



BOWLING PIN MATCHES

They're in full swing Monday nights at 6:00 pm on the rifle range (except last Mon. of the month).

Four classes:

- 1** - Revolver Class (no reload, six shots to hit pins, 1 stopper plate).
- 2** - Semi-Auto Class (no reload, eight shots to hit six pins, 1 stopper plate).
- 3** - 22 Auto Only Class (no reloads, ten shots to hit seven pins, 1 stopper plate) and yes a 22 pistol will clean the pins off the table.
- 4** - Combat Class (2 six round mags to hit seven pins, 1 stopper plate).

\$5 entry fee each class (includes three practice runs). Cash prize to winners (one money every 4 shooters each class). Enter as many classes as you want. No limit. Great fun!!

ARCHERY The April IBO Qualifier was a huge success. It brought in \$1,442.00. After taking out for supplies and prize payouts the club made \$582.00 from the event. Besides actually being profitable we gained a couple of new members and had a great time. Last months 3D shoot had another good turnout! They'll be doing it again on Saturday the 28th 9:00am – Noon. Kids shoot free, members \$5, non-members \$8, repeat course \$4. Results are always available on the website. Help is needed setting targets beginning at 4pm the 27th and pulling targets around 1pm the 28th. Only OLD targets are left on the range for members to shoot anytime. We know they're not very good but it's an inconvenience we suffer due to past abuse. Note: is NOT ok for anyone to shoot the set up course prior to the event!!

CLEAN-UP DAY Another clean-up day is scheduled for June 14 starting at 8:00 am. We'll concentrate on clearing willows, again, from around the pond for the fishing derby. We'll also try to get rid of brush that has accumulated from past clean ups. There are other things that need done, the more people we have, the more we get done and the easier it is on all of us!

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FISHING DERBY

Take a kid fishing! This is open to the public & Free. Bring the family and enjoy a morning in the outdoors while kids up to 15 yrs participate in the derby. There will be prizes for first, last, smallest and biggest fish caught. Registration is from 8:30 to 9:00am. A Fishing Clinic will run from 9:00 to 10:30 am. This will give kids the basics of baiting, fish handling etc. The Derby will run from 10:30 to noon. Bait will be provided. We have some cane poles but encourage everyone to bring their own fishing pole & lawn chair. There will be several stations set up around the pond for kids to turn in and record their catch. The club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs for all attending. We need people to generally

keep an eye on the fishermen & man the stations. Any fishing related prizes would be appreciated! We need canopies for the stations and buckets to hold and transport the fish back to the pond. Let's gets kids outdoors! Rain date June 28th.

\$5 TAILGATE GUN SHOW & FLEA MARKET

Drive in, park, sell your stuff! Where else can you sell your stuff for \$5??? Trailers, canopies, tables and sharing is allowed. This has such great potential... but just hasn't quite "clicked". One month we have lots of vendors and few shoppers, the next month lots of shoppers and few vendors. Sellers get discouraged if there is no traffic walking through. Buyers don't come back if there aren't many vendors! We already have several new sellers registered for this month and they are driving quite a ways to get here. Last month we had a gentleman with arrow heads, bone and horn knives and pipes. He made good money and said it was well worth the trip. You can help this become a great event by just showing up and checking it out, it only cost a \$1 (\$2 non-members). Clean out your garage, attic or closet and make some money (you can always use some extra gas money)! The Gun Show and Flea Market will run through October, third Sunday of the month 9am – 2pm, weather permitting. If the weather doesn't cooperate we'll hold it indoors. Indoor spaces are \$10 (bring your own table) and \$15 with table. If you can't come – help spread the word! All proceeds go towards the new 400yd range.

VARMINT MATCH 2nd Sunday thru Oct.

Time change !! 9:00 am. We're inviting you to bring your kids to participate! This is open to the public, bring a friend! We'll be shooting varmint targets for score. At 9am Youth 100 yard (up to 12 yrs), cost is \$2 and is winner take all! At 10am 200 yard factory guns, \$5 per round. Immediately following (time depends on the number of shooters) will be 200 yard custom guns at \$10 per round. 75% payback on adult classes.

FAMILY CAMP-OUT JULY 11 - 13

July 11 - 13. Members and their families may camp-out for 2 nights this year! The last two years have been great but setting up camp for just one night didn't seem fair! If you can't stay over night you're welcome to come and hang out around the campfire, eat, fish, take a hike, shoot, or just kick back and enjoy the company. It's potluck with a community campfire, all outdoor cooking. Bring something to contribute to the weekend feast. Tents only, small campers allowed if it's a medical necessity. The club will provide paper plates, napkins, plastic utensils, coffee & water. You can set up any time after 4:00 pm Friday. We'll break camp by 10:00 am Sunday (the Varmint Match starts at 10:00 am Sunday bring your rifle!!).



RIFLE RANGE

The range has a new sound & wind barrier behind the benches. The wall was constructed to replace the trees that were removed. The tree removal came about after some serious research by several members concerned about ever increasing concentration of ticks near the benches on the range. Many of you have complained. We all know ticks are just a normal part of the outdoor life many of us lead, it's a given. But when you pick half a dozen ticks off before you've even finished setting up your equipment on the bench, and then leave because of it – you start to look for answers. Those researching found that the ground under the trees was prime real estate for ticks. The shade and humidity provided by the trees produced the perfect habitat on the ground under those trees, while WE provided the perfect food source! Visual inspection found the ground and trees literally infested with hundreds of ticks. This was in spite of dusting or spraying by the club and by members who have done it on their own several times in the last year. More research found that burning the infested ground where they nest was the best solution. Hence, the trees removed & burned. Because all of this was done without a club vote there has been considerable controversy. One issue that came up was not having a sound barrier, in consideration of our neighbor. To remedy this part of the controversy as quickly as possible, a single member footed the bill and a handful of members constructed the new barrier. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone would make a donation towards the barrier and help offset this member's expenses!

\$\$ CURRENT RAFFLE \$\$

**\$500 CASH - \$5 PER TICKET
ONLY 150 TICKETS**

April Taurus winner - Matt Tryee
May \$500 winner - Patti Criswell
Tickets are available from trustees, at the Memberships Office, Al's Country Market in Big Island and at events.

Jun 14 - Clean-up day
Jun. 21 - Fishing Derby (rain date 28th)
Jun. 28 - Archery
Jul. 11, 12 & 13 - Camp-out
Aug. 30 & 31 - Hunters Ed
Sept. 20 - Family Outdoor Sporting Day
Varmint Matches - 2nd Sunday
Tailgate Gun Show/Flea Market - 3rd Sunday
Bowling Pins - Mondays
(except last Monday of month)
Concealed Carry - By appt.
Meetings - Last Monday of month.



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