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Yes, 2010 has arrived. Farwell to 2009, it was not a really good year for me but to some maybe so. Oh well, on with 2010. We are continuing our efforts to bring more solutions to the shooting public. At the beginning of this New Year DeVault Industries has launched an on-line store that will allow our customers to, order items 24-7 and also be able to pay for products and services. In our web site "www.devaultind.com" you can select several products and services that include; Double D Shooting Clinics, our famous cut comb washers, fast bolt closers and other items. In our web site it will direct you to our store where your purchases can be made. Later in the first quarter of the year you will be able to purchase wood blanks from our inventory and save a great piece of wood for your future custom stock. Purchasing the wood ahead of time will allow the person to buy that one of a kind piece that may never be available again. We are excited about these new additions to our company and hope that they will better service your needs in 2010. Thank you to all that supported us in 2009 and we look forward to an even better year in 2010.

DeVault's Winners Box

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following shooters for their accomplishments for 2009.

Sally J. Stevens - Double D Shooting Clinic ~ Browning XT Combo ~ MTA Ladies First Team **86.30**

Mark R. Stevens - Double D shooting Clinic ~ Browning XT Combo ~ MTA Men's Second Team **92.05**

Ron W. Baker - DeVault Custom Shotgun ~ DeVault Custom Stock MX-8 Perazzi ~ MTA Men's Veteran's second Team **91.04**

Tal Seger - DeVault Custom Shotgun ~ DeVault Custom Stock & rib Beretta 682 ~ Illinois Men's First State Team **95.29**

Al Stichter - Kreighoff K-80 Trap Special w/DeVault Custom Stock. ~ Illinois Men's First State Team **94.73**

George Rezabek - Kolar Max Trap Combo ~ DeVault Custom Stock ~ Indiana Men's second State Team **93.99**

Darren New - Browning XT Combo ~ Double D Shooting Clinic ~ Utah State Men's first Team **96.13**

The World According to Me ~ "Dennis DeVault"

Hello everyone and welcome to 2010. I am looking forward to this new year. DeVault Industries has many projects on the list for the new year and we are eager to get started. The new adjustable rib system looks like it is going to be a big hit and we are already having barrels sent to us to get started. We hope to have a new trigger for the Beretta semi-auto's out for sale sometime in the first quarter of the year.

The newest addition for us is the on-line store that features several of our products. These products are available for purchase on-line. We can accept PayPal, Visa, MasterCard, Discover & Checks all with the click of a button. Check back often as we will be adding more products as the year goes on. Also note that you can pay on-line for the deposit for any Double Shooting Clinic and Promotional tickets can also be purchased. We are trying hard to keep with all this new technology but it takes time to get it right.

Before I begin this month's topic I just wanted to reflect a little bit from last year. Many of you know my Dad, we all call him Pop. He is 81 years young this year but he has decided to hang up his spurs. Two weeks ago he came to the shop and dropped off his MachOne that he has shot for many years and requested that it be given to his youngest grandson Paul. Paul is the youngest of my two boys and many of you have seen him at shoots now and then with me. Paul was excited about this but now I have to make a left handed stock for him. He shoots from the wrong side of the gun! I think I will do a little research and see if there is someone out there that can make a stock for him. It was a sad day to have my father hang it up but I am sure he will enjoy watching his name sake shoot his old gun and break targets.

Now on to the topic for this month. Dean and I were chatting about rib designs and things that may help shooters do what they need to do to break targets. I have seen this scenario many times. A shooter will pick up a new gun and go out and just grind targets. They buy the gun, get it home and two months later they can't hit a target to save themselves. What happened? I know it's the guns fault! Or did the shooter just get complacent and slip back into their old routines. I have heard this many times as well, "This gun just does not shoot like it used to, I need a new gun". Your gun needs to be properly maintained. Keep the triggers clean and make sure that the trigger pull has stayed consistent. Then remember the gun is an inanimate object and has no ability to move, or suddenly not perform without some kind of human intervention. There are and have been some circumstances where there is a mechanical failure but most of the time the reason for failure is you. The "Gears between the ears." is the first place to look for the cause and solution to most problems.

I see shooters all the time just going through the motions and shooting just because it is their turn. This is not a cheap sport and when playing the game we need to pay attention and by all means practice with a purpose. Make sure that you are making a good solid mount every time you put the gun to your shoulder. If you go out to the club and your heart is not in it for that day, sit around tell lies to your buddies and just enjoy the day. Leave the gun in the car if you are not going to give the practice rounds a 100% solid effort. Part of this good structure comes from doing your gun lifts at home in front of a mirror and making a perfect mount every time.

Spring is just around the corner and the shooting season will be upon us very quickly. Make a check list about what you need to do for the coming year. Get your triggers worked on now while you have a break. If you need a little stock work done, do it now. Watch what you eat and control your weight through the winter months. If you can, set up a workout routine, that can keep you fit while we are setting on the couch this winter and watching the tube. If you stay in shape now it won't be so tough to get ready in the spring.

