

Around Weslaco October 2024 Newsletter



President's Note

Hello All-

The other day I was talking with a fellow member when he asked what I had planned for the fall. In our conversation, I mentioned that I haven't been west since the year before Covid. He asked why, and I answered that old dogs and deer hunting had quite a bit to do with it. I told him I missed going and was looking forward to getting my puppy trained and getting back into the upland game. He then shared how he was going hunting in South Dakota. He said he has always wanted to go there, and initially he was conflicted about going, but ultimately decided he was going. His reasoning had much to do with not waiting to do the things that you really want to do. You never know what life has in store for you, and there is no promise of tomorrow. As I reflected on our conversation, the wisdom of his message began to sink in, not because I have never considered these truths, but because of the absolute sincerity with which he conveyed his thoughts. Clearly there was value in his words; in fact, so much so that it made me want to share this with you. Perhaps it may help keep you from asking the question, "Where did it all go?" I hope that you make the most of the things that you enjoy, and enjoy this beautiful fall season.

See you at the Club,

Ed

October Events (full calendar in newsletter)

- 1- trap & trap steak dinner 6P
- 2 – Chardon trap 5P
- 3 – Work Party 9A, CHS trap 5P, pistol & skeet 6P
- 5 – CLAM BAKE 3P social, 5P dinner
- 6 – Work Party 8A
- 8 – trap 6P
- 9 – CHS trap 5P, Skeet 6P
- 10 – CHS trap 5P, Pistol & 5 Stand 6P
- 12 – USPSA shoot 11:30, Youth Pheasant Hunt
- 14 – Member meeting 7:30
- 15 – trap 6P
- 16 - CHS trap 5P
- 17 – CHS trap 5P, Pistol & Skeet 6P
- 20 – Turkey Shoot
- 22 – trap 6P
- 23 – CHS trap 5P, Skeet 6P
- 24 – CHS trap 5P, Pistol & 5 Stand 6P
- 28 – Board Meeting 7P
- 29 - trap 6P
- 31 – Pistol & Skeet 6P

September's Snippets

Commemorative stones for members Denny Ursik and George Petrick were installed on a concrete base by the dock by Anthony Varcelli, Dave Hobart and his son Patrick.



A lasting tribute

At the September meeting Howard Guerin presented a donation of \$1000 to the club from Diane Planicka in memory of her husband, Gary. It's very humbling that Weslaco is still held in such high esteem by Gary's family, and a letter of our sincerest thanks was sent to Diane in acknowledgement of her generosity. There is a marker at the upper lake commemorating Gary.

The Deepwood fishing day on Sunday the 8th was well attended, and the day was dry and sunny but exceptionally cool. The fish were less easily enticed than usual due to the cold snap, but the participants enjoyed themselves (as did the volunteers) and still managed to reel in quite a few fish - and smiles.



Dan Milo assisting a happy angler



The lake: a beautiful and relaxing setting for our guests

The 22 Pistol and Rimfire shoot on Sunday the 12th had great attendance with additional participants from the bird hunting crowd enticed by Greg Dolence's offer of a special

prize. As always, the Weslaco pistoleros ran a smooth event, and the weather cooperated as well.



Pistol shoot attendees: great to see some kids & grandkids

The annual National Hunt and Fish Day celebration took place this past Saturday. After a short rain delay in the morning, the wet weather moved out for the rest of the day. A great crew of Weslaco members volunteered to help Dan Milo make the event a success. Despite the dicey forecast for the day, about 120 families attended.





Images from Hunt and Fish Day 2024

Pistol/Rifle News

There was a recent occurrence in the pistol bay where steel targets were being shot at too close of a range (15 to 20 feet)! Copper jacket fragments were then striking a nearby shooter.

Steel targets are not to be shot at a distance of less than 30 feet to minimize the risk of shooters being struck by fragments. 30-foot markers will be installed on each side of the range with signage to inform and remind shooters to adhere to this safe distance.

Thanks to the member that brought incident up: thanks for keeping our shooting bay safe.

U.S.P.S.A.

United States Practical Shooting Association Event

On Saturday, October 12th, 2023

Safety briefing at 11:30. Shooting starts at high noon at the Pistol Pavilion

Members \$5.00 Members Guest \$7.00

This event combines speed, accuracy and mental agility in order to compete without incurring procedural points while still having fun!

