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NORTH SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

Ammunition Safety



Gun destroyed by a "hot" charge that also blew the shell apart.

When we think about firearms safety, most often we think of the firearms themselves. We must remember to look at the "bigger picture." Think about the ammunition that you put into that firearm.

Many shooters reload their own ammunition or buy reloads from someone else. Reloads can be purchased at a lower cost than that of factory loads. The market is booming with all the tools and components you need to reload your own rounds. What you can't buy in any store, is the attention to detail that must be paid when reloading ammunition.

There is a specific process that must be followed. A simple distraction like a phone call or someone asking you a question can shift your attention away from where you are in the process and that could lead to disaster for you or someone else. The most common mistakes made in reloading are low powder charges or hot charges. Both are dangerous. **cont. on pg. 2**

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Low powder charges, many times, have a muffled sound when fired and cause less re-coil. If the charge is to weak, the projectile can become lodged in the barrel. Shooters must always verify that they have a clear barrel before shooting the next round. Shooting with an obstructed barrel can cause damage to the gun or injure the shooter or someone near by.

Hot powder charges occur when to much powder is put into a round. These charges give off a much louder than normal report, when fired and there is considerably more recoil from the gun. These charges can blow a gun apart or cause major damage. They can also result in serious injury to the shooter.

If you reload your own ammo, don't allow distractions to take your attention away from what you're doing. If you can't avoid interruptions, walk away and wait for a quieter time to reload.

If you purchase reloads from someone else, be certain that they are reliable, responsible and practice a high level of safety. Their mistake could cause you a permanently damaged gun, serious injury or death.

For more information, visit Magtech Ammunition's "Reloading Safety" web page at: http:// www.magtechammunition.com/ sitepages/pid83.php.

Archery League

A members only Archery league will begin Sunday, June 9, 2013. The sign up deadline is Friday, May 31, 2013.

Interested members can sign up at the club house. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Be sure to list your name and phone number. The league coordinators will be calling to schedule a meeting prior to the league start date.

For more information, contact Tim Case at 315-256-6571.

Winter Trap League Results



Here are the results for the Winter Trap League:

League Champio - Gary Rizzo

AA 1st - Tim Roder 2nd - Howard Tafel

A 1st - Greg Duszynski 2nd - John Geiss

B-1st - Dave Barley

2nd - Tyler Forshier

C-1st - Shawn Denslow 2nd - Lou Roder

D-1st - MaryAnn Kobos

2nd - Scott Tedford **Sr./Ir.** - Kyle Jones

High Lady-1st Maureen Buckland 2nd-MaryAnn Kobos

High Junior - Dave Barely Most Improved - LeRoy Kaiser 50 Bird Shootoff - 1st Tim Roder

> 2nd - Dave Barley 3rd - Howard Tafel

Congratulations everyone!

Dues Increase

All members are advised that club membership dues will increase \$20 beginning in January 2014.

Quick Notes

Welcome to all of our new club members!

Thanks to all who helped out with spring clean up!

The kitchen will be up and running for all home trap league shoots. Bring your appetite along with your gun!

Club Calendar

May 7th-Trap League 5pm

May 13th-Membership Meeting 7:30 pm

May 21st-Trap League 5pm

May 27th-Board Meeting 7:30 pm

May 28th-Trap League 5pm

Jun 10th-Membership Meeting 7:30pm

Jun 24th-Board Meeting 7:30 pm

Jul 8th-Membership Meeting 7:30pm

Jul 9th-Trap League 5pm

Jul 16th-Trap League 5pm

Jul 29th-Board Meeting 7:30 pm

Jul 30th-Trap League 5pm

Aug 6th-Trap League 5pm

Aug 12t-Membership Meeting 7:30pm

Aug 26th-Board Meeting 7:30 pm