

SPORTSMEN'S NOTES

Official Newsletter of the Dormont-Mt. Lebanon Sportsmen's Club
JULY 2010

DAVE WILLARD PREVIEWS BLACK POWDER SKIRMISH *Weapons Demonstration A Hit*



Skirmish Director, Dave Willard, displays some of the weapons used in the skirmish.

(Editor's Note: DMSC had to cancel the skirmish scheduled for July 9-11. Unfortunately, the small number of units that signed up for the event did not justify the production. That unusual phenomenon also occurred with other skirmishes scheduled throughout the region. This was unfortunate because the hard work put in by Program Manager

Ron Watton and his event team would have provided a spectacular weekend. Nevertheless, the cancellation, which will be rescheduled, did not diminish the importance of the information Dave presented, an overview of which follows.)

The Club, in association with the Charliers Valley Guard, hosted a North-South Skirmish Association regional skirmish on July 9, 10 and 11. Authentically uniformed Union and Confederate teams will compete on the Club's black powder range in live-fire matches with muskets and carbines of the Civil War era. Note the reference to *live-fire*. This was not a re-enactment of a particular battle or a look at the typical day of a Civil War soldier. Skirmish shooting is done with live

DMSC SHORT SHOTS

- This month's meeting is a good one. It will feature wildlife ecologist *John Eveland*. Of the three big game mammals in Pennsylvania (white-tailed deer, black bear, and elk), John conducted the first statewide research, wrote the original PA state management plans and is directly responsible for the recovery and success of black bears and elk programs. But, for whatever reason, political infighting and favoritism in Harrisburg has left John, one of the most experienced wildlife ecologists in PA, on the outside of the *deer management program*. Maybe we'll find out more about this situation from John.

- The August Hi-Power match is canceled. This schedule change gives the usual Saturday shooters an opportunity to participate in the major CMP match at Camp Perry, Ohio, during the first weekends of the month.

- Partially funded by a significant grant from the Friends of NRA, Ron Watton has arranged for the NRA certification training of board members and program managers. Beginning in October, NRA instructor John Bertody will conduct a total of 53 sessions, beginning with instructor certification classes, followed by certification in various disciplines (rifle, pistol, shotgun, and black powder), and ending in Range Safety Officer certification.

- We may have set a record with the size

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ammunition in original or dimensionally certified reproduction military firearms of the period. The core of N-SSA shooting is the 8-man musket team match. Uniformed Union and Confederate teams compete in timed, rapid-fire events, shooting at breakable targets such as clay pigeons, ceramic tiles, and clay flower pots at ranges of 50 and 100 yards. The team with the lowest time wins.

To give club members a taste of what the experience is like, Dave simulated a typical 50 yard target frame with 12 ounce drink cans (that present a 2 inch target) and 2 liter bottles filled with water as the targets. With Dave's son Zach assisting at the firing line, a dozen of the members took a try at firing the muskets. Between attempts, Dave gave specifics about the weapons such as :

- √ There are 3 basic types of arms--smooth bore musket, rifled musket, and carbine
- √ An experienced musketeer can reload 4 times a minute
- √ A two inch group a 50 yards is average
- √ The musket is capable of unhorsing a rider at 600 yards
- √ An 8 man team can clear a 16 clay target frame in 60 seconds
- √ A soldier lugged a 4 pound battle pack filled with 60 rounds of 520 grain balls at 15 balls per pound
- √ You may have to check with your dentist before competing--muzzle-loading firearms are loaded from paper cartridges which contain a charge of powder and a bullet, so soldiers rip the cartridges open with their teeth and pour in the powder, followed by the bullet ,, one source for the phrase "bite the bullet"








Dave did a great job of providing a preview of things to come and generating interest in a discipline most of the members hadn't experienced before. If you want to see more of the pageantry of skirmish competitions, check the video at the bottom of the North-South Skirmish Association web site at <http://www.n-ssa.org/join.html> . You may want to be in the next skirmish.

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of the crew that showed up for the June work party. Twenty helpers got into a lot of clean up and construction projects on a hot and humid day. They included Joe Ambrozevice, John Bradford, Chuck Comstock, Miles Ford, Ted Hildabrand, Bill Jones, Bob Kirsopp, Tony Kourakos, Nick Kuzy, Chuck Miller, Ray Nist, Diane Randolph, Lou Romito, Gary Scherer, George Taylor, John Tupta, Stephen Tupta, Matt Vargo, Ron Watton, and Ken Zupkow. Great turnout and great work.

