

# Portage Rod & Gun Club Summer Newsletter Volume 21 Issue 2

### **President Message**

#### Dear Members,

We have a lot going on at the Club this summer. Trap leagues have started and are going well. IDPA is underway and the membership seems to be growing. We have a Three Gun Shoot on the calendar for July 10<sup>th</sup>. Hope we have a good turnout. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fun Day shoot is August 7<sup>th</sup> and prizes are already coming in! We have had a good number of members volunteering time at events, coming in on their own time to help with scoring and the cleaning of the grounds. We appreciate this. We have had a few members donate other things to the Club as well. If you enter the Clubhouse, you will notice we have a new Menu Board Sign. This was made and donated in early May. Also,

one member has stepped up and donated two years of the membership cards, saving the Club printing costs. This is how our Club continues to be able to benefit our members and put money into other needed things to keep the Club running. I would like to personally thank everyone who has been able to weed, whack, mow, paint and cleanup around the Club. I would like to get a couple more projects done this year. We have the materials for the roof over Bay 4 on the Pistol Range. We will be setting a date to have this accomplished. Also looking for members who would like to paint. We are thinking the Clubhouse, the Pistol Building and the fence between Traps 3 and 4 need to be painted.

I would like to congratulate the Claybusters, the high school Trap Team for finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at State this year. I was honored to be there and score for these incredible shooters. Best of luck to the group that will be heading to Mason, Michigan for Nationals. Great job coaches.

We are having a multi – gun raffle this summer/fall. The Gun Raffle tickets are on sale now! year. We will be giving away seven guns and the drawing will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> at the November Board Meeting here at the Club. All proceeds will go to Club improvements. Cost is \$20 each.

The Club is participating in the Adopt-a-Highway program starting this year. Our portion is Highway 16 from Klapstien Road to Maas Road. Lori Bandt will oversee this and will be setting up dates to fulfill our obligation. This is to be done three times a year and a great way to get your work hour requirement in as well as a little exercise. Lori is also working

on getting a Food Drive going at the Club. Members can bring in non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. Every little bit helps. See Lori's contact information in the Board Members list.

We are hosting the first Kyle Paske Memorial shoot on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Kyle was a great guy and a valued member for years until his tragic death. Let us all come together for a fun day to remember Kyle. The proceeds from this shoot will go towards the youth shooting program.

In closing I would like to remind all of you that this is Your Club. How you treat it and the amount of time you can donate help. We can have a safe, fun and clean place to shoot.

Steve Strand

#### Claybusters

We went to State and came home in THIRD PLACE in our Division. Forty-eight teams were at State with about five hundred forty shooters. I am going to say we shot very well in the wind. This is the first time we have placed at State. We did finish the season Fifth in our Conference. We had 27 athletes compete this Spring.

We had three shooters make the All-State team (top 100). We now have six kids going to Nationals in Mason, Michigan. One squad and an alternate. They do all get to compete in the Individual Competition. Boy am I proud of how these kids handled the Spring Season.

#### **Hollow Point Defensive Shooters**

As I have mentioned before, we train once a month as well as run an IDPA match every month throughout the summer.

We work with people of all skill levels to improve handgun shooting in defensive type scenarios.

Our largest match of the year is The Andy Garwell Memorial IDPA Match and will be held August 21st, 2021.

Registration will start at 8 am and a lunch is included in the match feel of \$25.

We will also have a full prize table where winners will be drawn by raffle tickets sold the day of the shoot.

The lunch and raffles are open to both spectators and shooters.

All proceeds from the match will be donated to the Honor Flight Network in Andy Garwell's name.

This match is almost as fun to watch as it is to shoot so take some time and come see what we are all about and help out a great cause.

Shane Marquardt

**HPDS** 

#### **Special Thanks**

### Skeet Shooting

Not sure if you are aware, but we had one of the skeet machines break down a few weeks ago.

Several members offered to donate money toward new machines for the club.

