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CHAIRMAN REPORT

Howdy All:

Well, we had five Chairman Contests for 2024. Great Job Everyone.

Ruth Ann and I were only able to attend two Chairman Contests this year, Sturgis & Canada. We really missed seeing a lot of you Guys & Gals.

Ruth Ann and I wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a happy, healthy 2025.

I would like to remind everyone that this is YOUR magazine and would appreciate any contribution anyone would like to send in.

Enclosed is membership renewal form for 2025. PLEASE, write clearly. If I can't read it I don't even know how to contact you. Remember, you must show your current membership card to sign up at a contest.

Take Care All

Dan

Vice Chairman and Members Reports

Area 2, Mike Landis









TENTATIVE CONTEST SCHEDULE FOR 2025

WFDA. V Chair. Wichita. Jan. 11th

WFDA. V Chair. Newkirk. Feb. 8th

WHPG. Tex. State. Gainesville. March 8 and 9th.

WFDA. Chairman. Wichita. April 12th and 13th.

WFPG. Kansas State. Wichita. May 3rd and 4th.

WFDA. V. Chairman. Ark City. May ??

WFDA. Chairman. Sturgis. May ???

WFDA. V Chair. Gainesville. June 28th

WFDA. V Chair. Ok. State. Newkirk, July 12th

WFDA. Chairman, Canada, July 19th and 20th.

WFPG. World Champion, Newkirk, Aug. 2nd and 3rd.

WFDA. Chairman, Oregon, Aug. 9th and 10th.

WFDA. Chairman, Newkirk, Sept. 27th and 28th.

WFDA. V Chair. Kansas State. Arkansas City, Oct. 11th. Halloween fun shoot, Gainesville, Oct. 25th.

WFDA. V. Chair. Newkirk, Nov. 8th.

Above information provided by Mike Landis. THANKS MIKE. A lot of effort went into this for the benefit of all our shooters.

Area 6 - Oregon, Washington, Idaho--

FROM AREA 6

Just food for thought-- How come it is that OPEN class competition is promoted over THUMBING class competition at most matches (and I can hear some comments already like (Waddaya mean !) . Here is what I mean -- registration is more for Open, purse is more for Open , some matches have more venue for open Than Thumbing . Most demonstrations , presentations and Towns Folk Alleys are done in Open class. Seems to me with WFDA membership and match participation at slack tide we should be thinking about maybe promoting THUMBING a little stronger or closer to the same as OPEN.. Main reason is COST . logically, which makes more sense for a new person that wants to get into fast draw , go out and buy a RACE gun that cost double what a stock Thumbing gun would cost or a Thumbing gun that can shoot live cartridges versus a specialized gun that can only shoot Blanks and Wax. All the equipment for Open is more expensive than Thumbing . Seems to me, for the recruiting of the new observer, that THUMBING should be promoted closer as an equal to the OPEN class and let the NEWBE make up their own mind.

And I am sorry but the old standard answer to situations like this (BECAUSE WE HAVE ALWAYS DONE IT THIS WAY) ain't acceptable.

Oregon 6 Gun already in the process of making plans for the 2025 season , (secured the site , collecting raffle prizes, trying to hustle some sponsors for support, recruiting new help , checking timers and equipment from the 2024 match.

Happy Trails till we meet again
Howard Baker - Area 6

Editor's note: Open is OPEN for any and all participants. Everyone can compete in Open Division with whatever gun they have (as long as they follow the rule book). Many times, a Thumber wins the overall Contest. Obviously an Open shooter cannot compete in Thumbing Division. This method also allows the majority of competitors to shoot in two Divisions at the same contest. More participation, more fun, more support for the WFDA. Similar to almost ALL SPORTS, most want the best, fastest equipment they can get their hands on to reach their goals. Others may just want to shoot for fun and their individual goals, so they need not invest in the more expensive equipment.



Area 8 Frank Lawton

SHOOT FROM THE PAST!

It's 4:17 AM and the light just came on. I just can't sleep. I need to put something in the Top Gun! Running through what can I do for a WFDA contest and help the Shooting sports in America for 2025?

As a former Chairman, and currently Vice Chairman for 20yrs plus I have some thoughts, bullet concerns. So here we go!

I have run shoots with as little as 5 and several with over 100 shooters. I have put on Shoots in several states. Some of which are anti-gun like NJ.

So, I have some experience and have seen the changes in gun sports and in our own organization.

US Elections are just days away and so much is riding on who will be in charge. Hopefully the anti America party is out and Pro America is in.

The next 4 years can be the opportunity to reverse all the negative propaganda that the shooting sports have endured. We can gain back our America and grow our WFDA for the future generations! But it's up to US!

#1 Nonsupport excuse.

I don't like that rule or person.

Suck it up buttercup, if something needs to be changed, do your best to fix it. Please don't give up.

