

## OHIO VALLEY MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB

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May, 2012

What a busy month April has been. Two shoots, two weeks apart and Pheasants Forever in between. The first one, April 14th was very wet. Pheasants Forever was a drizzly day. Cold & damp. This was my first time there and it was a very good event to get kids interested in the outdoors. They had pistol, rifle, shot gun and muzzle loading shooting. Archery, flint knapping, panning for gold and trout fishing. Definitely a day long event. Thanks goes out especially to Dave Nunes and Bob Hurlburt. Dave for tracking, managing, setting up and running this event for the last 4-5 years. Bob for all his help and providing a nice portable roof that kept us dry most of the time. There were 5 from the club, Dave, Bob, Steve LaRue, Mark Hazel and myself. We had about 60 kids shooting, most for the first time, and quite a few adults who also shot. Most were quite impressed. We had no dry balls and only a couple misfires. Thanks also goes out to Mark Herman for loaning us his composite stock youth guns. I hope I didn't leave anyone out. This was Dave's last year managing this event so I hope someone else will step up and take over for a while.

The second shoot in April, the 29th went well. Finally the weather cooperated. Mark Hazel did a good job running his first shoot. The weather was warm and dry. Mark brought chicken salad for all to try. We had 29 shooters, including 3 youth shooters. Some scoring well enough to take a prize. Two people made it into the Hall of Shame. Mark Hazel and John Rossey. Both dry balling. Mark Hazel brought a new shooter, Don Smith. First Don dry balled, then Mark and later on John. We do have to give Mark some credit for trying to run the shoot, while helping Don and trying to shoot some targets himself. Top gun goes to Neil Eddington. We have a new member in the club... Dick Blair. Welcome

The next shoot is Sunday, May 20th with Bob Hurlburt as host. The free shooter is Dave Nunes.

Founder's Day will be coming up sooner than anyone thinks. (June 30th) If you want to run a relay/ novelty event start thinking about what you want to do and let me know at the May shoot. We need to have 8 or 9 novelties set up for the afternoon.

That's all for now, see you May 20th.

Your Pres,

Rick Harkless