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Summer Shooting News



Welcome
Summer

ASC Member of the Quarter

By Don Aubuchon, Newsletter Editor

Name: The ASC Board of Directors



This month's member of the quarter goes to the entire ASC Board of Directors. The ASC board of directors spent an enormous amount of hours planning, executing, and monitoring our massive lead abatement and berm redevelopment projects on the SRB, 50 and 100 yard ranges. The overall construction effort encountered many surprises and obstacles during the renovation, but our board moved quickly to resolve these issues before they could negatively impact the completion timeline.

Please join me in recognizing the entire ASC board of directors for all their donated time and expertise.

ASC 2023 Elections

On July 15, 2023 the Airfield Shooting Club will be holding its annual ASC Member Election Meeting and Breakfast for all active ASC Members. We will meet in the Gray Building dining hall with breakfast being served at 8:30a.m. Breakfast is paid for by the ASC for all ASC Members active and in good standing. Please note that family or guests accompanying Members will not be paid for by the Club. After breakfast, ASC President and other Board members will address Club matters. We will then hold the election to choose the new ASC Board. All active Members will be eligible to vote. We encourage all members to participate and choose the future leadership of your Club. **YOU MUST RSVP BY JULY 10, 2023 TO BE ELIGIBLE TO EAT BREAKFAST !!!**

**RSVP to Mike Lawler, ASC Webmaster, at webmaster@airfieldshootingclub.org
Hope to see you on Saturday, July 15th!!!**

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Lost and Found Items

These items were found in the shed the day we cleaned it out. They have been washed. Please contact a board member if you know who these things belong to.



Contacting Airfield Shooting Club

Many of you send emails to the Webmaster. This is not an efficient nor guaranteed way to communicate with the club. On the club website the "Board of Directors" page lists the email addresses of the members. Please note you need to eliminate the spaces and replace the word "at" with the "@" symbol. The emails are listed to prevent spam bots from filling our inboxes. To make sure you get a response, please be sure to email the right person, the webmaster is not the correct person.

Range Safety

Don Aubuchon, Editor

The Board of Directors would like to remind members that range safety is everyone's responsibility. We all must be involved to ensure that our range is run in a safe manner.

Members are to exercise care and common sense at the range. Watch yourself and fellow members. Members are expected to quickly and firmly act to correct unsafe practices and save someone from avoidable injury or death.

DO NOT become upset if you are corrected for a safety violation. We all make mistakes and can benefit from the counsel of others.

Members are responsible for maintaining a thorough knowledge of, and complying with, all rules and regulations. Further, members are also required to ensure that their guests comply.





Combative Handgun Coming to ASC!

Scott Sampson



Register now for Handgun Combatives Course Sept 23/24, 2023.

ASC is hosting David Jenkins, founder of Rochester Personal Defense to put on Dave Spaulding's Handgun Combatives Class. Dave Spaulding retired and has only certified a few folks to continue teaching his course and Dave Jenkins is one of them. I have known Dave Jenkins for several years and taken instructor classes with him as well as taken classes from him and can recommend Dave completely.

This class is something you won't want to miss.

If interested please contact Scott Sampson at instructor@airfieldshootingclub.org. Once you have contacted him you will be asked to pay on the ASC Payment Portal. Enter Handgun Combatives Class in the payment description. Your spot is not held until payment is made. Refunds will only be considered until 1 August. After that refunds will not be granted as we have to commit.

The cost is \$450 for Members and \$500 for non-members. Sorry immediate family who are not members are not eligible for the member price. To pay the \$450 price you must enter a valid membership number. If paying for two members put that in the Payment Notes.

Here is the class description:

This course takes the handgun from a sporting, plinking, or recreational implement, to a tool of combat- to be ready and willing to fight if avoidance and evasion fail. The purpose of this course is to build solid essential skills (grip, trigger control, body position, holster skills, reloads, malfunction clearances, etc.) and put them in the

fight! Students will be trained to anchor and improve these essential skills under set time frames established in six (6) standards that will be shot during the course combining speed and combat accuracy.

This is not a course for the brand-new shooter. You must have a good foundation of skills (grip, stance, sighting, trigger operation) and a desire to become more efficient.

This course will show you how to effectively use your handgun for real-world combat in a life-or-death situation. This includes:

- Fundamentals: grip, trigger control, sight alignment/picture, body position, etc.
- Ready positions and their use
- Holster skills
- Reloading
- Malfunction clearances

What you will need:

- A quality defensive handgun (a spare is not a bad idea)
- A quality duty or concealment holster
- Three magazines (minimum) with pouches or two speed-loaders (revolver use) with pouches. More magazines if you have a gun that holds less than 10rds (5 mags)
- Belt designed to support gear
- 800 rounds minimum
- Eye and ear protection
- Billed cap
- Clothing for weather conditions
- Water for hydration
- A folding or camp chair is recommended
- A concealing garment
- Good footwear



How Ready Are You?

Scott Sampson

People typically live in a state of mind that “it will never happen to me”. This is fine if it never does, but what if... Many of us have a concealed carry permit and do carry, because we have a belief that something could happen to us. Unfortunately, that is where many folks stop. Carrying a gun is just one portion of being prepared.

