

Diablo News

Newsletter of the Diablo Rod & Gun Club



DECEMBER 2022

Meeting Schedule

Club Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30pm. All meetings are held in the Club House at 4700 Evora Road, Concord, CA.

Membership Renewal



Officers and Directors

President - Dennis Winslow
Vice President - Martin O'Connor
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Letter from the President



Happy Holidays!

Happy holidays and season's greeting to all of our Diablo members and their families.

As we look back on another year I'm grateful—grateful for everything we have here at Diablo—and grateful for the amazing contributions our members have made to this club.

Covid is thankfully behind us and it's great to see our membership participating in our shooting, hunting, and fishing activities once again.

I'm also inspired when I see all of our our volunteer RSOs leading through doing, and dedicating themselves to their fellow shooters.

I'm excited for 2023!

Happy Holidays,
Dennis

Diablo Knives Available

The Diablo Spyderco knives have finally arrived. If you would like one of these bad boys, bring yourself to the meeting!! **We wont ship these** BUT you can place an online order and pick up the knife at the meeting if you choose.

This run is LIMITED to 50 knives. So get them while they're hot!

<https://diablorodandgun.com/product/spyderco-o-endura-4-engraved-knife/>

Tech Specs

Brand: Spyderco

Model Name: SC10FPBL

Included Components: Endura 4 Lockback Blue

Handle Material: Fiberglass Reinforced Nylon

Color: Blue

Blade Material: VG-10 Stainless Steel

Style: Endura 4 Lightweight Flat Ground

About the Diablo Spyderco

The Endura 4 sets the standard as one of the best-selling folding knives ever made. All members of the Endura 4 family include a four-position clip, a high-strength back lock mechanism, and Trademark Round Hole.



**RANGE
SAFETY
OFFICER**

**Want to Shoot
for FREE??!!**

**Ask us
How!**

The United Sportsmen Range is Looking for Volunteers Simply Working Two, 4-hour Shifts Monthly, is all that is necessary after a NRA RSO Course and you can shoot for free*

**Ask Your Local RSO Here to
Get More Information OR Email
Volunteer@Unitedsportsmen.Com**

**Once you become an NRA RSO (\$100 Refundable Class), with a current certification, you will receive:*

An orientation to be a USI RSO for the public ranges.

Free shooting during all open hours on the range(s) you work.

Your tokens will be required for Trap and Skeet. But you get them at employee/volunteer discounted prices!

Free shooting on Mondays, Tuesdays and after hours when the range is not open to the public.



Hunting Update

We are running into the end of some hunting seasons for our Golden State. While several of the big game seasons have closed, wild pigs are coming down out of the hills, and Bear remains available until Dec. 25th (last Sunday in December) or until the State maximum harvest number has been reached.

As of this writing, approx. 1,200 bears have been taken and the maximum number of bears the State allows for 2022 is 1,700.

Duck hunting has been slow for most hunters and some state lands are closed due to the lack of water. There are still opportunities out there. Some areas may be closed for duck, but are available for Snipe, Pheasant and Quail.

Hunting public lands can be tough and a bit confusing- finding a partner who understands the area is a great help.



There are two special weekend hunts reserved for Duck hunting after the General Season closes- the first weekend after the season closes, there will be a weekend hunt for Junior Hunters only. The following weekend, hunting is reserved for Veteran's and Active Military.

Many Private Clubs are looking for Youth and Vet's to support for these two hunts. Start contacting them ASAP if you would like to take advantage of these opportunities. Google is your friend- I looked briefly online and came up with this directory of possible clubs to ask for access:

www.ultimatewaterfowlhunting.com/usa/california/

You may already have friends that belong to a Club, so don't overlook an opportunity to ask for their assistance.

Don't forget: Turkey is open until Dec. 11th - Grab one or two of your own, either sex is legal in this season! They are fine eating, with more flavor than your Safeway Tofu birds. Their plumage rivals that of the pheasant and the birds exposed parts are a wonder of Snoods and Wattles. Their internal organs- kidneys and heart- can be cooked simply and have an enjoyable flavor. Handling one of these feathered dinosaurs is a privilege not to be missed!

