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CHAIRMAN REPORT

Howdy All

I hope everyone is doing well and all have a great Holiday Season.

Officer election time is over. Myself, Ruth Ann, and Allen Bauer **narrowly** maintained our positions for another two years as Chairman, Secretary, & Treasurer. All Vice Chairmen remain the same.

I think 2023 was a good year for the WFDA. We had four Chairman Contests this year. I thank everyone for all your efforts for putting on Chairman Contests, it takes a lot of effort, but it also provides a lot of satisfaction for those doing the work and for all the shooters. So far as I know the same people are planning on putting on Chairman Contests in 2024. If you don't come out and shoot those contests you are really missing out.

Ruth Ann & I look forward to seeing everyone next year.

REMINDER: All contestants are required to be **current in their dues and must present their current membership card at time of sign up**. Everyone who does the sign ups at a contest must **check the participant's current membership card at time of sign up**.

Enclosed is membership renewal form for 2024.

Take Care All
Dan

2023 YEAR END RESULTS

	Sturgis	Canada	Oregon	Oklahoma	Total	
WOMEN OPEN						
1	Paula Murphy	2	5	3	6	16
2	Nicole Franks	0	6	4	0	10
3	Brianna Williams	0	0	0	5	5
4	Judy Lawton	1	3	0	0	4
5	Carla Howell	0	2	2	0	4
6	Karen Robinson	0	4	0	0	4
6	Sharon Halsig	0	0	0	4	4
7	Lora Good	0	0	0	3	3
8	Angela Durden	0	0	0	2	2
9	Peggy Franks	0	1	1	0	2
10	Kate Farris	0	0	0	1	1
Men Open						
1	Shawn Murphy	13	11	8	9	41
2	Dan Qualls	9	12	0	6	27
3	Rich Parmentier	12	0	0	10	22
4	Mike Landis	11	0	0	11	22
5	Frank Lawton	10	6	0	0	16
6	Joe Richey	0	0	0	12	12
7	Dan Lagasse	8	0	0	3	11
8	Jim Tinsley	6	0	0	5	11
9	Garry Porteous	0	10	0	0	10
10	Denny Robinson	0	9	0	0	9
11	Howard Baker	4	0	4	0	8
12	Don Alger	0	8	0	0	8
12	Stephan Stewart	0	0	0	8	8
13	Bob Arganbright	7	0	0	0	7
14	Glenn Renney	0	7	0	0	7
14	Mike Halsig	0	0	0	7	7
15	Jon Rivera	0	0	7	0	7
16	Monty Dorman	0	0	6	0	6
17	Dustan Davis	5	0	0	0	5
18	Leonard Coulson	0	5	0	0	5
18	Jim Shelton	0	0	5	0	5
19	Martin Quesnel	0	4	0	0	4
19	Ken Birdwell	0	0	0	4	4
20	Alvin Metzger	1	0	0	2	3
21	David Thomas	3	0	0	0	3
22	Shane Johnson	0	3	0	0	3

23	Michael Flower	0	0	3	0	3
24	Jack Rudd	2	0	0	0	2
25	Ryan Quesnel	0	2	0	0	2
26	Preston Devine	0	0	2	0	2
27	Dan Holliday	0	1	0	0	1
28	John Able	0	0	1	0	1
29	Dusty Damrel	0	0	0	1	1

WOMENS THUMBING

1	Nicole Franks	0	3	4	0	7
2	Paula Murphy	1	2	2	1	6
3	Peggy Franks	0	1	3	0	4
4	Sharon Halsig	0	0	0	3	3
5	Angela Durden	0	0	0	2	2
6	Jayde Shelton	0	0	1	0	1

