



## AZ State Shooting Sports Committee (SSSC)

05 JUL 2023 Meeting

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- Welcome, Introductions and Pledges
- Attendance:
  - o Doug W.
  - o Steve F.
  - o John S.
  - o Josh F.
  - o Stacy H.
  - o Chris S.
  - o Joe G.
  - o Kip B.
  - o Kristine S.
  - o Erik S.
  - o Derek H.
- Review of previous meeting minutes/notes: May meeting notes/minutes sent out via email on 01 JUN 2023. **No comments.**
- Shooting Sports account balances as of 03 JUL 2023:
  - U of A accounts:
  - 2370240 Instructor Certification: \$5215
  - 2372050 Match: \$5335
  - 5600700 SSEIC Gift Acct: Instructor Certification: \$49
  - 5600700 SSEM Gift Acct: Match: \$33
- Old Business:
  - o State Shooting Sports extension website updates:

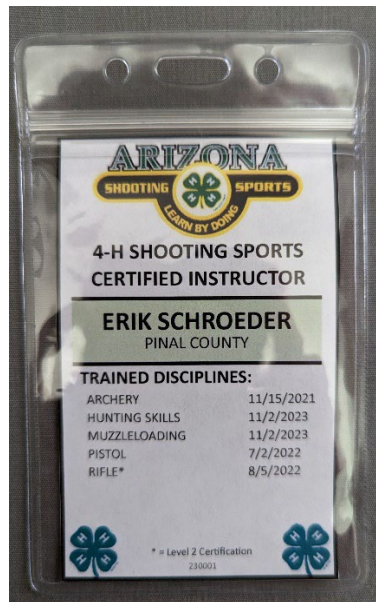
- Discipline pages are up and running! Access them through the upper right-hand corner of our homepage. If you have additional content, please send it to Erik!
  - State shooting sports instructor and POC roster addition: As of 13 MAR 2023, awaiting instructor updates from the following counties: Graham, La Paz (partially complete), and Yuma.
    - 118 total instructors qualified in 222 disciplines.
    - 10 Level-2 Instructors qualified in 16 disciplines.
- AZ Shooting Sports Operations Policy Update: Renewed prioritization based on ALVSCE operations department inquiry. **No update.**
- Shooting Sports / 4-H Tri-fold creation: **No action.**
- Next Level-1 Instructor Workshop is 14-16 JUL 2023 at James 4-H Camp near Prescott. Registration is closed. Final registration is 20 students (with a couple potentials pending from the camp counselor side of the house).
- 2023-2024 State Shooting Sports Event Calendar
  - **State Shooting Team Try-outs (Seniors only), 27-29 October 2023**
  - **State Air Try-outs (Seniors only), 18 November 2023**
  - **Level-1 Instructor Certification Workshop, 8-10 December 2023**
  - **State Multi Discipline Fun Shoot, 24-25 February 2024**
  - **Level-1 Instructor Certification Workshop, 19-21 July 2024**
  - **State Multi Discipline Championships, 25-27 October 2024**
  - **State Air Championships, 16 November 2024**
- Club / County annual equipment inventories are due no later than 30 September 2023 to the State Coordinator. Counties should collect and consolidate the inventories from all of their clubs prior to submission.
  - All club / county owned firearms, air arms, and bows need to be accounted for, regardless of where they are being stored.
  - Major range support end items including: optics, target backs, 3-D targets and impact backdrops and pellet traps should also be included.
  - Equipment accountability spreadsheet can be downloaded from shooting sports webpage, inside the program coordinator tab/resource list.

- Purpose of inventory collection is to remain in compliance with draft Shooting Sports Operations Policy, as well as to ensure equipment that is not being actively used is available for loan to clubs/counties in need.

