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2010 Ocklockonee Rendezvous

The 2010 Club Rendezvous will be held February 18-21, 2010, at the Wilson's Grey Fox Farm. Dave Anderson and Gary Tehan agreed to return from semi-retirement and put on the event, assisted

Competition will begin Thursday with blanket shoots, and continue Friday and Saturday with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for all events. On Sunday we will hold the popular team challenge shoots, which



by the usual enthusiastic staff: with Patty handling the book keeping and registrations, Bob and Charlie running the shooting activities, Duane and Lori running archery, Craig and BB running hawk and knife, and Charlie doing the women's games, which will be instruction and competition in primitive skills. We have asked Ruth Pye to do the kids games again.

combine rifle, smoothbore, archery and hawk & knife in a timed competition.

This year we will continue to have number of items available for the raffle, and like last year, we will hold a silent auction, and the rules will be posted where all can see them. There will not be a general auction this year. As usual we need donated items for prizes, raffle and silent

auction, which will be collected by Dave Ikenberry. Contact Dave (893-7789) to let him know what items you can donate.

The Club will provide main dishes for the Saturday camp feed, with club members providing veggies and desserts. See Patty about coordinating what you would like to provide. Smiley Joe will be doing the cooking for the feast.

Smiley Joe will be open for business for all other meals on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On Sunday he will be providing only breakfast.

Camp services include ice runs on Friday and Saturday at noon—sign up for ice at Smiley Joes place. As usual, we provide firewood and water, but do not hoard wood, there are plenty of piles around and if supplies get low, we will cut more. We will have the usual modern camping area, with handicapped parking located close to camp.

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Club Dues

Our Club Dues renewal date changed from April of each year to February, at the time of the Ocklockonee Rendezvous, so bring your checkbooks to re-up for 2010 and see Pat Powell to pay them. Dues remain \$35.00 per year. Please note that the Club address has changed to Jefferson Longrifles, PO Box 21348, Tallahassee, FL 32316.

Our dues are due in February.....

Ocklocknee Rendezvous

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Depending on camp interest we would like to hold a Round Robin trade blanket this year, so bring you trade items. We have some newer members (with young buckskinners) who may really want some of the items you do not use any more.

Call me with questions or suggestions, and we will see you at the Rendezvous.

Dave Anderson



2008 Blue Jacket Match

For those who do not know, the Jefferson Longrifles took on administration of the NMLRA Blue Jacket Match, after the program fell into disarray. Pat Powell provided the following summary for last year. Dave.

Ernie Villegas was the overall winner of the Blue Jacket Match. He participated in this event at the Midwest.

He was presented a horn and sash made by Pete Brinkmeyer at this year's Midwest held in July. Rita reported that he was very surprised, and thrilled with the horn.

All the other winners were mailed their shingle with their name, name of event (which rendezvous in which they won), and date of match.

The event medallion was mounted on the shingle by Jan. Jan's wife did the lettering on the shingles.

For those of you who may not know, a Blue Jacket match is held at each of the 5 rendezvous held by NRLHF each year. The shingle of the winner is sent to us and we collect them until all 5 are sent to us. We then determine the overall winner.

Our club has decided to do this each year, and we sell round balls at rendezvous we attend to fund it. A few of the guys get together and pour lead from time to time. Yes, we sell balls.....

At Alafia last year, Jan had a table out with his balls with a sign that said "Get your balls here." Dick Beene was camped with us, and I suggested we add "See Dick" to Jan's sign! Nobody took me up on it though.

An article will appear in MuzzleBlasts in August giving credit to our club and Pete for doing this.

2009 Southeastern Rendezvous

by Pat Powell

Rain, rain, go away. Come back another day. And it did!! Day after day after day. It was definitely a wet one. It brought back memories of the '05 Southeastern at Dixie Plantation. Club member Al Benslay was the Booshway of the event. Other club members on staff were Duane, Charlie, and myself.

Members who went were Bob, Ron, Ken & Cathy, Duane & Lori, William & Kathryn, Charlie & Pat, Jan, Kent & Michael, Bobbin, Al & Verna, Rita, new club member Jennifer & her two children, Ruth & Joe Py, and Pete, Bernie & Barbara. A few members went up a week before it started to help Al with various things.

Pete came a day or two after it started as he kept watching the weather, and was in a stall pattern, waiting it out. Anyhow, after all the work of getting his tents set up, here come the rains again, and he found himself in the middle of a mud bog. Next thing you know, here comes Pete with truck and trailer saying his goodbyes. It was just too hard with the baby and all.

Boomer and Erin drove up, checked into a motel, watched the weather forecast, and returned to Jacksonville!

Our club ran the range and did an awesome job. We had lots of positive comments. Everyone especially enjoyed the team shoots, and I think about 6 or 7 teams competed. Charlie was the range captain, and Bob Pryor, Ron Dod, & Duane Ashe all worked the range. They, along with Jan and Charlie, worked very hard doing all kinds of things to help out, especially during early set-up and after the voo was over. Our neighbor Tim worked hard too, along with some other people who volunteered.

A couple and their son camped across from all of us, and they want to become club members. They live outside of Atlanta and are hoping to attend squirrel camp this year. They are rather new to rendezvousing and he had a great camp set up. We enjoyed getting to know them. We were playing farkle one evening, rather late,

and he kept running back to his camp to check his fire every few minutes. We were just finishing up with farkle when he (Tim) brings over a huge pot of beef stew that he had put on the fire that evening. I can tell you one thing, JLR can move fast when it comes to food. Plates and utensils appeared immediately!! It was great. Tim really helped out a lot at the rendezvous too. He went on a liquor run one day, and soon found out he was the most popular guy in camp!