More info:

Directory of California Waterfowl Hunting Lodges, Outfitters, Guides, Land Ultimate Waterfowl Hunting is the largest directory for California Waterfowl Hunting guides, outfitters, lodges and private land.

www.ultimatewaterfowlhunting.com

Hunting and Fishing Trophies

The year is drawing to a close and now is the time to send in your reports for your Hunting and Fishing trophies. All Diablo Members are eligible. There are awards per animal or fish, and you are competing only against other Diablo participants- go out and enjoy the outdoors and share the results of your efforts! The submissions are for game harvested by Dec. 31st, 2022.

All we ask is a picture of the submission with a ruler or scale showing the size of your game. If you have a story to go along with the picture, we'd love to hear it.

Winners for each category will receive a beautiful Diablo Rod and Gun jacket, customized with your name, embroidered with your trophy species and year. You can win over multiple years- we'll add more embroidery to your jacket as your accomplishments continue.

For game that are not easily measured or weighed, consider adding an object in the picture to provide scale- perhaps your boot or a cell phone alongside the animal.

Please send your submissions to:
kali-fornia1811@att.net
 and
vice-president@diablorodandgun.com

Project Appleseed

USI is proud to promote a weekend Appleseed event every 5th weekend. It's held at the MPR, ran by the Appleseed instructors.

The first USI located event was October 29th and 30th. Looking at the entries on the official Appleseed webpage from participants, it was quite a hit! USI members as well as outside participants enjoyed the fine weather and our facilities, and many are looking forward to returning.

In today's world of 24-hour news cycles, changing technologies, and push-button gratification, it's a challenge to stay connected to the values that our great country was built on. Ideals like integrity, commitment, and personal responsibility are what our founding fathers relied on to win our independence and to then make America a great nation.

At Project Appleseed™, we're dedicated to keeping these timeless values alive. We promote civic responsibility through the teaching of colonial history and the American tradition of rifle marksmanship. Even after all of these years, there is much to be learned from our forefathers' examples of perseverance, commitment, and civic virtue. With a full calendar of shooting clinics and events, Project Appleseed is here to make sure these timeless principles live on for generations to come.

For more information, please go to Project Appleseed - appleseedinfo.org. Diablo's own Chris Lawrence is assisting the range scheduling- he is the USI Secretary as well: secretary@unitedsportsmen.com



.22 Benchrest

Diablo IR5050 Match Report - 11/26/22

Another fun Diablo event at MPR, we shot two back-to-back Unlimited IR5050 matches. We had beautiful weather and great wind conditions for the first match, turning a stronger and very challenging for the second match. 14 Shooters attended and as usual, we had a nice mix of custom benchrest & factory guns.

Congrats to Brett who took first place for both matches amongst the custom rifle shooters and who also won the overall Unlimited match. Amongst Factory rifle shooters, congrats to Eddie & Gate who took first in each of the matches.

Shout out & Thank you to Dave, Marcus, Phil, Francis & Sean & everyone else who volunteered to help score & to set up and take down the match. We could not make these matches successful without all the help we receive from you guys. Thank you!

Next Diablo match is a club match on the second Saturday of December 12.10.22 which will be open to both benchrest and factory shooters. Factory shoot on bipods or sandbags.

More info:

benchrest@diablorodandgun.com

Full match results are [HERE](#)



Diablo Social Update

We held our November social on Nov. 15th- in anticipation of lots of Turkey and Ham the following week at Thanksgiving, we had a blue-plate special night:

There were myriads of different meatloaf's, along with mashed potatoes, two types of gravy, three different versions of string beans, a vegetarian loaf , brownies, and more.

The night was filled with laughter, and everyone had a great time. If anyone left hungry, it was their fault!

Diablo Social is a no charge event, held every 3rd Tuesday. We normally provide a full meal, open bar and soft drinks- we encourage everyone to bring a little something to share, but it's not a requirement.

Decembers Social will be unique. *We are NOT providing a dinner- with the Holidays so close on the heels of our event.* Instead we will hold a true social: come out for drinks and desert!

We would like if everyone could bring something- a desert, potato chips and dip- just a little something to share. I heard a rumor that there will be a good amount of world class eggnog as well - you don't want to miss this one!



Airgun Field Target

Our 2nd Annual Turkey shoot was held last Sunday, Nov. 20th (where did the year go???)

