

BSKSP NEWSLETTER

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As we greet the coming of winter weather, it is appropriate to reflect on the park summer activities and accomplishments.

FLIGHTMASTERS

The Flightmasters held two invitational fly-ins, one open house, closed in their stove house and introduced seven new folks to their recreational choice. The oldest is 78 years old and the youngest, 8 and a half! If the weekend boasts sunlight, there are almost always some folks flying.

Their runway system still challenges any lawn in town and the area is very well maintained. Visitors are welcome and there are tables and benches.

SPORTING CLAYS

The Sporting Clays Group completed the painting of their shooting stations and has but one "house" left to build. They have had ten shoots this summer with participant numbers ranging from ten to twenty. For information and clarity, there are a total of ten shooting stations utilized in a large circuitous course providing a single point of aim so that when the density reaches a certain amount the shot may be "harvested" conveniently. Ten clay birds are provided at each station totaling one hundred birds for the shooter. The position of the station and the house are different in each case, testing the skill of each participant.

The Klamath Muzzle Loaders utilized part of this complex for their black powder shoot this summer.

JSSA PISTOL AND RIFLE

The JSSA pistol shooters are very active with the combination of ISPC and IDPA matches plus the Cowboy Shooters totaling between three hundred and three hundred and sixty eight per month during the summer. This group is extremely dedicated and the preparatory work is shared by several for setting up the different stages, targets, etc.

The rifle ranges were pretty busy with hunter sight-in on the two hundred and the six hundred yard ranges, particularly during this fall.

Youth Hunter Education hosted by Lanny Fujshin twice this summer accounted for a total of one hundred young shooters.

ARCHERY

Archery is beginning to pick up with two good shoots and hunting sight-in was pretty steady. The Klamath Bow Hunters have provided the work force that was always essential and needed to provide targets, trash pick-up and target pathways. The target butts installed by Tom Nealy and his crew three years ago are still holding up well!! Hunter sight-in was more active than usual with these folks, as well.

SOUTHERN OREGON DIRT RIDERS

The Southern Oregon Dirt Riders have hosted six races for a combined total of twelve hundred and five racers and supporters! Casual users have also been up this year with riders liking the course changes. The change here in club stewardship of the track, water system, clean-up and control has been a very welcome change in this recreational medium! Their planning and organization of races and camping has resulted in some monetary success for their club and for the park!

The Four Runners Four Wheel Drive folks have not utilized the park for some time now although they are still represented in the park. There are a lot of trails still open to that kind of use in BLM and the Fremont/Winema USF, but they still have a stake in the park. The ATV community is fortunately able to use this area and, judging from their huge increase in numbers the last three years, is a needed commodity.

Oregon State ATV Training is being held at the park. Two sessions has netted at least twenty riders. The State Safety Program has recently adopted some rules and the requirement for completion of this program is mandatory. Keep your eyes out for this new information!

FIRE TRUCK

For the last year or so, a recurring topic at the BSKSP meetings has been the lack of a fire suppression vehicle at the park. Thanks to Leon Williams and the Folsom Shooting Club where Leon was a former member, a one ton Chevy truck was made available to the park. It will be picked up by Phil Doddridge as soon as Leon is assured the truck will move onto a trailer under its own power. That failing, winching it on would still be acceptable considering it still, with it's accompanying tank, pump, reel assembly and hose, a fine start on a fire truck. After its arrival, we'll gather some needed expertise to assess and make evident what we will need to have in the way of donations of help and parts to make this a

functional addition to the safety and welfare of the park as we know it. I'm sure we'll all kick in to achieve this necessary safeguard.

The Keno Fire Department has been contacted and will give us a critique, suggestions and information for equipment and procedure.

REPAIRS

Our front park sign has finally been repainted. The well house has had its electrical problems corrected and the pumps now support one another. A stubborn leak within the well house has been remedied and the floor is dry. The well house heater is functional and operating.

We would like to accomplish some fence work particularly at the front of the park this fall. The wooden, untreated posts have been in the ground since 1985 and I'm sure the wire is the only thing holding them up. We have the tools, wire and some stretch panel material but will need steel posts and wire fasteners. The whereabouts of some steel posts would be a great help. Would like to hear from those who may have a lead on these things.

VOTING PROCEDURE UPCOMING NOMINATIONS

Article 5

Section I

5.1.1. Nominations will open on the first of November and will remain open until the annual December meeting

5.1.1.1. A letter (or Email) sent to each Association member will give notice of opening nominations for officers and director at large. (This will serve as the stated notice)

5.1.2. The names of nominees shall be published at the annual December meeting

5.1.3. Nominations can be made from the floor

Send (or Email) nominations to Tom Harris , PO Bx 389, Keno OR 97627

Or oldrider@charter.net

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