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A NRA affiliated non-profit organization for the preservation and promotion of the shooting sports through firearms training and safety education.



NEWSLETTER



February 2017

Friends of NRA 2017 RAFFLE CALENDARS



8 Winners To Date
4 winners have come from
calendar sales by the
Central Florida Ridge
Friends of NRA
(Polk County)

- 1/2/17- Melanie F. - Lakeland, FL
- 1/5/17 - Terry G. - Clewiston, FL
- 1/9/17 - Todd M. - Winter Haven, FL
- 1/12/17 - Jonathon C. - LaBelle, FL
- 1/16/17 - Ken H. - Warminster, PA
- 1/19/17 - Kristin M. - LaBelle, FL
- 1/23/17 - Doug S. - Hudson, FL
- 1/26/17 - Harriet P. - Plant City, FL

February Meeting Tuesday, February 14th

Location
150 Southeast Plaza
Road
Winter Haven

(One block south of Cypress
Gardens Blvd., across the street
from Publix, next to Papa John's
Pizza)

Doors open at: 6:00 pm
Meeting to begin at: 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker

David Kaylor
Criminal Defense Attorney



**Justifiable use of
lethal force
and
"Stand your ground"**

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A true concealed carry
training course

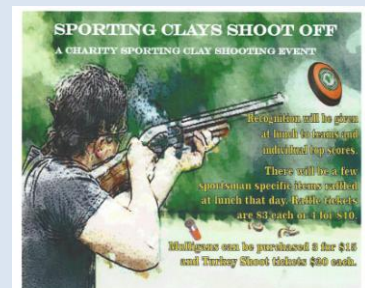
March 17, 2017

Club Member OPEN SHOOT Sunday

February 12th
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

See the Club calendars on
pages 5 & 6 for other activities.

2 Annual Clay Shoot
See Page 12
For Details



POLK TRAINING CENTER, INC.

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Saturday, April 1, 2017 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Cattish Creek Sporting Clays located at the FFA Leadership Center
8000 Pineflower Rd., Valrico City, FL 33594



**Central Florida Ridge
Friends of NRA
DINNER & AUCTION
Saturday, February 18th**

Tickets Sales End Feb. 10th
See Pages 10 & 11
For More Information



***In-Gauge of Polk County* is a proud sponsor of the
2017
Polk Senior Games**



Silver Anniversary



For the first time in its 25 year history, the Polk Senior Games will be offering a pistol competition.

The pistol competition will take place Monday, March 6th at Shoot Straight in Lakeland, Florida, beginning at 9:00 AM.

There will be 5 age categories: 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90 and up. Participants must be at least 50 years of age.

The registration fee is \$10 for the first event and \$3 for each additional event.

Participation is limited and will be granted to the first 50 registrants.

Registration ENDS Friday, February 10th

Entries can be mailed, emailed or faxed to the
Polk Senior Games office, in Bartow, Florida

From Our January 27th Defensive Pistol Class



More Photos From Our Previous Defensive Pistol Classes



Multiple People Hospitalize From Carbon Monoxide At Winter Haven Gun Range

Bartow, Florida – – Dangerous levels of carbon monoxide from a mechanical failure in an HVAC/exhaust system at LeadFeather Guns & Archery led to the fainting of two people Monday, December 26, 2016.

Polk County Fire Rescue crews were dispatched about 3:30 p.m. Monday to 410 Overlook Drive, Winter Haven, to assist a patient who had fainted. The address is an indoor shooting range. Initially the patient refused treatment/transport, but before crews left the scene, another patient fainted. Crews then used a carbon monoxide monitor and found dangerous levels in the building.

Polk Fire's special operations unit was called while the building was evacuated. The building was then ventilated until levels were deemed safe.

Later it was determined a mechanical failure in the HVAC/exhaust system that services the indoor gun range caused the carbon monoxide buildup. Due to the increased shooting activity on Monday, this allowed the concentration of gunfire smoke and carbon monoxide to quickly build up in the range area. While a number of people were affected by the increase of carbon monoxide, three were treated at the local hospital.

