



Saturday, May 28, 2016

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE PROGRESS REPORT

Work is progressing on the baffles for the Pistol Range. The horizontal baffle attached to the roof has been framed. Next they will install the heavy steel plate that will be sandwiched between 2X material top and bottom, and finished out with plywood and corrugated tin roofing to match the shooting platform roof. As you walk up to the horizontal baffle, you will see that it extends backward to the approximate centerline of the shooting roof.

The 6X6 post for the vertical baffles have all been cemented in, and have temporary bracing to hold them square. Next, they will be installing horizontal 2X material on each side of the post to form the baffle box that will hold the sand ballast to stop errant bullets.

After the construction contractor is finished, we will probably be contracting the filling of the boxes with sand.

A big thank you to Jim Gerencser and Dick Atkinson for painting the sheet steel that is to be part of the sandwich on the horizontal baffle. Also Kudos to Brent McKown, George and Gabe Saalfrank, Geoff McCord and Mike Moore for responding quickly to this morning's call for help to move those heavy sheets of metal to a new location. We thought it might take an hour, but they say it was done in 18 minutes! There were ten sheets, weighing 240 pounds each.

After the building contractor is finished, we will need some volunteer help to set the vertical posts for the target boards, and to set the top and bottom horizontal frames in place. If you are able to help on a Saturday, please drop me an email at jaybutler1940@gmail.com. This will involve using a power post-hole digger, setting the post, followed by carpenter work to build target frames. Will give you as much notice as possible on the actual dates.

Go to the photo section on our website to see photos of the Range as it sits now. Notice the photo of the new shooter sign-in desk, attached to the shed. Participants for the Rifle & Pistol Range will be signing in and out here instead of at the Chapter House. The Range Safety Officers will be managing this activity as part of their duties. By the way, we have thirty-seven men and women members who have completed their NRA certification as volunteer Range Safety Officers, with approximately 10 more to get their training. We have enough RSO's for Saturday & Sunday, but we could use more for Week Days. Send me an email if interested.

You have received notice of a special member (current) to be held on Thursday, June 2nd 2016 at 7:00PM at the Chapter House, 17100 Griffin Rd., Huntertown, IN 46748. This meeting is obtaining member approval for our Board to seek a loan to complete the Rifle Range Improvement.

We will begin the one-hour Member Range Safety Orientation on June 18th. First class at 9:00, and 2nd at 11:00. All R&P shooters will all take this Safety Orientation before we are approved to shoot on the new range. This orientation is good for five years. You just received a notice in the mail about this.

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