MENS THUMBING

1	Shawn Murphy	10	4	7	7	28
2	Dan Lagasse	12	0	0	8	20
3	Dan Qualls	9	5	0	5	19
4	Mike Landis	11	0	0	6	17
5	Rich Parmentier	7	0	0	9	16
6	Howard Baker	8	0	5	0	13
7	Mike Halsig	0	0	0	12	12
8	Frank Lawton	6	6	0	0	12
9	Joe Richey	0	0	0	11	11
10	Stephen Stewart	0	0	0	10	10
11	Jon Rivera	0	0	9	0	9
12	Monty Dorman	0	0	8	0	8
13	Alvin Metzger	3	0	0	3	6
14	Jim Shelton	0	0	6	0	6
15	Bob Arganbright	5	0	0	0	5
16	David Thomas	4	0	0	0	4
17	Jim Tinsley	0	0	0	4	4
18	John Able	0	0	4	0	4
19	Shane Johnson	0	3	0	0	3
20	Michael Flower	0	0	3	0	3
21	Jack Rudd	2	0	0	0	2
22	Martin Quesnel	0	2	0	0	2
23	Ron Farris	0	0	0	2	2
24	Preston Devine	0	0	2	0	2
25	Dustan Davis	1	0	0	0	1
26	Garry Porteous	0	1	0	0	1
27	Aiden Salina	0	0	1	0	1

AREA 2 VICE CHAIRMAN RESULTS

Oklahoma Shootout Sept 2 2023

Place		
Rank	Score	Name
1st	13867	Richard Parmentier
2nd	14029	Mike Landis
3rd	15499	Ken Birdwell
4th	16174	Jim Tinsley
5th	16716	Stephen Stewart
6th	16822	Mike Halsig
7th	18849	Bob Arganbright
8th	20188	Ron Farris
9th	26797	Alvin Metzger

Oklahoma Shootout Sept 2 2023

Place		
Rank	Score	Name
1st	19560	Brianna Williams
2nd	22129	Sharon Halsig
3rd	27007	Lora Good
4th	28508	Kate Farris

Area #2 Top Gun for 2023

Men: Richard Parmentier

Women: Brianna Williams

Area 9

Howdy shooters, well it is that time of the year again. Another Fast Draw season has come and gone. It has been a busy year for us here in Area 9. We have put on 4 contest including the Kansas State Championship. And we helped put on 4 contest in Area 2, including the first ever Chairman Sanctioned where we shot for our own money, like a Vice Chairman contest. I must say we had a great time at that Chairman contest, held in Newkirk, Ok. You who didn't attend missed a great contest, in a great building. Every thing in that building was western. And there was a lot of it. It had 4 rooms above it like cabins, that rented for 35.00 a night. They were full. The lady who owns the building was very nice, and she said that she really liked all the shooters, and wants to start shooting Fast Draw herself. We are sure going to try and make that happen.

It is election time for WFDA officers. I would like to remain as your Area 9 WFDA Vice Chairman. I hope to see all of you on the line next year, hopefully some of you might make it to Area 9 to shoot with us next year. At the Kansas State Championship this year we had David Thomas, from Minnesota, and John House, from Missouri. It was very good to see them, and we had a great time shooting, and visiting with them both.

**SHOOT FAST AND TRUE
JIM TINSLEY**

Area 9 Top Gun 2023

Men

	4/15	6/17	7/1	8/7	Total			
1. Joe Richey				9	6	3	10	28
2. Mike Landis				8	8	0	8	24
3. Mike Halsig				7	7	2	7	23
4. Richard Parmentier				6	2	6	6	20
5. Jim Tinsley				5	5	4	4	18
6. Eddie Clayton				4	0	0	0	0
7. Ken Birdwell				3	3	5	9	20
8. Alvin Metzger				2	1	0	1	4
9. Jacob Smith				1	0	1	0	2
10. Steven Stewart				0	4	0	0	4
11. David Thomas				0	0	0	5	5
12. Ron Faris				0	0	0	3	3
13. John House				0	0	0	2	2

Women

1. Lora Good				4	4	4	6	18
2. Sharon Halsig				3	3	3	2	11
3. Angela Durden				1	2	2	5	10
4. Brianna Williams				5	0	0	3	8
5. Persayus Richey				0	1	1	4	6
6. Kate Farris				0	0	0	1	1

