

President's Report – Fall 2023

Good Day to all:

Our weather continues to affect our range schedule, with the directors feeling the necessity to close the range on several occasions due to fire concerns. This is something we will have to get used to, as the warmer trends continue.

Since the Spring Report, we had the berm completed on the upper bench, which provides protection to that area while shooting is taking place on the rifle range.

The new rifle range shed is continuing to evolve. We have met with TNRD Building Department, and are now going through the process of site drawings, engineered drawings/approvals, and building permit application. It never seems to amaze me how much paper work is involved in anything we attempt to do! Hopefully all the paper work will be done in time for spring pouring of the concrete pad, and then the roof and walls. It has taken a long time to get this far, but the end is near!

June saw another Family Day Shoot, and was attended by many who enjoyed the opportunity to try different firearms. Several new members joined the club as well.

Purity Feed Agrologist Robson Rogar met onsite to assess what was required for seed to cover the disturbed area created with the range improvements. We will use a seed spreader towed behind a quad for some of the work, and hand seeders for the top of the berms. Seeding will provide several benefits, including reducing dust, stabilizing berms, improve visual, and of course provide more feed for the cattle. This work will proceed this fall, so the seed will be able to germinate early spring.

The Black Powder Cartridge match and the Palmer Gulch Cowboy Action shoots were able to proceed as planned, however the Rendezvous organizers decided to cancel this year, due to the uncertainty of fire closure. They have asked to hold Rendezvous earlier next year. This will be a benefit for hunters who wish to sight in their rifles at the usual time Rendezvous was held in the past.

I encourage you to attend our annual general meeting, to be held December 03rd at the Sports Council building at MacArthur Island Park. Start time 7:00PM.

Enjoy the ranges in this beautiful weather. For those of you who are hunters, good luck and remember to be safe and enjoy the outing.

Cheers, Jim Sloper, President