Welcome to 2010 and I hope that is a very prosperous new year for everyone.

Until next month,

Rodeo Man Out

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DeVault Industries LLC Announces its Customer Appreciation Tour. We are going to sell “120 Tickets” at \$ 50.00 per ticket for some very great custom products & services. This will be a wonderful opportunity for a great deal at a fraction of the original cost.

DeVault Championship Package 1st ticket drawn:

A custom stock and for-end for your gun, this package will include (1) round trip air fare from anywhere in the continental United States to our shop in Canton, Ohio. You will also have two nights accommodations at the McKinley Grand Hotel in downtown Canton, Ohio. A shuttle service will greet you at the airport and take you to the hotel and they will deliver you to our door the next morning. The stock can be made for most any shotgun from your choice of English or Turkish Walnut. Your personalized checkering will be developed by working with Cindy DeVault

This package is valued at \$ 5,200.00

Second Prize 2nd ticket drawn:

A complete stock and for-end refinish on your favorite shotgun. This package includes stripping off old finish, repairing any dents, re-cutting all checkering, & applying our high gloss deluxe epoxy finish to bring out the beauty in your wood!

Package valued at \$ 500.00

Third Prize 3rd ticket drawn:

A custom fitting for a new custom stock and for-end from DeVault Industries LLC. This is for the fitting only.

Package valued at \$ 400.00

Fourth Prize 4th ticket drawn:

A Delrin Add-On rib installed on any barrel which will help the shooter with a more heads-up style of shooting. We can adjust and personalize the rib to your specifications.

Package valued at \$ 375.00

All items will have to be claimed and services performed on or before September 15, 2010.

From the Mind of ~ Dean DeBow

Hope you had a great time with your friend's and family's over this holiday season. Old man winter sure has his grip firmly on most all of us now.

We are still having three or four squads at our local club every Saturday night, regardless of the weather. Which for here is a good sign for shooting, it has not slowed down as much as predicted by some. In fact that is more shooters than we use to have in the ninety's. Now let us think about improving your game this coming season.

Get a pad and pen, and start reviewing your last year's performance. If you did not keep a journal, go to the ATA web site and look at the scores you shot and where. It will help jog your memory. Was it up to your expectations? No matter, make a list of what you did that worked and or did not work so well. Weather conditions, wind direction, what color lenses, etc. The key of doing this is so the list gets longer on the side that worked well. Congratulate yourself on what worked well and start training what didn't by doing things we've discussed in past newsletters, such as gun lifts or eye exercises.

One time a few years ago a friend ask if I would sell his gun on consignment. It was a gun he had shot for several years very well many times. The last morning of the State Shoot, he ask if I would take a look at him mounting his gun that he had shot for so long, and was now for sale. He was not having fun with the new one he had bought. He mounted it and we made some adjustments, and then raised the POI. He shot a practice round and went out to win the State Handicap. Every time we see each other, I reminded him, I am still waiting for my half of the winnings!

Point being; he had forgotten what he was doing correctly and thought it was the gun. Had he kept notes of his shooting he would have saved himself quite a bit of time, money, and frustration. Knowing the way he shot, I was sure his POI was off, along with his comb and butt plate. He might have gained weight, or got a bit shorter, not sure. This was before the custom (fitted) stock business, was known to most.

Sure, you could get some pretty wood made in several places; it just did not fit any better than factory wood. Be sure to write down your point of impact from at least 35 yards. For whatever reason the 16 yard, or 13 yard patterning does not work for me. Every little detail is important. Where you look for the target, how you call, how long you wait to call. Believe me, it can seem right but not even be close.

One year, when starting to practice Doubles, for the life of me I could not break above 88, four rounds in a row. The previous year I had not carded below a 94! What had changed, I ask a friend. She took one look and said, "You do not stand like that". "Are you sure", I replied. "No, you do not", she said, "You stand this way". Then it came together, 98-99-98-100! It was such a minor adjustment. You cannot see yourself. If you do not have a regular squad of people that know you, and how you shoot, (most do not) then if at all possible video yourself, shooting all three disciplines' of the game. Do it when you are shooting well.

It is usually the small stuff, on the short side of the page that causes us so much trouble. I certainly hope this gets you thinking.

Because I know,

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

Until next month,

Dean DeBow



These two photo's were named"

Mirror in the Water.

Simply breathtaking, I hope that you enjoy them and all the splendor that God supplies.



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 Contact Dean @ 270-886-2095 or Dennis @ 330-456-6070. We look forward to seeing everyone in the spring.

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. North Lawrence will be hosting a Double D Shooting Clinic there this spring and you can go to our web site to check the dates.



Weather man said last week that spring is just around the corner. I do believe someone is gargling their bath water again. Or he may suffer from too many home games without a helmet. You decide!!

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