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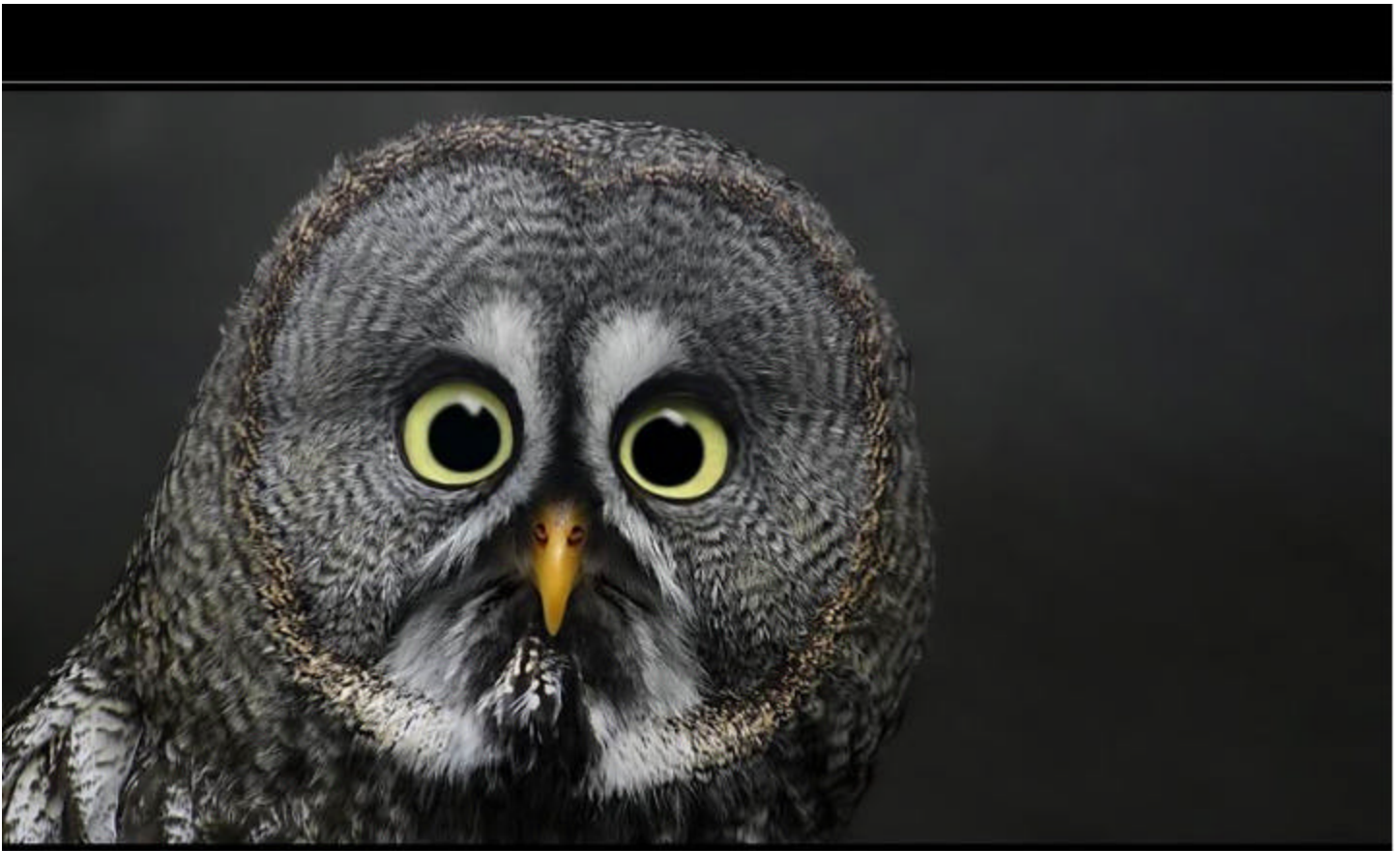
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Well, it's official; winter time in Northeast Ohio has arrived. November has been pretty decent but the worst is yet to come. I took a little time out this month and went Pheasant hunting with my good friend Phil Delmonti. Grabbed my bird dog Bella the GSP and headed for a pheasant preserve. Now, on with the hunt. Phil is a pretty far shot. If you hesitate on a bird or look to long, chances are you will be watching a falling bird. Phil has already snipped it out from under you. All you get is that little smile and a look that says, "Sharpen up or I'm going to do all the shooting today". The day turned out well, I did manage to keep up with Phil and we had a great time together. I need to get out and do this more often but life just gets in the way of having a good time. The birds were cleaned and we headed back home. It was great to share time with a good friend and just relax; no phones and no one asking what to do next. Phil called me the next day and thanked me for the pain in his legs and knees. I told him that I was in pain myself and I am actually mad at myself for being this out of shape. We shot a total of 20 birds and had a great time. As a famous person said once, "It's good to be the King."

