

Snake River Sportsmen Newsletter
May 2026

Spring is in full swing! We've been busy at the ranges as I'm sure you have been too. If you look at the club calendar it looks like we are fully booked which is great news! Just a reminder—at the Vale range, we've got four shooting areas ready to go. There's the main covered range where most rifle events happen, plus a solid covered rimfire range and a covered 200-yard centerfire range. All of them have benches and plenty of parking for members and guests. On top of that, we've got five pistol bays, and even during matches, you can usually find one or two open. Don't hesitate to come out and get some range time in, even when events are underway.

Vale Range:

Kerry kicked things off with his short-range benchrest match the first weekend in April. Results are as follows:

Bench Rest Score 200 Yard and 100/200 Agg.																			
Bench	NAME	M1	X	M2	X	M3	X	M4	X	M5	X	Total	X	200 Yard Place	100 YD	X	100/200 Agg	X	PLACE
B3	Dave Shrum	46	0	46	1	46	0	49	2	44	0	231	3	7	248	9	479	12	8
B4	Dave Brown											DNF	0		234	3			DNF
B5	Chris Johnson	47	1	46	0	44	0	47	1	47	0	231	2	8	248	10	479	12	7
B7	Kerry Kegel	50	0	46	1	46	1	49	1	47	0	238	3	5	248	10	486	13	3
B9	Bob Smith	50	1	47	1	48	0	50	1	47	2	242	5	1	250	16	492	21	1
B11	Paul Wunische	49	0	49	1	48	0	50	2	46	0	242	3	2	250	15	492	18	2
B12	Dave Bingner	47	0	44	0	49	1	50	2	48	2	238	5	4	246	9	484	14	4
B13	Bruce Forsyth	46	0	49	1	42	0	49	0	48	0	234	1	6	246	6	480	7	6
B14	Kevin Muir	47	0	49	2	46	1	48	2	50	1	240	6	3	241	7	481	13	5

He also hosted the annual Bang-O-Rama Black Powder Cartridge Match at the end of April, running four relays. Shooters came in from all over, and it turned out to be a strong event despite the weather trying to interfere.

The .22 Benchrest match was held on the fourth Saturday of April. Jim Todd ran the match in my absence. Thanks Jim for helping out.

Factory Varmint	
Casey Cleaver	737-17X 1st
Jim Todd	706-5X
Phillip Ingram	670-2X
Mark Little	520-2X
Kathy Little	463-0X

	Factory
Chuck Otte	725-14X 1st
Howard Benson	672-7X

George held his first 600 yard benchrest match the 2nd Saturday of April. Here is his results:

VALE BENCHREST MATCH														
RELAY #1														
		MATCHES								TOTALS				
		Match #1		Match #2		Match #3		Match #4		Total	Group			
Target	Name	Score	Group	Score	Group	Score	Group	Score	Group	Score	Rank	inches		Rank
1	Dave	45.1	3.15	47.1	3.28	49.3	1.9	47.0	2.70	188.5	3.0	2.76	0.36	3.00
2	Chris	50.1	2.11	50.1	1.62	49.3	2.13	48.1	2.20	197.6	1.0	2.02	0.50	1.00
3	Trace	43.1	5.1	46.0	4.51	49.1	2.09	44.0	4.54	182.2	6.0	4.06	0.25	6.00
4	Steve	44.0	1.97	50.3	1.35	45.0	3.08	47.1	2.12	186.4	4.0	2.13	0.47	2.00
RELAY #2														
1	Shane	48.1	3.74	37.1	15.5	47.1	5.5	45.0	4.77	177.3	7.0	7.38	0.14	8.00
2	George	49.1	3.03	47.1	4.21	49.1	2.64	49.3	1.99	194.6	2.0	2.97	0.34	4.00
3	Ryan	46.0	2.89	50.3	1.46	47.1	2.31	42.0	5.33	185.4	5.0	3.00	0.33	5.00
4	Troy	45.1	5.06	43.1	4.55	39.0	4.64	39.0	7.90	166.2	8.0	5.54	0.18	7.00

