

President's Report - June-July

Hello Fellow ORPA Members !

By the time you read this, I will be back from the NRA Annual Meetings in Charlotte, NC. This year's meeting included some powerful speakers such as: Sarah Palin, Chuck Norris and Newt Gingrich.

Spring shooting is in full swing. The Ohio Indoor Pistol Match was held at Oak Harbor in April and ORPA Highpower matches started in May on Mother's Day weekend. For those of you who have not heard. Larry Smith, Barb's husband suffered a stroke in March. Several ups and downs later, he is recuperating and undergoing rehab. Physically he is in good condition, but it may be a long road back to recovery. The Highpower season will go on as planned, but please check the ORPA website for any up to date changes that may crop up. We already know of one change which is due to Camp Perry scheduling, not ORPA. **THE BOB WRIGHT MEMORIAL LONG RANGE MATCHES WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 5 and 6, 2010-- ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN IN THE PRINTED SCHEDULE.**

I urge and hope that each one of you will take the opportunity to introduce a youngster to the shooting sports this year. Take a child, grandchild, niece or nephew to the range with you for a day. Above all introduce your spouse to shooting. Remember, though, introductions are mostly fundamentals. The first syllable of fundamentals is FUN. Keep it fun. Sometimes attention spans are short. You didn't learn everything you know in one sitting. They won't either. Start out simple Remember- Success equals Fun.

In closing, I also want to remind you that I would like each member to try and bring a new member to ORPA this year. Your Association can only continue to provide programs with dues from members. We try to support as many programs as we can with our resources. While competition is a priority, we also support local clubs, the U.S.Sportman's Alliance, NRA-ILA and others. Volunteers make a lot of our programs possible, Volunteer if you can.

Gwen Bailey, President