

Shooting Match

This was a newspaper article that was ran in the South Gibson Star-News on Jan. 17, 2006 concerning the Montgomery Ruritan Club Shooting Matches that are held on the Ruritan Grounds. The Shooting Matches have been going on since the start of the Club in the 1960's. The Club started them at All Saint's Hall/Grounds in Cannelburg and then moved them to Ruritan Building when the Building was completed In 1977.

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Fred Gray displays his impressive 8-foot long modified Mossberg shotgun while awaiting the beginning of the Montgomery Ruritan Club shooting match at Montgomery on Sunday, Jan. 8. Gray had an extra long barrel machined to fit the Mossberg shotgun. It was one of two shotguns he used during the shooting match. (Photo by Charles Kiesel)

Montgomery Ruritan Club sponsors shooting match

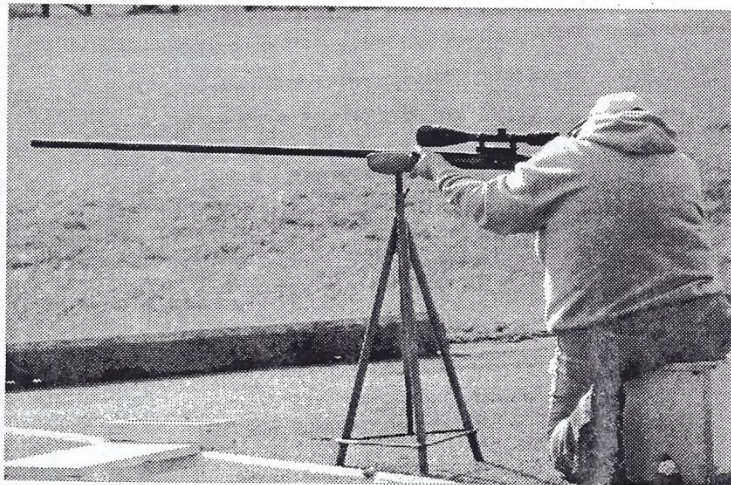
By Charles Kiesel

If you enjoy participating in spot shoots and would like to compete against some extremely long-barreled shotguns, Montgomery, might be the place for you to be Sunday, Feb. 12. That is the date of the next Montgomery Ruritan Club sponsored shooting match of the season.

If the last shooting match held Sunday, Jan. 8 is any indication of what can be

expected, there is a good chance some competitors at that match will be shooting shotguns with very long barrels.

The Montgomery Ruritan Club shooting match will take place Sunday, Feb. 12 at noon CST (1 p.m. EST Montgomery time) on the grounds of the Montgomery Ruritan Community Building. The matches beginning at 1 p.m. will be ham rounds with a closed beef match following at 3 p.m.