Match 1	Score	Group
1st Place	Chris	Chris
2nd Place	George	Steve
3rd Place	Dave	Dave

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Target	Name	Score	Group	Score	Group	Score	Group	Score	Group	Score	Rank	inches		Rank
1	Dave	44.1	4.84	44.2	6.07	45.1	3.87	42.0	6.82	175.4	4.0	5.40	0.19	5.00
2	Chris	47.0	2.75	49.1	2.98	47.2	2.67	38.0	3.78	181.3	3.0	3.05	0.33	2.00

3	Trace	40.0	3.5	42.0	7.47	48.1	3.22	33.0	9.80	163.1	7.0	5.99	0.17	7.00
4	Steve	49.2	1.7	45.1	3.84	42.0	1.78	46.1	2.78	182.4	2.0	2.53	0.40	1.00
RELAY #2														
1	Shane	43.0	3.65	48.2	2.59	37.0	2.93	47.2	3.420	175.4	4.0	3.15	0.32	3.00
2	George	50.3	1.74	45.2	4.3	43.0	4.38	46.0	5.3	184.5	1.0	3.93	0.25	4.00
3	Ryan	47.1	2.48	35.0	9.9	40.0	6.71	44.0	4.310	166.1	6.0	5.85	0.17	6.00
4	Troy	30.0	9.57	37.0	4.78	28.0	19.6	22.0	13.4	117.0	8.0	11.84	0.08	8.00

Match 2	Score	Group
1st Place	George	Steve
2nd Place	Steve	Chris
3rd Place	Chris	Shane

OVERALL COMBINED RANK		MATCH 1		MATCH 2		OVERALL
		Score	Group	Score	Group	Total
1 st	Chris	1	1	3	2	7
2 nd	Steve	4	2	2	1	9
3 rd	George	2	4	1	4	11
4 th	Dave	3	3	4	5	15
5 th	Ryan	5	5	6	6	22
6 th	Shane	7	8	5	3	23
7 th	Trace	6	6	7	7	26
8 th	Troy	8	7	8	8	31

Judy held her first Practical Pistol Match of 2026 on the 4th Sunday of April with 17 shooters. I did not receive the results of that match.

Thanks to everyone who showed up and to the match directors for putting in the work to make these events happen.

Ontario Shotgun Range:

The shotgun range has been very busy with 2 matches in April. Josh hosted a 4H benefit shoot where the kids shot trap, skeet, and sporting clays. That was a busy but fun day.

Curtis held his monthly NSCA match with over 50 shooters. This two-course event went through nearly 100 cases of targets that day. My back hurts just typing this. Here are the results of the two events:

- Main Event Sporting Clays HOA – Anthony Watson – 93
- Super Sporting Clays HOA – Gary Naymola – 97

Thanks to everyone who came out to shoot. The next SRS registered shoot is set for May 2nd.

Pat has been busy with his weekly league. If you are interested in joining, contact Pat and he will get you squared away.

I would also like to encourage everyone to sign up for our upcoming Tack Driver match in June. They are nearly full so don't wait! It will be a fun event and a great chance to put your best rifle and load to the test. Here's a direct message from the host and Match director:

To Snake River Sportsmen Club members:

This note is to inform all members that there will be a "Tackdriver" match held at the Vale range on June 6th and 7th. Please check the calendar, then check under the special events heading to see the flyer and entry form.

At this time we still have six slots to fill. Contact Dave at 541-910-1179 or Kevin at 208-630-3440 if you have questions. Our goal is to have fun and include more local shooters. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully, Dave Bingner

If anyone has any questions about any event, feel free to contact any board member or discipline director. A special thanks to all the members who make use of our ranges. We are all vested equally in some very nice facilities.

Thanks everyone for another great month at the range,
Bob Smith