The gun range portion of the facility is expected to reopen as soon as repairs to the HVAC/exhaust are completed. The range's management is concerned about this incident and is working with Polk Fire inspectors and Polk County building officials to determine a solution that would ensure such episodes do not occur in the future.

Polk Fire's fire prevention inspectors were on scene on Tuesday to survey the situation. - END -

Auburndale 4-year-old fatally shot

Jan. 22, 2017

AUBURNDALE (FOX 13) - Auburndale Police say they thought they were responding to a call to help a child who'd hit his head on a table, but when they arrived Friday night, the quickly learned the boy's injuries were far more severe.

According to Auburndale Police, officers discovered 4-year-old Avion Weaver with a gunshot wound to his cheek. The boy was airlifted to Arnold Palmer Children's Hospital in Orlando, where he died from his injuries. Detectives say the boy was in the care of his mother's boyfriend at the time. Demeko Robinson told officers he was just outside the boy's home when he heard the gun go off. Auburndale Police say Robinson told them he'd left his 9-millimeter handgun on the kitchen counter inside.

Avion was able to get his hands on the gun. The boy fired one shot, hitting himself in the face.

Auburndale Police say they recovered the gun outside of the apartment. Avion's mother, Deja Perry, was not home at the time of the accident, but arrived shortly after Robinson called 911. Auburndale detectives say they've been in close contact with the State Attorney's Office and charges are potentially pending for culpable negligence.

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Why You Should Have A Gun Safe

January 2, 2017 | by Sam Hooper

Some people question whether it's worth the expense or hassle of getting a gun safe, and the answer is a resounding "yes you should." There are too many benefits to getting one and too many drawbacks to not having one to entertain not having a gun safe of some sort.

This can include a solid strong box for locking up a concealed carry gun or a standing vault for pistols and long guns both. It's perhaps the only truly safe method of gun storage available.

Furthermore, gun safes can save lives, especially if you have little ones at home or they frequently visit.

A Gun Safe Is The Best Threat Deterrent

Having firearms stolen is certainly a valid concern, and one of the best investments you can make to prevent gun theft is a gun safe. The best kind is the vault-style safe, which is highly popular and available a wide number of sizes ranging from just large enough for a few pistols and long guns to the size of some hatchbacks.

















Granted, these are far from being an actual vault; a "vault" by definition is integrated into the structure of a building. Many of the vault-style gun safes do involve mounting to floors and walls, but aren't otherwise structurally integrated.

How awesome would it be to have a walk-in gun vault, though? Perchance to dream, but one digresses.

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FEBRUARY 2017

Club Calendar

FEBRUARY 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2  Pistol Cleaning Clinic	3	4   CCW 101 8:00 AM
5  This Weekend Lake Wales	6	7  Pistol Cleaning Clinic	8  Valentine Spec. 8:30 AM	9  Pistol Cleaning Clinic	10	11  CCW 101 8:00 AM
12 CLUB TENOROC SHOOT Pistol, Rifle, Clays	13	14  Monthly Meeting	15	16  Pistol Cleaning Clinic	17	18  NRA DINNER
19	20	21  Pistol Cleaning Clinic	22  CCW 101 8:30 AM	23  Pistol Cleaning Clinic	24	25  CCW 101 8:00 AM
26 CLAY SHOOT Catfish Creek 1:00 PM	27	28  Pistol Cleaning Clinic				

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2017
POLK SENIOR GAMES



SILVER ANNIVERSARY

MARCH 2017

Club Calendar

MARCH 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4  BARTOW
5  BARTOW	6  POLK SR GAMES	7  CCW 101 8:30 AM	8	9	10  CCW 101 5:30 PM	11  CCW 101 RANGE 10:00 AM
12	13	14 MONTHLY MEETING	15	16	17  DEFENSIVE PISTOL 1:00 pm	18  DEFENSIVE PISTOL Range 10:00 AM
19	20	21	22  CCW 101 8:30 AM	23	24	25  CCW 101 8:00 AM
26	27	28	29  CCW 101 8:30 AM	30	31	

Legally armed customer thwarts Pasco robbery, shoots suspect

WESLEY CHAPEL, FL -- January 26, 2017

A convenience store robbery was interrupted Thursday morning in Wesley Chapel when a legally armed customer shot the suspect.

