

# 2023 NW MO Sporting Clays

## League Rules and Info

Shoot 8 rounds for score March 2023 through September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023. There are 2 courses at Boot Hill, A and B. You will shoot 4 rounds of A and 4 rounds of B to make up those 8 rounds. You can shoot them in any order you want. But you must have 4 of each. You will be classed with shooters that record similar scores. Our goal is 10-12 shooters per class in the Open League, 6-7 in the sub gauges. The number of classes will depend on the number of shooters that sign up for the League. The League Awards Banquet and prize distribution will be on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. The last day to shoot for score will be September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023.

### **5 INDIVIDUAL LEAGUES, 1 TEAM LAGUE:**

We have an "OPEN", 3 "SUB GAUGE" Leagues, and new this year, 5-STAND . The Open League is as follows, shoot 8 rounds of 100 Sporting Clays over the 6-month season. The Sub Gauge Leagues come in 3 sizes, 20-gauge, 28 gauge, and .410 bore. Each league requires 8 rounds of 50 Sporting Clays to be shot over the 6-month season. Each gauge is scored separate. Shooters can shoot as many or as few of the gauges as they want. 5-STAND is also 50 targets, 25 from menu A and 25 from menu B. See below about qualifying for the incentive gun drawings and how to qualify.

**TEAM EVENT:** This is a 2-person team event that will mirror the Open League in that it is 8 rounds of 99 targets shot over the 6 months. A round will consist of 33 triples thrown. The 2-person team will get 4 shots at each triple. There will be 2 designated shooting areas, one for each team member and all shots will be fired from those areas. There is a possibility that we may add a 100<sup>th</sup> target if we can convince the range owner to do so, but as of this writing it will be 33 triples. This event will have no league fees, so therefore no cash prizes. There will be yearend prizes donated by the sponsor and the League some by random draw of all that finish the League and some by finish in classes depending on the number of entrants. Since there are no League fees, and this is a free entry, entrants in this event must be entered in another League to be eligible for the Monthly incentive drawings. Also, because extra targets are thrown in this event for view birds, or broken targets, and gun malfunctions the target cost set by the range will be \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members of Boot Hill.

## **PRIZES:**

### **Incentive gun drawing:**

8 guns for the Open League and 8 guns for the 3 Sub Gauge Leagues and 5-STAND (combined) will be awarded in drawings that include all the shooters that are up to date on their shooting. This means the Open League will draw 8 gun winners throughout the year. Then the Sub Gauge/5-STAND Leagues will also draw 8 gun winners throughout the year. To qualify for the drawing in the Open League you must be current on your Open League Targets per the schedule at the end of this section. To qualify for the drawing in the Sub Gauge/5-STAND Leagues you must be current with your targets for at least one of those leagues. If you are shooting multiple Sub Gauge/5-STAND leagues, you only need be current on 1 league to qualify, but it is always to your advantage to stay current on all. A shooter can only win once in each Division (Open and or Subs). Winners of incentive drawings are still eligible to win the Grand Prizes.

### **The shooting schedule for incentive drawings is as follows:**

1st round by April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2nd and 3rd round by May 14<sup>th</sup>, 4th round by June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5th round by July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6th round by July 30<sup>th</sup>, 7th and 8th round by September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Grand Prizes:**

CZ-USA has once again donated all the Grand Prize guns. I just received the list of guns February 5<sup>th</sup>. As of this writing I have not yet finalized which guns will go to which event, but here is the way I am leaning: In the Open League a CZ Redhead Premier Over/Under in 12 gauge. In the 20 Gauge League a CZ 1012 Semi-Auto Shotgun in 12 gauge. In the 28 Gauge League a CZ Bobwhite Side x Side in 28 gauge. In the .410 League a CZ Drake Over/Under in .410 bore. In the 5-STAND League a new model Gen 3 CZ 712 Semi-Auto Shotgun in 12 gauge. In the Team Event we will draw a pair of CZ P 10 M pistols in 9mm. Once I have finalized what gun goes with each league, I will post that information on the clubhouse bulletin board. These will all be drawn by random drawing of all shooters in each gauge that finished all 8 rounds of the league by September 2<sup>nd</sup>. A shooter can win multiple grand prizes, since the gauges are separate events, with separate entry fees. **Please support CZ-USA whenever possible!!! They make this League possible.**

