



NEWSLETTER

SUMMER

2010

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To the Membership,

Greetings from the officers and directors of Quinton Sportsmens Club. We are having a busy summer at the club with sporting clays, trap, skeet and the rifle ranges being utilized more than ever. Sunday is our busiest day with the three shotgun venues being used all day. Friday evenings have dropped off a little but the weather and economy such as it is, hasn't affected the turnout as much as it could. Our membership continues to increase and each meeting brings in another 10 or 12 new applicants who are eager to become a member of our "family" and shoot with us. At this writing our paid-up active membership stands at 1487 members and shows no signs of slowing down.

I'm sure most of our members are now aware of the orientation and safety sessions we have been holding and the necessity thereof. Last year there were a few "incidents" on our rifle range that reinforced the need for range protocol and above all, SAFETY...SAFETY....SAFETY. As I have said before, if ONE (1) bullet leaves our property and does damage to anything, our club stands a good chance of becoming a housing development. We have issued over 900 range passes which indicates that a large number of members have not yet attended one of these sessions and been issued a range pass. It must be stressed to all our members that access to our rifle and pistol ranges is granted to range pass holders and their guest ONLY. If you arrive at the club and find that your gate pass will not open the rifle range gate, you will need to attend an orientation session and be issued a range pass. Beginning at the June meeting we ran the session for our newly elected members and welcome the attendance of any member that desires to use the rifle and pistol ranges. We are offering the session several times a month, usually on a Wednesday evening, and will post these dates on our website when available. Please don't wait until September or October when you want to sight-in your hunting rifle to find out you can't use the ranges. DO IT NOW!!

We are still in the process of making our charter and bylaws agree with each other and separating out Conduct and Rules into a separate document. It seems that no matter what we as laymen do, the authorities want someone in the legal profession to guide us. Mr. John Ford Evans, Esq. is that person. He has met with the Board several times and written several "legally acceptable" interpretations of several sections of our bylaws. It is amazing how one sentence or one word can legally change the entire meaning of a paragraph. I don't know how many sections there are under the "Corporation Not For Profit" section of Federal law but we have discovered what works in one section won't work for another and what we thought worked for us for 60 years won't cut it today. It's still a work in progress and when finished will satisfy our membership for another 60 years or until the government thinks otherwise.

As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, the power operated gates make entry and exit so much easier than the chain and lock that we used earlier. There still seems to be a little mis-information about these gates and how they operate. When you come in and punch in the gate code it starts a 2 minute timer in the controller which closes the gate automatically at the end of the 2 minute period. If you have been closing the gate after you come in, it's not necessary, the gate will close automatically. We now have 2 different gate codes. One for the front entrance gate and another for the rifle and pistol range gate.

The next time you come in to the club you will notice that the clubhouse parking lot has been paved. We discovered last winter that after several snow storms and plowing sessions that the crushed rock surface ended up in several piles so we "bit-the bullet" and had the lot paved. Next year we hope to pave the driveway and add some sorely needed speed bumps. Really guys, if you travel at 15 mph rather than 30 mph no one will notice that you're late. SLOW IT DOWN coming in!! The board would like to thank the membership for working with us on this. When we sent out invitations for bid on this project the returns were pretty dismal. Instead of taking the only bid we (John Buoncuore) went after several more contractors, along with the original ones, and collected some bids. We took the low bidder who is a local guy and he worked with us to do the entire lot right now instead of waiting for next year's budget. As you will see, it was worth the wait.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Well the summer is here and shooting seems to be taking a back seat maybe to yard work. Our sporting clays course is being maintained by a group of volunteers who work weekly on broken machines and set the course up so we will not get bored with similar targets every week. Thank goodness we have people willing to do this job.

Our gross receipts for sporting clays ending in June 2010 is down by \$10,000 compared to this time last year. I do not know if the weather or the economy is having an effect on this situation.

Unfortunately our monthly bills go on so it is very important that everyone running an event turn in the club's money in a timely manner.

Our parking lot has been paved and although costing a lot of money looks great and should service the club for a long time to come. The Tuesday work crew is working on a project at the five stand field to see if we can increase the amount of shooting on Friday evenings. We will be installing a wobble trap with voice operated pullers in the very near future. We have people willing to volunteer their time to run this venue. It will start to run on Friday evenings starting on 7/30/10. There is a lot of positive feedback coming from a lot of shooters telling us that we the board are doing what it takes to keep this club looking and running in a positive direction. It is a good feeling to be a part of this effort.

Bill Mahan - President QSC

VERY SPECIAL EVENT

Burrell Ives, one of our founding fathers, is celebrating his 90th birthday on August 21. We would like to be a part of this milestone and host a birthday party for him at the clubhouse. In honor of this occasion, we would like to name our clubhouse in his honor and long devotion to the club. Please put this date on your calendar and come out to the club and wish Burrell a happy birthday. Whatever you do, don't tell Burrell!!! It's a surprise.

It will be a typical summer picnic-type luncheon with burgers, dogs and all the trimmings. Tickets are not necessary, just come out, enjoy the day and meet one of those people that had the foresight to start something really good back in 1950.

CLUB PICNIC

Our club picnic will be held this year on September 25. It will be catered entirely by the company that barbequed the chicken last year. Please come out and shoot and mingle with all who are there.

FROM THE SECRETARY

I am now able to send a large number of emails (bulk) to our membership. I have been testing this software by sending out reminders of the orientation and safety sessions. So far it is working great. At one sitting I can send 1000 emails, or newsletters, with 1 keystroke and can cull out any addresses that are defunct. The savings in one mailing was more than enough to purchase the software and using it in conjunction with our membership database make communications much easier and FASTER. If you have email or access to email and haven't gotten anything from QSC let me know by sending a message to <mailto:quintonssportsmen@comcast.net> and I'll update your page in the database.

This will be our first venture to send the newsletter by email. Our membership database can separate those with from those without email. If you get this by email great, if you received it by the USPS (snail mail) and do have email capabilities let me know by sending me a note as above. The club saves .44 with each email rather than USPS and with that money we can buy more toys for the membership to play with. Or maybe just pay the heating bill this winter. Any way you look at it, email is a winner.

CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD!! This newsletter is being mailed or emailed to our entire membership, including those who are in arrears for their dues. At this writing, the late fee for delinquent dues is \$60.00 plus your yearly dues. If your membership is allowed to lapse you will have to go through the membership process again and the \$100.00 capital assessment fee will apply in addition to the yearly dues. Don't wait until October to find out that you can't get into the rifle range because you do not have a range pass AND your dues are not current.

See you at the club,

Jere L. Cossaboom, Secretary
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DATES TO REMEMBER

August Club Meeting	Monday 8/16/2010 at 7:30pm
September Meeting	Monday 9/20/2010 at 7:30pm
Birthday Party	Saturday 8/21/2010
Club Picnic	Saturday 9/25/2010
Utah CCW Class	Saturday 9/18/2010

Call Bruce Foster for details @ 856-935-7599