. 10

**Board Meetings** – Feb. 21, Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct 17, Nov. 21 & Dec. 19.

\*A great way to earn your four work hours is to help out with these events. Contact a Board Member to let us know when you can help.

## **Club Info**

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