

2008 Gong Shoot Information

Shoot Dates: May 31, June 28, July 26, August 23 and Sept. 27 (Maine State Championships Gong Shoot)

Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Classes, the rifles will be single shot, exposed hammer, breech loading, original or similar to those developed prior to 1896. Front sight may be either blade type or hood with or without inserts. Rear sight may be open, peep or soule type. Metallic cartridges loaded with black powder or one of the approved substitutes and lead bullets .375 inch diameter or larger. The following are not allowed: Slings, Schuetzen type rifles, smokeless or duplex powder loadings, jacketed bullets or metal gas checks. No scopes outside of a scope class.

Military Rifle Classes, must use only the original sights. Otherwise, same as above.

Smokeless Sporting Rifle Class, same as the “ Black Powder Cartridge Rifle class” with one exception, that being the powder in the cartridge. It’s either a smokeless or a duplex loading. Otherwise, same rules apply.

Muzzleloading Classes: Percussion or Flintlock with exposed hammer. Open or peep rear sight, blade or hooded front sight. No scopes. Lead bullet or patched round ball of 36 caliber or larger. Black powder or approved substitutes only. No slings, smokeless powder or jacketed bullets. No so called “ in-line “ rifles.

Black Powder Cap and Ball Revolver Class, must use only black powder or approved substitute with lead ball or bullet of 36 caliber or larger.

Stages: For all Rifle Classes – **Stage 1**, shot from prone position at 50 yards with cross sticks (yours or ours). **Stage 2**, shot at 75 yards from the sitting position using cross sticks (yours or ours). **Stage 3**, shot at 100 yards from the standing off-hand position. **Stage 4**, shot at 125 yards from our bench rest. **Targets:** All targets are metal and hitting anywhere on the target counts as a hit. Judges will be viewing your target with spotting scopes. If you have a spotting scope, bring it along as we may need it. **Number of Shots:** You may take up to two sighter shots at each stage, after which you shoot **5 shots for score** (per stage). You will not be on the clock, but will be expected to complete each stage within a reasonable time. Shooters will be well supervised. Eye and ear protection are mandatory (shooting or not). **Tied scores:** A shoot-off may or may not be required in the case of a tied score. It will be up to the Match Director. **Certificates** will always be awarded to, at least, the top 3 places in each class.

Junior Class Shooters (12 through 15) must be accompanied by responsible adult.

Senior Class Shooters (60 +) may enter the Regular, Senior or “ both “ classes.

Directions to the Blue Hill Rifle and Pistol Club: **From Belfast/Bucksport via Rt.1.** About 5 miles east of Bucksport, Rte. 15 branches off to the right. Follow 15 for about 10 miles to the Range Rd. on the left, which takes you to the range and clubhouse. **From Bangor**, drive to Ellsworth via 1A. In Ellsworth turn right onto Main St. and go down and across the bridge. Take Rte. 172 to the left at a Y in rd.. Go 15 miles to Blue Hill. On Main Street in B.H., turn right at Indian statue onto Rte. 15 and watch for the Range Rd. about a mile out on the right. Your almost there. **Registration:** advance (helps us plan) or at the door. **Shooting may start at 9AM and go till finished. Shooters may register up to 11 AM.** Applications at the door or on club web-site: www.bluehillr-p.org

Various types of fine foods for sale in clubhouse for lunch.

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