



Diablo Rod & Gun Club

September 2012 Newsletter and Events Schedule

Trip Report: UK KATTA 2012 Tournament

By John Grabowski

Knife throwing, like any marksmanship activity, is a skill that can be developed with practice. However, it is difficult to obtain good data on tools and techniques. Many competitive throwing knives are handmade, so samples are hard to obtain for inspection. Subtleties of throwing technique are hard to decipher in a YouTube video. And finally, the sport of throwing is obscure enough that high-level competitors are spread out across the world. To learn and improve, travel is quite helpful.

Diablo club member John Grabowski (that's me!) recently attended a knife throwing tournament at the UK Knife and Tomahawk Throwing Association (KATTA) in the English countryside. The club, chaired by John Taylor, was very welcoming, and we had a great throw.

Competitors brought a great variety of knives. Some were crudely cut from mild steel, others were water-jet cut in Alabama out of old saw blades, and finally, some throwers were sourced locally in Sheffield, England, at a location that has been making knives for hundreds of years.

The English throwing technique was interesting to watch in person. In general, a thrower keeps his or her wrist loose to aid in consistency, and flicking of the wrist is bad. However, in the UK, some throwers apply a gentle and consistent wrist flick to spin the knives faster. Although difficult to perfect, this allows the thrower to stand a little closer to the target, making accurate hits easier. Understanding how this technique is applied isn't something you can pick up on YouTube

The most dramatic event was long distance angel (small battle-axe). After 8 meters (about 3 spins of the axe), the event narrowed down to two of us: myself and Martin Hainsworth (a local thrower). We kept moving back about 2 meters at a time and sticking one extra spin. We both stuck 4 spins... then 5 spins... and 6 spins! Martin stuck 7 spins: I did not, and thus he won.

Richard, KATTA member and international competitor, is currently the number 1 ranked knife thrower in the world. Both of us are holding the knives we used in a "quick draw duel" contest. Although Richard was the only one to beat me, I won no award. There is no such thing as a "second place winner" in a duel.

Tournament results are available here: http://knifethrowing.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/2012-08-17_09-03-46_Microsoft-Excel-Knife-Scores.png I did well and won some awards. However, it is worth nothing that I have not beaten Diablo club member, John Labash, in a throwing tournament. Ever.



John Grabowski (left) and Richard Sunderland (right)



Bob Ariana

New chairman Bob Ariana announces that Diablo's Benchrest Matches have expanded to each month!

Matches will be held the 4th Sunday of the month at 1pm at the MP Range, the match serves both Rimfire and Centerfire shooters. These are "Score" contests rather than "Smallest Group" - the object is to put as many in the 10-ring as possible from 100 or 200 yards. Shooters have a set amount of time to fire 5 shots into each of the "Record" targets and may fire as many "Sighter" shots as time allows. Each target is worth a total of 50 points. The target used & total number of shots needed is dependent on the class being shot. Generally, 50 rounds should be sufficient to complete a match. Rifles are shot seated at the bench; mechanical rests, bipods and bags are all allowed. At August's match 14 shooters attended; Rimfire winner was Tim Ochsner, Centerfire winner was Bob Ariana The next match is September 23rd at 1P.M.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2012

SEP 22 SAT	MEMBERS OPEN	9:00 AM	MP RANGE
SEP 22 SAT	SPORTING CLAYS.—LOCATION: Birds Landing Sporting Clays, Birds Landing,, CA	10: AM	
SEP 23 SUN	VARMINT HUNTERS CHALLENGE	9:00 AM	MP RANGE
	BENCHREST.....	1:00 PM	MP RANGE
	ACTION PISTOL IDPA Match (Qualified Shooters).....	8:00 AM	AP RANGE
	MUSKETEER SHOTGUN. NRA Qualification Shoot..... USI Skeet Field.....	3: 30 PM—5:00 PM	
SEP 29 SAT	DIABLO M1 GARAND	9:00 AM	MP RANGE
	MILITARY MATCH	12.00 Noon	MP RANGE.
SEP 30 SUN	AIRGUN FUN DAY.....	9:00 AM	MP RANGE

October 2012

OCT 4 TUES	CLUB MEETING.....	7:30 PM	Club House
OCT 06 SAT	SMALLBORE RIFLE SILHOUETTES.....	9:00 AM	MP RANGE
OCT 07 SUN	MUSKETEERS	9:00 AM	MP RANGE
	AIRGUN SILHOUETTES	1:00 PM	MP RANGE
OCT 13 SAT	DIABLO RIMFIRE - AIRGUN SHOOT.....	9:00 AM	MP RANGE
	MUSKETEERS.....	1:00 PM	MP RANGE
OCT 14 SUN	MEMBERS OPEN	9:00 AM	MP RANGE
	BRENTWOOD-WALNUT CREEK	1:00 PM	MP RANGE
	MUSKETEER SHOTGUN. NRA Qualification Shoot..... USI Skeet Field.....	3: 30 PM—5:00 PM	
OCT 16 TUES	CLUB SOCIAL.....	5:30 PM	Club House
OCT 20 SAT	BUCKSKINNERS.....	9:00AM	MP RANGE
	PISTOL CARTRIDGE SILHOUETTES	1:00PM	MP RANGE
OCT 21 SUN	MUSKETEER SHOTGUN. NRA Qualification Shoot..... USI Skeet Field.....	3: 30 PM—5:00 PM	