AREA 20 (B.C.) WFDA VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT The year end is rushing up on us fast and the Thunderbirds have had a very busy few months. Dennis and Karen put on the Canadian contest in July and we had a great time at this one. Set up was the fastest we have ever done, we must be getting the hang of it after so many years. It was great to see so many of the T-birds supporting this shoot and also the folks that braved our border that came up to shoot with us from the states. From what I hear getting into Canada can be a breeze if you have all your paperwork done prior to getting to the border. For us going down to the States we also have to have our paperwork done prior to getting to the border and for some reason Paula and I always get pulled into the special area for a secondary check.... I think it's because Paula is kind of shifty looking. The club also put on a demo at Brae Island campgrounds this year and for some reason this one is a favorite of mine. It could be because they feed us hamburgers and hot dogs between shows. We always have a lot of kids that love to watch and the families there get a kick out of it also. It was a real pleasure to watch Peggy and Nicole Franks square off for the demo along with the rest of the T-birds who took part in this one. We had our Family fun day event again at the Langley Rod and Gun club and I do believe that we are back to pre-covid attendance numbers for the day. We had a bunch of T-birds out to help on this one and that is greatly appreciated. All of us felt run off our feet as we had a steady stream of people putting on holsters to give it a try. The gun club also supplies lunch by food bank donation to all who attend and this was the first year that we actually ran out of food due to the volume of visitors. I want to give a special thank you to Shane Johnson for bringing some western themed prizes that were given out to the fastest boy and girl that gave it a try. I think there was a 12 or 14 year old age cut off for that one (Shane must have saw me eyeing up one of the prizes so he implemented that rule to keep us "Kids at heart" from being allowed to get in on the fun) Paula and I were also invited by our church to come out to the seniors monthly coffee house to show our sport to the folks that were there. The theme was dress western. This is one that I was super nervous to do because usually we have Dennis on the microphone and all I have to do is show up and make my gun go bang in a timely fashion. This time Paula and I had to do the talking and shooting so it was not in my comfort wheel house but we got it done. Technically it was a captive audience as it was held in the church basement and if the 50 or so people in attendance wanted to have their coffee and desserts they had to stick around and watch. Since we were doing this in a very enclosed space we opted to shoot primers only close up to the balloons in the style that our WFDA members in Japan use. The Cheddite's we used did surprisingly well and I have to say it is a great option to be able to use in the future. I included some photos of the primer blast (no powder in these only a .209 primer) We also lost one of our long time T-Bird members Jim Weatherby recently. His wife Pat held his celebration of life at the Langley Rod and Gun club just a couple weeks ago and we had a six gun salute to honor Jimmy. Jimmy loved doing the demos with the T-birds and he was our go-to person for doubles. He never seemed to miss and the audience always responded with exuberance to his abilities. We will miss you Jimmy. We have been doing our gun of the month competitions and this year we sure have some challenging targets. We have doubles on silhouettes at 10 feet,

Balloon disc at 12 feet and few other of the harder to hit targets and distances. It has been a challenge changing up from the usual blocker or blanks but that is what keeps this game so interesting. The Christmas shoot is coming up and we will be having an as of yet to be determined event for the year end shoot that gives you a chance to win a Christmas turkey (donated by Karen and Dennis). This is always a fun one as some of the events we have had in past years are really unique and interesting. Have a look at our Thunderbird Website page on the net and you can go into the news story archives and see what we have been doing in past years. Well, that is it for now and if this is the last report before Christmas I want to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the Thunderbird Fast Draw Club to wish you all a Merry Christmas. Take the time to reach out to someone you may not be in contact with all the time but means a lot to you and let them know you're thinking of them.

Shoot fast and straight!

Shawn Murphy



ABOVE, JAMES ALLEN WEATHERBY, DOING WHAT HE DOES BEST, SHOWING OFF THE DOUBLE BALLOON EVENT AT ONE OF OUR LANGLEY DAYS CELEBRATIONS SOME YEARS BACK. ADIOS FOR NOW, AND R.I.P. JIMMY!



THE THUNDENBIRD FAST DRAW CLUB MEMBER'S SALUTE AT THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR LONG TIME MEMBER JIM WEATHERBY, OCT. 28. MAY HE REST IN PEACE!