We had great attendance, with most of our favorite shooting friends coming out and learning new curse words about winds and distances.

52 Possible on the FT side; For the Turkey contest, we had two of our 5 Turkey Silhouette racks out on two different lanes, two different distances.

We offered Safeway gift cards all the way down to 5th place with the top 3 shooters (tie for 1st this year) receiving a cool \$30 and the next two shooters reaping a \$20.00 card.

There wasn't an extra charge for the Turkey shoot- we had a lane on the far right open to the public for them to participate as well.

We offered Youth shooting, and we had a first-time air gun shooter, at 8 years old, win the top youth prize of \$20.00 in Safeway gift cards. We also had a slingshot lane, with specially constructed knock down resettable targets that were a BIG hit- we are going to keep including that at our matches.

Match video [HERE](#)



5-Stand Musketeers

Diablo Rod and Gun's Musketeers program kicked off their first 5-Stand session on Saturday, Nov. 19th.

We had a great time with five experienced youth shooters! Diablo's Musketeers 5-Stand season for 2022/2023 will run from November 2022 - February 2023.

Our next session is scheduled for Saturday, December 17th between 2pm -4pm.

Please check the calendar for the January and February 2023 dates. Experienced youth shooters 12yrs. and older welcomed! (Diablo membership required for regular attendees)

5-Stand rounds/clays as well as ammo are generously provided free to the Musketeers courtesy of Diablo Rod and Gun Club

Please contact Musketeers 5-Stan Chair, Glenn Rustia glennjo2@gmail.com for any questions.

Looking forward to seeing our youth on the range!



USPSA Match Update

November USPSA Match

63 shooters competed in Diablo Action Pistol's USPSA classifier match on Nov 27th, our last USPSA match for 2022. The club presented five official classifier stages for competitors to establish or hopefully improve their USPSA classifications.

Two memorable stages were:

Stage 1 - Lightning & Thunder (a.k.a. Lightning & Blunder) in which many shooters experienced how difficult it is to engage 3 targets, change mags and then re-engage the 3 targets—all within a max time of 5 seconds!

Stage 4 - The Roscoe Rattle. Three 6-round rapid-fire bursts. Every semi-auto pretending it was a machine gun.

Carry Optics was the most popular division with 27 competitors. Top 3 finishers in this division were:

- 1) Meldman-Cotton, G.
- 2) Sawyer, M.
- 3) Sibal, D.

Detailed scores and complete rankings for all divisions are available on [Practiscore](#)



Archery Update

The Musketeer Archery program is on break during the months of November and December. We will return on January at the same schedule, on the 3rd Sundays of the month from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. You do not need to bring any equipment but if you have your own, please bring it with you.

Diablo Rod and Gun Club has purchased new arrows for the program. Last November 19th, the three 20-yard targets were repaired by Scouts of Troop 1776 with materials also provided by DRGC.

Similar to other programs, the Musketeer Archery program is a youth program provided free of charge for children and grandchildren of our members.

Please e-mail archery@diablorodandgun.com for any questions.



Action Pistol

Diablo Action Pistol conducts many action shooting events, including:

- Steel Challenge Matches & Practice
- Sessions Outlaw IDPA Matches
- Ladies Shooting Sports Clinics



Sporting Clays

Sporting clays is the closest thing to actual field shooting. Sporting clays courses are designed to simulate the hunting of ducks, pheasants, other upland birds, and even rabbits. Targets may be thrown from any angle or distance to simulate wingshooting. Up to six different sizes of clay targets are used to give the shooter the experience of real hunting conditions. Many hunters shoot sporting clays to develop their wingshooting skills, while others enjoy the challenge of shooting a 100 clay bird course. Join the Diablo members as they travel to Sporting Clays clubs. Please check the Diablo Calendar for more information.



Ladies Shooting Class

One of the ABSOLUTE best events any lady can participate in! This event is usually sold out and is only held every other month normally. Ladies learn firearm safety, the parts and actions of different firearms, correct sight and aiming of firearms and other informative subjects.

A Continental Breakfast is served and lunch is provided. The ladies will shoot approximately 7-10 different handguns along with some Pistol Caliber Carbines (rifles that shoot pistol bullets) and shotguns. There is a cost to the class to offset the money they club expends to purchase ammo. Cost for the class is \$65 dollars.

