

YOUTH PROGRAM 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

SUMMARY: OVERALL PARTICIPATION IN FORMAL YOUTH EVENTS INCREASED WITH 161 YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN 15 EVENTS, COMPARED TO 151 YOUTH SHOOTERS IN 10 EVENTS IN 2019. PARTICIPATION WOULD HAVE BEEN GREATER HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR COVID-19 AND HAZARDOUS SMOKE CONDITIONS WHICH FORCED THE CANCELLATION OF SOME EVENTS, AND RESCHEDULING OF OTHERS. DESPITE THESE CHALLENGES, THERE WERE NUMEROUS POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDING: INCREASED SCOUT ACTIVITIES AND SHOOTERS; PARTICIPATION AT TRAP BY THE MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL TRAP CLUB; THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE FIRST ANNUAL JOHN MELVILLE YOUTH SHOOT DAY AND SUBSTANTIAL DONATIONS FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS. MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS VOLUNTEERED MANY HOURS SUPPORTING YOUTH EVENTS, THANK YOU!

ACTIVITIES

- 1) **HUNTER EDUCATION**: Restrictions associated with COVID-19 and hazardous fire and smoke conditions forced the cancellation of several HE field days. Four HE field days were completed with 86 participants, which is the same number of events and participants as in 2019.
- 2) **RIMFIRE CHALLENGE**: This was the second year for this competitive, timed event with 7 monthly events from March through October. It provided opportunities for youth and adult shooters. This year 9 youth shooters participated compared to 1 youth that showed up at last year's 2 events.
- 3) **4H**: Repeated efforts to attract local 4H shooting groups were unsuccessful.
- 4) **SCOUTING**:
 - a) A Cub Scout event on July 20, 22, and 24 at Cowboy Action. The event offered BB guns and archery and attracted 31 scouts. Last year's single day event attracted 16 scouts.
 - b) A Boy Scout 22 rifle event occurred at Rifle/Pistol attracted 7 scout shooters.
 - c) A fundraiser for Scouting occurred at Trap and Sporting Clays on August 21 with 40 adult and 7 youth attending compared to 26 adults and 11 youth that were present in 2019.
- 5) **MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL TRAP CLUB**: This was the first year for this group to use RRG. They practiced twice weekly for 8 weeks during the spring, and 6 weeks during the fall. Over the 14 weeks an estimated 400 shooters participated. The Club provided a case of shotgun ammunition to help defray their costs.
- 6) **JOHN MELVILLE YOUTH SHOOT DAY**: Originally planned for September 13, the event was cancelled due to hazardous smoke conditions and was rescheduled and occurred on October 4. This was a facility wide event that allowed youth to shoot for free at all five disciplines. Twenty-one youth with their families turned out and were able to shoot at all disciplines free. Donated ammunition was provided to any youth needing it. Planning for this event in 2021 is ongoing.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

Table 1 provides more detail about the two donation accounts that fund youth activities, administrative costs, and special expenditures.

- a) Bottle/Can Redemption Program: This account started 2020 with a balance of \$2,555.12 from redemption proceeds from 2019 and 2018 (Table 1). Despite inclement fire conditions and COVID-19, donations of beverage containers increased 21% this year. Through November net proceeds were \$1,448.50, compared to last year's figure of \$1,183. Expenses totaled \$22.50, nearly the same last years. For the first time since this program started funds were used for something other than maintenance. An expenditure of \$850 was matched with the same amount from the Melville account to purchase a thrower for Sporting Clays that benefits inexperienced and youth shooters. With this expenditure the current account balance is \$3153.62.
- b) John Melville Memorial Donations: Donations of \$200 were received in December of last year and this account started 2020 with a balance of \$2,935. An additional \$510 of donations were received from donors during the inaugural John Melville Youth Shoot Day. Expenditures of \$1181.90 occurred that included expenses associated with the youth shoot day and expending matching funds with the redemption program to purchase a thrower for Sporting Clays (Table 1).
- c) Merchandise and Other Donations :
 1. 36 cases of trap clay birds and 2 cases of sporting clay targets.
 2. Large Stack-On lockable gun safe.
 3. 426 boxes of 12 ga., 40 boxes of 20 ga., and 8,150 rounds of 22 LR ammunition.

2021 PROGRAM GOALS (work in progress)

1. Continue the Melville and Beverage Container Redemption Donation Programs. Better document their purpose, objectives, and goals.
2. Redemption Donation Program:
 - a. Replace worn out redemption collection containers.
 - b. Recruit help.
 - c. Increase/improve promotion efforts.
3. Explore the feasibility of a youth shooting scholarship fund.
4. Inventory youth program disposables and capital items. Develop improved storage for supplies and equipment.
5. Develop a schedule of planned youth events, with an initial draft by 01/31/21.
6. Continue to work closely with shooting discipline directors to maintain and increase youth programs by:
 - a. Maintaining existing youth program activities (ODFW HE Field Days, Scouting, Mountain View HS Trap Club).
 - b. Working with the Rimfire Challenge Event Coordinators to try an increase youth participation.
 - c. Conducting a John Melville Youth Shoot Day in 2021.
 - d. Contacting and reinstating Ore. HS Rodeo, 4H, and NRA YHEC youth activities.
 - e. Increase organized youth shooting at Archery and Sporting Clays.
7. Establish a leadership team to help with all aspects of the Youth Program.
8. Update the Youth page on the website.

TABLE 1: YOUTH PROGRAM INCOME AND EXPENDITURES, 2018-2020

	GROSS	ADMIN.	NET	PROGRAM	ENDING
YEAR	INCOME (\$)	EXPENSES (\$)	INCOME (\$)	EXPEND.*(\$)	BALANCE (\$)
MELVILLE DONATIONS					
2019	2735.00	0	2735.00	0	2735.00
2020	710.00	0	710.00	1181.90	2263.10
B&C REDEMPTIONS					
2018	1442.70	186.58	1256.12	0	1256.12
2019	1319.00	20.00	1299.00	0	2555.12
2020	1471.00	22.50	1448.50	850.00	3152.62

*Program Expenditures:

A thrower was purchased for Sporting Clays (\$1,700 total, \$850 each account) for use by youth and inexperienced shooters. An additional expenditure from the Melville account in the amount of \$331.90 was for merchandise and costs associated with the John Melville Youth Shoot Day.