What happens if something goes wrong and you or a loved one is shot? Do know what to do? What if you are on the range and someone accidentally is shot? We have an AED and Trauma kit, but do you know what to do? If you had a tourniquet, would you know how to use it or when to use it? Sadly, many times the answer is no...

In the 100m Shed and the Skeet field low house we have trauma kits, we also have an AED in the 100m shed. The AED has instructions written and verbal (electronic recording) to help you through it, the trauma kit doesn't. More likely than not you won't have time to read instructions even if they were there. Depending on where someone is shot or which arteries are hit, you may have about 5 minutes before they bleed out. How long do you think it will take emergency services to get to the Range – AFTER you reach them? I am willing to bet it is after 5 minutes.

This is why I encourage you take a Red Cross First Aid (includes CPR) as well as a Stop The Bleed Class. In my mind these classes should be required. They go hand in hand with a CCW permit or just being a good citizen responding to a traffic accident.

It is hard to be ready for any possibility, however there are certain things that consequence are so severe that it is not worth the risk. I consider these medical classes to be essential. Please consider taking a class, it might save someone's life.

Calling Instructors and RSOs!

Our Chief Instructor is looking to develop an Instructor Cadre for the club. If you have a servant's heart and are interested in supporting the club by helping to develop curriculums, helping with events, helping to oversee events, then please send an email to Instructor@airfieldshootingclub.org.

Goals for the Instructor Cadre:

Establish core personnel that can assist with instruction of members and the community.

1. Help each instructor improve by providing opportunity and guidance.
2. Identify a lead instructor in each discipline to assist with the development and coordination of training programs at ASC.
3. Establish an RSO group that can help with events and range rentals.

Some possible objectives for this year now that our range is back up and running!

- A. Establish a women's only class for each discipline area Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun/Archery
- B. Pistol - Create Advance CCW classes (USCCA and NRA)
- C. Shotgun – Create Intro/Trap/Skeet & possibly self-defense shotgun class
- D. Rifle – Possibly a Carbine Class, intro to Service Rifle
- E. Archery - Archery is SUPER popular! Let's take advantage of that.
- F. Safe Citizen Classes – These would things like: Refuse To Be A Victim Classes, Medical response, Situational Awareness etc. – Being safe is not just about having a firearm, there is a lot more to it.

Range Safety Officer – We need to establish a core group of members that can responsibly serve as an RSO on all the ranges when an outside activity is using our range and for any of our events.

Hope you are up for it!



Airfield 4-H Swamp Shooters Participate in Southeast District 4-H Shoot.

By Dale Mullin

This has been a tough year for the Swamp Shooters as a club. We've had a lot of cancellations due to weather, and more cancellations due to range closures. Fortunately the range repairs and improvements are now complete. Also, with the exception of thunderstorms or tropical storms, the weather should be more favorable.

In spite of those issues, we had the opportunity to participate in the Southeast District 4-H Shoot. There were roughly 85 participants in these competitions, from many different 4-H clubs, but our shooters held their own. Here are some of our results:

Smallbore Rifle Silhouette -
Ashton Asbell - 16 out of 20 - First Place

Smallbore Rifle 3-Position -
Ashton Asbell - 230 - First Place Senior, Iron Sights
Ella Daniels - 136 - Third Place Junior, Scope Sight.

We are very proud of these young people. Not only are they good competitors, but they are good people. Way to go everyone!!!

Swamp Shooters 2023 Southeast District 4-H Shoot Results:

Trap -

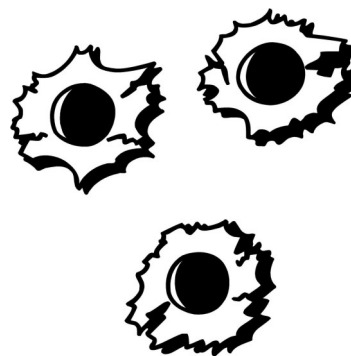
Brock Lester - 23 out of 25 - First Place Senior
Josh Brown - 20 out of 25
Sam Havens - 19 out of 25

Brock, Josh, and Sam took ***FIRST PLACE*** as a team in the Senior Trap competition! A total of seven teams were in competition for First Place. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

BTW, this was Sam's first ever trap competition! **GREAT JOB SAM!**

Skeet -

Brock Lester - 21 - Third Place Senior
Josh Brown - 19
Sam Havens - 11





ASC 2023 Women on Target

The Airfield shooting club has successfully completed another Women on Target event for the 2023 calendar year. This year we had 41 participants with ages ranging from 12-74 years of age. Each participate received instruction and hands on experience in the following areas:

- Pistol
- Rifle
- Shotgun
- Archery

Additionally, presentations were provided in-between events that discussed:

- The eight additional NRA safety rules and Safe Storage and Storage Choices for Firearms
- The different types of ammunition and their components
- How to select the proper ammunition for your firearm

In all, the ladies had a wonderful time and eagerly asked about more future events.





ASC Lead Abatement and Redevelopment

As everyone knows the Airfield Shooting club shut down the SRB, 50 yard, and 100 meter ranges this mid spring 2023 to perform badly needed lead abatement and berm redevelopment. This process required multiple phases in order to first remove the lead from the berms and then second redevelop the range berms.

Below are pictures that represent each phase:

Lead Removal Phase

Berm Redevelopment Phase

