



# Diablo Rod & Gun Club

*September 2013 Newsletter and Events Schedule*

## **GET TO KNOW KATHERINE ALPI YOUR ARCHERY CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD MEMBER**

Katherine Alpi was introduced to USI in 2010 when her boyfriend brought her to the public range to shoot her first pistol, and rifle. Not too long after that she became a member of Diablo Rod and Gun. She was soon introduced to the world of USPSA down at the Action Pistol Range, and that's when her love for shooting began. She wanted to share her new passion with her father, but she knew he really loved archery. After spending quite a bit of time at USI she noticed the Archery Range was looking a little unloved. She decided to take on the role of Archery Chairman and did a wonderful job of restoring the Archery Range. Katherine is hoping to be able to start a Archery Youth Program, and is looking for experienced archery members to volunteer to help, and teach the youth. Since then, she has become a member of the Board of Directors for Diablo Rod and Gun."



### **Letters to the Editor:**

#### **Causes of the Mt. Diablo Morgan Fire**

On Sept 12, Cal Fire, an agency of the Ca. Dept of Forestry, issued a news release entitled "Morgan Fire Cause Determined". The report stated "CAL FIRE investigators have determined the cause of the Morgan Fire to be target shooting. This remains an ongoing investigation" As a target shooter and shooting range safety officer , I hope to use the results of this scientific investigation to audit the safety procedures we use.

Based on the various newspaper accounts, here's what we know so far:

A resident heard what she presumed was gunfire.

She presumed it was coming from private property that has been used for target practice in the past.

CAL FIRE presumed someone in the area did something associated with the act of target shooting which caused a spark, or something, which caused the fire.

I do hope your newspaper publishes this eagerly awaited final report

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NRA Certified Range Safety Officer

## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### September 2013

SEP 21 SAT	BUCKSKINNERS .....	9:00 AM	MP RANGE
	SMALLBORE COWBOY RIFLE SILHOUETTES.....	1:00 PM	MP RANGE
SEP 22 SUN	<b>MUSKETEERS</b> .....	9:00 AM	MP RANGE
	BENCHREST.....	1:00 PM	MP RANGE
	ACTION PISTOL..... IDPA Match.....	Registration 7:45AM- 8:30 AM	AP RANGE
SEP 28 SAT	COWBOY LEVER ACTION SILHOUETTES (AND LOW POWER RIFLE).....	?	MP RANGE
SEP 29 SUN	<b>AIRGUN FUN DAY</b>		
	AKTA .....	Impalement Range .....	9:30 AM

### October 2013

OCT 03 THUR	MONTHLY CLUB MEETING.....	7:30	at the Club House
OCT 05 SAT	SMALLBORE RIFLE SILHOUETTES.....	9:00 AM	MP RANGE
	M1 CARBINE.....	1:00 PM	MP RANGE
OCT 06 SUN	<b>MUSKETEERS</b> .....	9:00 AM	MP RANGE
	AIRGUN SILHOUETTES.....	1:00 PM	MP RANGE
	ACTION PISTOL ORIENTATION.....	registration promptly 8:00AM	AP RANGE
	MUSKETEER SHOTGUN..... NRA Qualification Shoot.....	USI Skeet Field.....	3: 30 PM—5:00 PM
	KNIFE CLUB (FUN DAY).....	Impalement Range.....	10:00 AM—1:00PM
OCT 12 SAT	DIABLO RIMFIRE.....	9:00 AM	MP RANGE
	<b>MUSKETEERS</b> .....	1:00 PM	MP RANGE
	SPORTING CLAYS..... Birds Landing Sporting Clays, Birds Landing, CA.....		10 AM
OCT 13 SUN	<b>MEMBERS OPEN</b> .....	9:00 AM	MP RANGE
	<b>BRENTWOOD-WALNUT CREEK</b> .....	1:00 PM	MP RANGE
	ACTION PISTOL..... USPSA style match.....	Registration 7:45AM- 8:30 AM	AP RANGE
OCT 15 TUE	CLUB SOCIAL.....	Gather and help set up at 5:15 eat at 5:45 PM	Club House
OCT 19 SAT	BUCKSKINNERS.....	9:00 AM	MP RANGE
	PISTOL CARTRIDGE SILHOUETTES.....	1:00 PM	MP RANGE
OCT 20 SUN	<b>MEMBERS OPEN</b> .....	9:00 AM	MP RANGE
	<b>USI EMPLOYEE &amp; FAMILY FUN SHOOT &amp; BBQ</b> .....	1:00 PM	MP RANGE
	MUSKETEER SHOTGUN..... NRA Qualification Shoot.....	USI Skeet Field.....	3: 30 PM—5:00 PM
OCT 26 SAT	DIABLO 50 CAL SHOOT.....	9:00 AM	MP RANGE
	<b>MEMBERS OPEN</b> .....	1:00 PM	MP RANGE
OCT 27 SUN	HIGHPOWER RIFLE SILHOUETTES.....	9:00 AM	MP RANGE
	BENCHREST.....	1:00 PM	MP RANGE
	ACTION PISTOL..... Multi-Gun .....	Registration 7:45AM- 8:30 AM	AP RANGE