Sponsors have been extremely hard to find. Please support the Host, restaurants, facility or Town that is willing to put their name on supporting a gun sport like the WFDA.

I can tell you that I have experienced many sponsors reduce or pull out \$\$ because the contestants chose to stay at a competing hotel to save 10-30 \$.

Once we burn the bridge it's harder to get it back. Believe me they check to see if we are on board of mutual support.

An example, In NJ, the Police came in to shut down the contest we were running, but the owner of the facility told them not today buddy. Held them off till we finished.

Another sponsor covered up the windows, left their equipment running to cover the sound of shots. In the middle of a large anti gun city, It was awesome. 20 plus shooters!

Eventually we ran The Top Cop Contest at the police range for the fun of it. Lots of COP smiles!

Good gun owners are out there who own businesses who can afford and are willing to sponsor, we just need to find and get them to try and support Fast Draw.

Heck its almost 6am, got to get ready for work.

Working on Sturgis Shoot for 2025. More info to follow.

A big thank you to all who have volunteered to work and financially supported the WFDA.

Judy and I look forward to seeing our family of shooters in 2025

God Bless

Happy Holidays

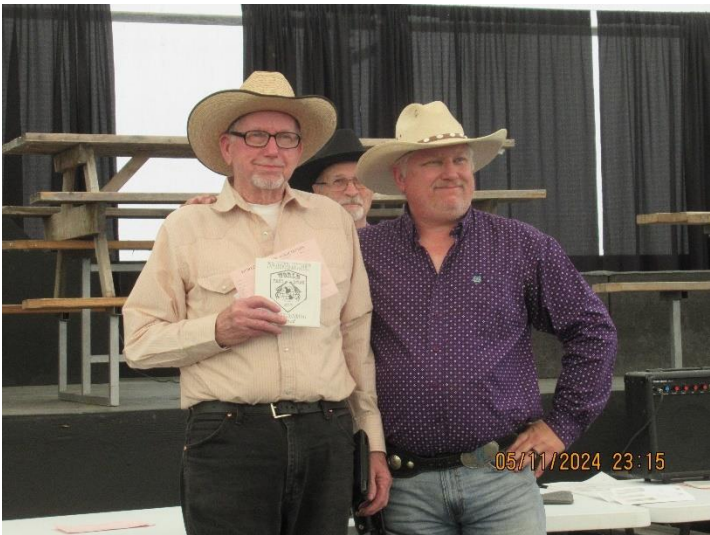
Judy and Frank

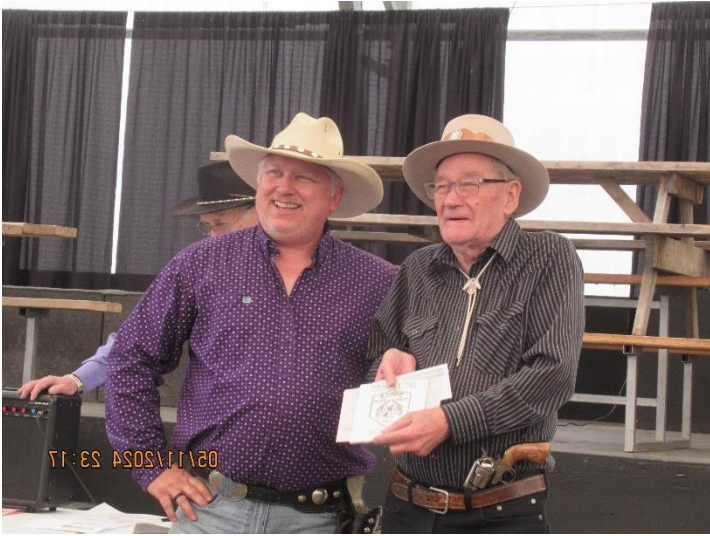
Editors Note: Believe it or not, I was wide awake at 3 AM the same morning, wondering what I was going to put in the Top Gun.

Thanks Frank

Dan









WFDA VICE-CHAIRMAN REPORT-AREA 20-B.C.

