

# Farm Shoot

## March 22, 2008

Great shoot on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Farm. Member John Childs and the Farm owner, The Squires, came through...AGAIN...with a shoot at The Farm. About 20 members attended with a variety of devices and mini-shows.

NWPAA Treasurer, Craig Dye, led off with a "1 Match Demonstration that included a variety of cakes, drivers, and a unique backwards timing device that literally "blew" the crowd away. His exploding drivers took years of work to perfect. He promises bigger and better at the actual contest.

Our own mild mannered, quiet by nature, Mr. John Childs, decided that since it was a bit too peaceful Spring that it was time to wake up the nice weather we were experiencing. Salute, salute, salute...I'm pretty sure that even the most accomplished Drill Instructor would have a sore arm by the time John announced..."Hey aren't any of the rest of you going to shoot anything?"

Howard and Skyler again wowed the crowd with their work. Sixes to three's they just kept coming. Very nice shells and sautés kept us on our feet. Steven Hepp, always a favorite, shot everything from hard hitting salutes, to verrrrry nice glitter mines.

Rod and Ric had a Comet-Off, testing different same-type comets. They agreed that both had high quality pieces, but were testing against a specific standard and Rod held the standard. Ric being the passive being he is, agreed that a rematch was necessary.

Richard Gillette and his Son, Michael, provided a firing system to the Association for their use. Much appreciated by all. Much cleaner shooting. He is one of our members who always tries to help out as much as he can. Many thanks to our friends Richard. And Michael.

The overall shoot went very well. The board is working on cleaning up the sign-in, magazine, site-management process. Many of us showed up early to help set up the shooting boxes, prep product, and haul equipment. I suggest you do the same for the next shoot. In addition to the pre work, be prepared to help do the post work. We all have equipment to haul out in addition to the equipment required for infrastructure. STAY until it is done. The shoot fee only covers the costs of putting together the event. Even with a cleanup fee, there is work that YOU can help with. I, with a few others have put our lives on the line through the years to provide this opportunity...Our expectation is that you will do the same. Please support as you would like to be supported. Let me put it this way; I don't expect, I require ALL of us to do our part. Those that aren't willing, schedule time with me personally, I will provide you a refund on your dues(one per person). It won't take long.

I look forward to the upcoming shoots. Be there!!!

Ric Wunn  
President, NWPAA