### **Special gun drawing rules for youths:**

In the event a Youth wins a monthly Incentive gun draw the league will give that youth the cash equivalent of what we paid for that gun, then we will offer that gun for sale to

league shooters (so we can recoup what we paid to the youth winner). The first offer will go to the youth's Parent or legal Adult, shooting partner. If they do not want it, we will offer it first come first serve to any other league shooter that wants it. Youths will NOT be in the Grand Prize drawing simply because we are not buying those guns, so we have no basis to make a cash payout. Plus, that draw happens on the last day of League, when we will have no money in the League coffers to offer the Youth in lieu of the gun. This is precisely why they pay 50% entry fees.

## **CASH PAYOUTS:**

All entry fees collected will be returned to the shooters at the end of the year via prize money. It is impossible to determine those amounts before the league starts. I fully expect us to easily exceed what we paid out in the 2022 league. In the Open League we had 81 shooters in 9 classes of 9 shooters and paid the top 5 spots in each class in the amount of \$400, \$285, \$180, \$125, and \$75 for a total of \$9600. In the 20 gauge we had 22 shooters and 4 classes and paid 3 spots as follows: \$165, \$100, and \$65 for a total of \$1320. In 28 gauge we had 43 shooters and 5 classes paid 4 spots as follows: \$210, \$140, \$100, and \$50, for a total of \$2500. In .410 we had 17 shooters and 3 classes. We paid 3 spots as follows: \$160, \$110, \$70 and \$50 for a total of \$1020. It will all depend on the number of shooters and where we can find easy breaks in the scores to divide up the classes. We will do the best we can. You can assume that the more classes there are, the fewer places in each class. The fewer classes we have, the more places within each class we can pay. The one thing we can assure you is that every dollar we collect in Entry Fees will be paid out as prize money. We will announce payout amounts and number of places the same time we announce the classes. One sure way to bet bigger payouts and more placements is to increase entrants. In 2022 we were down to about 170 from a high in 2021 of 215. This was mostly due to the previous 2 years of Covid issues. I expect to be back up over 200 again so these numbers should rise, plus we have added a new league.

## **COST:**

Entry fee for the Open League is \$120 and \$60 for youth. Entry Fee for the Sub Gauge League is \$60 per gauge and \$30 for youth. A Youth is someone that will not reach the age of 18 by September 1, 2023. Entry Fees are paid to NW Missouri Shotgun Sports. Targets are \$40 per 100 (\$20 per 50) and \$12 per 25 target 5-Stand. This is paid to Boot Hill each time you shoot. For those interested, Boot Hill offers a Calendar year membership. The membership fee is only \$35, and it gets you a reduced target fee. Members pay \$35 per 100, \$17.50 per 50 sporting clays and \$10 per 25 target 5-Stand.

These prices are good for league rounds and all open shooting according to Randy. They are **NOT** good for registered shoots or special events. It makes sense to become a member, especially if you shoot multiple leagues.

## **DEADLINES:**

We are doing 8 rounds in only 6 months to make it easier on our Host Club owner. There are **2 DROP DEAD** deadlines. By May 14th new league members or anyone with less than 8 rounds shot in prior leagues must have 3 rounds recorded. This is important because we will be placing every shooter in their Class on May 21st. The other major deadline is September 2<sup>nd</sup>. You must have a total of 8 rounds recorded by September 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is the last day of the League, and it will be impossible to win any class prizes if you don't have 8 scores recorded. Also, you will not qualify for the Grand Prize Drawing or the August Incentive draws. These are the 2 Deadlines that are most important (if you are a returning member only the September 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline applies, but you do have to have entered the league by May 14<sup>th</sup>, you don't necessarily have to have shot anything.

