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## **July 2013**

### **Announcements**

**Summer Meetings** Will be Informal and As-Needed, Call Rod 320-491-2911

#### Map to the Range

New members receive a welcome letter and a map to the outdoor range. If you missed this, the Map and Directions are linked on the website! http://www.eabco.com/agc.htm

#### **Contact Numbers**

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#### Membership \$50/Yr

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#### Website

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#### **Editorial Policy...**

This newsletter is published for the *enjoyment* of AGC members. We invite submissions of good news and fun reading about shooting and hunting. Original stuff, no clippings please (the editor worries about plagiarism)

For Sale by Owner Hi Power Clone \$385 1873 Colt Clone \$410

- Bob Beattie (651) 401-9074 Daytime (320) 834-3370 Concealed Carry Training
- Dave Navratil (320) 763-5889
- Jerry Jensen (320) 762-1333

# The Range is Open... Cleaned, Repaired, and Groomed for Shooting!

We sure have some members who are generous with their time and effort. When Rod and the Spring cleaning crew arrived, they found a lot was already done by one of our out-of-town members, Karl Schoeler.

Garbage and shooting debris is cleaned up. Deadfall brush removed. Target holders repaired. And, Rod is also arranging for regular mowing and trimming throughout the Summer. It's still "The Nicest Little Shooting Range in Minnesota!"



## Summer Schedule for Shooting Activities

Of course our shooting range is open for your personal target shooting, load testing, plinking, and practice sessions.

No immediate events are formally scheduled (to my knowledge) as of 6/26 but there's an Apple Seed event scheduled for October 12-13.

If you want to schedule something official, a competition, or a group activity of some kind, please contact our club president Rod Schulz. He'll know if the dates are open and can explain

any club rules and regulations to comply with. Locally, the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League held their State Tournament at Alex Shooting Park June 6-8. It was a resounding success with 1869 student athletes. Contact Cindy Townsend (cjt08@ymail.com) for info.

The Adult MN State Trap Shoot will also be held at the Alex Shooting Park (July 8-14). Contact Tom Townsend (320-886-5377) for info. That's not all but it's all I've got info on.

#### Tips for Shooting Small Groups at the Range

Shooting a 1-2" group at 100 yds is usually good enough for sighting in to hunt deer. It proves the ammo, gets you on target, and affords you some practice before taking to the field.

But if you're planning a western hunt where the shots can be 300 yds and more you need to shoot smaller groups... 1/4-1/2" at 100 yds. And you need to understand what it takes to step up to that level... The equipment, skill, and attitude. Yes, "attitude"... Sometimes you have to see someone else do something before YOU can do it!

#### **First Some Logical Tips:**

Don't shoot a moving target: A target holder that swings in the wind (like the chicken wire at the range) is no good for shooting tight groups.

<u>Dial out parallax error</u>: Use a parallax adjustable scope to dial out eye position aiming error.

Remove Stress from Your Hold: Try to get your crosshairs to rest on center without tensioning the rifle in any way. Make your hold as comfortable and natural as possible... Shorten or lengthen your stock. Add or remove a cheek piece.

Remove Handicaps: Use accurate ammo. Try several different brands and different prices to find what works best in your rifle.

Clean Copper from Your Bore. Not all solvents work with all bullet jacketing. Paste type cleaners are most reliable. After cleaning, do some fouling shots before attempting groups.

Aim Small, Miss Small: Concentrate your aim to a smaller objective. Instead of the center of the bull, aim for the center of the "O".