- Additionally, on an off day, Tom Kramer brought out some equipment and help to drive support posts behind pistol and rifle bunkers and at the lower archery range to define access. Placing twenty-nine 7 foot posts in four hours is a lot of pounding. Also on the rifle range, John and Stephen Tupta cleared out the overgrowth at 200 yards on positions 1 and 2, so users could have a clear shot at the targets.

- When will they ever learn? There was another violation on the rifle range. A group of shooters were "only plinking" water bottle targets set on top on the target frames at 100 and 200 yards. *The rifle range is for paper targets only.* Plink on the plinking range! Needless to say, the top rails of the frames were pretty well chewed up. Like there isn't enough repair and replacement work to do.

AUGUST 2010						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2 6:00PM Outdoor pistol	3 7:00PM- 10:00PM Trap range	4 5:00PM Smallbore Rifle Practice	5	6	7
8 9:00AM- 1:00PM 5 Stand	9 6:00PM Outdoor pistol	10 7:00PM- 10:00PM Trap range	11 5:00PM Smallbore Rifle Practice	12 7:30PM Board Meeting	13	14 
15 11:00AM CMP rifle match	16 6:00PM Outdoor pistol	17 7:00PM- 10:00PM Trap range	18 5:00PM - Smallbore Rifle Practice	19	20	21 8:00AM- 4:00PM PA State Prone Match 
22 8:00AM- 4:00PM PA State Prone Match 	23 6:00PM Outdoor pistol	24 7:00PM- 10:00PM Trap range	25 5:00PM Smallbore Rifle Practice	26 8:00 Members Meeting	27 1:30PM- 4:00PM (approx) Silhouette Setup 	28 9:00AM Outdoor Pistol Silhouette 
29 9:00AM- 1:00PM All Shotgun Day	30 6:00PM Outdoor pistol LAST MPRL	31 7:00PM- 10:00PM Trap range	LEGEND:  UPPER RANGES CLOSED  ALL RANGES CLOSED			

**Dormont-Mt. Lebanon Sportsmen's Club
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**Next Membership Meeting: July 22, 2010
Topic: The Politics of PA Game Management
Speaker: John Eveland , Wildlife Ecologist**

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SHOOTING OPPORTUNITIES

PISTOL

MONDAY NIGHT OUTDOOR. (NMC). The first line shoots at 6:00PM. Call the program leaders, George Taylor (412) 344-8750 or Bruce Ungar (412)343-2256, for additional information.

SATURDAY OUTDOOR SILHOUETTE. This monthly outdoor program will fire every fourth Saturday at 9:00AM. Call George Taylor (412)344-8750 for additional information on Saturday activities. *Note: silhouette set up is the preceding Friday afternoon and assistance is appreciated.*

TRES BANDIDOS. This fun match shoots the fifth Wednesday in a month-- September 29 is next. Call George Taylor, (412)344-8750, for information.

RIFLE

CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM. This outdoor program shoots the third Sunday of the month. The firing begins at 11:00AM. First time shooters need to have a safety orientation at 9:00AM. For information contact John Tupta at teefam@verizon.net or 724-941-1494.

- √ July 18: M1 Garand Match and a Springfield/Vintage Military Rifle Match
- √ July 25: Special M1 Carbine Match

NRA HIGH POWER. The matches are usually held on the first Saturday of the month, but there are some changes in the summer because of regional Camp Perry competitions, e.g., August. Call John Tupta (724)941-1494, or Al Jaworski (724)746-7033 for equipment requirements, match dates (you can check the

event calendar), and other particulars.

SMALL BORE OUTDOOR. Practice is every Wednesday evening at 5:00PM.

The Club is hosting the **PA STATE SMALL BORE PRONE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**, August 21-22.

BLACK POWDER. For information, contact Ron Watton via email at watton2@verizon.net, or at (724)941-5891.

SHOTGUN

TRAP. The program shoots Tuesdays from 7:00PM-9:00PM. Call Doug Gawronski, 412-531-5043, for information.

5-STAND. The program shoots the first and third Sundays. Future matches are scheduled for July 25, August 8, August 29 (moved because of the State Prone Championships on August 21-22), and September 26. Call Tom Kramer, 724-873-0683, for information.

Note: Tom is looking for assistance to run this program. It takes a lot of time the day of the shoot to set up all the computer-controlled bird sites that make this match so much fun. Call Tom if you can help out.

