



# THE FRONT SIGHT

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CHICK-OWA SPORTSMAN'S CLUB  
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## OUTDOOR FAMILY CELEBRATION

Saturday, Aug 16, 2008



*It all begins at 1:00pm with Shooting Games, 3D Archery, Workshops and other activities.*

***Order your tickets now!***  
*Check out the insert in this newsletter.*

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## RIFLE/ PISTOL RANGE "Changes"

The ranges will be opening to qualified members for use at their leisure during the months of July, August, September, and October of 2008.

*Any member wishing to be qualified to take advantage of this opportunity will need to attend a mandatory training being conducted at the club.*

These four months have been designated as a trial period to work out any kinks in this program as we will be opening the ranges, full time, in 2009.

The following dates will be the next trainings:

- Tuesday, August 12 @ 6:00pm
- Wednesday, August 13 @ 6:00pm

You will need to be on time! The trainings will begin at 6:00pm sharp. If you are late, you will need to attend another training date, there will be no exceptions. Your Board of Directors takes safety on our ranges very seriously and so should you.

Phil Wilcox and Tom Medendorp will be conducting the trainings on these dates. Phil and Tom are both NRA Certified Instructors and have been designated by the Board of Directors to conduct this training for you.



## OPEN TRAP SHOOTING \$ PRICE CHANGE \$

On Thursdays from 6pm until 9pm continuing until the end of October, there will be open trap shooting at the club.

The cost for a round of trap is \$4.50 if you're not a member, the cost for a member is \$3.50 for a cash round, and members can purchase a 10 round card for \$30.00.

These price changes are due to the rising cost of clay pigeons and fuel surcharges.



## CCW TRAINING

Are you interested in applying for your Concealed Pistol License (CPL)?

Tom Medendorp, West Michigan Firearms Education, will be conducting another Personal Protection Course on Sept 10 & 13.

*This course fulfills the training requirements for application of your Concealed Pistol License in the State of Michigan.*

You must be registered for this course by Friday August 22.

You are also required to pre-qualify. Pre-qualification is set for Wednesday, September 3. *Pre-qualification dates can be adjusted for individual needs.*

If you are interested, contact Tom Medendorp @ (616) 772-6943 or e-mail – [wmfe@acninc.net](mailto:wmfe@acninc.net)

## HIGH-POWER RIFLE CLINIC

This event was rained out. It is unknown at this time if there will be another date scheduled for this.

Check the website: [www.chickowa.org](http://www.chickowa.org)

## **ACTION PISTOL SHOOTS**

- Wednesday, July 30
- Wednesday, August 27
- 6:00pm until 8:00pm
- On Our Ranges

Chick-Owa's first pistol match had about a dozen people showing up to shoot three rather challenging stages. People seemed to appreciate the one-time fee of \$10 which allowed everyone to shoot all stages as often as they wanted.



The "Hail Mary" stage involved making a rather precise hit on a target at 50 yards. This proved to be a bit on the long side as only three participants were able to make the shot: John Trautman was the first hot-shot to succeed followed by Dan McNulty (who went to a braced-kneel position to drop the target in just two shots) and Jared also made it in two shots but from a standing position. The next match will have the distance shortened to a more reasonable, yet still challenging, 25 yards.

"Grandma and Me" was a man-on-man single elimination stage, ten yards from a reactive steel target, where you were required to knock a steel flipper (representing the bad guy) from one side of the hostage's head to the other, at which time your opponent would have to

hit the flipper and knock it back to the other side. We changed the rules later in the shoot and were told by several participants that the new rules were better. The next shoot will still have "Grandma and Me" as a man-on-man competition but will be shot from seven yards and each shooter will load up six rounds and see if they can knock the flipper to the other side more often than their opponent.

The last stage was "Mayhem at the Mall" which required you to drop three terrorists who were shooting up the mall. There were lots of innocent people standing around, two terrorists holding AK-47's and one wearing a dynamite vest. We had lots of compliments on this stage and a few funny comments. Some shooters were shooting targets based upon the face that was drawn on them (don't shoot the guys smiling but shoot the guys with frowns). Another shooter didn't shoot the targets wearing white tee-shirts but shot the ones wearing dark tee-shirts. What we hoped people would do was to shoot the guys with the AK-47's. We will have a similar stage next time but with one major improvement (and a few smaller ones): the target zone which will cause the targets will be increased in size (making the targets easier to drop) and we will also have a sample target at the registration table so that people can better see how the targets are designed and what type of hits will cause them to fall.

Many thanks to those who came out to help set up and run the match

*Submitted by: Jim Dolson*

## **THE MICHIGAN STATE MUZZLE LOADING ASSOCIATION**

had there state shoot this past month. It was a huge success with the attendance up this year. We had lots of fun and shot more than I really care to in five days. Both my wife and I walked away winning medals this year. I was re-elected to the Board of Directors for another 3 years. If anyone is interested in attending next year please let me know. I cannot think of another place that will let my family and I go camping and shoot as much as a person can handle for five days. The best part is that the family's vacation only cost me three quarters of a tank of gas and \$30 registration.

