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SHOOTING DOUBLE BALLOONS ABOVE IN ONE OF THE THUNDERBIRD FAST DRAW CLUB'S SHOWS IN LANGLEY, B.C., IS JIMMY WEATHERBY. TODAY, JIM IS 84 YEARS YOUNG, HAS BEEN WITH THE CLUB FOR OVER 40 YEARS AND IS A REAL INSPIRATION TO THE YOUNGER ONES!

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CHAIRMAN REPORT

BOARD MEETING for 2017 will be Friday April 21st. at the Annie Oakley Chairman Contest in Greenville Ohio, Approx. 5:30 PM.

Year end buckles will be presented Saturday evening.

ATTENTION all Vice Chairman and others of you putting on contests. Something that is very important at the beginning of each year is to make sure that everyone shooting any of your contests is a current, paid up Member. They must be paid up in the WFDA, AND the NRA (USA shooters). We can sign you up for the NRA for \$10 (without magazine) or \$25 with magazine if you wish.

Anyone shooting a contest without being current with membership dues will not get points or credit for that shoot, even if they pay up later. You can now print a copy of your current NRA card from their web site www.nramemberservices.org

In this issue you will see the list of 2016 buckle winners. Buckles for Modified Division, both Men & Women are specified in the Rule Book. Top 15 Men and top 8 Women receive year end buckles. The Thumbing Division is not specified in the Rule Book mainly because this Division is still fairly new to the WFDA and the Executive Officers have worked out a generous award plan based on percentage of Thumbing Shooters. Especially with our membership as it is, I don't think we should set a required number to be given out. At one point we had members wanting a Thumbing buckle for shooting only one contest and not doing well in the one. I don't agree with doing that. A buckle is not meant to be a participation award, rather an award that has been worked for and won during the year.

Here is the percentage of buckles given out for each Division for 2016:

Modified

Men = 15 Buckles – equals 27%

Women = 8 Buckles - equals 40%

Thumbing

Men = Five Buckles – equals 15%

Women = Two Buckles – equals 20%

For the 2016 Overall Champions buckles, I let each Champion, Howard Darby, Judy Lawton, and Alexis Rothenberg, pick and design their own buckle. This was a rewarding experiment and they came up with beautiful buckles. Since the cost of these buckles were definitely kept within the budget, perhaps we can do that each year.

We all need to put out some effort to recruiting new members & shooters whenever possible. I am very impressed with Karen & Denny Robinson and our Canadian shooters. They are very active in putting on fun shoots and attracting new shooters & members. Check out their Web Site at <http://www.thunderbirdfastdraw.com/>

Also deserving Honorable Mentions are the Area 2 & Area 9 Members. Jim Tinsley, Mike Landis, Herbert Gootee, and the rest of their bunch. THANKS GUYS

I would like to give a SPECIAL THANKS to Miles Miller, WFDA Treasurer, for all the work he has don't the past several years. He has had to deal with more than the normal situations the past couple of years, including me bugging him a lot. The WFDA would truly be lost without Miles. Next time you see him or talk to him, how about telling him how much you appreciate his efforts.

I often get asked by people where they can buy a gun, especially Modified guns. If you have guns for sale or want to recommend a Gun Smith you can send me an email and I will try to make a list of possibilities for the purpose of recommending to members & potential members. Perhaps I could also include that list in the Top Gun Emails.

If I have omitted some information you wanted sent out please send me an email and I can send that info out right away.

Be sure and bring proof of your WFDA and NRA membership to the contests. You can sign up at the contest if absolutely necessary but is very helpful to do so in advance.

Take Care and I look forward to meeting most of you at a contest this year.
Dan Qualls, WFDA Chairman

Secretary Report

Well, here we are, almost through the month of March & a fourth of the way through 2017. Chairman matches will be starting the end of April. Thank you everyone who have paid your dues for 2017. We have had a lot who have already signed up and are ready to go for this year.

Ruth Ann Qualls

Secretary, WFDA

Vice Chairman Reports

Area 7

Hello to all from Las Vegas Nevada area seven. hope you all had a good Christmas and happy new year. looking forward to 2017 and a good year of shooting in the sport of Wfda. not much to report from here except the weather which is then the high 60s or low 70s in the daytime and in the 40s at night no rain just plenty of sunshine and good weather. unfortunately I have

to bypass Ohio . if there is any buddy out there that has any suggestions on who should receive the lifetime achievement award this year please let me know who you can recommend for the award for now that's about all I have to say except remember this no vehicle is totally safe in less they tighten up the loose not behind the wheel. hope to see you all soon
area seven
Larry Schipper Las Vegas Nevada

Area 8

Area 9

Howdy shooters. We have had our first shoot here in Area 9. It was held march, 4th 2017. Our next shoot is April, 15th in Arkansas City, Ks.