**You can get daily
NRA news reports
in small doses
or a big chunk
at
NRANEWS.com**

**HIGH POWER RIFLE LEAGUE MATCH
MATCH NO. 5 June 3, 2010**

NAME	CLASS	OFF-HAND	RAPID – SITTING	RAPID-PRONE	SLOW-PRONE	TOTAL
	MASTER					
M. FORD		91-2X	96-3X	96-1X	195-4X	478-10X
B. UNGAR		96	98-2X	94-1X	189-5X	477-8X
F. WASCO		93	96-1X	91-1X	188-5X	468-7X
D. WILLARD		89-2X	98-2X	96-3X	172-1X	455-8X
	EXPERT					
R. JANOSKI		92	99-4X	94-1X	190-4X	475-9X
G. SCHERER		89	85	86	190-5X	450-5X
	S-SHOOTER					
S. TUPTA		89	89	93-2X	190-4X	461-6X
J. TUPTA		81	86	92	172-2X	431-2X
	MARKSMAN					
P. CASSINI		88	92-1X	83	163-1X	426-2X
T. VRABEL		57	86-1X	64	127	334-1X
	MASTER UNC					
M. BURNS		91-1X	93-1X	88	183-1X	455-3X
V. YARTZ		68	88	83	145	384

Beautiful weather was on tap for the twelve shooters on this 4th of July weekend. Miles Ford held the top spot with an impressive 478-10x. Bruce Ungar (477-8x) and Rick Janoski's (475-9x) scores were nothing to sneeze about either. Great Shooting Guys! Welcome to new shooter Vic Yartz. Glad to see that you were in town Frank Wasco and that you chose to stop by. Scores continue to improve as well as the enjoyment of the match. The next match will be on the second Saturday of August 8-14-10 (due to the Camp Perry National Matches). All are Welcome!

-- Reported by John Tupta

CMP MATCH June 20, 2010

	Offhand	Sit/Kneel	Prone	Total
		M1 GARAND		
Chuck Augenstein	180-3x	182-1x	184	546-4x
Paul Curry	119-1x	148	150	417-1x
Don Fulmer	72-2x	32	53	157-2x
Mark Goetz	123-1x	153	113	389-1x
David Kuzy	28	159-1x	63	351-1x
Nick Kuzy	64	154	144	362
Nick Kuzy Jr.	117	157	144	418
Michael Large	134	147	99	380
Mike Ligman	145	157-2x	124-1x	426-3x
Jim Madar	159-1x	176-3x	183	518-4x
John Pacsuta	169	171	125	465
John Tupta	138	169-1x	152	459-1x
Stephen Tupta	161-1x	172-2x	145	478-3x
Bruce Ungar	183-3x	175	152-2x	510-5x
		M1A		
Ken Zupkow	167-1x	176-2x	170	513-3x
		BOLT ACTION		
Pete Cassini	161	142	143	446
		AR-15		
Ken Anderson	116-1x	139-2x	107	362-3x
Ted Hildabrand	177-1x	184-2x	177-1x	538-4x
Allan Jaworski	187-3x	197-7x	189-1x	573-11x
Ray Nist	163	188-2x	186	537-2x
		M1 CARBINE		
	Sit/Kneel	Prone Rapid	Offhand	Total

We had a lot of neat things happen at this warm and sunny Father's Day CMP Match. Two father/son teams shot (the Kuzy's and the Tupta's); fourteen Garands were on the Line (Paul Curry shot the M1 that his father carried in the war - she is a beauty Paul !); four new shooters – Welcome to Nick Kuzy Jr., David Kuzy, Mark Goetz, and Michael Large; two welcome-back shooters, Don Fulmer and John Pacsuta; and Bruce finally got to shoot. Allan Jaworski held the top score with a 573-11x; and Chuck Augenstein garnished the top M1 honors with a 546-4x. Way to shoot ! Twenty shooters learned firsthand what a great experience that CMP matches can be; we hope that other club members will come out to partake in this time honored activity. Due to the special "Camp Perry " preparation, no new shooters will be eligible to participate in the next match on July 18th. . All others need to email John Tupta so as to reserve a spot on the line. (We will be shooting on the 200yd course which has a limit of 16 shooters per line). Nice shooting Kenny ! All are Welcome to the August 15 match.

-- Reported by John Tupta

25TH ANNUAL WILDLIFE ART SHOW

If you wildlife art aficionado, and are also looking to take a short weekend trip, the Pennsylvania Game Commission's 25th Annual Wildlife Art Show held August 6-8, may be the event for you.

The Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area visitor center will feature hundreds of original paintings and fine-art prints from some of the best-known wildlife artists in the state during the show. The show is free, and the hours are: Friday, 1-6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Wildlife Management Area Visitor Center is along Hope-land Road, two miles south of Kleinfel-terville, Lebanon County.

In addition to the artists' sales, the show will offer tickets for \$2 each or three for \$5 to win a selection of artwork in a drawing that will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 8. Proceeds from the drawing will benefit The Wildlands Preservation Fund land acquisition program.

"Just as important as having the chance to win a unique piece of artwork is knowing that your contribution will be making it possible for important wildlife habitat to be purchased and preserved through the Wildlands Preservation Fund," said Carl G. Roe, Game Commission executive director. "It's a great opportunity for any wildlife enthusiast who also appreciates wildlife art." The Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area is more than 5,000 acres provides habitat for waterfowl, forest wildlife and farmland wildlife and includes a 400-acre shallow water lake and 70 additional acres of impoundment. You can call the Visitor's Center at 717-733-1512. for more information.

DORMONT-MT. LEBANON SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Through June 2010

CASH BALANCE-BEGINNING 1/1/10		
CHECKING	19929.32	
SAVINGS	53497.70	
DREYFUS INVEST FUND	40539.14	
CERT OF DEPOSIT	62118.50	176084.66

ADD CASH RECEIPTS		
CMP	493.00	
DUES	38725.50	
GATE CARD FEE	870.00	
INTEREST INC	315.58	
INVESTMENT INC	94718.64	
MEETINGS	197.65	
OTHER INC/GRANTS	125783.20	
PISTOL PROG	1225.00	
VENDING MACHINE	287.50	
RENTAL PROP	3150.00	
RIFLE PROG	693.00	
SHOTGUN PROG	680.00	
SIGHT-IN /HUNT SAF	--	267139.07

TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS AND ASSETS		443223.73
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SUBTRACT CASH DISBURSEMENTS		
ADMINISTRATIVE	2263.08	
ARCHERY PROG	--	
CAPITAL IMPROV	19791.99	
CMP EXP	243.78	
DONATIONS	450.00	
DUES PAID OUT	190.00	
INSURANCE	1227.26	
MAINTENANCE	8744.32	
MEETING EXP	549.15	
MEMB EXP& DEP RET	140.00	
PISTOL PROGRAM EXP	619.83	
RIFLE & BP PROG EXP	446.55	
SHOTGUN PROG EXP	--	
SPORTMEN'S NOTES	339.00	
SUPPLIES	1705.34	
TAXES	36016.60	
UTILITIES	5113.86	77840.76
68611.95		

CASH BALANCE-ENDING 06/30/10		
CHECKING	31521.25	
SAVINGS	136485.44	
INVEST FUND	134821.53	
CERT OF DEPOSIT	62554.75	365382.97

TOTAL CASH& DISBURSEMENTS		443223.73
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Ellsworth F. Vines

Treasurer, DMSC

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

- It looks like the Commission is relying heavily on the imposition of a Marcellus Shale severance tax for its practical survival. Here are extracts from a recent news release. The PFBC announced that after nearly one and a half years of thoughtful deliberation, it has approved a new strategic plan to guide its major efforts over the next five years. The immediate need for alternative funding to allow the Commission to fulfill its mission features prominently in the plan. In a timely reaffirmation of the PFBC's current position, the plan highlights the importance of a Marcellus shale severance tax that includes dedicated conservation funding, including support for the Commission. The Commission's reliance on fishing licenses and boat registrations does not provide the funding and staff resources to proactively work with the industry and other agencies to protect aquatic resources as new natural gas well sites and associated infrastructure are developed throughout Pennsylvania. Also, an enormous backlog of capital improvement requirements and an extensive list of long-term maintenance needs require the Commission to take a deliberate approach to planning, funding and implementation on its properties.

- The Commission awarded approximately \$400,000 in boating facility and fish habitat grants. The counties involved include Columbia, Union, Luzerne, Franklin, York, and Northumberland, with additional land acquisition in Blair. These expenditures seem to be widely dispersed, with the exception of southwest PA.