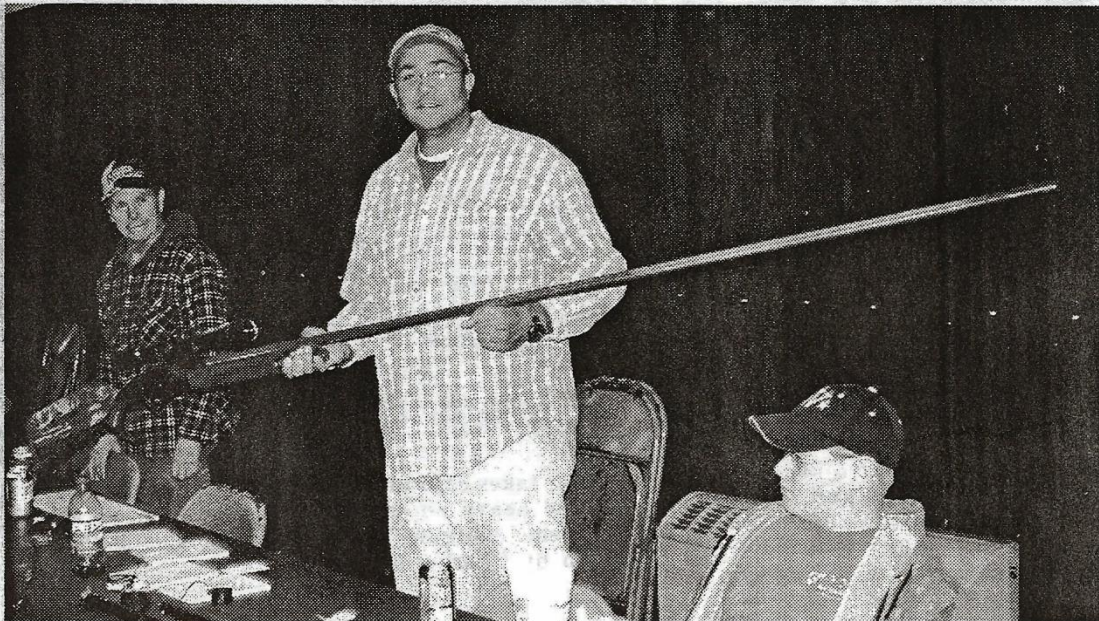


This shooter takes careful aim at the target using a tripod to support the heavy shotgun during the shooting match. Several "extreme shotguns" were in action during the spot shoot. (Photo by Charles Kiesel)

Shown here in these pictures is the firing line outside the Community Bldg. and the picture below is the big gun that Dave Brown uses at the Shoots. These shoots have been going on for over 40 years or more and we use to have 4 or more a year but now it has been cut down to two a year and both are in January. It is one of the most popular Shooting Matches in the area. It is a good source of income for the Club.



The Montgomery Ruritan Club shooting match took place Sunday, Jan. 8. Before each round, participants inscribed their own plywood targets with two intersecting lines using a utility knife. The point where the two lines crossed served as the target at which to aim and the point from which pellet impacts on the board would be measured to determine the winner of a round of shooting. Shooting from a distance of 30 yards while sitting on wooden benches, each of the twenty participants in a round was allowed to shoot twice at the target. (By Charles Kiesel—photo by Jann Kiesel)



Prepared to compete, David Brown of Washington brought this “extreme shotgun” to the Montgomery Ruritan Club shooting match in Montgomery. (Photo by Charles Kiesel)

Shown here is a financial report after the shooting match held on Sun. Dec. 2, 1973. Not a lot of profit at some of the early shoots but as the years went by it became more profitable for the club. Not exactly sure when it was started but the Ruritan Club gave **Free** Ham/Beans/Cornbread and soft drinks for everyone. This proved to be a crowd pleaser for all that attended the shooting matches.

RURITAN SHOOT
December 2, 1973

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Change	\$100.00	Change	\$100.00
Ham Boards	621.00	Boards Bonds	60.00
Beef Boards	679.00	Hams	350.73
Scatter Boards	160.00	Beef	311.60
Tip Boards	<u>282.00</u>	Shells	138.56
TOTAL =	1,842.00	Hall Rental	25.00
		Advertising	<u>56.40</u>
		TOTAL =	\$1,042.29

Total Income = \$1,842.00
 Total Expense = 1,042.29
 PROFIT = \$ 799.71

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Shooting Match Workers List from 1972: Shown here is the workers Lists from Feb. 6, 1972 shooting match. It is noteworthy that many on this list from 1972 have passed on and very are still around. Thank goodness for the younger generation who have stepped forward to help keep the club alive and moving forward.

MONTGOMERY RURITAN SHOOTING MATCH

FEBRUARY 6, 1972

Tip boards: Jim Murphy, Joe Traylor Joe Gray, P.V. Steiner,
Jim O'Brian

Scatterboards: Everett Harrawood, Charles Steiner, Bob
Elliott.

Public Address: Ralph Dages, Nick Gootee, Charles Hart.

Publicity: Chris O'Brian

Ham boards: Lee Nolan, Louie Kavanaugh, Louis McGee, Andy
Doyle, Glen Craney, Tom Craney.

Beef boards: Fred Murphy, Leo Ryan, Bill Loughmiller, Tom
Webber.

Change: Jim Traylor, Fr. Anders.

Judges: Chris O'Brian, Murel Seal, Tom Gallagher, Jack Walker.

Meat Handlers: Louis Clements, Odius Hinkel, Virgil Clements.

Runners: Albert Kavanaugh, Jim Nolley, Norb Steiner, Bernie
Duncheon, Bob Showalter, George Nolan, Jerry Scheutz,
Steve Murphy, Jack Craney.

Care of Shells: Bob Hart

Loaders: Jim Parsons, Clyde Schnarr, Paul J. Steiner, Lois
Wininger, Pat Delaney, Joe Arvin, David Kavanaugh,
Tony Fuhs, Max Burkhardt, Walter Downey.

Outside heat: Clyde Schnarr.

Reporting Time: 12:30 p.m.

Shoot Starts: 1:00 p.m.

Handwritten calculation:
18.00
- 1.96

16.04
- 1.90

14.14
- 1.50

12.64