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7 and 15 Yard Pistol Targets

Outdoor Pistol shooting from 7 yards and 15 yards has become very popular, and that is good. The more people want to come out and enjoy the facilities the better. We are going to add one more set of 15 yard target positions in the near future. There is one big problem we need to solve. These close shooting positions are taking a real beating. People shooting fast, too fast shoot low. Shooting low damages and destroys the target stands. Once destroyed, no one can use them until repaired. If you find these target positions damaged or destroy please call Bob Godlove and report the damage. There are very few of us doing the repairs and so far this year, we have had little occasion to use the range ourselves and find the damage, then get it repaired. We need your help to first, either aim a little higher or shoot a little slower so as not to destroy the target stands or T's. Next, just call and report the damage so we can organize a repair project.

Just a reminder, on the 21 foot/7 yard positions, if the shooter on the right shoots the target on the right, or shooter on the left shoots the target on the left, there is no problem. If either shooter cross shoots to the other target, their bullets hit and damage or ricochet off the baffle supports. That range was never designed for close shooting and there is no point in shooting up and damaging the range just for fun. The far east end of the Outdoor Pistol Range is setup at 50 feet and shooters can cross shoot on targets there without much chance of hitting the upright structure that supports the baffle. of baffle support damage and ricochet bullets. The short ranges are for 7 and 15 yards only, no "make shift" 10 yards shooting setups are allowed!

Front Gate Issues

Our Front Gate system that gives us easy access to the property with security is about 10 years old and has severed us well for most of that time. Recently the computer that feeds info to the system passed away and we have been working on its replacement. Members joining before May are fine, the system works for you. Newer members have not been able to be programmed in. The company that installed it is out of business and we never got a copy of the software or control codes, so we are working with another company to either resolve our issue with the system we have, or replace it as soon as possible.

Barbeque Picnic July 23 on us



We will provide the meat and the hot charcoals and you can bring a side dish to share with a few of us and bring the family! Charcoal will be ready by 6:15 along with hamburgers and brats.



Bring your ballot from page 3 and get it counted in the election that night.

A short meeting will follow the food. All beverages welcome with reasonable consumption.

Thursday, July 23, 6:15

Please leave our Front Gate the way you find it, if Open, leave it open, but if closed Please Close it Behind you!

July 2009							August 2009						
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Ikes Fall Trap will Start in September

Once Again, Brenton Barnett and crew will be throwing clays for the faithful starting about supper time on Wednesdays. Still holding at a rate of \$4.00 per round. With good weather we'll have good trap!



Each Saturday Morning Tour for July tours are on the 11th, 18th, and 25th. **No Tour on July 4th**. August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and the 29th. Our Volunteer has a priority to meet the prospective members at **8:00 Sharp**, give a Guided Tour, Beginning at the Indoor Range, first building on the right. Orientation, questions and answers addressed. By 8:05 that volunteer has started the only tour, and by 9:00 they could be gone for the day with no other **Ikes Volunteer** to help you after that! **If you have a question about your membership, call the person in charge of membership, we do not keep the records at the Ikes.** If you need a Frame, Gate Card, Targets or Tag Holder, get there before the tour starts or wait till they are finished about 9:00 Saturday Mornings! **So, If you snooze, you lose!**

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Hunters Education

The State of Iowa requires that anyone born after January 1, 1972 must have attended and become a certified Hunter Education student in order to purchase a hunting license after they reach the age of 16. The Ikes have once again offered their facilities for the purpose of sponsoring the Iowa DNR Hunter Education program.

We believe in and support all kinds of youth hunting and shooting education. I am sorry to say that at this time we have nothing to offer for Hunters Safety for the foreseeable future.

We do have programs for young people in association with our Venture Crew 2000 group. Boys and Girls, young men and women from 14-18 can join the group, have a great time and learn from first class instructors and programs how to safely handle and use firearms.

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Linn County Chapter Contact List

These people are volunteers, we have no paid staff, so you will not get them during the weekday! This group has regular jobs during the day. You may leave a message, but do not expect to find them at home. If you want prompt and friendly assistance don't call before 8:00 in the morning, during dinner 6-7 or after 9:30 PM. Be courteous and to the point. We are not paid to help you, we volunteer to do this work. Please check this and other Newsletters and our Web Site where you will find most of the answers to your questions!

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Membership Dues Information

2009/2010 Dues, includes Local, State & National
 New or Replacement Gate Card, \$5

New Member Dues \$185 for 2009/2010

You may call with any questions you can't find the answer to in the Newsletter!

Membership Tours Saturday Mornings at the Indoor Range starting at 8:00 AM Sharp. This is the only day and time that our tours are given.