If you are the least bit apprehensive about handguns this is the class for you or your significant other.

Sign up! You wont be disappointed!
Take a look at all the fun some of the ladies enjoyed!

More info:

ladiesshooting@diablorodandgun.com



Silhouettes

Diablo allows both pistol or rifle offhand or from the bench (Varmint Class). Many clubs shoot only rifle or pistol, and NRA has different names and rules for the pistol events v.s. the rifle events, even if they are at the same distance. IHMSA – International Handgun Metallic Silhouette Association – sponsors only pistol and some of the rules are different, but IHMSA shooters are welcome.

\$5 VIP Members / \$10 Members / \$15 Guests



Diablo Socials

Club Socials are held in the USI clubhouse on the third Tuesday of every month. All the food, soft drinks, and beer are provided (free) – you need only to bring your appetite. Diablo Club members, family, and a guest are welcome. Come and help set up the buffet around 5pm and we'll start eating around 5:30 pm. If you can't get there early, please come anyway. We keep the food out until about 8 pm, so stop by on your way home from work.



Musketeers - Shotgun

California Musketeers is a youth shooting program recognized by the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) and the National Rifle Association (NRA). The program is funded and operated by the Diablo Rod & Gun Club (DR&G). The Musketeer's shotgun program is open to all youth between the ages of ten (10) and twenty (20) years of age. Children and grandchildren of Diablo members shoot for free at this monthly event. Shotguns, shells and clay birds are provided by the club. Please see the sign-up sheet at the Diablo R&G calendar



Musketeers - Rifle/Pistol

The Musketeers youth rifle/pistol program sponsored by the Diablo Gun Club. It is offered to the children or grandchildren of USI members between the ages of 8 and 18. The youth shoot for free and all the ammo and targets are supplied by the Diablo Rod & Gun Club. This is a fun youth group which teaches rifle/pistol safety along with supporting the NRA Marksmanship program. Meet at the MPR, 1:00 5:00 pm, 2nd Saturday of the month. See Diablo's Calendar for more information.



Impalement Arts

Impalement Arts is the practice of throwing and accurately sticking knives, tomahawks, screw drivers, shovels, and assorted implements. Without a doubt this is the number one fun activity at Diablo. The Diablo Impalement Arts Program offers members instruction, training, competition, and lots of fun. We plan to hold regular practice sessions and are looking to host nationally sanctioned throwing events throughout the year.

More info:

Impalement@diablorodandgun.com



AirgunField Target

Airgun Field Target simulates hunting using precision air rifles. The steel animal targets are designed to fall only when the pellet hits the "Kill Zone", requiring target-rifle accuracy. Targets are re-set with a cord from the shooting position. The distance to the targets varies and is unknown, adding the element of range-finding. All types of pellet rifles may be used, up to .22 cal, and we do have some loaners available. Junior shooters are welcome and shoot for free. Members shoot the course for \$10, Guests for \$15. 3rd Sunday of the month, 8:30 am setup, match starts around 9:00 am.

More info: DiabloAirGun@outlook.com

Reloading

Third Wednesday of every month, Diablo takes over the Hunter Ed building at the APR- 5:30 to 8:00 pm or so.

We've great instructors, students and club members to share advice, suggestions and help with reloading questions.

October's meeting was particularly vibrant. Ryan led a discussion on rotary presses and their uses vs. single and progressive machines. He focused on 9 mm reloading, but the knowledge was applicable across the spectrum.

Hussain helped a family continue to develop their MEC shotgun shell reloader, while Ron McCrary dug into reloading problems that attendees had.

Chris Payne helped with all parts of the evening's questions as well- having a cadre of leaders can help a shooter get results quickly.

We opened up a Bay for chrony work. Tawn was able to check the velocity of his new 20 gauge loads, and compare speeds between his semi auto and break barrel guns. He also got to check the cycling with the new reloads- such a boon to diagnose a problem before he gets to the shooting line!

This event is free and there are manuals, and some reloading machines available. Components are not offered. You are welcome to bring your equipment and join in or just stop and see what the excitement is all about!



Archery

The archery range is for members for a small fee. Members are allowed to bring a guest. Please keep checking the website for more information as it will be changing as the range improves and our archery community grows.

More info:

archery@diablorodandgun.com