**UNITED SPORTSMEN INC. IMPALEMENT ARTS RANGE**

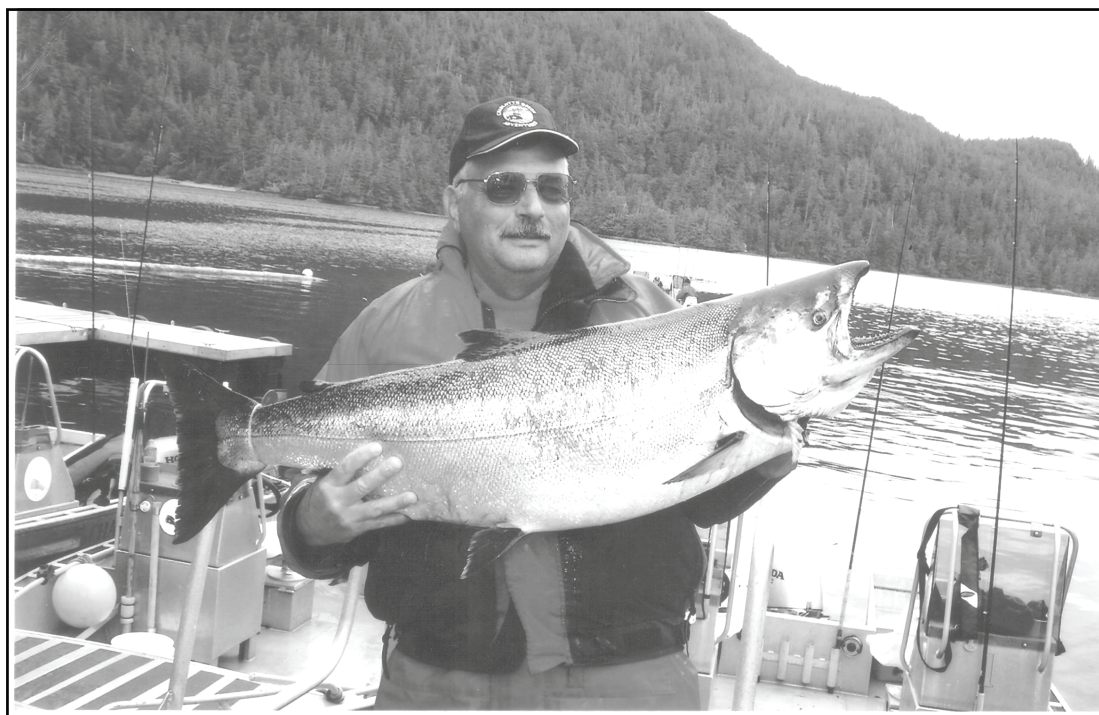
**SANCTIONED COMPETITIONS**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29 9:30 AM AKTA**  
**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16 9:30 AM IKTHOF**

