

# 40 ROUNDS SKIRMISH -APRIL 25-26, 2015

The 114th Illinois Volunteer Infantry and the 2nd Wisconsin Infantry are proud to host a joint Western Region N-SSA and ACWSA Skirmish at the Lefthanders Gun Club, 9364 Rhea Road, Loami, Illinois. This is just a few miles west of Springfield. Skirmishers approaching Springfield on I-55 will want to take the I-72/36 West exit on the south side of Springfield (Exit 92 A-B) and head west towards Jacksonville until you reach the Loami exit, then proceed west through the community of Curran and then a few miles further to the Loami/Bates Road. Turn left (south) across the railroad tracks and then go another 3.5 miles to the village of Loami. Follow the road around to the west side of Loami and turn right at the Shell station onto the West Loami Road. In about 1.5 miles you welcome to a crossroads and will see a sign pointing south to the Lefthanders Gun Club. Go south 34 mile and turn left into the Lefthanders drive to the range.

#### New for 2015!

We will not run our traditional Long-range match this year. Instead, we are attempting to offer the full range of team shooting events, including revolver and breechloader. This means we are deviating a bit from the usual schedule of things and running a 3-relay breechloader early Sunday before musket.. We hope you all will bear with us and support this effort and see how this actually works out for all of you. It may mean we get done shooting around noon on Sunday instead of the usual 11:00, but we think it is going to be worth it. Please note also that we are offering a "non-official" individual aggregate competitions for revolvers and smoothbore single-shot pistols at reduced ranges in hopes of spurring renewed pistol and revolver interest. And, we will award a special prize for the winner of a 5-Gun Master of Arms aggregate.

## **Accommodations**

Limited camping is available on the range for tents and smaller campers only. While there is running water and flushers in the clubhouse adjacent to the range, we strongly suggest that you bring your own drinking water.

For those traveling light, the hosts will offer the usual skirmish fare for breakfasts and lunch.

For those preferring to motel in Springfield, there is a concentration of good motels and restaurants concentrated in and around the Parkway Pointe shopping center about 15 minutes from the Lefthanders by taking old Route 36 into Springfield. Those coming from Chicago and going to motels in this area

should take I-72 West, but should get off onto Route 4 North at Exit 93. Motels in the vicinity of this exit include:

The Comfort Inn 217/787-2250 The Fairfield Inn 217/793-9277

Hampton Inn 217/793-7670 (Near Gander Mountain south of interchange)

To reach the range from these motels, simply go north on Route 4 to Wabash Avenue, turn left, and go west 8.1 miles to the Bates/Loami Road. Turn left towards Loami and follow the directions given earlier.

Other Motels: On I-55 south of the I-72 interchange at Toronto Road (I-55 Exit 90) you will also find the Baymont Inn (217/529-6655) and the Days Inn (217/529-1410). Just north of the 6th Street Exit (Exit 92) at the I-55/I-72 interchange you will find a Super 8 (217/529-8898) and the Route 66 Motel (217/529-6626). The skirmish site is easily accessible from this area also by taking I-72 West.

## Saturday Night Dinner and Entertainment at the "Andersonville Cabaret Grill"

As always, we will fire up the big grill behind the clubhouse for steaks on Saturday night. The hosts will provide baked potatoes and some salad. Please bring your own steaks, brats, or whatever and participants are urged to contribute some sort of dish, salad, or dessert to the potluck.

### **Schedule:**

Friday, April 24

Move in and set up any time after 1:00 pm.

Saturday, April 26 (Central Daylight Savings Time)

6:30-9:00 Breakfast in Clubhouse

7:30 Commanders' Meeting and set-up for Team Revolver

8:00 (Sharp!) Revolver Team Competition

9:00 (Or immediately following Revolver) Range open for Individuals

9:00 -12:30 Individual competitions (A minimum of 12 relays will be fired, more if feasible)

12:30 Commanders' meeting for smoothbore and carbine

1:00 Smoothbore Team Competition

2:00 (Or Immediately following Smoothbore) Carbine Team Competition.

6:30 to Whenever – Steak Toss and Potluck at the "Andersonville Cabaret Grill"

Sunday, April 28 (Central Daylight Savings Time)

7:30 Commander's Meeting for Breechloader and Musket Team competitions.

8:00-8:45 Breechloader Team Competition

9:00 Opening Ceremony Followed Immediately by Musket Team Competition

12:00 (Approximate) Cleanup and Team Awards Parade

#### **Company Matches**

"40- Round" Medals will be awarded to the top three A-teams in all events and to the top B-team in musket and carbine. Please Note: Musket and Carbine teams to consist of 5 shooters, Smoothbore teams to consist of 4 shooters, and Breechloader and Revolver teams to consist of 3 shooters! Also-Club rules and both ACWSA and Western Region-N-SSA rules require eye protection and hearing protection on the shooting line. You will not shoot without safety glasses and ear-plugs!

Revolver (25 yd)	Smoothbore	Carbine (50 yd)
3-man	4-man (3 relays only)	5-man
3- Clays on	12 - Clays on Backer (25)	4 - Clays on Backer/man
Backer/man		
2- 4x4 Tiles/man	12 - Water-filled cups (25)	2 - 4x4 Tiles/man (Rolling Thunder!)
2- Birds/man	6 - Big Tiles and Bottles (50)	2 – Birds/man
		2 - Pots/man
		1-Moskeet and 1-bottle/man

Breechloader (50 yd) 3-man (3 relays only)	Musket (50 yd) 5-man	
4 - Clays on Backer/Man*	4 – Clays/man on Backer	
2 - 4x4 Tiles /Man* (Rolling Thunder!)	2 - 4x4 Tiles/man (Rolling Thunder!)	
2 – Bottles/Man*	2 – Birds/man	
	2 – Pots/man	
*Note: Double this Targeting for each repeater on the team!	1- Bottle & 1- Moskeet/man plus 1 poker chip on backer	

Company Match fees are \$6.00 per shooter for musket and carbine, and \$5.00 per shooter for breechloader, revolver and smoothbore.

#### **Individual Competitions**

The Classification System for individual awards is the usual Western Region and ACWSA Honor System and applies to musket and carbine individual events only (Not to aggregates). If you consistently shoot below 45, you may declare Class 2. Because this is a 50-yard range, "100 yard" events will be shot at 50 yards using special reduced size targets to simulate a 100-yard sight picture (these are the same as are used at the Deep South Region's Eva, Tennessee shoot). All events and re-entries are \$1.00.

Individual Aggregate awards will be in the form of "40-Round Skirmish" medals, with a trophy award for the "Master Skirmisher" 5-gun aggregate winner. All other individual awards will be in the form of ribbons.

50 yd Musket, Class 1	50 yd Breechloader	15 yd Revolver
and 2		
100 yd Musket, Class 1	100 yd Breechloader	25 yd Revolver
and 2		
Musket Agg.	Breechloader Agg	Revolver Agg (1st Place)
50 yd Carbine, Class 1 and 2	25 yd Smoothbore	15 yd Smooth Pistol
100 yd Carbine, Class 1 and 2	50 yd Smoothbore	25 yd Smooth Pistol
Carbine Agg.	Smoothbore Agg	Smooth Pistol Agg (1st Place)
5- Gun Master of Arms Agg.		

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION or ASSISTANCE CALL: N-SSA Skirmish Director Jim Leinicke, 217/525-3725 or ACWSA Skirmish Director Gary Van Kauwenbergh, 608/274-0736, or E-mail Jim at usrifle1841@sbcglobal.net.