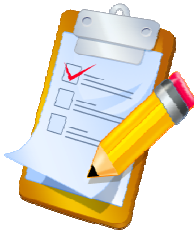
GAME COMMISSION

As County Treasurers begin processing 2010-11 antlerless deer license applications, Pennsylvania Game Commission Executive Director Carl G. Roe announced on July 12 that license buyers can check the status of their applications thanks to the Pennsylvania Automated License System (PALS). To access the information, go to the Game Commission website (www.pgc.state.pa.us), and click on the blue box in the upper right-hand corner of the homepage. Click on the "Purchase License Permit and or Application/Replace License and or Permit" option, which includes the ability to "Check on the status of any Lottery Application," scroll down and click on the "Start Here" button at the bottom of the page. At this page, choose one of the identification options below to check your records, fill in the necessary information and click on the "Continue" button. Click on the appropriate residency status, which will display your current personal information. At the bottom of the page, choose the "Check on the status of any Lottery Application" button, and then hit "Continue."

"While this may seem like a lot of clicking and box checking to get to the information, the system is designed to protect an individual's personal information, while at the same time enabling that person to check on the status of his or her application," Roe said. "As doe licenses are processed by county treasurers, a license buyer's application status will be updated in the system and consequently can be checked online."

**MEETING NOTES FROM
THE ALLEGHENY
COUNTY
SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE
AND THE WASHINGTON
COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S
AND CONSERVATION
LEAGUE**

(Delegates Mike Yanchak
and Bob Kirsopp)



ALLEGHENY COUNTY

PFBC WCO Bob Wheeler reported:
John Arway, PFBC Director, will be speaking
at the Coraopolis Sportsmen's Assn. on July
27 at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The PFBC feels the need to pass a Marcellus
shale severance tax, dedicating a portion of its
revenues to making sure the natural gas is
developed with as little impact as possible to
fish, reptiles, amphibians and other aquatic
organisms and habitats on which they depend.
The Pittsburgh Regatta attendance has fallen
off; 25-30 citations and 3 BUI's were issued.

PGC WCO Dan Puhala reported: 380 inci-
dents in the month of June. The 28th WCO
Class will give the Southwest Region addi-
tional help. DNA is helping to track down ille-
gal bear and buck kills. Fines of up to \$20,000
have been issued in two cases. House Bill
2526 has been supported by the PGC, using
leashed tracking dogs to recover wounded
deer.

The Hampton Police Department has been
recognized and presented with certificates of
appreciation in their assistance to the PGC for
helping to apprehend violators in poaching inci-
dents.

OTHER

A new plant in Westmoreland County that will
treat millions of gallons of wastewater used in
the region's gas drilling, removing the threat to
the state's waterways. The attendees unani-
mously passed a motion to draft a letter to
the PGC Director requesting Tick research .

WASHINGTON COUNTY

The June meeting was held at 7:30 pm on July
1. PGC WCO Rich Joyce reported a case
where DNA evidence was used to bring
charges for the illegal killing of a 600 lb. bear
in Wayne County and DNA was used to con-
vict a man for killing a 16 point deer in York
County. Rich reported on his investigation of
an illegal deer kill on Buck Run Rd.

Antlerless license applications are being ac-
cepted as of July 12th.

DMAP permits can be purchased as of July
2nd. A listing of DMAP properties in each
county can be found on the PGC Website.

HB 1859, the poaching bill, and SB 1200, the
Interstate Violators Compact bills were dis-
cussed. The poaching bill passed the Senate
on July 3rd without a dissenting vote and now
awaits the Governor's signature. SB 1200 has
cleared the Senate and passed the House Ap-
propriations Committee on July 1st and now
awaits a vote on the House floor.

HB 181 was discussed. This bill limits the
powers of WCO from searching curtilage, and
places the same value on your yard as it does
your home. The language in this bill concern-
ing entering curtilage creates a separate stan-
dard for one law enforcement agency in the
state, while allowing every other law enforce-
ment agency to operate under current and ac-
cepted law. A WCO would be limited in the
scope of his search. He can see the deer
hanging tagless on your meat pole, but is un-
able to check for tags and legal harvest. The
bill now resides in the Senate Appropriations
Committee.

Canonsburg Youth Field Day will be August
7th. We always need volunteers
Call Ed Sherman for details: 724-745-7654

Keystone Coon Hunters will have PKC hunts
on August 14th and 28th

There will not be a meeting in August. The
next meeting will be September 2.

THE TRADING POST

For buying and selling sporting equipment associated with club related activities-- shooting, hunting, fishing, and archery. That means no golf clubs, soccer shoes, weight benches, old tires, personal dating services, etc. ...you get the idea.

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stainless, 24", Standard Contour with
sights, asking \$220.00
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