

Diablo Rod & Gun Club

November 2015 Newsletter

IMPALEMENT ARTS UPDATE

by Andre Lepage

The Impalement Arts is steadily being kept alive with new throwers showing up all the time. A stream of throwers come through on a regular basis, but on the other hand, I lose participation from the older member throwers.

John Grabowski of Pacifica is a dedicated knife thrower, participating in many events at home and abroad. Just recently he threw at an event in Switzerland. John is Diablo's Ambassador so to speak. He left one of our patches with Duri Vetsch. That patch is now on his wall in Switzerland needless to say. John had a great time over there !



PICTURES TAKEN AT THE EVENT IN SWITZERLAND



Back in October, a French couple were walking by the Impalement Range and I invited them over to throw. Come to find out, Chuck Patterson works over at one of our nearby colleges and his friend Mireille Durant was visiting from France. She did not speak a word of English. Chuck on the other hand spoke both languages, so he interpreted everything being said.

The three of us had a great time at the Impalement Range that afternoon throwing knives.

More Impalement pictures on page three



Mireille Durant & Andre Lepage



**Club Christmas Social
Tuesday December 15**

Every member is invited to attend

Guest are welcome

*Gather and help set up at 5:15 pm - eat at 5:45 pm
held at the Club House*

SPECIAL INVITATION STILL OPEN

The Chabot Gun Club in Castro Valley has graciously offered to extend Guest rate pricing to our Club members. \$8.00 per day per shooter per day, instead of \$15.50, and \$8.00 instead of \$10.00 per round of 25 clays, you must present your membership card. <http://chabotgunclub.com/> Please take them up on this excellent offer, and also get involved in their efforts to keep their range open and operational too. They fight an annual battle to renew their lease with Eastbay Parks.

Livermore-Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club is offering Rifle/Pistol shooters the opportunity to shoot for a reduced rate of \$10 instead of \$15.00 starting October 3rd when you present your club membership card.

INDOOR AIRGUN STARTING ON

FRIDAY JANUARY 8, 2016 SIGN-UP 6:30PM SHOOT AT 7PM

AT THE CLUB HOUSE

**THE INDOOR AIRGUN EVENT IS ALWAYS ON THE SECOND AND THIRD FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH
JANUARY THRU MAY**



IMPALEMENT ARTS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 20 - KNIFE CLUB 10 AM TO 1 PM

to be held at the Impalement Range

The Knife Club is an informal "Fun Day" with Demonstrations—Instructions and Snacks

\$2.00 fee for members or guests

for more info contact Andre Lepage at andre.lepage@sbcglobal.net



THE HISTORY OF RIFLE/PISTOL COMPETITION AT DIABLO ROD AND GUN CLUB

by Charles Hunter

I am pretty sure it was 1985 when Jim Woods and his wife, Jan, came up with the idea of having a monthly rifle/pistol competition. It was held at the multi-purpose range which was quite different than the one we see now. You had to go down a flight of stairs to the shooting stands and the targets were set up on wooden stands. The one hundred yard marker was at the bottom of the gully. The big slice of hill removed half way up the far hill was the 150 yard range. Jim Jimerson took a D10 Cat up the hill to cut that slice.

Jim Woods was vice president of Diablo and wanted to create more venues, hence the program. When USI closed the club house to smoking, Jim got irate and quit the club and moved out of state. So, John Brandis and his wife, Bev, took over. It was they who had the idea of having belt buckles and jackets as trophies. It was also they who made the format what it is today with the different categories and classes. I think it was about 1994, but may have been earlier.

When John's job moved to Texas, naturally he and Bev left us. So, Laverne Livsey and Joyce Langon took over running the show with Steve Hunter taking on the official scoring duties. At some time during this reign, USI decided to fill in the canyon as well as move the shooting stands up to street level, so for 2 years (as I recall), we had to hold our competition at the public range which meant combining our timing with theirs. It worked fairly well, at least we kept the program going.

When the fill was finally completed, Laverne and Fred Davis arranged the distance rails and set up the new range. John Labash brought the multipurpose range to what we now see with broken clays covering the ground and separation walls at each shooting station. When Laverne decided he had had enough, Dennis Winslow took over and is presently running the program.

More Impalement Arts Pictures



*Tru-Balance Knives, Veterans Day
on the range.*

*Mike Myers getting
instructions from John ...*



*Chuck & Mireille
on our range in Oct.*

ACTIVITY INFORMATION

**ALL ACTIVITIES ARE POSTPONED
at the DIABLO ROD AND GUN CLUB EXCEPT:
AIRGUN, ARCHERY, ALL SHOTGUN ACTIVITIES AND IMPALEMENT ARTS
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Please check with your activity chairmen for other locations**

MUSKETEERS—CHAIRMAN RON SAVIONI CELL (925) 200-1205

**MUSKETEERS WILL SHOOT 22 RIMFIRE AT THE
CONCORD POLICE RANGE
DECEMBER 12 — 1-5 PM
DEC 20 — 1-5 PM**

AIR GUN FIELD TARGET: Held 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 doug-burke@sbcglobal.net.