As usual, our group had a few great meals together, where everybody contributed. The rest of the time we ate out. Most of us have found that eating out is so much easier!! We are definitely feeling our age!

One afternoon, a celebration was held for Verna and Al's 50th wedding anniversary. Al had planned this as a surprise to his wife. She became very emotional.

Little Michael, who is now almost a teenager, won and placed in several of the competitions. Ken and William each came in first on hawk throwing. Lori participated in archery also and placed.

Michael made several friends at the rendezvous, and had such a good time. His dad had to return home to help Kanani due to all the rain in Tallahassee, and he left Michael with us. He would go off with his friends, and we'd tell him a time to check back in, and here he'd come, so responsible. Kent and Kanani are doing such a great job in raising him. He had such a good time, and is so thrilled with the gun his dad bought him at our club rendezvous. He really loved our fart machine too!

Next year's 2010 Southeastern will be held in November. The last several years, the weather has been really bad in the spring, so they are going to try for the fall. Wade Reynolds will be Booshway, and it will be in North Carolina. The future of the Southeasterns are questionable, due to none stepping up to do them. This will be Wade's 3rd or 4th

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time now. As Al found out, having one on property that is out of town is very difficult. The general consensus is people don't want to travel all the way to Florida

either.

I'm sure I'm forgetting plenty as I am writing this 4 months after the event, and if I ask any of the guys who went, they'd probably say, "What Southeastern?" hehe

Concerns for Members and Friends

A Special Note.....

For those of you who know Larry and Jeannine Marchesseau.....

They are members of Whitewater, and participate in all the shooting events. They are always at Alafia and the Southeastern. They are excellent shooters and usually win or place in all the shooting events.

Larry was killed in a head-on collision August 5 in Covington, Georgia (east of Atlanta). He had just left the house to go to Home Depot and was traveling up a hill, when a car coming in the opposite direction was passing a bunch of cars, and hit him head-on as soon as he topped the hill. He died instantly. The other woman (39) is in critical condition.

Whitewater had a celebration of life for him on August the 8th in Covington. Plans are underway to possibly have a plaque in memory of him mounted on a bench at Alafia, in which our club will contribute to.

Our sympathies to his wife, Jeannine.

Club members update.....

Pat,

Edgar is having a consultation with a surgeon in Tampa.

Ruth Py had throat surgery and will not have to have the trach anymore. She will not be able to talk for a couple of months.

Squeezebox is doing well and is enjoying his grandkids in Texas.....

Bert and Emily have a place in the islands (can't remember where) where they get out of the cold winters of Montana. They live in Montana part of the year and the islands during the winter.....

Leroy has not been well, injuring his back recently.....but he was walking around pretty good at the 2009 Squirrel Camp.

End of Year Shoot Off

At the January meeting, it was decided to hold the end of year shoot off at the January shoot. Although the weather was COLD, Jan showed up with hot chicken soup, and started a warm fire to ward off the cold. There were not many competitors but here are the winners:

Archery: 1st—Dave Anderson, 2nd—John Cole, 3rd—Charlie

Powell **Rifle:** 1st—Gary Tehan, 2nd— Dave Anderson, 3rd— John

Cole **Smoothbore** 1st-Dave Anderson, 2nd-John Cole

Hawk: 1st-John Cole, 2nd-Dave Anderson, 3rd-Gary Tehan **Knife:**

1st-Gary Tehan, 2nd-Dave Anderson, 3rd-John Cole

Squirrel Camp 2009

Squirrel Camp was held this year during the second week of small game season, November 19-22, 2009. Craig and BB coordinated a great event and attendance was good with 45 campers and potential slayers of the wily grey squirrels. The weather was good, with low temperatures and rain holding off until Saturday night after most everyone went to bed.

They serious business began Friday night with the annual Chili Cook-off. No less than 12 pots of chili competed for the title, which was won by Duane Ashe this year.

Saturday saw the beginning of the official hunt with the prize for the biggest squirrel bagged that day going to young Tristan Whitt. Roger provided a great service to the camp as the official squirrel cleaning station.

After the morning hunt, we shot an archery match on a challenging course which also included some targets shot by our youngest budding archer, Leroy and Franny's grandson



Cody.

Saturday afternoon included an event we have never experienced at a Club event: the wedding of Pete

Brinkmeyer's daughter, Kristen, to Pete's new son in law, Justin.

The ceremony included Celtic elements and was conducted by our own Dick Beane, dressed in appropriate period clothing. We were honored by Kristen's decision to be wed at our event, and everyone enjoyed the ceremony and reception.



On Saturday night the camp feed was well provisioned with venison cuts and sausage, squirrel, mystery meats and generous portions of veggies, salad and desserts. Dave kept an open bar with Charlie's favorite Tequila and rum. With all the celebration and excitement during the day, the camp quickly quieted down and by midnight most were asleep. The rains came and lasted through the night, but ended by morning. All we experienced was wet canvas, and many left their tents up to return later in the week to take them down.

The Squirrel Camp was a great success and we appreciate those who supported it by attending. We welcome the non-club members who participated to come to the Ocklockonee Rendezvous in February.



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Club Schedule

January 16-23, Alafia River Rendezvous
February 4, Club Meeting (Jan Winans workshop)
February 18-21, Club Rendezvous
March 5 Club Meeting
March 6, Beau Turner Youth Day
March 14, Club Shoot
March 21, TRPC ML Shoot
April 1, Club Meeting
April 11, Club Shoot
April 18, TRPC ML Shoot
May 6, Club Meeting
May 16, Club Shoot

Jefferson Longrifles Club Meetings start at 7:00
pm, but come early for food.
Club Shoots begin at 12:00 for food, 1:00 pm for
Archery and 2:00 pm for guns.

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