

Diablo Rod & Gun Club

March Newsletter 2019

FINALLY IT'S HAPPENING



PROGRAM CHAIRS

It is time to resume all activities at Diablo Rod and Gun.

With center fire looming on the Public Range, it seems that most of our previous activities could soon start. Please come to the March 7th meeting, at the Club House to lead the club forward.

Photos from Diablo Ladies Shooting Sports 3/16/19

sent in by John Bruhl



Hunting and Fishing Trophy Awards for 2018

On February 7, 2019, Trophy Awards were presented by the Diablo Rod & Gun Club at the monthly meeting for our Hunting and Fishing winners for 2018. Jackets are awarded to those (first time winners) who catch the biggest fish and bag the biggest critters. Diablo hunters and fishermen (& women) generally have until December 31st to submit their entries. Winners will be announced at the January meeting and their trophy jackets will be presented to them at the February meeting. Repeat winners get will get another "fish" or "game" image and year embroidered on their previously won jacket.

The winners for 2018 were:



Chuck Hunter



Martin O'Connor
Turkey & Quail



Mark Hadox



Always take pictures of you and your fish / game and email your photo to: TrophyAwards@DiabloRodandGun.com, for verification and inclusion in the Diablo Newsletter, and to share with other Diablo members.

Weigh your fish (& measure the length and girth) at any bait shop or store. Make a note of where the fish was measured, with the name of a witness, their phone number and/or their e-mail, along with a picture for verification. We are finalizing details when / where to get the birds and antlers measured.

Awards are given for all categories. There is a Junior category for kids 18 and under. Juniors and our kids are the future of all outdoor sporting activities, so get them out to learn about the great outdoors and a chance to win a nice Diablo jacket along the way. The fish and game categories for 2019 will be posted on the website in the near future and provided in an upcoming edition of the monthly Diablo Rod & Gun Club newsletter.

For questions and/or further information, contact TrophyAwards@DiabloRodandGun.com

Diablo Sporting Clays - From 2018 to 2019



Musketeers at Birds Landing

The Diablo Sporting Clays crew travels to different courses like Camanche Hills, Rooster Ranch, and Raahagees, from late Spring into early Fall. At a couple of the shoots, such as our Nevada overnight trip, there is an opportunity to shoot at more than one course like Walker River Resort, Carson Valley Sporting Clays, and the Capitol City Gun Club.

It seems only like yesterday on October 13, 2018, that the 2018 season ended for the Diablo Sporting Clays. It ended on a good note with a turnout of over 30 participants, and a hearty BBQ lunch to cap off an 8 shoot / match season. The 2019 season begins with the first match scheduled for April 20, 2019 at Quail Point in Zamora, CA. There are 10 different shoots (with two overnights) scheduled for 2019.



Carson Valley Sporting Clays



Alan Jung receiving his Lewis Class Award.

Birds Landing is generally our final shoot of the year. The club provides the meat for a BBQ lunch and members are requested to bring their own drinks, a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

The cost to shoot is what the host club charges, which is generally \$30 to \$40 per shoot, and lunch is usually available. All are welcome to shoot and the Diablo Rod & Gun Club provides awards for High-Over All (HOA) and Random class awards, for USI members only.

Capitol City Gun Club



Look. Mount. Shoot!

Diablo Sporting Clays



Rooster Ranch Wings & Clay, Newman, CA



Dan Ashe & Diablo Sporting Clays.

If you are interested in shotgun shooting beyond Trap, Skeet, and Five Stand, Sporting Clays is another form of fun with a shotgun. Sporting Clays usually consists of 100 targets to be shot at 10 to 15 stations in a golf course like environment, where squads of shooters walk or ride golf carts or ATVs from station to station, shooting pairs of targets at each station. Sporting Clays was developed to help hunters in the field with the various types of live birds and animals that they would likely see during the hunting season. Targets could be going away or incoming, crossing or quartering away.

For those interested in Sporting Clays, please contact Dan Ashe, the Diablo Sporting Clays Coordinator at (925) 808-5782. Send Dan your e-mail address at Citori28guage@aol.com, to be added to the contacts. Dan usually sends more detailed group e-mail message with updates for each of the shoots as they come up.

Dan Ashe, the Diablo Sporting Clays Chair presenting youth shooter Rocky Romo with his award at Birds Landing.