PLEASE NOTE: 2012 Silhouette Matches Schedule Changes

Diablo sponsors 10 sanctioned NRA Silhouette Events on the USI Multi Purpose Range. Most are held on a regular schedule. As an example: Smallbore Rifle is monthly on the 1st sat at 9am. Air Gun is monthly, but at 1300 on the 1st Sun. Some are Bi Monthly like Small Bore Hunter (odd month) on either the 3rd sat or sun at 1300 and Pistol Cartridge Cowboy at 1300 on the alternative 3rd sat or sun (even month) . One match, the Long Range Pistol – Low Power Rifle is even months at 9am. High Power Rifle Silhouettes is the 4th Sun on even months at 9am.

ACTIVITY INFORMATION

RIFLE AND PISTOL: You need 30 rounds for a match. Shooting is by squads. Firearms must be sighted in already. The cost is \$6.00 per event. The events are scoped rifle, scoped pistol, iron sight rifle, and iron sight pistol. Shooting is done from 3 positions with a minimum of 10 rounds offhand (standing) and a maximum of 10 rounds prone. To be eligible for awards at the end of the year you must shoot in at least three matches of the five matches during 2012. FFI Dennis Winslow (510) 652-3319 or dmwinslow@aol.com.

APPAREL/MERCHANDISE: Diablo Rod & Gun Club Attire is available for purchase from T. J. Houchins or any Officer or Director at the Club House (when they are there). Sweatshirts, T-shirts, Hats (2 colors), Club Patches (2 sizes, to sew on jackets, shirts, jackets, or whatever), Polo Shirts, and (if they're in stock) Hooded & Zippered Sweatshirts are available for reasonable prices. There are also some items available in XXL and XXXL sizes. There are several styles of club hats available. Sterling buckles and other items with the Diablo logo are also available. T J would like some help to sell the apparel FFI tjhouchins@comcast.net

RIMFIRE & CENTERFIRE METALLIC SILHOUETTE Silhouette matches are for rifles and pistols, at silhouette targets, Offhand or Varmint Class, (no slings or jackets). It costs \$7 and you need 60 rounds for a match. Sign-in for matches (except Air-gun) begins at 9:00 AM; shooting starts at 9:30 AM. No .50 cal. rifles allowed except at .50 cal. Shoots. For more information call: John Labash (925) 709-9199. **8/26/2012- high power rifle silhouette results: Brian Kelly - match winner; Jeff Aatchion varmint. 09/01/12 small bore metallic silhouette report match winner Eric Ko; B class Kevin ?????; varmint class Jeff Atchison.**

DIABLO SOCIAL: The next Social will be on Tuesday, October 16 - 5:30 p.m. The Club will provide the finger foods and drinks, including sodas, beer, wine, and spirits. Diablo members, family, and guests are invited to come by, grab a snack, a drink, and visit with other club members. Socials are always on the third Tuesday of the month. FFI call Mark Hadox (925) 813-2535.

AIRGUN SILHOUETTE:

We shoot Air Pistol and Air Rifle Silhouette on the first Sunday of the month on our USI Multi Purpose Range at 13:00. Expert marksmen will find NRA Air Rifle Silhouette a challenge; shooting at 1/10th scale silhouettes of a chicken, pig, turkey and ram with air rifles offhand at 20, 30, 36 and 45 yards respectively. Most shooters, even novices will typically knock down enough targets to feel like a youngster in a shooting gallery shooting Air Pistol Silhouette and our DR&G Short-Range Air Rifle Silhouette 1/10th scale targets of a chicken, pig, turkey and ram at 10, 12.5, 15 and 18 yards respectively. We shoot 3 classes of NRA Air Rifle Silhouette; Open, Target, and Sporter, 2 classes of NRA Air Pistol Silhouette; Standing and Open Sight Standing, 3 classes of IH-MSA Air Pistol Silhouette; Standing, Unlimited Standing, and Unlimited Standing Iron Sight and 4 of our own DR&G Airgun games; Short-Range Air Rifle (SAR), Long-Range Air Pistol (LAP), Varmint Air Pistol (VAP) and Varmint Air Rifle (VAR) silhouette. Juniors can shoot all matches with rifles and pistols supported on our shooting benches. Cost for our match is \$7.00 per day, juniors shoot free. We usually have a POTLUCK BBQ with grilled hotdogs, mild link sausages, and/or Boomer's famous grilled hamburgers with all the fixings at the conclusion of the match. Contact michaelaber@hotmail.com or 707.315.9796 for more information.