According to the Pasco County Sheriff's Office, a suspect known to authorities who lives in the area, entered the Marathon gas station at 26556 Wesley Chapel Boulevard just before 7 a.m., pointed a firearm at the clerk and demanded money.

A customer in the store with a legally concealed weapon shot the suspect in the right thigh.

A deputy arrived on the scene moments later and subdued the suspect at the front door of the store.

The suspect was flown to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

There were no other injuries.

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Texas mall robbery 'gone really, really bad'

'Good Samaritan' Dead, Suspect Critically Wounded in Texas Mall Shootout

JAN 23 2017

One suspect was critically wounded and a second was in custody Sunday night after a bystander was killed and six other people were injured in an attempted robbery at a mall in San Antonio, Texas, police said.

At least two of those injured were struck by gunfire, authorities said. Their injuries weren't considered life-threatening.

San Antonio Police Chief William McManus described a terrifying scene in which a bystander who was simply trying to help was shot and killed, one suspect was shot and critically wounded, and a second suspect fled through Rolling Oaks Mall spraying bullets as he ran.

"It is absolutely senseless," McManus said.

Police said the two robbers were fleeing a Kay Jewelers store in the mall in northeast San Antonio when two bystanders confronted them. One of the suspects shot one of the bystanders, who was declared dead, authorities said.

The second bystander, who was licensed to carry a concealed weapon, then shot one of the suspects. The second suspect raced away down the mall's corridors, firing his gun as he ran.

The second suspect, described as a Latin male wearing a hoodie and a mask, was arrested late Sunday after a manhunt of several hours, police said. He is facing a capital murder charge and two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, police said. The suspect in critical condition will also face the same charges.

The shootout shattered the nerves of shoppers on a busy Sunday afternoon.

"I heard several gunshots and saw people screaming and running, and I told my best friend to get down, and I was yelling at the employees of the store to get down, and we all ran to the back office to hide," Colbri Brought-Burke, 19, told NBC News by phone from inside New York & Company, a women's clothing store.

Monica Marie Carreon, 22, sheltered inside Shoe Palace with her twin 1-year-old sons and three other people, said she heard as many as 10 shots.

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San Antonio mall robbery 'gone really, really bad'

January 23, 2017

A Good Samaritan was shot and killed trying to prevent a jewelry store robbery at a San Antonio mall Sunday afternoon and five others were hospitalized, local police said.

San Antonio Police Chief William McManus described the shooting at the Rolling Oaks Mall as a "robbery gone really, really bad."

Investigators say two men attempted to rob a Kay Jewelers store in the mall, which is located northeast of downtown San Antonio. As the suspects tried to get away, they ran into two bystanders.

McManus said one of the men who tried to intervene was shot and killed. The other Good Samaritan, who had a concealed carry permit, shot one of the suspects.

Investigators identified the man who died as 42-year-old retired Marine Jonathan Murphy, Fox 29 reported. He and his wife were at the jewelry store getting their wedding rings cleaned, according to his stepdaughter's boyfriend, who set up a GoFundMe page for the Murphy family.

"Jon loved Harleys, the Marine Corps, and being a good man, but over everything else I believe he loved his wife and family," Chris Cercone wrote.

"It's absolutely senseless. Absolutely senseless. This is the second [recent] time that a Good Samaritan was killed trying to intervene in a crime to help the victim," McManus told reporters. "It's absolutely senseless."

The other suspect managed to escape the mall, firing at bystanders as he went. Police said later Sunday that the second suspect was arrested.

The robbery suspect was rushed to a local hospital in critical condition, Fox 29 added. Two other shooting victims also were taken to a hospital, as was a woman who complained of chest pains and a pregnant woman who went into labor. There was no immediate word on any of their conditions.

McManus said the mall was placed on lockdown after the shooting and officers were escorting people out of the stores one by one.

