



April, 2015

On Saturday, April 18th we had our April shoot. What a beautiful day. Started out sunny in the 50's and ended sunny in the upper 60's to low 70's. Fourteen showed up to shoot on this lovely day. We started working on the racks about 8:30. Thanks to all those that showed up early to help out. We replaced most of the horizontal boards and 3 posts. Shooting didn't start until 10:30 and ended around 2:30.

We were lacking a shoot host so Sis got prizes and Mark Hazel printed and scored the targets. Thanks for the extra effort, guys. We had 14 shooters in all, not necessarily a great turnout for this lovely day in April but, it will do since our shoot ended up the third weekend instead of the first. Of the fourteen, 5 made it into the Hall of Shame... Bill Grubaugh Sis, Bob Hurlburt, Colin and yours truly. We had dryballs, short starts that wouldn't drive down and I fired a short started ball. I think Bill tried to pull the breach out again. I am the free shooter for May 2nd. I believe Ron Ratliff took Top Gun.

On Saturday, April 11th we hosted the muzzle loading station at Knox County's Pheasants Forever/ 4H youth day. Working the shooting station were Dave Nune, Mark Hazel, Rick Harkless, Bob Hurlburt, Steve Larue, Bill & Tyler Grubaugh, Ralph Arms and Sis. We met there around 8:00 and setup. The event drew 330 registrants, 110 more than any previous year. About 160 rounds were fired from 4 to 6 rifles. Ralph probably spent a good bit of his time coaxing adults to shoot his flintlock. The weather was great after days of rain. A few shot Bob Hurlburt's flintlock. All parents were very appreciative of the time we spent with their kids.

We have 2 shoots in May. Saturday, May 2nd is our next one. Shoot host is Larry Bevard. A Saturday shoot, so it starts at 10:00. Hope to see everyone there.

Yours Truly,

Rick Harkless