We are an ASIS facility

The Linn County Ikes is a volunteer led and run club. Unpaid but dedicated people who give their time to keep the organization running and provide facilities for the members of the group to enjoy. This means that **we are not a business** and no one should hold us to the standards of mowing, cleaning, range availability, snow or ice removal or treatment that you might expect of a business. **The Ikes does not have the equipment, manpower or budget to keep things in top shape all the time.** If you are not happy with this then you have several options. **As a member of the club you can Help.** You have the same status as the president in that if you don't like a mess, clean it, if you don't like to walk through snow, shovel it, if you don't like ice, put some salt and/or sand on it, if you can't find some, buy some - it is your club too. If you don't like this option, don't come out. You are under absolutely no obligation to drive down range on an unplowed road that you can't drive back up from, or walk over a icy road or parking area. We at the Ikes do our best, but we can not get all the snow plowed all the time, treat all the ice, mow all the grass to suit everyone's standards.

Ikes Range Committee needed

We need on going assistance with Range improvements and rapid repairs. Any range any where will take some wear and tear, ours gets more use and abuse than most and is in need of some tender loving care.

Help is needed in the following areas:

- Long term planning
- Project management
- Cleanup and Repairs
- Brass reclamation to aid in cost containment
- Rule revision as needed
- Rapid Response to urgently needed repairs
- New Ranges coming on line will need work

Please email or call Bob Godlove at icles.pres@Qwestoffice.net or 538-6333.

I need people who are willing to get going now and others that are willing to help out later. There will be needs for skilled, unskilled, simple and complex tasks. Most people joined the Ikes to shoot, lets get the ranges up to speed.



Fantasize all you Want!

If you are looking for someone to clean up after you on our Ranges, you will not find it at the Ikes.

Clean up your own mess. Sadly, there is No Maid Service Sweep up your used brass and patches, including the .22 brass and put it in the appropriate brass bucket so we can recycle it!

Got an issue? Send an email/Make a call

Believe it or not, Bob Godlove doesn't actually live at the Ikes. When he's there, he's there for a reason and has a schedule to keep. 90% of the time he's trying to get some work done that will benefit the entire group or he's agreed to meet with someone who's made an appointment. Once in a while, he's just trying to enjoy the facilities and would like some time to focus on his own shooting.

Lately the membership has been especially disrespectful of his time. People see him out there and decide they have to talk with him NOW. They see him working on a project, but they don't offer to help. Instead, they get in his face and stop him from doing what he's out there to do. This is very self-centered behavior, not taking the group's needs into account. It can also mean that scheduled work

Progress of the Air Gun Range

You should be seeing some progress on the Airgun Range soon. If you are interested, we need help building target hanging systems and benches. This new range is down the hill near the Pistol Range. It will be for Air Guns Only, BB's, Pellets and Air Soft! Paper and Cardboard Targets only please, we don't want to find a pile of junk there!!

doesn't get done because time was eaten up in other ways. These people essentially are "cutting in line" instead of waiting their turn.

If you need to contact Bob, please send him an email (preferred method), or call him and schedule an appointment for longer conversations. Don't just assume you can catch him at the Ikes. He gets 5-10 calls a day and does his best to return them promptly.

A note on phone calls: lately, a number of calls have come in before 8:00 AM, some even before 6:00 AM. Some 70% come in between 6:00 and 6:30 PM, our normal dinner time. Another group has been calling between 10:00 and 11:15 PM. Give us a break, these are inappropriate times.

Cyndee Godlove

The Linn County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America presents for your consideration Ikes members who would like to serve you on our Board of Directors for a Five Year Term. Each year, one Board Member retires or runs again for a board position.

- Cyndee Godlove**, Former Board Member, Membership Director. Pistol Shooter, 18 year member of the Ikes. Involved in all activities, invests 20-30 hours a week in the club.
- Stan Ploff**, Current Board Member. Has been active as a Competitive Pistol Shooter, and has worked on cleanup projects. Active with Pheasents Forever and Ducks Unlimited.
- Jerry Seavy**, as a former Board Member Jerry has been involved in various chapter cleanups, events, helped with our Trap Shoots and heads up the new Grounds Committee.

This Official Ikes Ballot must be mailed to our PO Box 74404, Cedar Rapids, IA 52407 and received by July 18th or brought out to the July Picnic Membership Meal on July 23th.

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Let's be Careful out there!

Frames! New Folding Rifle Frames crafted out of some very nice wood by David Stevens, Inc. are again available and are quite sturdy and will last a long time. **Pistol Frames** and a **larger Rifle Frame** available for **\$19, \$24 and \$29 when in stock.**

Outdoor Range Hours
8:00 AM until 8:00 PM