REMINDER: Our September 2nd match is cancelled. Our next Airgun Silhouette Match is Sunday October 7th at 1300

ACTION PISTOL: There will be a IDPA Match on Sept 23 at 8 am The cost to shoot is \$15. Results of all shoots are posted on the Action Pistol web page,. Sign-in for all matches begins at 8 AM and closes at 8:30 AM. All Action Pistol shooters, including Juniors, age 12 to 18, must complete the Orientation Course. The next Orientation Class is on Sept 22 ? The fee for these classes is \$15, plus \$15 for the match. FFI Contact Christopher Payne at 323-3322, or to sign up for class visit the [easy to use automated registration system](#) at Class@DiabloActionPistol.com. Classes are held monthly. FFI-Diablo Action Pistol: Jim Endress: (820-5958) or j-endress@comcast.net.

M 1 GARAND & MILITARY RIFLE: Every 5th Saturday of each month M4—M16 carbine. Other carbines welcome. **Next shoot September 29th** 3 matches shooting all day. Contact Bob at (925) 348-2608 Email R.E.frost44mag@astound.net

SKEET:: Rod Guyette (925) 934-9455

AIR GUN FIELD TARGET: Next activity October 21st. This outdoor event uses "sporter-type" air rifles **and pistols** shooting at small game falling silhouette targets with a trip plate. The cost to shoot is \$5 and classifications include Pre-Charged, Spring-Piston, and possibly Offhand. This activity is held the third Sunday of each month. FFI call Kevin Yee (925) 829-9988

IMPALEMENT ARTS: The "Impalement Arts" is the art throwing knives, tomahawks, cleavers, screwdrivers, shovels and various implements. There are throwing knives and tomahawks available as loaners if you don't have your own. If you would like to learn this craft, come down to the throwing range. The Impalement range is well lighted and we will be open during USI Business Hours. Bullwhip snapping and boomerang tossing are now part of the activities. We have expanded our repertoire to include some of the cowboy arts such as trick roping, handgun spinning, fast draw ,and of course whip cracking. We have also added some circus arts- juggling , baton handling and fire eating----no kiddin'. There is some instructional material available on this stuff. Anyone interested in the impalement arts contact John to verify instruction and orientation times at: John Labash(925) 709-9199.

SPORTING CLAYS: Cost to shoot, approximately \$25.00, club fees at each place. Junior's fees are paid by Diablo Rod and Gun Club. No need to register ahead of time. Just come on down for some fun. Learn from more experienced shooters in a casual environment . HOA = \$50 and 4 Lewis Class Prizes = \$30 (must belong to a USI Club to win) The Poker continues. Next event Saturday, September 22, 10:00 A.M. at Birds Landing Sporting Clays, Birds Landing, CA This is our final shoot for the year. Club will provide meat for lunch , you bring a side dish, There will be some flash targets as well. For more information contact Daniel at (925) 335-9193 or email Citori28guage@aol.com

YOUTH PROMOTIONS: Youth shooters are the future of our sport. Children and Grandchildren of Diablo members, who are between the ages of 8 and 18, may participate in Youth Rifle & Pistol, and Shotgun activities. Rifle & Pistol use .22 cal. rimfire only and shoot at the Multi-Purpose Range. Ammunition is supplied at the rifle events. Some loaner rifles are available, but the shooters should provide their own firearms and parents should help out. During the shoots, a responsible adult, OTHER THAN the range officers, must supervise youth shooters. FFI – Ken Rogers. Shotgun events are at the Skeet Fields and shooters need their own shotguns. FFI – Rod Guyette (934-9455).

TROPHY AWARDS: Jackets are awarded to those who catch the biggest fish and bag the biggest critters. Weigh fish (& measure the length and girth) at any bait shop or store. Make a note of where the fish was measured, with the phone number and name of a witness for verification, along with a picture. Contact Glenn or Barbara to get the birds and antlers measured at the clubhouse. Always take pictures of you and your critter and bring them in to share with the other hunters and fishermen (& women). The categories for 2012 are: Coast Deer (Early Season, Calif), Late Season Inland Deer, Calif., Pheasant, Trout, Turkey, Elk, Pig, Duck Wing, Steel Head, Large Mouth Bass. Awards are given for all categories. Juniors are the future of all outdoor sporting activities, so get 'em out to learn about the great outdoors. FFI call Glenn or Barbara Ashworth (925) 437-2945 or email longbeardfun@yahoo.com



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**B.O.D. MEETING: AS CALLED FOR, IN THE CLUBHOUSE
 CLUB MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2012 - 7:30PM**

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diablorodandgun.com**



**October Newsletter Deadline
 September 30, 2012**
 Please submit any articles, letters,
 schedules, activities, and photos to
 Ellison Dunlap At westcoastarts@aol.com

2012 KNIFE AND TOMAHAWK TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE DIABLO/CONCORD SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

SEPTEMBER 30 SUN. IKTHOF FORMAT NOVEMBER 17 SAT. AKTA FORMAT
 UNITED SPORTSMEN, INC. IMPALEMENT RANGE 9:30 DEMOS FUN THROWS COMPETITION

\$5.00 LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

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