



The Portland Gun Club December 2011 Newsletter

Well here we are approaching another year and the Portland Gun Club keeps plugging along. In the last year we have had some very generous people step up and donate Labor and money to make PGC a more inviting and better place to shoot.

There are a lot of people to say thanks to. I have to start with Brian Tarilton and Jerry Martin. Those two put in a lot of time to make 5 stand happen around here and they do a wonderful job. With the help Dan Pesnecker, Bob Johnson, Larry Spring, Dick Cunlisk, Moe Bragg, Craig Atkinson, and Riggs Construction they were able to put in the new covered shooting area down at the sporting clays field. Now you can stay dry and shoot from an elevated position.

The next thank you would go to Tom Young and his group of volunteers that he put together, Jeff Brooks, Chris Baumgartner, Dave and Diane Treat, Teri Mowdy, Mike Green, Dan Suffin, Adam Ruecker, Mike Riggs, Kelly Whitlock, Simon Pierre Smith, Nathan Osmuth, and Josh Rodney. Material donations made by Tom Young, Dave Treat, and Riggs Construction. They Spruced up the club house with some much needed improvements.

We had several very successful Leagues' this last year. Our spring league had 10 teams and the summer had 11. If you didn't get involved with them you should this next year. We have a great time shooting and our banquets are full of good food and great company. A big thanks to Jerry Lane and Mike Williams they both generously sponsored our youth teams.

I put on a car show shotgun shoot "Show & Shoot" that to my knowledge is the first of its kind. 2011 was our trial run and we had 71 entries, 64 cars and 7 motorcycles. We partnered with "Fords of the Fifties", we had lots of trophies, dash plaques, raffle prizes, and they all know now what a "scatterboard" shotgun style is. We found out that a dual overhead cam motor only last about 19 seconds with no oil in it. We had a Fabulous DJ by the name of Huggy Bear, and some awesome food provided by Bronc Busters BBQ. The "Gun Room" provided loaner guns for people to shoot. Plans are being made now for the "Second Annual Show & Shoot" that will be a weekend to be at the club. Fords of the Fifties donates all there proceeds to Charity. With out the following sponsors I couldn't have pulled it off. Warren LaCasse from the Gun Room, Rob Couch from Rob's Upholstery, Justin Stuchlik from Clackamas County Bank, Josh from PIP Printing, Mike Riggs from Riggs Construction, Macs Radiator, Pat O'Malley from All-Ways Towing, Carlos Marin from Automotive Paint Specialties, Bill Stafford from Stafford Design and A Master Touch Body & Paint Shop.

Mike Riggs put together the annual Home Builders Foundation Shoot. They came out with 33 teams and raised over \$21000.00 for their deserving Charity. We had lots of volunteers show up and help out. Big thanks to the "Gun Room" and to Rick Franklin for loaner guns.

PGC hosted Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church's men's group again this year for their annual shotgun shoot. They had roughly 30 guys show up ranging from 12 to 80. PGC also helped put on Good Shepherds shotgun shoot at their Men's retreat this year in Tygh Valley and had a booth in their annual sportsman's show. We hosted the Columbia Business Association summer outing. 21 people came out had a potluck dinner and enjoyed shooting many of them for their first time. Keep us in mind for your men's group, company picnic, or bachelor party. Anything to get targets in the air and new people shooting we would love to help out with.

We hosted a Concealed Weapons class, 17 people came in and received there certificate to get their Oregon and Utah permits. We will be hosting more of them if there is an interest this next year.

We have a new website! Bill Stafford from Stafford Design got us revamped and up and running. He did a wonderful job on it and designed the flyer for the "Show & Shoot". If you need any website work done, he is the guy to talk to.

Three years ago I started the "New Shooters Clinic". This has been an outstanding success. We hold it on the first Thursday of the month and have had 3 people to 19 people show up. It is not uncommon to have someone come over straight from Bi-Mart with a new shotgun wanting to learn how to use it. Most recently on December 1st I had a gal that had never held a gun before break 14 out of 25 targets. She was so excited and had so much fun, she will definitely be a champion for shooting and shooting sports from here on out. Big thanks to Monte LeBlanc and Mike Knight for their help when I couldn't be there. Warren LaCasse from the Gun Room and Rick Franklin for the use of their guns, a lot of the people that come to the clinic don't have guns of their own.

We now have wireless mics for trap 3 the money for that was generously donated by Mike Williams, Chuck Wilson, Earl Feller, Lonny Brown, Mike Green, Kelly Whitlock, Randy Ryerse and Bob Johnson.

PGC has some outstanding members who help make it possible for the rest of us to come out and have a good time. Some that come to mind are Rhett Finnerty, Randy Ryerse, John Bielaski, Chris Baumgartner, Warren LaCasse, Rick Franklin, Fred & Josh Crites, Preston & Cole Whitlock. Anytime we have needed help, they are always there to lend it.

Our Calendar is filling up fast and should be another busy year and the club. Thursday nights we have been BBQ hamburgers and hotdogs. Come on out and shoot with us. If you need a Christmas gift idea we do sell gift certificates or you could purchase them a membership. Again, thanks to all that help out at the club, the board of directors, Mike Riggs, and my Wife. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Kelly Whitlock