CALIFORNIA MUSKETEER AWARDS - NRA TRIPLE DISTINGUISHED EXPERTS



The "California Musketeers" is a youth Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun shooting program recognized by the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) and the National Rifle Association (NRA). This program is sponsored, funded and operated by the Diablo Rod & Gun Club (DR&G).

The Rifle/Pistol program is designed for children or grandchildren of USI members between the ages of 8 and 18, while the Shotgun program is open to all youth between the ages of 10 and 20 years of age. There are no fees for the children or grandchildren of USI members and Diablo provides a few "loaner" firearms of use in the Musketeer program, in addition to all the .22LR ammo, 12 or 20 Gauge shotgun shells, paper targets, and clay pigeons called "birds."



The Musketeers is a fun youth group which teaches Rifle/Pistol and Shotgun safety, along with the NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program, a skill development program. The basic firearms training courses are fun, informative, and provide a good foundation of knowledge that can be applied to all shooting activities.

The NRA courses of fire in the program are designed to take shooters from beginning skill levels, through intermediate levels and up to the nationally recognized skill level – Distinguished Expert (DE), the pinnacle of the program. By the time a shooter completes the DE rating, he or she has attained a proficiency level paralleling that of a competitively classified Sharpshooter. Shooters may also qualify for Double and Triple Distinguished Expert ratings by completing one rating per discipline of Rifle, Pistol, or Shotgun.



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The Diablo Rod and Gun has been producing DE's quite successfully in the past and is looking to create more DE's now that more parents are getting involved. Within the ranks of the Musketeers lies a few Triple DE titles. Four (4) such youth shooters who rose thru the ranks up to the nationally recognized Triple DE skill level were Zack Halverson, Ryan Mabanag, Richard Mabanag, and Amanda Smith.

On March 7, 2019, NRA Triple DE jackets were presented by Musketeer Skeet Coordinator Lee Halverson, Jr. at the monthly Diablo meeting to these accomplished shooters. Musketeer Trap Coordinator Bruce Winship was unable to attend due to a last minute schedule conflict. After receiving their jackets, Amanda, Ryan, Richard and Zack each spoke and thanked all the Diablo officers, the Board, their Musketeer Instructors, and all the Diablo members for the support they received over the years.



Over the years, the kids have come and gone, but a very special "Thank you" to the dedicated Musketeer mentors such as Ron Savioni, Byron Montague, the late Michael Pass, Bruce Winship and Lee Halverson, Jr., who ensure that the Diablo Rod & Gun Club runs a safe and quality youth shooting program.

Youth shooters and kids are the future of shooting sports activities, so get them out to learn about firearms safety, have some fun "plinking" and a chance to win a nice Triple DE jacket provided by the Diablo Rod & Gun Club.

For more information about the Musketeers youth shooting program, contact:

- Ron Savioni at 925-228-4814 for .22 LR Rifle & Pistol "hardball"
- Bruce Winship at BruceWinship@Yahoo.com for Trap
- Lee Halverson, Jr. at SpeedeLee@gmail.com (408) 375-6166 for Skeet

IMPALEMENT ARTS 2019 SCHEDULE

NEXT EVENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 KNIFE CLUB 10 AM—1 PM AT THE IMPALEMENT 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 Joe Hagen

NEXT DIABLO SOCIAL

Tuesday, April 16 2019 — at the Club House

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

AIR GUN (indoor)

Friday, April 12 and April 26

sign up 6:30 shoot at 7:00pm

Shoots are held on the **second** and **fourth Friday nights** each month
January through May at the Club House

Diablo Rod & Gun Club 2019

Musketeer .22 Long Rifle + Pistol: USI MPR

April 13, Sat 1-5pm
May 11, Sat 1-5pm
June 8, Sat 1-5pm
July 13, Sat 1-5pm
Aug 10, Sat 1-5pm
Sept 14, Sat 1-5pm
Oct 12, Sat 1-5pm
Nov 9, Sat 1-5pm
Dec 14, Sat 1-5pm

Please plan to arrive at the USI Multi-Purpose Range on time to get your targets up and be ready behind the firing line by the start time. **Remember** no firearms uncased or on the benches until the RSO give the "bring weapons forward" signal. Contact: Ron Savioni (925) 200-1205