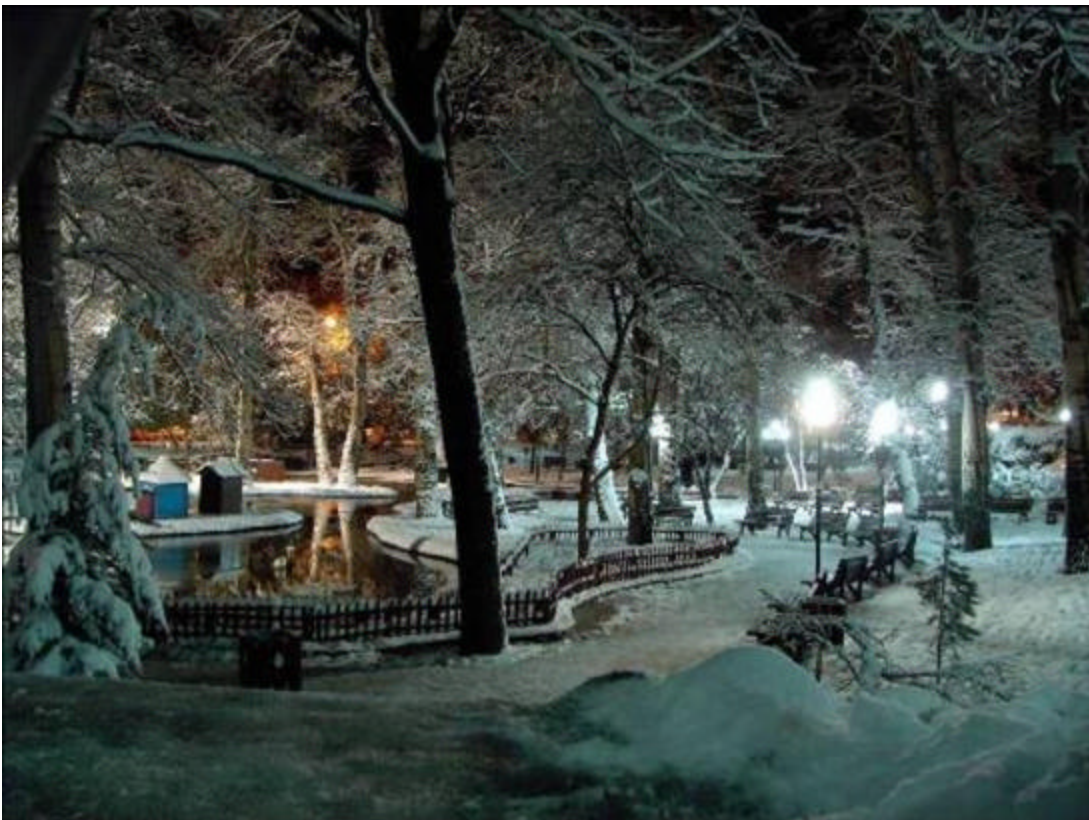


This is the last newsletter of 2009. It has been a pretty good year. But I know I can't wait for 2010 to see what surprises it may hold. Remember the reason for the Season. And it may not be politically correct, be then again, I have never been accused of being right. Have a wonderful and safe Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. To the left is a special photo, if you see a soldier this season say thank you and wish them well. The brave men and women in uniform are the reason that we are free today to enjoy all that we have. God Bless America and God Bless our soldiers that protect this great country.



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**I'd know this look anywhere, are you sure I missed the last target. There might have been a small piece you know. Could happen just maybe!**



A last look at 2009 Merry Christmas to all and a very happy New Year. Let this season be a reminder to all that we cherish and remember to do all you can to protect your freedoms. May 2010 be the best year yet.

