

Mini Gong Shoots

Committee

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Shoot dates for 2008

Saturday, May 17 * Saturday, July 12**

Sat. Sept. 13 (Maine State Championships)

Created for the Blue Hill Rifle and Pistol Club. The Mini Gong Shoot is very similar to our regular Gong Shoots already in practice, but with a couple of exceptions. The Mini is designed around younger shooters ages 10 through 16 using 22 caliber rimfire rifles and ammo.

The purpose of this new endeavor will be to teach our young shooters safe gun handling and encourage competitive shooting. Shooting sports are real confidence builders, which draw out the need to learn and excel from down deep in one's soul, young or old.

We will be working with the 4H Club as they already teach interested young people proper gun handling and safe shooting methods. It could be expanded at some point to include the Scouts. To participate, one does not need to belong to any organization, but it is strongly suggested that the young person have had some sort of pre-exposure to safe gun handling by at least a parent, relative, guardian or older, well experienced friend who, by the way, must both sign the shoot application and be present on the line with one of our Range Officers while the young person is handling the firearm. As with all the Club's other shooting sports, safety is # 1 !

The Club has 3 or 4 iron sighted 22's which can be used if needed. The shooter will at least need to bring their own ammo. Up to two sighting shots will be allowed followed by 5 shots for score at each of four stages. Not including a possible shoot-off for a tied score, one could take 28 shots per class (20 for score and 8 sighter shots). We recommend the shooter bring some extra ammo.

Three age levels will be offered in **open iron sight, scope and peep sight** classes. To start they will be:
Level 1, ages 10 & 11.

Level 2, ages 12, 13 & 14.

Level 3, ages 15 & 16.

Shooting at metal bears of various sizes will be done from 4 stages (shooting positions) Each competitor will need to complete all 4 stages. Each hit on the metal target earns the shooter a point for a possible total of 20 points. Shoot-offs may be needed to break tied scores at the end of the shoot.

The four stages are:

Stage 1, prone with cross sticks from.....25 yards.

Stage 2, Sitting with cross sticks from.....50 yards.

Stage 3, Offhand shooting from.....75 yards.

Stage 4, Bench rest shooting from.....100 yards.

Certificates will be awarded to the first three places in each class. There will be a small entry fee of \$15 for one class and \$5 for additional class will include lunch for the registered competitor. Various types of fine foods may be purchased at the clubhouse by non-shooters.

Additional information will be available from Club Officers and on the Club web-site at

www.bluehillr-p.org . You can also contact either of the two event organizers, who are:

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