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This style of gun safe is not completely theft-proof; determined enough thieves could make off with the safe. However, given the weight and unwieldy nature of this type of gun storage, it isn't too likely that the typical thief or even small group of thieves is that determined.

Be aware that gun safes, while solidly constructed to be sure, are not as strong nor as fireproof as commercial safes, though some models come as close as possible if not meeting the same standards.

Safe Gun Storage Saves Lives

Another consideration is safe gun storage. A good rule of thumb is that if a gun isn't in the hand or on the hip in a holster, it should be in the safe. This becomes even more vital if you have children or children frequently visit your home.

On Dec. 23, 2016 (the Friday prior to this writing) the 2-year old son of a veteran Cleveland police officer obtained his father's service weapon and fatally shot himself, making the rounds on news wires during the holiday weekend.

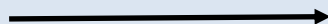
The Washington Post examined reports of similar incidents at the end of 2015, finding at least 265 reports of toddlers shooting themselves or others. Of those, 83 were fatal; 41 were fatal to the toddler that picked up the gun and 42 were fatal to a person accidentally shot by the toddler.

The EveryTown Research foundation examined accidental shooting data from the Centers for Disease Control for the years 2007 through 2011, finding an average of 62 children aged 14 or younger per year died by accidental gunshots, either shooting themselves or others. When enough information was present to make such a conclusion, they concluded 70 percent of such incidents are preventable by having and using a gun safe.

Since many school shooters obtained firearms from parents or relatives (though not all did) it's surmisable that some may have been prevented with the deployment of a gun safe.

Whatever else anyone thinks of Everytown (it was founded by Michael Bloomberg, a known gun control advocate) or for that matter the Washington Post, it's hard to argue with the idea that it's not the best idea for loaded firearms to be easily accessed by children. How to easily prevent them from gaining access? By keeping them locked away,

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Why You Should Have A Gun Safe

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Guarding Investments

Another benefit of a gun safe is that it can safeguard your investments, namely the investment you've made in your firearms. Once a person has a collection going, the tendency is to want to keep them.

Some people invest thousands of dollars in multiple guns. Some people invest thousands in EACH gun, especially for those who own custom guns or guns from high-end makers. (Wilson Combat, Les Baer, Performance Center Smith and Wessons, certain Weatherby rifles, Beretta Silver Pigeon shotguns...or Purdey, Boss or Holland and Holland guns for those with serious means...and so on.) Many people have family heirloom guns handed down for generations, or collectible firearms that are worth a goodly sum.

A safe protects them from wear, but also from fire and other types of damage.

In short, while you don't NEED a gun safe per se...you really should get one.

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Florida open carry bill filed in Senate for coming session

12/12/16 | by Chris Eger

A Republican lawmaker has filed a bill that would make Florida the 46th state to adopt lawful open carry of handguns while dropping a number of mandated gun free zones.

The measure, filed late Friday by the new head of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Greg Steube, R-Sarasota, would modify state law to allow for open carry as long as one had a valid concealed carry permit.

Steube, a former state representative who sponsored pro-gun legislation in his stint in the Florida House, was tapped to replace outgoing Senate Judiciary Chairman Miguel Diaz de la Portilla, R-Miami, who repeatedly blocked gun reforms.

Steube's measure, SB 140, is sweeping in the respect that it not only authorizes Florida's 1.6 million concealed carry permit holders to carry openly, but also trims away a number of long standing gun free zones.

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You Got Your First Gun For Christmas... Now What?

December 26, 2016
by Bob Owens

If gun sales from the latter half of 2016 are any indication, tens of thousands of Americans probably gun their very first gun for Christmas..

To you we say, "congratulations!"



Whether it was a rifle or a pistol or a shotgun really doesn't matter. What matters is that whatever firearm you receive, you learn to use it responsibly. If the person who gifted you a firearm (yes, gentle readers, that is entirely legal under federal law) is an experienced shooting enthusiast themselves then you may have someone who can already show you the ropes.

But what if you've got a new gun, and don't really know anyone to train you on how to use it safely?

Never fear: help is at hand.