Musketeer Shotgun: USI Skeet Fields

April 7, Sun 3:00pm
April 14, Sun 3:00pm
May 5, Sun 3:00pm
May 19, Sun 3:00pm
June 23, Sun 3:00pm
July 28, Sun 3:00pm
Aug 11, Sun 3:00pm
Aug 25, Sun 3:00pm
Sept 22, Sun 3:00pm
Oct 6, Sun 3:00pm
Oct 27, Sun 3:00pm

Please plan to arrive in time to sign-in at the clubhouse and meet at the skeet fields ready to shoot by 3:15pm. New shooters please arrive by 3pm and sign-in at the clubhouse. **Remember** always keep your shotgun action open with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. No ammo and finger off the trigger until ready to shoot! Contact: speedelee@gmail.com, Lee Halverson

Musketeer Trap: USI Trap Field #9

Last Sunday of each month, 1-3pm

Please plan to arrive in time to sign-in at the clubhouse and meet at the trap fields ready to shoot. **Remember** always keep your shotgun action open with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. No ammo and finger off the trigger until ready to shoot! Contact: brucewinship@yahoo.com

22 SILHOUETTES on the MPR Wed Noon

This is practice as a DIABLO Event. \$5.

Shoot your 22's at either silhouettes or paper targets The practice will be off hand or bench. Let me know if you want me to add you to the distribution list for this event. Also, let me know if you are interested in future 22 silhouette matches on weekends. Diablo will send a blast to all the members who have expressed an interest in rifle and pistol. Email Dennis at DMWinslow@aol.com

Note: *Airgunners from the morning session are free to stay with no need to pay again.*

CURRENT ACTIVITIES at the DIABLO ROD & GUN CLUB ARE:

**ACTION PISTOL BOTH RIMFIRE AND CENTERFIRE,
22 SILHOUETTES MONTHLY ON THE MPR, AIRGUN, ARCHERY,
ALL SHOTGUN ACTIVITIES, MUSKETEERS AND IMPALEMENT ARTS.
ALSO: 22'S ON THE USI MPR SAT, SUN AND THUR.**

Please check with your activity chairmen for other activities.

ACTION SHOOTING : The range is open The Second and Fourth Saturdays and the Thursdays preceding the 2nd and 4th Saturdays (note this is not always the 2nd and 4th Thursday) Thursdays are from 2:00 to 5:00 winter hours (3 to 6 once DST starts) and on Saturdays From 9 to noon. We currently set up a bay for Centerfire (forward falling steel and paper targets), Rimfire and Centerfire Steel Challenge and action shotgun. We Could be open every Saturday if we had more Range Officers volunteering to open and run the range. Contact Blade if you are interested in Volunteering.

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 \$10.00 members and \$15.00 for Guests. Juniors—shooters under 18 years old are free if accompanied by an adult and the waiver's are signed. FFI contact Martin O'Connor - pis-toleer@outlook.com 415.203.4686

AIR GUN: (Indoor) Shoots are held on the **second** and **fourth Friday nights** each month from January through May. All shooting is done offhand (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 SILHOUETTE: Are held at the Action Pistol; Range Matches are for air rifles and pistols, shooting is at the METALLIC chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams. Matches cost is \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for Guests. Juniors —shooters under 18 years old are free if accompanied by an adult and the waiver's are signed. It is an offhand game but shooters are welcome to shoot off the bench in VARMINT CLASS. AIR-GUN Silhouettes (1st Sunday at 1pm). FFI contact Martin O'Connor pistoleer@outlook.com 415.203.4686

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FISHING: CHAIRMAN NEEDED

IMPALEMENT ARTS: The "Impalement Arts" is the art throwing of knives and 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 Joe Hagen

MUSKETEER SHOTGUN: FFI Lee Halverson email: speedelee@gmail.com

MUSKETEER .22LR: .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: The cost to shoot is approximately \$40.00, for the club fee 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 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 **Bart McGlothlin** president@diablorodandgun.com
925-405-5871.

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..

NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

Thursday, April 4 2019

Thursday May 2, 2019

7:30 pm at the Club House

Club Meeting is 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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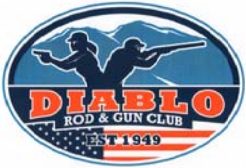
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April Newsletter Deadline—April 14, 2019

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

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Happy
Easter