

## UPPER PENINSULA MUZZLE LOADING ASSOCIATION

### Winter Newsletter

First of all, we hope everyone had a great Holiday season and that Santa was good to you , whether you were naughty or nice. With the end of the year comes the need to get ready for the new one, and to reflect on some of the events since the Rendezvous, mostly the Fall Shoot. The Fall Memorial Shoot was held on the first Saturday of October with about 16 registered shooters, and several members who just came to enjoy the time with old friends. The food was great as was the weather, and the whole thing seemed to end too quickly. Results of the competitions are attached to the end of this letter.

One of the things that we managed to get done at the Fall Shoot was to finalize the plans for the monthly shoots that will start on January 4 th. These events are on the first Saturday of the month, January through June. Registration begins at 10:30 Eastern, with shooting beginning at 11:00. Plan on at least 18 rounds. Cost is \$3.00 for shooting and \$5.00 per person if you plan to stay for lunch. Club membership is not required to shoot at these events. Any safe shooter is welcome. People who volunteered for lunches are: January – Riley Watkins; February-- Andy Schumer; March-- John Pera, Gary Lowe, and Phil Blank; April—Kate Henkel; May—Tom Caylor; June-- Larry Drum. A more detailed description of the rules can be found on the club website.

Speaking of the website, it appears the we had a glitch where we lost the site for a while. If you tried to access the site and couldn't find it, try again. Bob Keen managed to find the right people to fix whatever was wrong, and got things going again. Thank you, Bob! If you want to know more about what happened you'll have to ask him. I'm a techno-idiot, so I'm no help.

It appears that I've been remiss in one of my duties regarding the liability waivers. At the Fall Shoot I forgot about catching up to the people who have not filled out the waivers. If you **were not** at the Rendezvous you probably did not fill one out. Presently we have to use two forms: one for our club, and one for the Ottawa club. Bob has tried to combine the forms, but has been unable to manage it so far. So, if I bring you two sheets to fill out, I'm not trying to be a pest. It's just the reality of running an organization these days.

Even though it's a long way off, it's not too early to think about the raffles at the Annual Meeting. Anything related to the hobby of muzzle loader shooting makes a suitable prize. So, if you're in the mood to build something special, or if there's something in your own kit that you'd be willing to part with, we'd be glad to have it.

Finally, it's time for a shout-out to Tom Snyder for having articles published in *Muzzleloader* magazine. In the September/October issue he profiled the work of fellow U.M.L.A. member, Mark Silver. Since I haven't had the chance to get to know Mark so far, I was suitably amazed at the quality of the work he's done. Skill and artistry like his needs to be recognized, and Tom has done a fine job in bringing it to a wide audience. In the November/December issue he gives us Part One of his quest to recreate a gun that was built by his G-G-G Grandfather which was in the Museum of the American Revolution. His research is outstanding, not just on the gun itself, but on the historical context surrounding it. A photograph of the rifle graces the top of our club webpage, if you want to see what it looks like. Personally, I can't wait for Part Two. If you can get your hands on copies of these issues, they're definitely worth the read.

One more thing. As some of you already know, Jon Henkel is giving up the job of running the Postal Shoots at the end of the season in July. He's been doing it for a long time and it's time to pass it along to someone else. If anyone in the club is willing to take this on, please let Jon know as soon as possible. Thank you Jon for keeping this going for so long.

As usual, if you know of anything else that should go into any of the newsletters contact me at [tcaylor2@gmail.com](mailto:tcaylor2@gmail.com).

## Fall Shoot Competition Results

### Rifle Shoot

1. Andy Schumer 49
2. Larry Drum 47X
3. Bob Lukes 45
4. Tom Caylor 44
5. Riley Watkins 43
6. Bob Lukes 37

### Partner Shoot

1. Andy Schumer/Jim Boles
2. John Elmer/Tom Snyder
3. Tom Caylor/Bruce Danielson

### Hawk & Knife

1. Andy Schumer 24
2. Bob lukes 20
3. John Pera 19
4. John Maki 18
5. John Elmer 10
6. Tom Caylor 9

### Bow

1. Andy Schumer 41
2. John Maki 25
3. John Pera 24
4. Bob Lukes 17
5. John Elmer 13

### Overall

1. Andy Schumer 114
2. Bob Lukes 72
3. John Maki 60