Celebrating Jimmy's Life
We should start to do this while
they are still with us

Photo by Jacob Alger



OUR 'TRIPLE THREAT' SHOOTERS! THESE THREE DOMINATED THIS YEAR'S BLANK CHAMPIONSHIPS. FRANK LAWTON, LT., WON MEN'S THUMBING, NICOLE FRANKS WON BOTH WOMEN'S THUMBING & OPEN DIVS. & DAN QUALLS, WON MEN'S OPEN DIVISION. CONGRATULATIONS, FOLKS!

PHOTO BY DONNA ALGER



"JUST BEFORE THE BLAST GETS THERE"! THIS IS ANOTHER 'COLORFUL CAMERA CATCH' MADE BY SHANE JOHNSON, WITH KAREN ROBINSON'S BALLOON FASCING 'IMMINENT DANGER' AS THE BURNING POWDER HEADS IT'S WAY... OK, NOW, THOUGH, GONNA GIVE SHANE'S CAMERA A REST-AND GO TO MANY OF DONNA ALGER'S PHOTOS TAKEN AT OUR WORLD BLANK CHAMPIONSHIPS OF JULY 15, 16, 2023.

PHOTO BY SHANE JOHNSON, WITH THANKS!



LET'S START WITH A COUPLE OF FOTOS FROM OUR SHOW AT BRAE ISLAND. ABOVE IS A GROUP SHOT OF MGR. STEPHANE LABINE {GRAY PANTS} WHO IS SURROUNDED BY OUR SIXGUNNERS DURING OUR LAST FAST DRAW DEMO THERE. GOOD JOB, ALL!

FOTO FURNISHED BY STEPHANE LABINE



FAMILY DAY; ONE OF THE HARDEST THINGS ABOUT IT IS WAITING IN LINE TO TRAIN YOUR TRAINEE AT THE DRY FIRE AREA ONCE YOU'VE GOT YOUR 'SIXGUN STUDENT' ALL RIGGED. JUST ASK JACOB ALGER, {RT.} DAN HOLLIDAY, AT LEFT, DID A GOOD JOB OF KEEPING THEM COMING IN, AND WE GAVE OUT OUR CLUB'S BROCHURES TO THE FOLKS AS WELL.



FAMILY DAY; "WELL..." SAYS VAN LE, HER TRAINER; "..LET'S FIND OUT..." SHE DID REALLY GOOD, SO I GUESS WE SHOULD GIVE VAN SOME OF THE CREDIT? {NAH.}

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We gave the history of the WFDA,
Thunderbirds and payed tribute
to some of our past members



Paula is getting
harder to keep
up with



Our assistant
pastor ran the
clock for us



.209 primers up
close gets the
job done



.209 primers
only for tight
space indoors



**OH YEAH, THERE WAS THIS COLORFUL PICTURE OF OUR GRAND-
SON, MATTIAS ROBINSON ABOVE, WHOSE BLANK BLAST WAS
CAUGHT ON THE WAY TO THE FIRST BALLOON BY SHANE
JOHNSON'S CAMERA DURING OUR DOUBLE BALLOON GUN OF
THE MONTH. NICE CAMERA CATCH!**

FOTO BY SHANE JOHNSON

NEWKIRK OKLAHOMA



**Sharon Halsig Womens Thumbing Champion, Mike Halsig Mens Thumbing Champion,
Joe Richey Mens Open Champion, Paula Murphy Womens Open Champion**



WHAT AN AMAZING PLACE TO HOLD A FAST DRAW CONTEST.



Jim Tinsley, Mike Landis and their crew did a fantastic job putting on this contest. I absolutely loved the little town of Newkirk. The Friendliest town I think I have ever been in. Less than three thousand population.



THIS AMAZING PHOTO WAS TAKEN BY RUTH ANN ON OUR WAY BACK TO IDAHO. SHE TOOK THE PHOTO OF A SIDE REAR VIEW MIRROR LOOKING BACK AT A SUNSET BEHIND US.



THIS HELPED US FIND OUR WAY BACK TO IDAHO.

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TOTAL _____

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