National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association Rifle Committee

In an effort to facilitate shooters who have from birth, or during their lifetime, have developed physical challenges, which may limit their ability to participate in the black powder sports the late Paul Griffith and myself developed, or should I say re-kindled, a traditional match with certain modifications. This match has become known as a table shoot with equipment & rules specifically designed to facilitate the physically challenged and older shooters previously mentioned. Our goal is to keep older shooters shooting longer, younger shooters more involved, and as previously stated to present the physically challenged more shooting opportunities.

Since its inception and our first test shoot in 2012, this discipline of shooting has expanded to several local clubs in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky most of which are charter clubs within the NMLRA. The equipment, excluding the rifles, needed for the shoot is relatively simple and not overly expensive with the initial equipment cost needed to start this program being donated by members of the current table shooting participants who have an interest in seeing the black powder shooting sports expand. You will find attached rule modifications which would be required to facilitate this match and items that would need to be placed in both the spring and fall shooting programs to detail the guide lines of the four matches that we are proposing which would be as follows: (1) Open table shoot championship, (2) Hunter table shoot championship, (3) open weekly cash reentry and (4) Hunter weekly cash reentry. With the open table shoot championship and the Hunter table shoot championship using a combined score to form an aggregate, which would be known as the Paul Griffith Memorial table Shoot Championship.

This equipment has been made available to registered shooters at each of our last three events to introduce them to the concept and also to test for any unique rule items that may have been found necessary to transfer it to the national shoot format.

It is our desire to occupy 30 to 40 feet of range lying between the AW Coon chunk gun range and the youth range. This placement would facilitate the shorter relay times used in this discipline, already in use on the chunk gun range. We feel that it would be a very efficient and appropriate use of this area as the chunk gun range and the youth range each have a range officer in place and the area has only been partially used in the past. I have spoken with many of the chunk gun shooters who also believe this would be an efficient and appropriate use of the space as well as Mr. Scott Mings who runs the youth range. Mr. Mings opinion was also positive regarding the use of the area for table shooting and indicated he would support our proposal.

We would like to move this forward as quickly as possible so that we might have everything in order to have our first sanctioned shoot at the spring national shoot 2015. We will look forward to meeting with you during the coming fall shoot and answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Robin Warner: cofounder & Fellow Participants of
The Table Shoot

Rules for table shoots

2460—AIMING POINTS—All paper targets used in competition have a printed front side. This printed front side must be posted with the printing towards the competitor, and no other spotters or aiming points may be attached to the target face.

Exceptions: Slug gun targets may be posted backwards and small aiming points or circles may be drawn on the back side at the shooter's option.

Chunk & Table gun targets must be posted with the printed side forward; however, a spotter or aiming point may be attached to the target face, at the shooter's option

RIFLE LINE MATCHES—Are defined as all Slug Gun, Silhouette, Chunk Gun, Round Ball, Bench, Cross Sticks, Offhand and Table Shoot matches. (Pistol, Shotgun, Musket, and Primitive are covered in separate sections)

5400T—NUMBER OF SHOTS—The target is a white X on a black background (NMLRA SX) with one (1) shot per target fired for score. On each of three (3) targets. More than the required number of hits will be the same as Rule #10590

5410T – TABLE SHOOOT - RELAYS – The relays for this match will be 45 minutes in length, or as stated in the program.

5420T–SIGHTS Front Sights as per rule 5010. Rear sights must be of the following: open notch or peep sight. Peep sights may have an adjustable iris. However, it may not contain a system of lenses, including but not limited to color polarization or magnification. No tube sights. Adjustable rear sights will be allowed on the rifle but may not be adjusted after the competition begins.

5430T—TABLE RIFLE- The rifle may be either flint or percussion ignition, of either the traditional hunting or traditional target type, or as specified in the program, with no limit as to caliber. The rifle may not weigh than more than 13 pounds unloaded, including all apparatuses which will be on the rifle at the time of firing. The rifle may not be equipped with a false muzzle or rubber recoil pad.

5440T–SHOOTING POSITION– All shooters will use a common table or tables and seat provided by the range. The muzzle will be supported by a pyramid of 2X4s provided by range. The rest may be covered with no more than 2 layers of cloth or leather to protect finish of rifle. No double rest will be allowed, the rear portion of the rifle must be supported by the shooter

5450T—TARGET SCORING—The match will be scored by string measure. From the center of the X to the center of each shot hole, shortest total string measure wins.

5470T–PAPER SPOTTERS–Will be made by the shooter and may be of a size no larger than, 14" X 14", any shape, or color. The spotters may be pinned, stapled, or taped to the target the way the competitor wishes.

5490T-TARGET DISTANCE-The targets will be hung at a distance of 30 yards in front of the firing line.

5500T— Cant blocks, Sand bags or other devices intended to stabilize the rifle; shooting mitts, shooting coats or wind reading devices will not be allowed.

5510T—SPOTTING SCOPES Are allowed & May be placed behind the loading area, and in a manner as not to interfere with other competitors, and may not be placed on the shooting table.

5520T-COACHING-of a competitor is not allowed in Table Shoot matches, in accordance with rule #5000

Program information

AGGREGATE TS: Paul Griffith Memorial Table Shoot Championships

(Trophy donated by Robin & Londean Warner) Match 246 Match 247

Match 246 Open Table Shoot Championships

To be fired on T1 thru T6 between the Allen Coon Chunk Gun Range and the Youth Range.

Practice targets available for \$1.00 at the range – all match and aggregate targets must be purchased in the Clubhouse. Shaders are allowed. No in-line action or sealed ignition, no false muzzles or rubber recoil pads are allowed; Rifle must weigh no more than 13 lb. 3 shots, 1Shot on each of 3 targets. Shortest string measure wins. Shooter furnishes own sighters.

Match 247 Hunters Table Shoot Championship To be fired on T1 thru T6 between the Allen Coon Chunk Gun Range and the Youth Range.

Practice targets available for \$1.00 at the range – all match and aggregate targets must be purchased in the Clubhouse. No in-line action or sealed ignition, false muzzles, rubber recoil pads or Teflon patching are allowed. Weight: 10 pounds or less unloaded including all apparatuses which will be on the rifle at the time of firing. Rifle As per Rule 5630 (The ramrod need not be installed at the time of firing) Caliber: 50 or under. Sights per rule 5010 and 5020. Set triggers and Shaders are allowed. 3 shots, 1Shot on each of 3 targets shortest string measure wins. Shooter furnishes own sighters.

248 Open Weekly Cash Reentry—Payouts of 20%—15%—10%. Rules same as match 246 **

249 Hunter Weekly Cash Reentry— Payouts of 20%—15%—10%. Rules same as match 247**

**Targets for matches 248 and 249 weekly cash reentry: may be purchased at the clubhouse or at the range.