Special thanks to Clayton Simonson, Bill Voigt, Dan Denzer, and Robert Kaether for their generous donations.

Two new MEC machines have been purchased, delivered, installed, wired up, and are working again.

Special thanks to Aaron Schmitz, Steve Strand, Bill Voigt, Mark Paske, and Wayne Stadtler for their assistance in installing the equipment.

If you have never shot Skeet or if it has been a while, stop out to the club and shoot a round or three. It's great fun!

#### **Gun Club Projects**

Keep these projects in mind for your work hours.

- 1. Pistol and Rifle ranges need constant cleanup on targets and garbage.
- 2. Grounds care and maintenance.
- 3. Trash cans on ranges emptied.
- 4. Spring and Fall Cleanup Days.
- 5. Door frame repairs done last fall in the Clubhouse needs painting.
- 6. Lights need to be installed on Skeet Range.
- 7. Handmade Donation Canisters by our High Schoolers need to be placed at both ranges.
- 8. Edge the sidewalks on Trap Range and around the Clubhouse.
- 9. Trim bushes and trees below Trap 1.
- 10. Pistol Range roof over bench in Bay 4.
- 11. Pistol Range needs new benches.
- 12. Pistol Range drainage and stump cut off flat in Bay 4.
- 13. Rifle range design and upgrades including target stands.
- 14. Rifle range fence Handicap Parking and Range Re-design.
- 15. Painting Trap 4 and Skeet Towers.
- 16. Painting fence by Skeet House.
- 17. Paint Pistol Range storage building.
- 18. Clean and organize back storage room.
- 19. Bartending, kitchen and cleaning help for events.
- 20. Gun Show help manning the door, checking in guns and selling raffle tickets.
- 21. Help at Trap Shoots.
- 22. Work hours are available Wednesdays and Saturdays. Help with Trap Shooting.
- 23. Administration help is also needed.

### **2021 Calendar of Events remaining**

#### **ATA Shoot:**

July 11, 2021 (Ranges are closed)

#### **HPDS**:

July 3, 2021

July 17, 2021

August 7, 2021

August 21, 2021 Andy Garwell Shoot

September 4, 2021

September 18, 2021

October 2, 2021

October 16, 2021

### **Fun Day Shoot:**

August 7,2021



#### **Gun Show:**

October 9th and 10th 2021

### **Summer Trap League:**

League Ends September 15, 2021

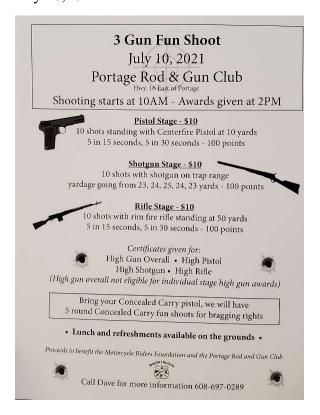
Party night September 29, 2021

### Clean Up Days:

Fall October 23, 2021

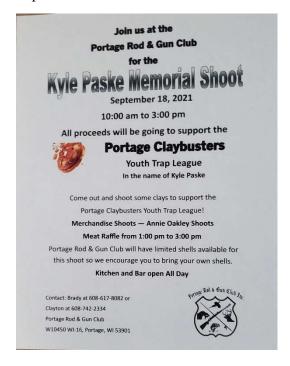
#### 3 Gun Shoot:

July 10,2021



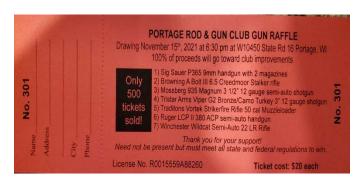
### **Kyle Paske Memorial Shoot**

September 18<sup>th</sup>



### 7-Gun Raffle Drawing

November 15<sup>th</sup>



### **Hunter Safety:**

Hunter Safety will be offered in August this year. Please see the DNR website for more information for registration.

\*Also see our Website for all Calendar Events

#### Club Info

**Club Contact Information:** 

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Check out our Facebook page: portage rod and gun club

Board Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evenings at 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

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