

Shooting the Breeze

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Newsletter Named

As you can see our newsletter now has a name. We had about twenty members submit entries in our name the newsletter contest and there were only a couple of duplicates. The winning name was chosen by the members at the July meeting. Thanks go to Suzanne Mason for submitting the winning name.

Practical Practice by Steve Jones

Do you keep a gun by the bed? So you have a shotgun in the closet? How about a little something in your car, just in case? When is the last time you practiced with your potential life saver? I don't mean just standing still and shooting as a little black circle, I mean practiced with it like your life might depend on you being able to hit your target. Every third Saturday at the Range from 8:30 'til 1:00 you have the opportunity to practice with your handgun on realistic targets in realistic situations. This is not a competition or a training class; but a chance to see how you do with moving targets, when you're on the move, targets at arms length, seated, prone, kneeling and many other possibilities. You will be closely monitored while shooting by NRA and IDPA trained Safety Officers. Bring a holster if you have one, mag pouches and spare mags, or speedloaders if you're a wheel gunner. These items are NOT required to participate, but are allowed if you can demonstrate safe and competent handling of your weapon. If you have never tried it, you'll probably like it. Those of you who have tried it know what I mean. (They keep coming back!) If you have any questions send them to the secretary and she will forward them to me. Hope to see you there, Steve Jones.

IDPA by Roy Garrett

When? First Saturday of the month from 8:30 a.m. til 2 p.m. What is it? IDPA, or International Defensive Pistol Association is the governing body of a shooting sport that simulates self-defense scenarios and real life encounters. It was founded in 1966 as a response to the desires of shooters worldwide. IDPA now has members more than 11,00 strong and in 19 other countries. Our club has been shooting this discipline for almost four years now. Come out and watch if you are not sure what it is all about. Be sure to bring eye and ear protection even if you are only going to look around at the fun. This sport will, without a doubt, improve not only your physical ability to shoot, but will build your confidence on how to make the right choices in the event you find yourself in a defensive position. Remember to bring plenty to drink. Do not let yourself get dehydrated on these hot summer days ahead.

Safety Briefings

In order to receive your key to the range you must attend a range specific Safety Briefing. If you have not attended a Safety Briefing, they are held after the regular monthly meeting on the second Sunday of each month. If you are unable to attend a Sunday class, please contact the Club and we will try to make arrangements to accommodate you.

Keys Kids Sport Shooting Club

The Kids Club meets on the last Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. Membership is \$5 per year and there is a \$2 fee for each shoot to help defray the cost for supplies. The club is open to children ages 7 thru 18. If a parent brings more than two children they are asked to bring an extra adult as the club is starting to have more kids than eyes to watch them. If you have any questions e-mail Sara Michaels at kidsshootingclub@hotmail.com

Question of the Quarter

I paid my membership fee and my check has cleared my bank, when will I get my membership card and my key to the range?

If your check has cleared your bank you should receive your membership card in a couple of weeks. If you have not received your membership card and are going to attend a Safety Briefing please call the club phone at 743-8788 to get your card's status and your membership number. In order to receive your key to the range you must attend a Safety Briefing and present your membership card/number to the instructor.