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MEMBER FUN DAY

Thirty-three club members participated in the club championship shoot this year, including 3 juniors, 4 women and 26 men. The championship is a 50-bird event shot at the 16-yard line. Cecil Roberts is the 2005 Club Champion (see Golden BB story for details). His name will be placed on the club champion trophy as soon as we find it.

Cecil and Steve Ripp both shot 49 and had to shoot-off for the Men's Champion, which went to Cecil. Meanwhile, Nora Bristol and Bonnie Rolstad both shot 46. Nora won the Women's Champion in the shoot-off. Darrin Ripp was the outright Junior Champion with a score of 44. Four Lewis classes were also paid out.

Nick Beil spoke to those in attendance and thanked the club for its contribution to the Sauk Prairie Junior Scholastic Organization which allowed him, Dar-

rin Long, Curtis Bohler and Randy Mack to participate in the Grand American. Nick shot 191/200. Nice shooting!

Thanks to Charlie Galle/Sentry Foods for the potato salad and cole slaw. Thanks to all for those auction items too. Rita Henn's pies continue to raise big bucks for the club. Item quality must be better, otherwise we'd have to credit the auctioneers for getting over \$2,200 from the bidding frenzy created by 34 willing bidders.

Club Champion Cecil Roberts is pictured at right shortly after winning the shootoff. Rumor has it that his wife, barely visible, is whispering something very supportive in his right ear. It might have been about where they would spend the prize money.

But from the look on his face, I'm not so sure that's what he was hearing. Nice shooting, Cecil and thanks again to everyone for making it a great FUN DAY!



EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2006

January 27: Annual Fresh Smelt Feed (swam on Monday, cooked on Friday)

April 2: Annual Meeting & Shooter Appreciation Day

April 16: Early Bird Shoot

June 18: Kippley Shoot

August 20: Bruno Shoot and Club Raffle

September 17: FunDay
2005-2006 WINTER LEAGUE starts Sunday, December 4 and ends on April 2 at the annual meeting. Hunter Safety Course will begin on or about July 10,

2006. This year eleven new safe hunters completed the course on August 9. Thanks to all who helped make it happen.

The club will be closed on Sunday, November 20, 2005 so that we can hunt deer.

BRUNO BREUNIG SHOOT AND CLUB RAFFLE

What a great turnout! All the chicken dinners were sold out, including 83 take-outs. So the take-out record number goes up.

And it was a full day of shooting as well! We ran a total of 95 squads through our little one-trap operation. Add to that 4 back-ups and one Annie Oakley and you end up with an outstanding day of shooting. This can't be accomplished without the help of a fine crew of volunteers. Thanks to all of you.

We printed up nearly 5,500 tickets for the raffle, selling them mostly as 6-pack booklets. In total we sold 807 booklets, which translates to 4,842 tickets or about 88% of the tickets we printed. Any way you figure it, we benefited from great support provided by everyone who purchased tickets and everyone who sold them.

We had many prizes drawn throughout the afternoon. Here are some of the winners:

Steve Ripp won the gun safe. Dale Schara took the money and not the gun. Stormy Diske went home with the MEC 9000G. Denny Meyer got the combo tool kit. Derek Smith can enjoy his gift certificate to Rookies. And Shawn Danreis got the cash donated by North Bristol Sportsmen's Club.

Many of the raffle prizes are donated by individuals and organizations throughout the area. Find out who they are and when

you see them or visit their businesses, let them know you appreciate their support of your trap club.

Next year we'll do it all over again. If you have ideas for prizes, suggestions for how we could do this better, and most important of all, if you want to help, contact any board member and ask to attend a board meeting.

THE GOLDEN BB COMPETITION LIVES ON

Once again the best and brightest from Roxbury Trap Club and Wisconsin River Sportsmen's Club will compete for the coveted Golden BB trophy. A rigorous search is being conducted to see if such talent can be found in time for the competition.

Rumor has it that the next competition will be held the day of the annual WRSC club shoot and Christmas party, as it was last year. Members of either club who want to participate should contact a board member so that the application form and background check can be com-

pleted in a timely manner.

There is as yet no official story for the trophy itself. However, it appears to represent some deep symbolic meaning associated with past club cultural rituals. The arrow through the BB seems to represent precision or accuracy as was taught by the elders of our tribes. The

BB's significance is that it is pure gold, a sign of value. Alternately, some say it is a symbol of pure, dumb luck. If this is so, then the trophy means that when you aren't good enough to be accurate, you had better be lucky. Ain't it the truth!

Golden BBs are available at Recobs.

BADGER STATE GAMES

Roxbury rocked again at this year's Badger State Games shooting events. Many club members participated, even including your relocated north country editor (the picture in the Eagle doesn't lie and fortunately, scores weren't reported).

The shooters pictured at right didn't need excuses for their performances, well at least not too many. Brad Rolstad won the Silver in trap, AAA Class with a 99. Lance Mefford won the Gold in trap, A Class, also with a 99. And Don Temby won the Gold in trap, Senior Class with, you guessed it, a 99. I believe the club has collected a special set of "reasons" from these three for shooting 99s.

Meanwhile, Darrin Ripp, competing in the Junior Class, took home a Gold in Sporting Clays with an 83 plus a Bronze in Skeet with an 81. I'm certain we'll be seeing him on the platform soon sharing space with (or replacing) Uncle Brad.

In case you were wondering, that's (from left to right) Brad, Lance and Don on the Badger State winners platform. There was some discussion of who should stand where and they decided that it would look too cozy if all three stood on the Gold level. Incidentally, Brad is holding the attitude adjustment package that is distributed after shooting is done, scores are posted and stories are started.