We have created incentives mentioned above to help you meet these deadlines.

An additional incentive/penalty exists for the May 14<sup>th</sup> deadline. If May 14<sup>th</sup> comes and goes and you don't have 3 rounds recorded, we can't hold off creating the classes. So, for those that did not get 3 rounds shot in time, we will take the average of the round(s) you did get shot and add 10% to it. That will be your score for the missing month(s) for purposes of classing you. This may have the effect of placing you in a higher class. You will still be required to shoot the missing rounds in order to complete the league and your actual scores will be used. The penalty of 10% is only so we can get you into a class.

## **WHEN CAN WE SHOOT:**

The League will start as soon as Boot Hill opens for the season. That is scheduled to be March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Then his regular hours are Saturday and Sundays 9:00 to 4:00 (last squad out). If the weather permits and Boot Hill Opens a week or two early, we will allow you to shoot your targets and register. Likewise, if the weather is like 2019 and he cannot open on time the league will start as soon as he does open. One important note. Boot Hill hosts an event every August called the Veterans Shoot. It is put on by the Shoot Like a Girl organization run by Neva Woody. This is an important shoot and Boot Hill will close to all other shooters that day. I will announce that date well in advance so you can plan accordingly..

## **SHOOTING AHEAD OR FROM BEHIND:**

Stuff happens, we all know it. We have tried to make this league the easiest league to comply with that anyone has ever shot. We allow you to shoot ahead 2 months. You can also make up rounds if you get behind (see the above discussion on deadlines and incentives). If you know there is a busy month coming up, shoot ahead so you don't miss out on a gun draw. You are limited to 2 rounds per day per league since there are only 2 courses. You cannot shoot the same course for your 2nd round.

### **What does 2 months ahead mean?**

If you are at the range to shoot and it is May 20th for example, it would then be possible to shoot June and July targets. July would be "2 months" ahead. The caveat is that you can only shoot 2 rounds per league in one day. So, in that example of May 20th, if you had already recorded your May score, you can shoot 2 rounds and cover June and July. However, if you had not already recorded your May score you can only shoot May and June due to the limit of 2 rounds in one day.

### **What if something came up and I couldn't get to the range to shoot in June? (for example).**

You can make this round up in July. The only consequence for missing June is that you miss out on the gun drawing for June. Therefore, we hope everyone shoots at least one early, get one in the bank, especially for April and May. We can't stress enough how important it is for new League shooters to get 3 rounds shot by May 14<sup>th</sup>. A 10% penalty will be hard to overcome as it might place you in a class you don't belong in.

## **MULLIGANS:**

We are keeping the mulligan for 2023. We allowed one mulligan per league to be purchased and used to replace a round that a shooter considered a bad one. It was successful and generated enough money to completely pay for the banquet costs plus about \$400 for door prizes. So, we are keeping it for now. Plus, it makes a shooter think a little about strategy, not a strong suit for some of us,

### **Cost of Mulligan:**

If purchased when you sign up for the league it is \$20 for the Open league and Team League. It is \$10 for the Sub Gauge/5-Stand league (per league). If you wait till later in the year and buy it after you think you need it, the cost will be \$30 and \$20. We raised the Mulligan price this season just a little because the cost of the banquet has skyrocketed in these inflationary times. All shooters get into the banquet free whether they buy a Mulligan or not, but it would help out if you buy one.

## **How do I use a Mulligan?**

We will have on file who owns a Mulligan and it will also be added to the standings posted at the range on the bulletin board. If you decide that you want to replace a bad round just tell us that you want to use your Mulligan and we will give you a special score card, go shoot it and then we will record your new score. You do not have to use your Mulligan immediately after a bad round. You can replace that round later. For example, if in August, you decide that you want to replace June's score, you can do that. Also, you do not have to use your Mulligan at all. If you don't have a bad round, then don't use the Mulligan just because you had to pay for it. It is insurance against a bad round and the goal should be NOT to use it. If you are replacing a round that was scored on the A course, your Mulligan round must also be on the A course, and vice versa.

