

May 2014 President's Letter

We had a good shoot with a good number of shooters for the May Match. The weather was excellent and the Free Hot Dogs were too. Everyone had a good time and quite a few shooters stayed after the match on both days to practice.

June starts the hot summer months and it also in the beginning of our Summer Dress code for the months of June, July, and August. And possibly September if the weather that month is really brutal. We don't want anyone having a heat stroke or just being extremely uncomfortable due to the heat. We will have fans and shade trees to help keep you cool. Remember to drink a lot of water to keep hydrated too. If you are tough enough and the heat doesn't bother you, by all means you are encouraged to dress in full Cowboy or Cowgirl attire. But I know that many of our shooters are on medication that tells them to avoid the heat. For those of you, take advantage of the summer dress code so that you do not have to stay at home and miss having fun. And remember that the Temperance hall is air conditioned and has chairs and a couch inside.

It has been brought to my attention that some shooters either have very high belly buttons or they are not wearing their shotgun belt in the correct position. You may not be able to get away with that at a big match, so practice wearing the belt correctly. This is not a safety issue but it is a costuming issue. Also, for safety sake, always carry your long guns with the muzzle high and straight up to avoid sweeping other shooters on the way to and from the firing line.

If you see a shooter doing something wrong that is not an immediate safety issue, don't approach that shooter in front of others and embarrass him/her to the point that they won't want to come back. Always go to the range officer with any minor safety concerns so that they may be handled properly. It is acceptable to approach the shooter privately and in a courteous and helpful manner to explain why he/she should do something differently, but definitely not in front of others in an embarrassing way. And never assume authority that you do not have.

It is said that America is capitalist and greedy---yet half the population is subsidized. Half the population is subsidized---yet they think they are victims. They think they are victims---yet their representatives run the government. Their representatives run the government---yet the poor keep getting poorer. The poor keep getting poorer---yet they have things that people in other countries only dream about. They have things that people in other countries only dream about---yet they want America to be more like those other countries.

See you next month.

Justa Hand, President