## *The World According to Me ~ "Dennis DeVault"*



I thought that my little buddy might share a moment and watch what I am doing this month. He is rather colorful and ready for Christmas to arrive. It's hard to believe that it has been a year and a half since I started to write this newsletter. I hope that I haven't bored everyone to death yet! I was very sad that I could not make the last shoot at the Las Vegas Gun Club last month. Conflicting schedules would not allow me to attend. I have not been able to talk to Steve yet; but I hope that his last shoot was a success. It is sad to see LVGC go, but nothing remains forever. I started attending the Vegas shoots in the Spring of 1993 and I attended Steve's shoots twice a year until last year. I have many fond memories of Vegas and we sold a lot of guns at that club. It was probably one of my most favorite places to shoot. The atmosphere was always very relaxed and I made many friends through the years. There will never be another place like Las Vegas and I wish Steve and his family the best. I hope that Steve finds another club to manage. I know he will do well no matter where he goes. So thank you Steve and staff for all the memories that you provided through the years.

The Double D Shooting Clinics web site is back up and ready for viewing again. Dean and I are beginning to set up our schedule for next year. As we begin to schedule the dates you will be able to log onto <http://www.ddshooting.com> to see if there is a scheduled clinic in your area for 2010. If you want to hold a clinic at your club just call Dean or Dennis and we will be glad to set on up and do the class for your dates. We do not have to be there before a big shoot. I personally have been doing a limited amount of shooting as we have been busy with running the shop. The clinics will be for (2) days and we need (10) shooters for each clinic. We split the clinic into two groups and we each take (5) shooters at a time. Dean has areas that he covers and I have my areas as well. Between the two of us there are not many problems that we cannot figure out. We will cover the basics on foot positions, gun holds, eye holds and how to look for a target. Many times I have asked a shooter; "Do you focus on a target?" Answer; "Yes I see the target." There is a huge difference in seeing a target and focusing on a target. The other difference in our approach to shooting is the style of shooting. I do not want you to shoot like Dean or me. Each shooter is an individual and the key here is to teach; not show you how we shoot and have you imitate our style. It is nearly impossible, in just a two day class for a person to change everything you have been doing. Remember it takes (21) days to break an old habit and develop a new one. A vast amount of shooting is unconscious repetition. Once the mechanics are learned it is time to take yourself to the next level. Another thing to remember is to not be embarrassed to let one of us know if you have a problem that will not allow you to participate fully in a clinic. I was teaching three new shooters the basics about three years ago. I asked all of them if there were any problems that I needed to know about before we headed to the club. They all looked at each other and said, "No problems". We proceeded to the club and all three took the line to shoot their first round. We went over foot positions and gun holds as we shot the first round. The second round started and one shooter had changed his entire set-up and was now cradling the gun by sticking his left elbow on his hip or belt area. This is a classic move of a person that has a gun that is too heavy. He was now rocking on his hips and no longer swinging to the target. I walked up to him and ask what he was doing? He answered; "The gun is to heavy to hold up." He was a shooting a 391 Beretta at the time. His next response floored me. He told me that he had neck and back surgery about a week before. Upon inspection he had a fresh incision from the base of his neck half way down his back. I immediately took the gun away from him and made him sit on the bench. After the other two had finished I asked why no one told me about this before we left the shop. They all knew about the surgery but, no one told me as they didn't want to rat their buddy out. A lot of damage could have happened that day. It shook me up so bad that I could not even finish the lesson that day. The man later came back and become a very good shooter but that was a frightening day that could have had disastrous results.

## *The World According to Me ~ “Dennis DeVault”*

As you are thinking about taking a clinic in 2010, research all the clinics and what they have to offer. Keep in mind that every DD Shooting clinic starts out with Dean and me checking your gun set up and how it fits you. Some clinics start you shooting without making sure your gun isn't working against, instead of with you. As a stock maker and gun fitter we can see, and usually fix, things others would miss even if they were to look. “NASCAR drivers don't race until they are sure their equipment is right.” “What starts out wrong turns out wrong” so make sure before taking a clinic that you are prepared. When taking a clinic keep an open mind and learn everything that you can. If something is talked about that you don't understand stop the instructor and ask for a better explanation. If you don't ask don't blame the instructor. When taking a clinic be prepared to shoot and accept what the person is trying to explain. Pick a coach and try that method for a while. If after an honest period of time, the method does not work for you then move on.

