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Dear ECSA members,

Happy Halloween to all ECSA members. I hope that you all had a great summer of shooting sports and if you are a hunter, a good hunting season.

I have several reflections after a busy summer at the range. Some of these are positive and some are problems that we need to address.

On the positive side:

We had a series of very good shooting events. The IDPA matches, in particular, were successes as regards participation, well planned, and well run events. Thanks go to Ron, Dave, Donna, Clarence and all the folks who have taken the time and expense to join certified and put on these matches.

We are making great progress at the range with finishing the five new north pistol bays, graveling the roads, installation of the shotgun trap, repairs to the fences and gate, and other infrastructure.

On the "need to address" side:

We need to support matches like the MGM steel plate, military rifle, and other rifle disciplines. Do members want to see F class (1000 yard), DCM high power rifle, metal cartridge black powder rifle, or other discipline? If so, is someone willing to take the lead on developing these types of matches and are members willing to support it by shooting two or more matches during the summer months? The same questions apply to pistol matches other than IDPA.

We continue to have on-going problems in four areas. I am asking all members to be cognizant of these problems and to take action to prevent and correct them.

1. Clean up after yourself and others who trash the range! Pick up your cardboard boxes, used targets and homemade target stands (see photos). See that all garbage is either packed out or put in the burn barrel.

2. All guests have to be accompanied by a member at all times they are on range property. This is a serious matter that could affect our ability to operate as a range. If this happens, we are in violation of the several regulations that allow us to operate. The



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first time that an unaccompanied non-member is injured or involved in the injury of anyone else, we will be liable and possibly sued or included in a lawsuit. If you are aware of anyone who gives out the gate code to a non-member or who gives entry to a nonmember and does not supervise them on the range, you have the responsibility to make it stop. Be aware that the board will be required to discipline the offender, including a possible expulsion from membership. None of us wants this to happen.

3. Obey the caliber rules on the ranges. We continue to find steel targets, especially on the pistol range, that have been destroyed by high power cartridges. ECSA members and our sponsors, such as MGM, have gone to great expense to provide a variety of targets at the range. Many of these targets and target supports have “been shot to hell” by persons using prohibited rounds and have had to be rebuilt, repaired or trashed. The worst offenders are people using rifle rounds on the pistol targets. We recently picked up hundreds of .223 casings out of the main pistol bay. This prohibition includes all rifle type rounds in Thompson Center type pistols. Please use good sense.....or face restrictions and discipline.

4. Someone recently started the generator and left it running until it ran us out of propane. You must have permission of a board member to start the generator and you must have Doug, Steve or Robert run the shotgun trap. This is a safety concern since the shotgun trap machine can cause serious injury if not run safely. Call me at 541-398-8867 with questions.

We have a wonderful facility! Please help us keep it clean, safe, in good repair, and open!

Doug Wickre
President, ECSA