Anyone else feel like time is going so fast you cant keep up? I know I sure do!!! and although Paula and I didn't get to go to as many contests this year as we would have liked it was still great to see our fast draw family at the ones we were able to make. As something a little different this time I asked Karen Robinson if she would like to do the VC report for this session and she graciously agreed. So below is Karen's report on the goings on around here. Well: T-birds have had a busy 6 months. We headed off to Sturgis in May. Thanks to Frank & Judy, Dan L & Bert, and Dusten for a great shoot. Well run contest and a lot of fun. Thanks again to Dan & Ruth Ann for their hospitality while on our way to Sturgis Then we found ourselves July 6th on Brae Island doing a fun demo for a campsite full of campers. Shane Johnson brought his make-believe horse, saddle, cow head and rope for everyone to try and rope the cow. Great response On July 20&21 we were in Aldergrove for World Blank Competition. Thanks for all the support. Good to see our across the border shooters attending, plus the Alberta shooters. August 10&11 we found ourselves in Oregon. Thanks to Howard Baker, Jim, and Carla for a fun weekend. Howard had a few guessing games with small prizes for a lot of folks. Thanks to Carla for feeding us and making sure we were all hydrated. Mighty hot weekend. September we had an open house with 250 attending trying out different types of shooting and Archery. T-Birds trained 124 people. This is a good way to get people interested in these types of sports. Thanks to Karen, Jeannine, Jane, and John Leblanc who did all the barbeque for these people September 21 we headed off to Mt. Lehman for their annual fair. Lots of people attend. Shane brought his Horse and all its belonging again. Very popular with the kids. Thanks Shane. Also, the organizer of this event presented us each with a bottle of his Whiskey from his own brewery which is called QUICK DRAW THE OUTLAW. THANK YOU.. Our Friday night shooting has been busy. Our usual contests last Friday of every month qualifies members for year end awards at the banquet in February. Halloween is upon us and those who wish to participate dress up in their most unusual characters. I would like to THANK ALL those of you that supported our club & these endeavors! And a special THANKS to Shawn Murphy for all the work he does seeing that our website reports get through along with these Top Gun reports!

Karen Robinson Thanks again for the report Karen and also to Dennis for suppling the pictures we have to go along with it. Since this is likely out before Christmas, on behalf of myself, Paula and the Robinsons and the rest of the Thunderbird Fast Draw Club we want to wish you all a Merry Christmas season coming up and we hope that the New year coming up sees all of us able to get together a little bit more than we were able this past year. Shawn Murphy Area 20 VC



'EVERYBODY WANTS T'GET INNA THE ACT!'" EVERY YEAR, AT THEIR WORLD'S BLANK CHAMPIONSHIPS @ ALDERGROVE FAIR, TBIRD MEMBERS PLAY HOST TO TRAIN CELEBRITY SHOOTERS FOR THEIR OWN EVENT FOR TROPHIES @ 'HIGH NOON' ON THE 1ST DAY OF THE EVENT. ABOVE, WE HAVE THE TRAINEES, WHOM RANGE ALL THE WAY FROM SPORTS PEOPLE, ENTERTAINMENT PEOPLE, POLITICIANS, BUSINESS FOLKS @ EVEN ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE. SHOWN ABOVE ARE THIS YEAR'S CELEBS ALONG WITH THEIR VASRIOUS TRAINERS. A GOOD SHOW FOR EVERYONE!



**FOURTH PLACE MEN'S OPEN AWARDS WERE WON BY WFDA
CHAIRMAN, DAN QUALLS FROM IDAHO. DAN ALSO WON
FIRST PLACE O/A MEN'S DIV @ THUMBING GUNS EVENT!
CONGRATULATIONS, DAN!**



"BIRDS OF A FEATHER."

USUALLY, PRIOR TO AWARDS PRESENTATIONS, GROUPS WILL GET TOGETHER FOR SOME 'PISTOL POSING'. ABOVE ARE THE VISITING THUNDERBIRD FAST DRAW CLUB MEMBERS THAT ATTENDED THIS OREGON EVENT. FROM LEFT; SHAWN MURPHY, SHANE JOHNSON, GARRY PORTEOUS, PAULA MURPHY, KAREN ROBINSON, PEGGY AND NICOLE FRANKS, JOHN LEBLANC AND DEN ROBINSON.



**AT OUR GUN CLUB'S FAMILY DAY EVENT, TBIRDS
PLAY HOST TO MANY VISITORS WANTING TO TRY
FAST DRAW. WE WENT THROUGH 124 'TRAINEES'
THIS YEAR! ABOVE, GARRY PORTEOUS {WH. HAT}
& SHANE JOHNSON {BLK HAT} PUT ONE MOM &
HER BOY THROUGH THE LEARNING PROCESS.
THANKS TO ALL!**



AFTER THEIR 2ND FAST DRAW DEMO FOR THE MT. LEHMAN FAIR, SOME TIRED TBIRDS POSE FOR ANOTHER PHOTO-AND THEN LOOK FORWARD TO SOME MUCH NEEDED REST! THANKS, GALS & GUYS! GOOD JOB!

PHOTO BY NICOLE FRANKS



FOLLOWING ARE PHOTOS OF SOME OF OUR SUMMER EVENTS;-ABOVE, TBIRD MEMBERS ALONG WITH THE CAMP MGR., STEPHANE LEBINE, {REAR, 2ND FROM LEFT} POSE FOR A 'PHOTO OP' AFTER OUR SHOW THERE.

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