It may surprise some to discover that the National Rifle Association is first and foremost a firearms training organization. It's the efforts of the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA) and Political Victory Fund (NRA-PVF) that you see most often in the news.

The NRA's massive training division has more than 125,000 instructors, 8,000 coaches, and 2,200 training counselors who teach more than a million people how to shoot every year.

There are dozens of classes offered by the NRA for students, broken down into five main subject areas:

- Pistol Courses
- Rifle Training Courses
- Shotgun Training Courses
- Home Firearms Safety Courses
- Personal Protection Courses

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Gun For Christmas... Now What?

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A **NRA Home Firearm Safety Training Course** is the very first course I would recommend for any new gun owner. It is a four-hour non-shooting course that covers safe gun-handling and storage in a classroom environment.

After that, I'd suggest one of the "Basics" or "FIRST Steps" courses that is specifically aimed at the sort of firearm you own. That may be **NRA Basics Of Pistol Shooting, NRA FIRST Steps Rifle Orientation, NRA Basic Rifle Shooting Course, NRA FIRST Steps Shotgun Orientation, or NRA Basic Shotgun Shooting Course.**

The "FIRST Steps" courses are focused on specific kinds of shotguns or rifles, while the "Basics" courses are solid entry-level classes to teach you how to use a firearm safely.



For those of you who received handguns and are primarily interested in them for self defense, the NRA offers three self-defense courses, and I'd personally recommend them in just this order, *after* the Basics Of Pistol Shooting Class, which is a pre-requisite.

- **NRA Basic Personal Protection In The Home Course**
- **NRA Basics Of Person Protection Outside The Home Course**
- **NRA Defensive Pistol Course**

The course rates may vary somewhat from location to location but they are reasonable. The round counts required is on the lower end of the spectrum and won't break the bank, and the amount of time tends to be reasonable as well.

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TICKET SALES END
FEBRUARY 10TH

2017
Central Florida Ridge Friends of NRA
Dinner and Auction
Tickets



Date: Saturday, February 18, 2017

Location: Lake Eva Banquet Hall, Haines City, FL

Doors Open At 6:00 PM

Cost: \$60 Per Adult / Children Under 12 FREE

For tickets contact In-Gauge of Polk County at: info.ingauge@gmail.com

or call Ron at: 863-258-0903

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Among the areas affected would be secondary schools, career centers, and local government meetings.

Despite some of the most pro-gun laws in the country, Florida is just one of five states in the country that ban open carry and are in the same club that includes California, New York, South Carolina and Illinois. Florida allowed open carry until 1977.

The Florida Supreme Court is currently reviewing the 2012 case of a who was found guilty by a lower court for the open carry of a weapon outside of his home after his handgun, which he had a concealed carry permit for, became visible. With a ruling in that litigation likely before the start of the 2017 legislative session, lawmakers may be forced to codify a change should the high court strike the ban.

Legislation to pass open carry in the last session became a litmus test for law enforcement, with the Florida Police Chiefs Association supporting the move in a 15-7 vote while the Florida Sheriffs Association had 47 of 67 member sheriffs opposing the measure. Each side had very vocal champions with Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri contending open carry is fundamentally dangerous and Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey arguing openly armed citizens represent a direct deterrent effect on crime.

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Central Florida Ridge Friends of NRA

22nd Annual Dinner & Auction

Saturday, Feb. 18th

6:00 – 10:00 PM

Lake Eva Banquet, Haines City

Dinner: Catered Premium Steak Dinner

- **Live Auction**
- **Raffles**
- **Door Prizes**
- **Games**

Prizes include new firearms, knives, jewelry, sporting goods and collectibles

Adult dinner tickets: \$60. Kids 12 and under free.