AIR GUN: (Indoor) Has ended for the year. Will start up again in January 2016. FFI Ken Rogers :925-831-1037.

AIRGUN, RIMFIRE & CENTERFIRE METALLIC SILHOUETTE: SILHOUETTES: 6 events. Matches are for rifles and pistols, shooting is at the METALLIC chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams. Matches cost \$7. It is an offhand game but shooters are welcome to shoot off the bench in VARMINT CLASS. SMALL BORE Silhouettes (1st Saturday 8:30am) consists of 3 banks of 5 shots each on the 4 animals for a total of 60 rounds. All the other events are 2 banks on each animal for 40 shots. HIGH POWER Silhouettes is at 200yds (4th Sunday at 8:30am on even months). AIRGUN Silhouettes (1st Sunday at 1pm). There are 3 Cowboy Lever Action Silhouette (CLA) events for open sights. 1: CLA for 30/30s etc (4th Saturday at 8:30am odd months). 2: PISTOL CARTRIDGE CLA for .357s etc which alternates even months (3rd Saturday or Sunday at 1pm) against 3:SMALL BORE CLA in the odd months. For more information contact Dennis Winslow

My recommendation:

AIRGUN SILHOUETTE: Matches are for air rifles and pistols, shooting is at the METALLIC chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams. Matches cost \$7. It is an offhand game but shooters are welcome to shoot off the bench in VARMINT CLASS. AIRGUN Silhouettes (1st Sunday at 1pm). For more information contact Pat Radler

APPAREL/MERCHANDISE: Diablo Rod & Gun Club Attire is available for purchase from 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. CHAIRPERSON NEEDED
Will the members that have paid for their t shirts please pick them up from Chris (925) 405-5054

ARCHERY : New chairman is **Ryan DeAmaral** - archery@diablorodandgun.com

DIABLO SOCIAL: The next Social will be on **Tuesday, December 15 2015**- Gather and help set up at 5:15 eat at 5:45 PM. The Club will provide the food and drinks, including sodas, beer, wine, and spirits. Diablo members, family, and guests are invited to come by, and visit with other club members. Socials are always on the third Tuesday of the month. FFI call Ellison Dunlap (510) 465-3699

FISHING— new chairman is **Joe Denton** - fishing@diablorodandgun.com,

IMPALEMENT ARTS: The “Impalement Arts” is the art throwing knives, tomahawks, 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. Come and enjoy our Knife Club every other Sunday of the month . Anyone interested in the impalement arts contact Andre Lepage at andre.lepage@sbcglobal.net

MUSKETEER SHOTGUN: has ended for the year.. FFI Lee Halverson email: speedelee@gmail.com

MUSKETEER .22LR: Please check schedule on previous page .**FFI CHAIRMAN RON SAVIONI CELL (925) 200-1205**

SKEET: NEW ACTIVITY CHAIRMAN NEEDED . If interested please contact the president at (925) 405-5871.

SPORTING CLAYS: Ended for the year. Will announce the starting date next newsletter Cost to shoot is approximately \$40.00, 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 diablo_sporting_clays@yahoo.com .

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: If you have any information about the passing or the serious illness of a Diablo Rod & Gun Club Member please contact our **new Sunshine Chairman, Christine Rivlin at axelmorgan@aol.com or 925-250-9236**

TROPHY AWARDS: Jackets are awarded to first time winners, runners up will now get t-shirts. 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 2014 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 t-shirts. FFI call Glenn or Barbara Ashworth (925) 395-6647 or email trophyawards@diablorodandgun.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 PLEASE CONTACT RON SAVIONI (925) 228-4814..

CLUB MEETING

Thursday, December 3, 2015

7:30 pm at the Club House

Club Meeting held every first Thursday of each month

Membership Renewal

Please renew sooner rather than later.

You can renew online at <http://diablorodandgun.com/amember/>

Questions? email us: membership@diablorodandgun.com

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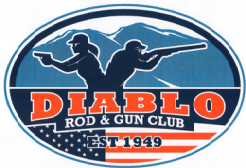
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Jan, 2016. Newsletter Deadline—Dec.12, 2015

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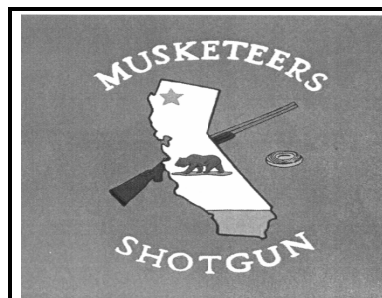
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