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Board Meeting 1/10

The January board meeting was held on Tuesday, January 10th at the Centerline clubhouse. While the agenda was shorter than the previous month, the discussions lasted until 10pm. There was a lot of good information that was presented, that resulted in very healthy, and lively debate. Overall, it was a very productive meeting. Building and grounds; club finances; registered shoots, membership drives, fund raising dinners, archery, range officers, pro shop, and Venture Crew were some of the topics discussed. The official minuetts will be available upon request.



Executive board discusses agenda for January board meeting. L-R Al Lassen, president; Craig Jones, vice president; Chris Jones, secretary; and Judy Robinson, treasurer and club manager.

New Years Resolutions

1. Buy new gun
2. Buy another new gun
3. Buy or load more ammo
4. Buy or load even more ammo
5. Get friends, relative and work associates interested in shooting sports
6. Shoot more rounds, and do it more often
7. DO IT ALL AT CENTERLINE!



Jerry Monroe and Jason Holibaugh relax between rounds on Christmas eve.

Winter Leagues Standings

Winter Trap and Skeet leagues are now in progress. Leagues standing are posted online at www.centerlineofcalhoun.org and are in the club house as well. There is still time if you shoot real fast. League ends February 12.

Notices

Next board meeting: Tuesday, February 7th at 7pm. Open to all members.

Somebody a member not getting their news letter...let Judy know! 269-763-2079

Club House Rental - Did you know that members can rent our club house for \$125, non members for \$275. Ask Judy for details.



Star Spangled Banner Dinner

Mark your calendars, save the date – Friday, March 3rd, 2006

Centerline's 1st Annual Star Spangled Banner Dinner will be held on the 75th anniversary of President Herbert Hoover signing in to law our country's first national anthem, the Star Spangled Banner. Come celebrate Centerline's official end of winter with a great meal and a lot of fun. Tickets are \$20 per person, and will be available for purchase February 1st. Plan on bringing a date and another couple you would like to introduce to Centerline. Seating is limited so plan early.



Chicken Shoot

If one day is good, then two days is better. The next "Chicken Shoot" is schedule for two days, 1/21 & 1/22, to give every one a chance to play. Terry and Lester will have some new twist to keep everyone on their toes.



Sporting Clays Offer

In case you missed last months newsletter, one of our members has offered to supply the building material for a raised shooting stand for one of the sporting clays stations. This is a very generous offer. All we would need is for volunteers to provide the labor. Any interested individual, please contact Al Lassen or Judy Robinson at the club.



Chris Buckley, and Judy Robinson finalize the paperwork.

Venturing Crew #308

As of January 1st Centerline became the chartering sponsor of BSA Venture Crew #308.

Venture Crew 308's primary focus will be shooting sports including archery, skeet shooting, trap shooting, hunter safety and more. Skills learned in shooting are valuable in other aspects of life. Learning to be a safe shooter teaches responsibility. Learning to hit a difficult target teaches self-discipline and self-control. Learning to hold a firearm steady and hit the target teaches concentration. Knowing that the shooter alone is ultimately responsible for his or her performance teaches self-reliance and enhances individual esteem. These are skills we want our children to take into adulthood, and for ourselves as well.

I hope you all will be as proud as I am that Centerline will be guiding these young people to a life time of safe shooting sports activities.

Holiday Hours

During the holidays we had special hours which were a great success. Although the weather was raining on Wednesday 12/28, we had a great turn out on Christmas Eve, New Years Eve, and on New Years Day. Thank to all the members and guest who had a great time.



Pro Shop

We are in the process of trying to re-opening the Pro Shop at Centerline. However, we need input from the membership to see if this is something wanted, and what you would like to see available in our Pro Shop. The initial thinking is to limit the offerings to "Centerline" apparel (hats, shirts etc) and re-components and loaded shot guns shells. Please let us know what you think.



Stuff Needed!!

As a non-profit club, with very little capital, and a big mortgage to boot, we are always in need of items. If you have any items or equipment that you think might be useful to Centerline, please contact Judy at Centerline. Here is just a few of the items:

- 1 Paint/sealer
- 2 Updated new/used computer
- 3 improve parking lot
- 4 GLSSA Membership \$100

Go to www.centerlineofcalhoun.org to see the most current list of items that we need.