**Lunch will be available for \$5.00**

**for more information please contact Andre Lepage**  
**at [andre.lepage@sbcglobal.net](mailto:andre.lepage@sbcglobal.net)**

# CONGRATULATIONS WALT!



Walt Young showing off his 38 lbs, 44 inch fish that he caught  
7/25/13

## Pistol Cartridge Silhouette Results

For 8/18/2013

Match Director: Steve Fentress

We had 8 shooters participate on this HOT Sunday afternoon. The rest of the usual culprits were sitting in the shade elsewhere.

This is a 40 shot competition shooting at steel silhouettes placed 100, 75, 50 and 40 meters away. All but one shooter was shooting Cowboy Rifles, off-hand with iron sights. One shooter was shooting a scoped pistol. You should try this competition some time. The silhouettes are large and it's very amusing.

**AAA Class** (regularly shoots 29 -34)  
**Don Buenting:** (Scoped Pistol): 32/40

**AA Class** (regularly shoots 22-28)  
**Brian Kelly:** 30/40  
**Jay CritchField:** 25/40  
**Kevin Newton:** 25/40  
**Dennis Winslow:** 24/40

**A Class** (regularly shoots 15-21)  
**Joel Elmore:** 22/40  
**Ed Cook:** 14/40  
**Byron Montague:** 11/40

We all had a lot of laughs and a great time. Come out to this Pistol Cartridge Silhouette shoot with any straight walled pistol cartridge gun you have, pistol or rifle and try the fun!!!

## High Power Silhouette Results

8/25/2013

Match Director: Dennis Winslow

This is the Real Deal Original Off-Hand Silhouette Shoot. It is a 40 round match with high powered rifles shooting at small steel targets 200 yards away. Come out and try it or come out and watch.

### Off Hand Shooters

Our Match Winner shooting in the AA Class:  
**Brian Kelly** 21/40 - Great Shooting Brian!

AA Class: **Dennis Winslow** 15/40

A Class: **Jay Critchfield** 16/40

B Class: **Kevin Newton** 14/40  
B Class: **David Kiesalbach** 9/40

### Varmint Shooters (Off the Bench)

**Joel Elmore** 40/40 - 100%  
**Jeff Atchison** 40/40 - 100%  
**Joe Heckenbach** 36/40  
**Chris Heckenbach** 31/40

### Small Bore Silhouette Results

For 9/7/2013

Match Director: Pat Radler  
(THANKS for the help Pat)

We had 11 Off Hand shooters and 6 Varmint shooters in this months shoot. The rest of the usual culprits were MIA.

This is a 60 shot competition shooting at steel silhouettes placed 100, 77, 60 and 40 meters away.

**AAA Class** (regularly shoots 42 -50)  
No Shooters in the class

**AA Class** (regularly shoots 31-41)  
**Eric Ko** 33/40 **Match Winner**...Nice Shooting Eric!!!  
**Brian Kelly:** 32/60  
**Jay Critchfield:** 27/60  
**John Damiano:** 25/60

**A Class** (regularly shoots 22-30)  
**John Benson:** 26/60  
**David Kieselbach:** 23/60

**B Class** (regularly shoots 0-21)  
**Yoshi Obi:** 21/60  
**Brett Mehringer** 13/60  
**Joe Martenson** 12/60  
**Chaz** 12/60  
**Phil Anderson** (Iron Site) 7/60

**Varmint Class**  
**Joel Elmore** and **Tom Jobe** 56/60  
**Joe Blaha** 46/60  
**Pat Radler** 45/60  
**Len Van Neste** 42/60  
**Phil Anderson** 41/60

