

APRIL - JUNE 2004

The 2004 match schedules for high power and pistol have been posted, and the season is off to a good start. I hope that each of you are able to find time in your busy schedules to participate in one or more matches during the season.

Since our last Newsletter, the BLM held an open house in Vernal on the proposed location of a new shooting complex approximately 10 miles North and East of Vernal. From the information which I have been furnished, it appears that no serious objections were raised to the location of this proposed site, and that the BLM and Uintah County will proceed with completing the various studies which are necessary before a transfer of this property to the County for a range can take place. It will likely be 2005 before all of the studies are completed, and a final BLM determination is made on this proposed range site.

The work to put in the 600 yard target pit at Centerville is progressing very slowly. A meeting of the Centerville Small Arms Association members was held in conjunction with the last State Association board meeting to get map out a time table for getting this work under way. There were very few Centerville members who attended, and not much was accomplished in putting together a time line and making work assignments. Given this level of membership support, it may take several years to complete this work unless it is contracted out. This option will depend on obtaining bids, and then determining if the bid amounts fall within in funds available.

The work needed to complete the resurrection of the old Wendover military shooting range can progress now the repairs to the Wendover City road grader

have been completed. More fill material can now be winrowed and moved to the firing lines which need to be put in. There are presently 6 useable 1,000 yard firing points for those interested in shooting this distance. Those interested should contact Will Smith or myself for information on obtaining access to this range. The next scheduled 1,000 match is Saturday, July 10, 2004. It is anticipated that the range wind flags will be in place for this match.

Donna Warnock has prepared a tentative Smallbore shooting schedule for the 2004/2005 shooting season at the Springville Community Center. It will be posted shortly. There will be two Smallbore/Air Rifle matches fired at the NROTC building in Salt Lake City this fall, one in November and one in early December. If these matches are well attended, additional matches will be scheduled for early 2005. So far, the largest group of NROTC match participants have come from out of state.

You should be aware of the NRA National Junior Air Rifle Championship being held at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho starting on Wednesday, July 7, 2004 and continuing through Sunday, July 11, 2004. This is a unique opportunity for your children to obtain training and coaching as well as participating in this event. For more information, please contact Will Smith or Kathy Hansen if you have a junior who would like to attend. This is also an opportunity for we old foggies to obtain information on the latest training and coaching techniques as well as see some examples of the latest in air rifle equipment. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity since it is so close.

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