YOUR AD HERE! Want to advertise your company, or sell one of those guns you no longer want (or wife found out about), or just want to sponsor this website and future newsletters to help to defray costs. Contact Al Lassen at alassen@comcast.net or call Judy Robinson at the club 269-763-2079 during business hours or e-mail CenterlineManager@comcast.net

Did You Know?

Do you like the newsletter? It is our 3rd since November. While the cost of the printing is donated by Insta Print, the postage cost us about \$150 each month. Bulk mail permit is not feasible due to our small mailing size. Your donation helps keep the club member informed. Consider being a sponsor for a month.



Sunshine Corner

One of our directors, Sylvia Rose, has volunteered to coordinate our Sunshine Corner. The purpose is to inform Centerline members of birthdays, anniversaries, sickness, hardships, or loved ones who have passed on. You can contact Sylvia at 269-962-6477

Club Notes from Judy Robinson

Club Manager

This month has seen a steady growth in new members, shooters and visitors. I wonder why? Everyone seems to be having more fun, shooting, talking, welcoming new members with a tour or a chat. That's it! You're the reason. There are changes taking place, mostly small, one at a time, and all inspired by the members who care so much about Centerline. Coming up soon is the *February Membership Drive* and members will have a chance to share Centerline with others and get rewarded for it. Put your thinking caps on, plan who you want to introduce to Centerline. You'll be rewarded for your efforts in more ways than one. Check the web site soon for details, call or stop in and see me.



Bruce Warren shoot one of his winter league runs

Did you know?

We have skeet and trap punch cards for sale. Cost is \$37.50, which will give you 10 rounds of skeet or trap, plus one free round.

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Hello all! Hope everyone had fantastic holidays and hope Santa brought you that new shot gun or pistol. As we start the new year, I am very optimistic about the future of Centerline. We have a lot of and involvement; by a lot of people; both new and old members. The ideas keep coming in, and more and more people are stepping forward to help out. We need to focus on two fundamental issues: 1. Grow the membership 2. Increased membership usage (i.e. shoot more rounds). How is this done? We have to give people a reason to come out. That means giving them the best possible shooting experience we can provide; in the

A note from the President

Al Lassen

best possible environment and facilities that we can afford. Just like in the business world, when a customer is completely satisfied; they will have a higher probability that they will be a repeat customer; and that they will tell all their friend and relatives about their experience. We all have to be personal ambassadors, or sales representatives for Centerline. When you are at work, or with friends, mention Centerline. Ask them if they would like to come out and try one of the various shooting sports that we offer. The personal approach is the most cost effective, and will result in a higher repeat visits.

Lastly, I would like to recognize some of membership who are generously giving of there time & money. Terry Youmans for providing plowing during the last snow which required his service. Lester Williams and family (and Terry too) for organizing the Winter leagues for Skeet and Trap, and the Turkey (Chicken) Shoots. Their efforts raised approximately \$190 for the club. John Townsend, Harold Collier, Mike Discher, and Bill Lindsay for volunteering to be on the Firearms Education committee and running the Venture Crew. Jerry Monroe for working on our tractor and attending to its mechanical needs. Also, for donating the cabinet for the coffee service. There are many more individuals who I would like to recognize for there past efforts, and will as I become more aquatinted with their contributions. I and all of the other member appreciate you very much. Thank you very much.

Come out and shoot, tell all your friends and neighbor to come out and shoot and tell your boss to come out and shoot. Remember we are on the web at www.centerlineofcalhoun.com As always, **Keep Shoot'in**



Stephen Schnorr, lines up for a shot with perfect form.

February Membership Drive

February we will be having a membership drive. In a effort to encourage members, and reward them for their efforts we will do the following: When you bring a prospective member in to shoot, they would get one round free. If your guest joins during the month, you would be rewarded with two free rounds. The member who recruit the most new members will receive a free lunch from Judy and a shooting card for 11 free rounds. Good luck and good selling!



Harold Collier instructs Nola Batch on safety fundamentals

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*Happy
New Year*