We here in Area 9 are looking forward to going to Ohio for the Chairman contest in Greenville. We sure had a great time there last year and are looking forward to a great time this year.

It is with sadness that I have to report that the Worlds Index Championship, in Mountain View, Arkansas has been canceled. There is a possibility that we may get it back next year. We can only hope so. Jimmy Edwards is working toward that possibility.

**SHOOT FAST AND TRUE
JIM TINSLEY**

Area 11 Vice Chairman Report

Greetings from Area 11, time to start practicing up for the 2017 shooting season! The Shawnee Bandits are busy getting things ready for the Annie Oakley Index Championship being held in Greenville, Ohio April 22nd and 23rd. This will be the first Chairman Sanctioned contest of the year and the annual meeting will be taking place there. Hope to see you all in Ohio and want to wish safe travel to everyone.

Tom Lechner

Area 20

VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT AREA 20, (B.C.) MARCH 2017:

Howdy All; Well, here we go again-hope everyone had a great Xmas and New Year's holiday session!

We are very sorry to hear about Arkansas' Championships being put off for this year, and even more worrisome was to hear what has happened to our friend Jon Wilson! Hopefully, by the time this comes out, Jon will be back on his feet! And we do look forward to Arkansas FD Event being on again next year-and we will need ALL your WFDA support for these contests-most everyone knows how difficult it can be to keep these things going, year after year! But, if this Sport is to continue we must!

Well, Thunderbirds are off to another start-by the time this report comes to you we will likely have finished with our displays at the upcoming Historical Arms Collector's Society Show in Abbotsford. And, we have been 'picked up again for the upcoming Cloverdale Hunting and Fishing Show in April. Unfortunately, this is the same show that we did last year, that got us SO MUCH PUBLICITY-across the land-on T.V. and National newspapers, when we were NOT allowed to bring our handguns to this event! Jacob Alger and myself collected more than 3,000 signed petitions from people who thought it a shame that the City of Surrey, B.C., which Cloverdale community is a part of, would

not allow the presence of any "Handguns, Fast Draw, Ammunition nor Antique Firearms" "because there is too much shootings in our community, and not enough police to handle them.." Soooo the mayor-led by an anti-gun retired policeman, decided to 'con' the Surrey public into thinking that they were actually 'doing something' to decrease crime in the area....what a joke this has since been-but I'm not laughing! It appears that the Tbirds are going to have to go to bat for themselves by showing up at a council meeting in the future, if it is at all possible to appeal our case to these councillors, as the now Cloverdale Hunting and Fishing Show has decided to remove the word 'gun' from their title...in order to appease this idiocy! ("only in Canada" you say...?)

Well, we will do the World's Shoot in Aldergrove again, where words like 'gun' and 'shoot' are more to be

admired by rational thinking folks rather than being feared by misguided people....

I have enclosed a couple of fotos here for Dan's use in the magazine-if he has room.

We are into CANADA'S 150TH YEAR now, and I sent a foto of Tbirds' Jim Weatherby, @ 84 years young! He is 84 now and is still doing shows with us! (HOLY GUNSMOKE-I just realized that me and Jimmy are now

OVER HALF AS OLD AS CANADA!! (YOU tell him-I'm still suffering....cheeesh...!) In the meantime, we have decided to add a CANADIAN THUMBING CHAMPIONSHIPS, since it's such a Special year, to our Aldergrove Fair contest this July. We will NEED your support as well, if these contests are to continue. Brochures for this one will be available soon and will be ready for the Ohio Contest.

CONGRATULATIONS to those winners of the Thunderbird FDClub awards (and those Government Certificates!) and to those 'sixgun stalwarts' whom were elected at their club "bang-quet" this March!

You can see the winner's lists and pictures on the TFDC Facebook Page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ThunderbirdFastDraw/>

#I watched an episode of the Maverick t.v. show the other day, and 'ol ' Brett' was being faced down at the card table by a rival gambler who displayed a hidden derringer! Brett pulled his own vest away, to display his 'iron'-a single action Colt. But wait-his Colt had a FANNING HAMMER on it. Turned-up hammers were not something commonly seen (scene) in those ol' black and white t,v, days! I believe the Title of the episode was 'Stampede'....

###'BREAKING NEWS'-EL PASO SADDLERY HAS JUST DONATED ONE OF THEIR FINE HOLSTERS TO OUR CONTEST! El Paso Saddlery makes one metal lined holster for Fast Draw-don't know if that's the one-but all are great! THANK YOU, EL PASO SADDLERY! WWW.EPSADDLERY.COM (Look for it to be linked on our websites soon!)

Seein' y'all soon,

Den R., WFDA

V.C., Area 20 (B.C.)