- New Business

- State Archery Fun Shoot
  - 4-H family event open to everyone ages 8-88
  - Several 3-D courses, FITA and long-range shooting opportunities
  - 29-30 July 2023
  - Camping available on site
  - No experience or equipment needed!
  - Raffle items include: Diamond youth bow, gun safe, coolers, Stick Sniper items, archery block and 3D targets, two-person tree stand, and fishing gear!
  - Mass email invitation sent to 1100+ families who have registered for archery, STEM archery and outdoor exploration projects in Z-Suite
  - Discussed need for volunteers and instructors to assist in the running of the event
- 2023-2024 State Multi Discipline Championship Match (State Team try-outs); 27-29 OCT 2023.
  - Flagstaff Range Complex board meeting on 10 JUL 2023.
  - Need to finalize time allotments and age divisions being offered.
    - Practice, equipment inspections, opening ceremony Friday
    - 10 hours available Saturday (0730-1730)
    - 5 hours available Sunday (0730-1230)
  - Last call for rule modifications.
  - Buckles will be awarded for the State Championship Match in February 2024
  - Discussed possibility of State Team buckles or some other sort of recognition item. Steve F. may have a buckle sponsor if needed. No decision made.
  - Seniors and those who will be seniors as of 01 JAN 2024 are eligible to compete, including those that have already gone to Nationals in a particular discipline (note that they remain ineligible to represent the state at Nationals a second time in a previously competed-in discipline)
  - After discussion, decided that kids will be able to select three disciplines to compete in. These choices will be guaranteed as Erik will create discipline firing orders based on these selections.

- One price will be charged to compete, regardless of the number of disciplines selected to compete in.
- Discipline leads for the event were selected as follows:
  - Rifle: John S.
  - Pistol: Derek H.
  - Archery: Kip B.
  - Muzzleloader: Doug W.
  - Shotgun: Stacy H.
  - Hunting: Steve F.
  - Western Heritage (no competition, demo only): undecided
- 2023-2024 State Air Championships (State Team Try-outs) being held 18 November 2023.
  - Location remains TBD, but likely to be Phoenix VFW Post #720 in Phoenix.
- Friends of NRA Grant closeout paperwork sent out. Please ensure you return your packet (if your grant request was funded) no later than 01 November 2023. Next grant cycle is expected to open mid-August.
- State Team participation in the National Championships 25-30 JUN 2023, Grand Island, Nebraska after action review discussion.
  - Everyone enjoyed the team social events
  - Recommended second team dinner night (Wednesday?) as the first night was enjoyed by many
  - Discussed idea of requesting permission to use fireworks at the fairgrounds in order to avoid unsolicited interaction with local authorities
- Arizona National Guard Family Programs contract granted for 5 years. If you are interested in hosting a shooting sports event open to Guard members, email your local county 4-H representative (cc Erik).
- Instructor certification badges coming soon. Please see example below. Badges are replacing all certificates from here on forward. Badges will be distributed to county staff over the next few weeks.



- Shooting Discipline Updates:

- Archery: (Kip Bennett): Thank you to Mary for coaching the State Team at Nationals.
- Pistol: (Doug Whitehead): NSTR
- Rifle: (John Sparlin): Working on getting used equipment prices from contact in Tucson. More to follow soon.
- Shotgun: (Stacy Hadley): Looking into the idea of having a traveling sporting clay company setup a course for the State Team tryouts in OCT.
- Air Rifle / Pistol: (John Sparlin): NSTR
- Muzzleloader: (Steve Fenn): NSTR
- Hunting Skills: (Steve Fenn): Looking for assistance to help setup the Level-1 course (in addition to son).
- Western Heritage: (Stacy Hadley): Need .45 SAA pistols, .45 lever action for the project. Discussed possible recon trip to the Nationals being held in Utah the last weekend in July.

- Open Floor:

- Derek H. volunteered the VFW to purchase 2024 Arizona pins. Recommendation was made to make the pins slightly larger (1.25") as well as a potential design change. No decisions made.
- Recommendation made to order our State Ambassador a shooting jersey identifying her as such. No decision made.

- Next meeting date time group (DTG): 02 AUG 2023, 6:30pm, Zoom

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