

Northern Arizona Shooting Range Update April 2022

Fellow Members: We hope you're all doing well, staying healthy and having a good year so far. Your Board of Directors wanted to touch base with the latest information regarding the shooting range.

- Range has been open for rifle/pistol since early February, albeit closed once or twice due to weather and road conditions
- Clay target venues, trap and sporting clays will open by April 9th. Skeet will no longer be available at this time due to issues with the high skeet house which caused us to remove that building. A 5-stand area will be substituted for skeet at this time
- Game and Fish road/engineering crews will be working on the 128 and 128A road before the end of April
- At least 4 archery targets, 10, 20, 30 and 40 yard targets will be available by April 9th as well adjacent to the sporting clays range

Our goal for this year is to provide more shooting opportunities, expanding the 100-yard range operations to 3 days per week, Friday-Sunday. In order to do this though we need more volunteers as range safety officers, RSO's. We have a very dedicated group that's supported the range during this past two years but they can only do so much. If we had 5-6 other members that would be willing to volunteer on 1-2 days per month we could operate the rifle range more frequently. Remember if you volunteer on at least 10 days, approximately 80 hours a year, you receive a free annual membership, your name is in a drawing for a \$50 gift card each quarter and if you volunteer at least 15 times a year, about 120 hours, you receive a free annual Family membership. In addition we'd like to have the clay target locations open more frequently as well, ideally Saturday and Sunday, to provide more shotgun time. Please contact President Ron at rontalbott@gmail.com or call at 928-255-3517 if you'd like to help or receive more information.

To make these tasks a bit easier we'd also like to try having a Greeter near the front gate so that all visitors and non-visitors alike can present their membership cards, sign the shooting liability waiver, purchase paper targets, add targets to their clay target Pay and Play cards, fill out membership applications and pay Daily visitor fees if needed. Having this greeter position will greatly assist the RSO's and shotgun area volunteers, freeing them up for the more shooting specific responsibilities. We'd like to test this concept each Saturday in the month of May to see how it works out. We've set up a Doodle poll on the website where you can volunteer for this position as well. Ideally, we'd like to have a small building or trailer for this greeter adjacent to the front gates but during the test period we may just have an EZ-UP shelter. Please contact President Ron at rontalbott@gmail.com or call at 928-255-3517 if you'd like to help or receive more information. Here's the links to volunteer as found on the website homepage:

Clay Target Center RSO Volunteers: <http://doodle.com/poll/74cvpi7rfgpk35em>

Rifle/Pistol RSO

Volunteers: https://doodle.com/poll/9tsvntvshkqayrnd?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

Front Gate Greeter

Volunteers: https://doodle.com/poll/v7bx7u9z4fsrz38e?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

In summary we've outlined several needs below and we'd like to hear from you:

- Additional Range Safety Officers for the 100-yard range
- Additional volunteers to assist at the shotgun venues
- Volunteers to assist with the Greeter position test period
- If Greeter position works out, a donated small building or RV would be nice

Additionally, we're in need of a Polaris Ranger style UTV for the sporting clays range. We've been very fortunate that a current member has "loaned" their Ranger to us for several years but now he has other uses for his vehicle. While a donation would be ideal, we'd be willing to consider a purchase if we can agree on the price.

Thank you all for your support of the range as members but if you'd like to increase that support by volunteering, we're sure we can find a place for you. Please check our website, <https://www.northernarizonashootingrange.org/>, for current conditions, hours, volunteer opportunities and the Events calendar.