

The Firing Line

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Additional Hunter Safety Class

Training for tomorrow

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HRG

An additional hunter safety class from the Holmen Rod & Gun Club was held August 20, 21 with a range day for all students on the 22nd. This class was held because of many requests from students. Topics covered included Introduction to Hunter Education, Know Your Firearm Equipment, Basic Shooting Skills, Basic Hunting Techniques, Primitive Hunting, Be a Safe Hunter, Be a Responsible and Ethical hunter, Preparation and Survival Skills, and Wildlife Conservation. During the range day students practiced basic field exercises i.e. crossing fences, asking permission to hunt from landowners, loading and unloading firearms. They were given a chance to fire .22 rim fire rifles. The end consists of a written test. We hope this knowledge will start them on a life-long enjoyment of the outdoors. If anyone is interested in becoming a Hunter Education instructor contact our Hunter Education coordinator.

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Big Bore Range Dedication

Board of Directors
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The Big Bore range project is almost completed and there will be a dedication ceremony on **October 3**. Come out and take a look at our new range. All targets are now on the same level with backstops out to 250 meters. The club scraper used to move all of the dirt will be put up for sale or trade.

Membership Applications

This year memberships will be sold by application only. Applications were sent out with the short update letter to past members. Applications are also available on the club web site and at the front gate.

<http://www.holmenrodandgunclub.com>



New Front Gate

The club grounds gate is installed and operational. All club members that are paid up to date and are in good standing will have access to the gate. This will give the club controlled access to the club grounds. Gate codes will be sent with your membership. Do NOT share gate codes with others.



Safety Training

The club is discussing implementing a safety and range rules training program for all members. This would be a very brief program conducted at the clubhouse. The club is stressing safety at all times and believes everyone could use a refresher course. A DVD is being developed as a training tool.

Concealed carry permit training is available from club member Mark Thole. For additional information contact.

mpthole@hotmail.com

Deer Gun Sight In Days

Sight In days will be starting on Saturday October 24. Check our calendar for additional days. Help will be available if you need some tips for sighting in your rifle.

Members should check the website often for the latest announcements, calendar events, and contact information.

Holmen Rod & Gun Club Mail List

We feel that it is important to improve communication between the club and its members so we encourage everyone wishing to receive announcements to go on the website and sign up for our Mail List. When you sign up for the Mail List you will receive a confirmation email. Follow the directions in the email to complete the sign up process.

.Calendar of Events

OPEN TRAP

PLACE: CLUB GROUNDS

TIME: EVERY TUESDAY

USPSA

PLACE: CLUB GROUNDS

TIME: SEE CALENDAR

United States Practical Shooting Association

3-GUN

PLACE: CLUB GROUNDS

TIME: SEE CALENDAR

COWBOY SHOOTING

PLACE: CLUB GROUNDS

TIME: SEE CALENDAR

Single Action Shooting Society

BLACK POWDER SHOOT

PLACE: CLUB GROUNDS

TIME: SEE CALENDAR

See the club calendar for all of the activities coming up.



NEW .22 RIMFIRE RANGE ON HOLMEN ROD & GUN CLUB GROUNDS.

By Bill Baumgardner

The word “plink” is described in the Random House dictionary as such: 1. To shoot as with a pistol at targets selected at whim: to plink at bottles tossed in the air. 2. To make a series of short, light, ringing sounds. 3. To shoot at for practice or amusement as with a pistol: to plink bottles set on a fence railing. 4. To cause to make a series of short, light, ringing sounds. 5. A plinking sound.

Holmen Rod and Gun Club life member, John Davenport, has equipped a fifty yard range for “plinking” just past the action pistol range on the club grounds. This range is limited to .22 rimfire shooting and has a number of various targets donated by ATK Industries. There were also donations made by John Alseth and Dick Hellerude.

There is a shooting bench on that range, but the major attraction and challenge is the array of metallic fixed and swinging targets, rings, silhouettes and tubes that John has arranged to test your shooting skills. Be reminded that glass targets and shooting at targets in the air or on fence railings is strictly prohibited on this and all (except trap) ranges on the club grounds.

John’s plinking range is safe, with adequate birms to stop ricochets. All safe shooting and range rules must be followed on this range as on all the other ranges.

Please feel free to exercise your membership rights and try your skills on this newly developed range.

Many thanks to John Davenport, John Alseth, Dick Hellerude and ATK Industries.

The new “Plinking Range”



Membership Information

It's time to renew your membership. This past year we have received many calls about our policy of having to mail membership applications. There are several reasons why this policy was implemented.

- 1) All applications are received by one person. There is less chance of misplaced applications.
- 2) Mailing is more efficient. If you leave your application at the club it may take up to four or five weeks to receive your cards, so mail them. We do not collect membership application from the club grounds as often as we get the mail. When you mail your application, you will receive your cards much faster.
- 3) Non-sufficient funds. Checks clear the bank before cards and gate codes are mailed out. When we receive a NSF check and have already mailed out the cards, there is no way of getting it back. You paid for yours; they need to pay for theirs. This is another reason why there is a gate.

If you need to receive your cards faster, pay with a money order or certified check. You don't have to wait for the check to clear and you will receive your cards within two weeks and probably much faster. Remember you are dealing with volunteer help and we do sometimes leave town for a few days.

Here are some suggestions for an application;

- 1) **Mail your application.**
- 2) Mail your application **early.**
- 3) Enclose a **self addressed stamped envelope** with your application.
- 4) Use money order or certified check.

Thank you for your participation and remember your membership is valid for you, your spouse and your minor children from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

MEMBERS CORNER

We will publish member pictures relating to hunting and fishing. Maybe one or two per issue. Send a picture with a brief description to:

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