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<u>Summer Trap League</u> It sounds like we have most of our teams from last year and possibly 1 or 2 more this year. Next week June 6th will be the start date. The rules will be the same as last year, 500 birds, no more than 6 shooters on a team, take the top 5 shooters weekly score for record, fill your house with targets after shooting and find someone to score for your team. We will try to have the club open by 5:30 and shooting by 6. Anyone that would like to help is welcome to come early. We will again try to do a few Sundays and possibly a Saturday in there but that will be determined at a later date.

<u>Trap League Etiquette</u> To help everyone have a good shooting experience and keep the squads moving here are a few pointers for everyone to remember.

- If you are going to shoot on more than one squad make sure that you sign up with at least one squad in between the cards you sign up on. Don't hold up a squad because you are shooting on the other house.
- Be prepared. Don't sign up and kick back and have a soda with Joe if you are not ready to shoot. Get your gun and shells ready before you sign up on a squad. No one wants to wait for you to get ready.
- In between rounds don't lolly-gag. Get your shells and reload your pouch, stretch a little bit and get back up on the line. There will be time to smoke and joke after the squad shot their 50 rounds.
- Help score and reload the house after your squad shoots. We all need to pitch in to help make things run smooth. I get it you don't want to score every night but take your turn.

<u>Texas Hold'em Rifle League</u> This is the start of another summer league to shoot your favorite rifle. It starts on June 8th and runs until July 14th. Again this is a friendly competition and does not use tons of ammo to shoot it. Give our new club president a call and he will be sure you get the low down on how to play.

<u>Rifle Range</u> With the shooting season starting let's keep the range picked up. No one wants to shoot your shot up target so please throw it away before you leave. Pick up your brass and put it in the can by the benches if you don't want it. Shoot at targets not the target stands. Shooting target stands only shortens the life of the stand causing all of us increased shooting fees. Treat the range like you would treat your wife on her birthday and the range will be a fun place to shoot.

<u>Club Project Bucket List</u> If you have any skills or access to equipment that would help spruce up the Swamp Road please talk to the board members and see if we can get it going. Looks like we need to add to the list.

- 1. Finish storage room.
- 2. Replace doors in club house
- 3. Clean restroom.
- 4. Clean windows.
- 6. Brush parking lot and driveway

Spring Clean Up This Saturday the 1st we will be having a spring clean-up. We will police the ranges and parking lot along with cleaning the clubhouse. We will start at 9 am and work until done. The more people we get the faster we can get done. Food and refreshments will be available for the workers so come and take pride cleaning up the best sportsmen's club in Rusk County.

<u>Gun Board</u> As of right now I do not have a gun board. The last gun was a Century Arms PW87 Lever Action 12 gage shotgun and was won by Les Sorenson. I hope to have a board going in the next few days so make sure you leave room in your budget for a donation for our club. Who knows you may be the next winner at the Swamp Road Sportsmen's Club.

<u>Canned Gopher Shoot</u> This year it will be Saturday the 27th of July. If you have shot this event in previous years I will be sending you the rules. Again this year we will have a pre-sign up for those that need a specific time they want to shoot and for those that just want to come that day and sign up on a first come first shoot basis that will work also. Any questions please ask me or anyone that has shot it before. This is a very social event and is meant for all skill levels. Please mark your calendar and get ready to shoot some of those pesky little canned gophers!

Long Range Rifle League Tune your rifle in for 300 yards. You will shoot 10 shots a week for 7 weeks at 300 yards. The targets will be 5 shots on paper and 5 shots on steel. The cost of all this will be \$25. Fun will start August 3rd and run until September 15th. This is one for those of you that have a .22 Hornet or .300 win mag, with a little practice anyone could do it.

<u>Free Hand Rifle League</u> This is a great league to get your gun ready for deer hunting. All of the shots are done unsupported. It will start September 7th and run until October 12th. Just like any of these leagues if you have any questions please call me.

<u>.30-.30 Shoot</u> Back by popular demand we will have a .30-.30 shoot. But wait any rimmed cartridge can be used. Bring Grandpa's .32 or 7-30 Waters, it's all good

Recipe of the Month: Chicago-Style Hot Dog Place an all-beef cooked hot dog in a hot steamed bun. Pile in the toppings in this order, 1tbsp. spoon of yellow mustard, 1 tbsp. of sweet green pickle relish, 1 tbsp. of chopped onion, 4 tomato wedges, 1 dill pickle spear, 2 sport peppers, and 1 dash of celery salt. The tomatoes should be nestled between the hot dog and the top of the bun. Place the pickle between the hot dog and the bottom of the bun. Don't even think about ketchup!

<u>Crystal Ball</u> June 1st club clean up, June 6th summer trap begins, June 7th Club meeting, June 8th, Texas Hold'em Rifle League begins, June 14th Flag Day, June 16th Father's Day, July 5th **NO CLUB MEETING**, July 27th Canned Gopher shoot.

<u>Next Meeting</u> The next meeting will be June 7th. This will focus on summer shooting. If there is anything else that needs urgent attention, be sure to contact the board prior to the meeting.

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