**For more information or to purchase tickets:
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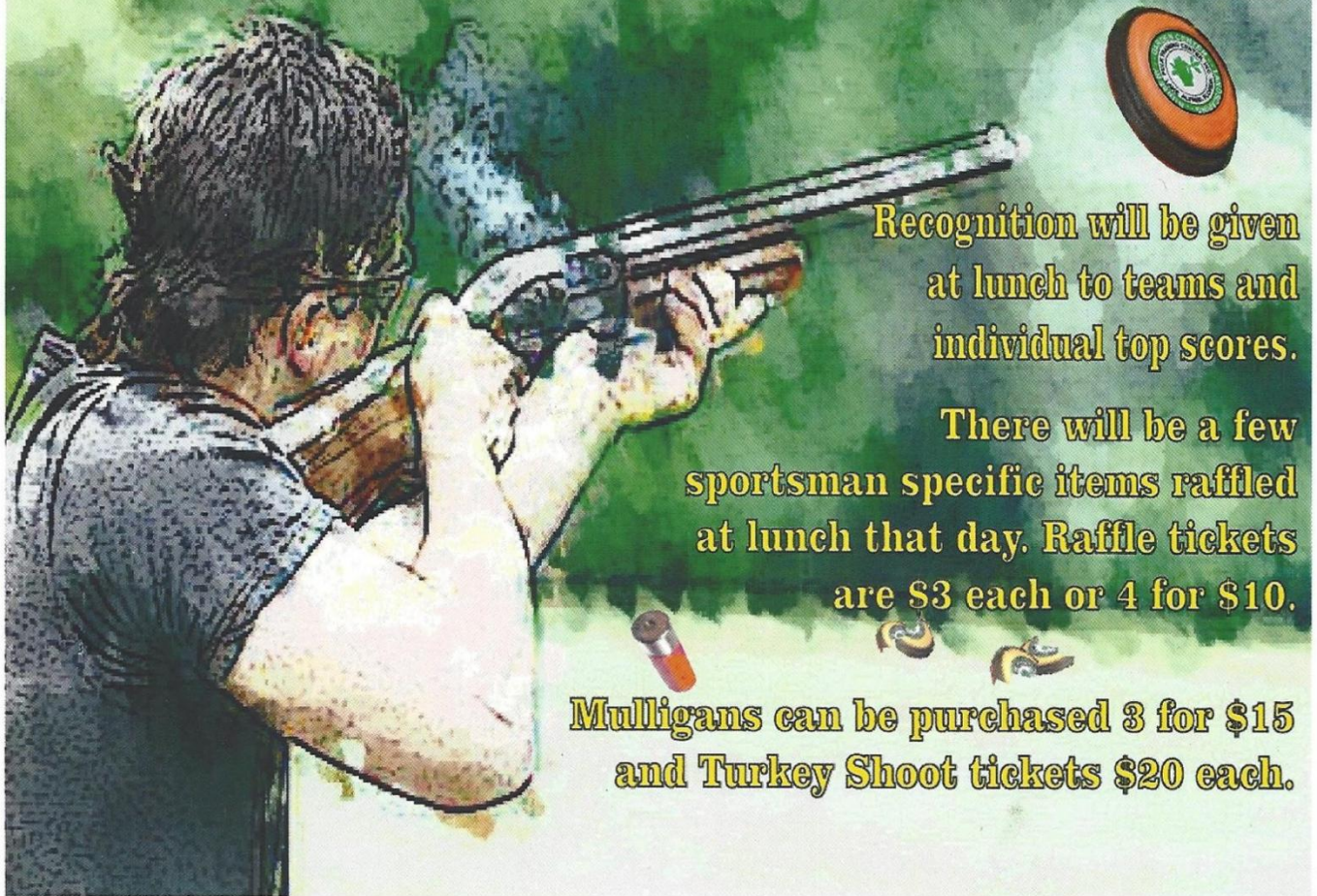


Advance ticket sales only
No tickets sold at the door
Ticket sales close Feb. 10h

Proceeds go to fund local youth shooting sports programs

SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT OFF

A CHARITY SPORTING CLAY SHOOTING EVENT



Recognition will be given at lunch to teams and individual top scores.

There will be a few sportsman specific items raffled at lunch that day. Raffle tickets are \$3 each or 4 for \$10.

Mulligans can be purchased 3 for \$15 and Turkey Shoot tickets \$20 each.

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Registration and check in on site starts at 8:00 AM
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OR CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE



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