## ATTENTION

**Katherine Alpi, Archery chairperson  
Is looking for experience archers  
to help put together a  
Youth Archery Program.**

**If you like working with the youth and  
would like to volunteer your time and  
experience**

**please contact Katherine  
at**

**Katherine.alpi@gmail.com**



**AT THE NEXT CLUB SOCIAL  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 15 - 5:45 pm  
AT THE CLUB HOUSE  
SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS  
WITH GARLIC BREAD WILL BE SERVED  
AS WELL AS THE REGULAR MENU OF  
CHICKEN**

## ACTIVITY INFORMATION

**ACTION PISTOL:** Please check the schedule on page 2 for our next activities. 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 July 6, 2013. The fee for these classes is \$15, plus \$15 for the match. Christopher Payne is our Orientation Class Coordinator and has the full class schedule for the year. He's the one to contact for the class slot and initial information. He can be contacted at [Class@DiabloActionPistol.com](mailto:Class@DiabloActionPistol.com). Classes are held on the first Saturday of each month, at the Hunter Education Building, next to the Action Pistol Range. FFI-Diablo Action Pistol: Jim Endress: 925-482-4480 or [j-endress@comcast.net](mailto:j-endress@comcast.net).

**AIR GUN FIELD TARGET:** The 2013 season has just started. On the third Sunday of the month we shoot Air Rifle Field Target (and Air Pistol) at the Action Pistol Course at 09:00. We shoot "knock down" type targets at ranges from 10-55 yards. The matches follow standard AAFTA rules and classes. We foster a collegial type of shooting environment where one can learn and develop skills at their own pace. Airguns vary from inexpensive \$150 spring guns to full blown Anschutz match rifles. Airguns for this sport are limited to 20fpe of energy. Protective eye wear is required. Cost for the match is \$5.00 per day, juniors shoot free. We usually have a POTLUCK BBQ with grilled hotdogs or mild link sausages for lunch. At the conclusion of the FT match we host an open shooting session or pistol match. FFI New chairperson Doug Burke at [dougburke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dougburke@sbcglobal.net)

**AIR GUN: (Indoor)** Shoots are held on the **second and fourth Friday nights** each month from January through May. All shooting is done off-hand (standing) at paper targets so some shooting experience is required. All shoots are held in the clubhouse and there are Club guns available for shooters who don't have their own. Juniors (ages 8 to 18) shoot free, but those over 16 shoot in the adult classifications. Competition is by classification (shooting against other shooters in your class) except for the high overall scores. Everyone who shoots at least six matches has a chance to win something. Initiation Fee is \$5.00 and \$2.50 for each match. Sign-up starts at 6:30 PM and shooting starts at 7:00 PM. FFI Ken Rogers :925-831-1037.

**AIRGUN, 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 Airgun) begins at 9:00 AM; shooting starts at 9:30 AM. No .50 cal. rifles allowed except at .50 cal. Shoots. **Smallbore Rife held 1st Sat. of each month at 9 am; High Power Rifle 4th Sun. on even months at 9am; Air Gun 1st Sun. of each month at 1pm; Smallbore Cowboy Rifle 3rd Sat.or Sun. of odd months 1 pm; Pistol Cartridge 3rd Sat. or Sun of even months at 1 pm; Low-power Rifle/Cowboy lever – Action odd months.** FFI - Email Kevin Newton at [knewton@newtonandcompany.com](mailto:knewton@newtonandcompany.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.