On behalf of Cindy, Dennis and the entire staff at DeVault Industries may the peace of the Lord be upon you and have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you in 2010.

Rodeo Man Out!

**Oh what I wouldn't give to be a kid again. A curious mind is a wonderful thing!!**



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## *From the Mind of ~ Dean DeBow*

Well here we are with 2010 staring us in the face.

Before we get into this, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have come to us for suggestions, and or help.

No matter if it was a class, private lesson, to buy a gun, a custom fitted stock, reading these newsletters, or a phone call. I certainly hope we have helped, and that what we helped you with will continue to be beneficial to you and your game for many years to come. Please remember we are here after the sale or the class for you if you need us. I wish all of you, a safe and Happy Holiday with your family and friends.

This month let us talk about the approach to this game. The set up if you will. I heard an old saying that is quite true for all of us. After you think about it, you will see what a simple yet strong meaning it has.

“If you fail to prepare, then you are preparing to fail!”

We all want to win, whether it be the Clay Target at the Grand, C Class Doubles, or our yardage group at our own State Shoot. If not, then you would not be reading this! Many shooters feel they do not have a gun club at their disposal so they can practice as needed to be at their desired level. Please, do not misunderstand, once you get everything together, meaning all three disciplines, Singles, Handicap and Doubles, most people do not need to practice much to be competitive, if you practice correctly.

However until you reach that point you need to do whatever it takes for you to achieve your goals. Most people do not know to how to practice correctly. Practice is not taking 10 boxes of ammo to the club every two weeks, playing games with your buddies, then shooting a couple of rounds before going home. Real practice is very hard work! In addition, if done consistence and correctly, you will find you need less practice than you may think. Get someone to adjust the targets after every two rounds, up, down, or more spring. Get a friend with similar goals in mind and pull for each other. These electronic voice releases are nice but they can make mistakes, so be ready.

Two years ago, I had a 199x200 in the Clay Target. If I told you I was not upset it would be a lie. It was not the score that upset me, it was why I missed. After hours of thinking about it, only then did I realized the target appeared just as I started to call, so I jumped at it and missed. It was so close, I did not realize what had happen until later. No excuses, I had not practiced to succeed, so I failed. Do not stand on the same field week after week, at the same club shooting the same target and background and expect to do well when you go somewhere else.

Now let us talk about the many of us who do not shoot for a few months during the winter. This does not mean we never think of shooting during these months. Personally, I probably think more about shooting in the winter when not shooting than when the season is in full swing. In fact, we can do many things that can help us with our game without firing a gun. Get your equipment updated or serviced, so when you need it that is one less thing to be concerned with. As stated in previous newsletters, do your gun lifts. Teach your eyes to focus faster. There were some new items on the market advertised, check them out. Build a winning mindset. For example, if you are worried about missing, you are almost certain to miss. Let it happen, stop trying not to miss, and break the next target. That is all you have control over, the next target, and that is the only way to control your score. One at a time! Three months into this game, I met the 1925 GA Doubles Champion in a lunch line at Bob Graf's last big shoot.

He said son the only secret to this game is, “Keep the wood on the wood, and shoot them one at a time”.

Until next time.

There is a Champion in each and every one of you.

***Dean DeBow***

## *North Lawrence Fish & Game Club, North Lawrence, Ohio*

I wanted to put in a little plug for North Lawrence Fish & Game. Scott Powell has taken over the club this year and has been working hard to make a go of a very nice club. The club has not been open in the past during the winter months but Scott has wanted to stay open all winter long. This year they have started a 100 bird program shoot that is opposite the shoot at Monroe Gun Club. I was there for the last shoot and the crowds are growing but it takes time to build a good shoot. If you are looking for a place to shoot a program during the winter months give Scott a call or send him an e-mail. If you can, go to their web site:<http://www.nlfg.org> it will list all the information on how to contact Scott and look at their schedule. It is great facility and a fun place to shoot.



**We are beginning to set our schedule for the spring of 2010. If anyone wants to schedule a clinic at their favorite club let Dean or Dennis know so we can set you in the schedule. Watch the web site for the dates and locations as we post the schedule [www.ddshooting.com](http://www.ddshooting.com) Contact Dean @ 270-886-2095 or Dennis @ 330-456-6070. We look forward to seeing everyone in the spring.**

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