### **\*\*Special rules for new members using mulligans in rounds 1-3:**

To replace a bad round shot in your first 3 rounds the Mulligan must be used by May 14<sup>th</sup>. Rounds 1-3 are used to place new members into their class. We can't have shooters replacing those rounds later in the season as it may impact how we classed everyone. Also, if you want to replace a score for round 1-3, we are going to use the higher of the original score and the mulligan score. We are not going to allow someone to come in and shoot considerably worse, maybe on purpose, just to get in a lower class. If the Mulligan is used in rounds 4-8 we will replace your score with whatever you shoot on the Mulligan round.

\*\* We are exempting the Team event this season from the rule about using your Mulligan in the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 months by May 15<sup>th</sup> because there is no prize money to be won and this event doesn't lend itself to sandbagging anyway. Mulligan money from the Team Event will go towards prizes for the Team Event.

### **What are you doing with the Mulligan money?**

All the money collected from the sale of Mulligans will go towards paying for the year end banquet. Anything left over will be used to buy door prizes and then given away by drawing at the banquet. All the money we collect goes back to the shooter in some way.

## **SHOOTING THE LEAGUE AND RECORDING SCORES:**

When you get to the range and get ready to go shoot your league scores make sure you tell whomever is working the counter that you want to shoot a league score. You will be given a special league scorecard with your name, shooter #, and proper month on it. No other scorecards will be accepted. You must shoot with another league shooter or have another league shooter score for you. You will also have the course menu on your

clipboard. Make sure you follow that menu. Make sure you turn the scorecard in at the end of the round, no turning them in the next time you come. Please add your score on your card. We will also score your card and let you know the score we counted in case we don't agree. No pencils!

When shooting, score your targets using NSCA rules regarding broken targets or gun malfunctions. If you do not know those rules please ask, I will have info for you, or shoot in a squad with someone that does know. All target pairs at Boot Hill will either be True or report pairs. Please try to be legible when scoring. Use an "X" or "I" to represent a target that was hit or broken. A "O" for a miss. By the way, dust is a "O". These rules are on the back of every scorecard as well.

You can shoot practice rounds, in fact we encourage it. Our host club does a great job for us, so of course we want you to shoot there as often as possible. The only thing we ask is that if you shoot a practice round, then come back later and want to shoot a league round, make sure you shoot the other course from the one you practiced on.

## **SPIRIT OF COMPETITION:**

Billy and Dave came up with this league to bring shooters together for a fun time of shooting with friendly competition. Also, to give shooters that do not shoot registered competition some experience competing. So, with that in mind we hope you all feel the same. In the Open League you can shoot any gun you want, that is why it is called Open. Last year we had shooters shooting mostly 12 gauge, but also some 16s, quite a few 20s and 28s. We ask that if you start the league with a certain gun, please finish with it or another gun similar to it, if that one breaks. Example: don't shoot the 1st 3 scores with Grandpa's old SxS double trigger Hammer gun, then finish the last 5 scores with your target gun. There is a word for that.

## **UNCLE SAM:**

We follow all BATF and IRS rules. This means to take possession of a gun that you have won you must complete a BATF form 4473 and pass a NICS check. As for the IRS, if you are lucky enough to win prizes or cash that equal or exceed \$600, we must issue a 1099. That means we will need your SSN prior to final distribution of your prizes/cash.

\*\*\* Clarification: If you are the winner of a gun, **YOU** will do the ATF form. You cannot give it away to your buddy and have them do the background check. ATF considers that the same as a straw purchase. If you don't want to do the paperwork we will re-draw a new winner. You can donate it to Shoot Like a Girl.

Also, we will be going back to getting your SSN at the end of the league if you win over \$600 in prizes/cash **BEFORE** you get your gun and/or check.