Scheduled Contests for 2017

VICE CHAIRMAN Contests

Area 9

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CHAIRMAN Contests

MOUNTAIN VIEW ARKANSAS CONTEST HAS BEEN CANCELED FOR 2017

April 22nd & 23 , Greenville Ohio SEE ENCLOSED FLYER

I will have Joe Nelson's fast draw equipment for sale at the Chairman shoot in Greenville Oh on April 23 & 24, 2017. There are 5 guns, 10 Holsters, a timer and various John Phillips gun parts.

Harry Ballengee, phone 937-423-2300

July 15 & 16 Canada – Karen & Denny Robinson

August 19 & 20 Banks, Oregon Sunset Park

Sept. 16 & 17 Baker Montana – Dan Lagasse

ANNIE OAKLEY INDEX CHAMPIONSHIP

WFDA CHAIRMAN SANCTION

APRIL 22 and 23, 2017

HOSTED AND SPONSORED BY THE SHAWNEE BANDITS

STYLE: OPEN INDEX - SHOT ELIMINATION STYLE ON BLOCKER TARGETS

LOCATION: COLLISEUM, DARKE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 800 SWEITZER ST.,
GREENVILLE, OH 45331

Contest starts at 9:30 AM both days

Saturday Events - 3 sets D/W @ 8', 5 shots 5' SW, 5 shots 8' SW, 5 shots 15'-5' SUW

Sunday Events - 5 shots 12' SW, 5 shots 10' SW, 5' - 15' Step Back Wax

ENTRY FEES - Men \$110.00 plus \$10.00 shooter fee - Women \$100.00 plus \$10.00 shooter fee

THUMBING DIVISION - \$40.00 entry fee plus \$10.00 shooter fee. Thumbing will run in conjunction with Saturday's events.

No practice on Saturday or Sunday. We will be setting up on Friday, April 21 and will open the range for practice in the afternoon. We will also be doing sign-ups at that time.

OPEN

MEN'S DIVISION

1st \$400 + award
2nd \$350 + award
3rd \$300 + award
4th \$250 + award
5th \$200 + award
6th \$150 + award
7th - 12th \$110 + award

WOMEN'S DIVISION

1st \$300 + award
2nd \$250 + award
3rd \$200 + award
4th \$175 + award
5th \$150 + award
6th \$100 + award

THUMBING

MEN'S DIVISION

1st 30% + award
2nd 25% + award
3rd 20% + award
4th 15% + award
5th 10% + award

WOMEN'S DIVISION

1st 50% + award
2nd 30% + award
3rd 20% + award

There will be an award in each event for fastest series men and women's.

There will be an award handed out for fastest shot of the contest men and women's.

Lunch will be provided both days.

For match and registration information, please contact:

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Johnny Perry - 937-564-1241 - jperry6@woh.rr.com

Tom Lechner - 717-284-6388 - fastdraw45@rocketmail.com

Accommodations

Holiday Inn Express, 1195 Russ Rd., Greenville, OH 45331 937-548-1328

Comfort Inn, 1190 Russ Rd., Greenville, OH 45331 937-316-5252



I should have a few of these shirts for sale at the next couple of contests.



2017 WFDA RENEW & NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM
MUST BE AN NRA MEMBER, PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Date: _____
Member Name _____
Date of Birth (**required for ALL members**) _____
Phone # **required** _____ Cell _____
Email _____
Address _____ City _____
State/Prov _____ Country _____ Zip _____
Member Spouse Name _____ DOB _____
Additional Family Names _____ DOB _____
AREA _____

*** Insurance Premiums apply to US and Canada Only! ***

New Membership – initiation Fee - (Patch, Pin)

Membership Fee \$55.00 Insurance \$15.00 Initiation \$10.00 Total \$80.00 _____
Additional Member \$30.00 Insurance \$10.00 Initiation \$10.00 Total \$50.00 _____
SPECIAL Discount for New Members – No patch or pin
With Magazine (email version) \$35.00 Includes Insurance _____

Annual Renewal Calculations

Annual Membership Primary \$55.00 *Insurance \$15.00 Total \$70.00 _____
Additional Family Member \$30.00 Insurance \$10.00 Total \$40.00 _____

Existing Life Member Calculations

Annual Membership Primary *Insurance Premium \$15.00 Total \$15.00 _____
Spouse Life Member *Insurance Premium \$10.00 Total \$10.00 _____
Additional Family Life *Insurance Premium \$10.00 Total \$10.00 _____

NRA Membership Calculations

MUST BE AN NRA Member (does not apply to out of USA) NRA # _____

Renew / Join: Dues \$10.00 , with NRA Magazine \$25.00 ,
If already an NRA Member, NRA # _____

WFDA Patches, Pins, Window decals, \$5 ea _____ Caps \$15 ea _____ Shirts \$25 _____ + shipping _____

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