**BENCHREST:** Diablo Rod & Gun Club's monthly Benchrest Match is held every 4th Sunday at the 200yd Multi-Purpose Range. Sign in begins at 1pm, followed immediately by a Safety Briefing before we begin shooting. Scoped Centerfire shooters compete at 200yds and Open-Sight Centerfire at 100yds. Scoped Rimfire shooters compete at 100yds and Open-Sight Rimfire at 50yds. Awards are given for 1st place in each of the four classes. This is a "Score" match, not a Smallest Group contest, so any accurate gun is welcome. This is a Bench match (no Prone) with shots fired from the bench using a mechanical-rest, bipod or sand bags. Bring your own sandbags. You are welcome to use your own Wind Flags, if you have them. The Rimfire match(es) takes place first, then the Centerfire match(es). Bring two rifles and shoot both. Shooters have 30 minutes to fire FOUR 5-shot groups and can fire an unlimited number of Sighters shots during the firing period. Bring enough rounds for 20 Record Shots and sufficient Sighter shots; around 30 to 50 total. **IMPORTANT!** If your riflescope cannot make out your bullet holes on targets at 100 and 200 yards, bring a spotting scope that can. Open-sighted shooters will, of course, require a spotting scope. Cost is \$5 per rifle, per Relay. This is a low-key, non-registered match. Shooting is supposed to be fun - and that's the main goal. Scores & awards will be announced immediately following the match, which should finish by 3:00/3:30. Spectators are welcome, just need to have eye and ear protection. FFI-Bob Ariana at [bobariana@comcast.net](mailto:bobariana@comcast.net) or 925-216-4688.

**DIABLO SOCIAL:** The next Social will be on **Tuesday, October 15 - Gather and help set up at 5:15 eat at 5:45 PM.** 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 Ellison Dunlap (510) 465-3699

**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 **The new Impalement chairman** - Andre Lepage at [andre.lepage@sbcglobal.net](mailto:andre.lepage@sbcglobal.net)

**M1 GARAND & MILITARY RIFLE:** M4—M16 carbine. Other carbines welcome. Contact Bob at (925) 348-2608  
Email [R.E.frost44mag@astound.net](mailto:R.E.frost44mag@astound.net)

**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 2013. FFI Dennis Winslow (510) 652-3319 or [dmwinslow@aol.com](mailto:dmwinslow@aol.com)

**SKEET:** FFI - Rod Guyette (925) 934-9455

**SPORTING CLAYS:** **Next up is October 12— Birds Landing in our final shoot for the year,** club will provide meat for lunch, you bring a side dish or dessert. Cost to shoot is 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) For more information contact Daniel at (925) 335-9193 or email

**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. Runners up will now get jackets. FFI call Glenn or Barbara Ashworth (925) 437-2945 or email [longbeardfun@yahoo.com](mailto:longbeardfun@yahoo.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. Shotgun events are at the Skeet Fields and shooters need their own shotguns. FFI – Rod Guyette (934-9455).

**CLUB MEETING**

**Thursday**

**October 3**

**7:30 at the Club House**

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**  
**OF DIABLO ROD & GUN CLUB**

President: Bart McGlothin (925) 405-5871  
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Rose Henry (510) 219-8148  
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Byron Montague (925) 680-1541

**Oct.. Newsletter Deadline—October. 8, 2013**

Please submit any articles, letters, schedules, activities,  
and photos to

Ellison Dunlap At westcoastarts@aol.com

*If you have any information about the passing or the serious illness of a Diablo Rod & Gun Club Member please contact Sunshine Chairperson, Rose Henry at:  
510-219-8148 or e-mail [revlover45acp@gmail.com](mailto:revlover45acp@gmail.com).*



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**ARCHERY CHAIRPERSON**

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**NEW IMPROVED RANGE IS OPEN**

**COME TAKE A LOOK!**

*please no broad head arrows or crossbows*

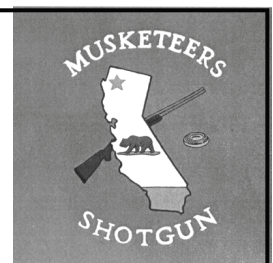
**For members only**

**Members can have one guest.**

**\$3.00 for members - \$5.00 non members**

**FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
PLEASE VISIT THE  
WEBSITE**

***diablorodandgun.com***



**APPAREL WILL BE SOLD**

**AT THE NEXT**

**CLUB SOCIAL**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**