The divisions are:

Carry Optics, PCC, Revolver, Open, Limited, Production, & Single Stack

We will have 3 challenging stages set up for you to try your shooting skills!

A holster with a covered trigger guard is preferred. Competitors will need approximately 50 rounds and 2-3 magazines or 3-4 speedloaders.

Contact Terry Burnett for any more info or questions.



See you at the Range!

Trap Tuesday League Schedule

This Tuesday, October 01, 2024, **Trap League Dinner**

October 08, 2024, Wobble Trap I, 50 Pair Doubles Night Trap II

October 15, 2024, Fall Trap League Begins 8 Week League

The New Club Roster:

It's a handy tool to have on your phone if you're away from home need to get a hold of a member. A list of updated and corrected contact information is being kept, and an updated roster will be sent to the membership later to avoid multiple sendings. The information in Constant Contact is updated continuously, so members don't miss emails and newsletters.

The Annual Clambake, This Saturday

Hope you have your reservations in! Socializing starts at 3P with dinner at 5P. Ed Guy has a great feast planned.



The Youth Pheasant Hunt is Looking for Your Kids!

Our annual Youth Pheasant Hunt will be held on October 12th, 9:00 AM. Activities include the opportunity for each youth to hunt two pheasants over pointing dogs, shoot sporting clays, and enjoy lunch. This event is limited to the first 25 participants who sign up.

Youths must be 17 years old or younger and have completed a Hunter Safety Course. While in the field or shooting sporting clays, participants are required to wear hunter orange, shooting glasses, and hearing protection.

A parent or guardian must always accompany youths.

To sign up, please contact:

Steve Nenno

snnenno@gmail.com

Thank you to our sponsors who make this event free of charge

Fall Pheasant Hunting \$20.00 each and Chukar cost \$12.50 each (min. 4). Clean-up hunts have been eliminated. MANDATORY: All birds must be banded, and log harvest numbers recorded. Preserve Hunts: Saturday & Sunday mornings are reserved for preserve hunts. Time slots are 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Each time slot can

accommodate up to 5 hunters. 1 guest may hunt per scheduled group. Members must accompany their hunting guest and family members always. Preserve hunt reservations must be booked prior to the 1st day of the month. Wild Hunts: the Club is open for wild hunts except for club sanctioned deer hunting dates (Rut, Youth Gun, Deer Gun) and preserve reservation dates. Hunters may hunt from sunrise to sunset but must stay south of the driveway after 10:00 am (12:00 pm Sundays only). Pheasants will be a mix of roosters and hens. Minimum 6 pheasant purchased to participate in program. Bag limits will apply for 3 pheasants per day. Hunting areas are not assigned and are on a first come basis. • All hunters and walkers must have completed a hunters safety course and wear at least a hunters orange vest/jacket and hat. Birds must be shot in the air. No shot size larger than #6 may be used. Please be courteous to other hunters. Questions: Steve Nenno Snenno@gmail.com
Program Summary: October 14th – December 31st No hunting on club sanctioned deer hunting dates (Rut, Youth Gun, Deer Gun). *See calendar for dates. Pheasants cost

Deer Hunting Dates 2024 – club grounds closed except for deer hunting on these dates until sunset:

Deer Rut 11/2 - 11/10

Youth Deer Gun 11/16 & 11/17

Deer Gun 12/2 - 12/8, 12/21 & 12/22

Muzzleloader 1/4 - 1/7

Good Luck, Weslaco Hunters!



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October 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		Trap 6pm	Chardon Trap 5pm	Pistol Game & Skeet 6pm CharTrap 5pm		Clam Bake 3pm Start
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Chardon Trap 5pm Skeet 6pm	Pistol Game & 5 Stand 6pm CharTrap 5pm		USPCA Pistol Event and Youth Pheasant Hunt
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Trap 6pm		Pistol Game & Skeet 6pm CharTrap 5pm		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Members Meeting 7:30pm	Trap 6pm	Chardon Trap 5pm			
Turkey Shoot Noon		Trap 6pm	Chardon Trap 5pm Skeet 6pm	Pistol Game & 5 Stand 6pm CharTrap 5pm		
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	Board Meeting 7pm	Trap 6pm	Pistol Game & Skeet 6pm		
		Notes				