*Submitted by: Michael MacInnes*

## **BROADHEAD ARCHERY LEAGUE**

Our Summer Broadhead League is running during the months of August and September. This is a great way to tune up your shooting skills before the Archery Deer Season opens in October.



This league runs on Tuesday nights for an eight week period. The Outdoor Archery Range runs adjacent to the Rifle/Pistol Range.

- \$20.00 for members
  - \$40.00 for non-members
- League started Aug 5 – to see if you can still join – Call Jerry Hassevoort @ (616) 772-1154 to sign up.

## **2008 BOWLING PIN SHOTS**



- Wednesday, July 16
- Wednesday, August 13
- 5:00pm until 8:00pm
- On Our Ranges

Bowling Pin Shoots are back. There are a couple of volunteers who have committed to setting up a couple of Pin Shoots.

Pin shoots are a lot of fun for the entire family. Keep checking the website for the latest information – [www.chickowa.org](http://www.chickowa.org)

## **MUZZLE LOADING SHOTGUN SHOOT HELD SATURDAY, JULY 26**

All had a great time at the black powder trap shoot. We had great weather, great food (thank you Erin), and great friends. We had a total of 17 shooters. Of those 17 shooters, 8 of them shot black powder trap for the first time. We threw a total of 610 birds and shot a total of 53 matches.

Prizes for Match 1 were donated by Randy MacInnes and myself.

Prizes for the Novice Match were donated by Ron Fernwalt. The rest of the matches paid out cash..

For those of you that missed the shoot offs it is a must attend for next time. The shooters shot from some very long distances and it is amazing to watch these people shoot there smoke poles from these distances.

I would like to give Jerry and Erin a special thank you for all the help I could not have done it without you two. Also, the members of Grand Valley Cap and Ballers and Gun River thank you for supporting our club.

The results are as follows:  
Match 1-10 birds at 10 yards and 10 birds at 16yards

1. Dick Wadsworth
2. Dennis Sitzer
3. Jim English

Match 2-10 birds at 10 yards

1. Bernie Trantham
2. Dennis Sitzer
3. Dick Wadsworth

Match 3-10 birds at 16 yards

1. Dennis Sitzer
2. Bernie Trantham
3. Jim English

Match 4-10 birds at 20 yards

1. Dennis Sitzer
2. Ron Fernwalt
3. Bernie Tantham

Match 6 Woman 10 birds at 10 yards

1. Pat King
2. Cindy

Match 8 black Powder Cartridge

1. Jim English
2. Mike MacInnes

Match 9 Old Timers 10 Birds at 10 yards

1. Bernie Trantham
2. Dennis Sitzer
3. Ron Fernwalt

Match 10 Novice 10 birds at 10 yards

1. Dan VanDussen - Broke all ten birds....CONGRATULATIONS
2. Jerry Bruizeman
3. Bruce ?

*Also, if anyone is interested in monthly muzzle loading club shoots let me know.*

*Submitted by: Michael MacInnes*

## **WEBSITE**

[www.chickowa.org](http://www.chickowa.org)

If you haven't been to our website recently, you should go there and check it out.

We have a message board. The message board is there for our membership and anyone who registers to communicate about the latest and greatest happenings, check it out.

While you're there, go to [www.moreactivities.org](http://www.moreactivities.org) and don't forget to listen to The Outdoor Show every Saturday morning from 7am to 8am on **1450 - WHTC**

## **CMP CLINICS**

TCRGC and Chick-Owa held CMP shoots on June 14 and July 19 at the 200 yd Zeeland range. The June shoot followed the week of heavy rains and flooding and range conditions were poor.

Ward VandenBerg was the top Chick-Owa member and finished 1st overall with a silver medal score of 269 and Chick-Owa member Rob Porter finished 4th overall. Jarrod Timmer was the top TCRGC finisher with a 5<sup>th</sup> place (out of 21 places) using an M1 Garand.

The July shoot was virtually a rainout with many "no shows" and several shooters that left after their five sighter shots. However, it did not prevent TCRGC & Chick-Owa member Al DeHaan from finishing 1<sup>st</sup> with his vintage Swiss K-31 and receiving a silver medal score of 272, nor did it stop Al from getting a bronze medal with his M1 Garand.

Chick-Owa and TCRGC members headed to the National CMP Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio on August 1st and 2nd include: Lew Verburg and family, Al DeHaan and son, Rick Camfferman, Ward VandenBerg, Rob Porter, Paul Brouwer, Jeff Siegers, Josh Wayner, and Phil Wilcox.

*Submitted by: Phil Wilcox*