

40 Rounds Skirmish –August 21-22, 2010

The 114th Illinois Volunteer Infantry is proud to once again host a **Western Region 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ mile and turn left into the Lefthanders drive to the range.

Accommodations

Camp almost anywhere on the Club grounds, including the grassy area next to the range. While there is running water and flushers in the clubhouse adjacent to the range, we suggest that you bring your own drinking water.

Breakfasts and a lunch will be available in the Clubhouse for those not wishing to cook.

For those preferring to motel in Springfield, there is a sizable 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. At the first stoplight, turn left into Parkway Pointe on Lindbergh. Motels in Parkway Pointe include:

The Marriott Courtyard	217/793-5300
The Comfort Inn	217/787-2250
The Sleep Inn	217/787-6200
The Fairfield	217/793-9277

If anyone has trouble finding a motel, there are others in the vicinity of the Route 4 – I-72 interchange. Give us a call and we will help find you a place to live.

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.

Saturday Night Cookout

As always, we will fire up the big grill for steaks on Saturday night. The 114th will provide baked potatoes and some salad. Please bring your own steaks, and participants are welcome to contribute some sort of dish, salad, or dessert to the potluck. Gary Weedman will once again have his beloved slurpy machines running, we hope!

Long-range Sharpshooter Event

We will once again conduct the long-range sharpshooter event on Saturday, shooting at a metal target. Firing will take place from a shaded knoll at targets set 250 yards distant. Shooters will have an opportunity to “find the range” (modern spotting scope may be used), and then shoot five shots for score. A shooter may assume any position for firing, and may use any available rest of natural materials such as might be available to a sharpshooter on picket duty. Any N-SSA approved firearm may be used for this event, as well as any period civilian caplock rifle suitable for sharpshooting duty. Entry for this special event is \$3.00 and re-entries are \$2.00.

Schedule

Friday, August 20

Move in and set up any time during the day.

Saturday, August 21 (Central Daylight Savings Time)

8:00 Range promptly opens for individual competitions.

10:00-1:00 Range open for Long-range match.

1:00 All ranges closed for individuals. Commander’s Meeting for Carbine and Smoothbore.

1:30 Company Carbine Competition

3:00 (Immediately following Carbine) Team Smoothbore.

3:00-5:00 Range re-opens for Long-range match

6:00 to Whenever – Potluck and Fellowship

Sunday, August 22 (Central Daylight Savings Time)

8:00 Commander’s Meeting for Musket.

8:30 Opening Ceremonies

8:45 Musket Company Competition

Immediately following the close of the Musket Company competition, companies will fall in for Awards Parade.

Company Match Targets

Please Note: Smoothbore teams will consist of 4 shooters!

Carbine (50 yd) 5-man	Smoothbore 4-man	Musket (50 yd) 8- man
20 Clays on Backer	12 Clays on Backer (25)	32 Clays on Backer
10 4x4 Tiles	8 4X4 Tiles (25)	16 4x4 Hanging Tiles
10 Hanging Clays	8 Hanging Clays (25)	16 Hanging Clays
10 Water-filled Cups	4 6x6 Tiles, 1 2-liter (50)	16 Water-filled Cups
6 – Small Assorted Stuff		10 – Small Assorted Stuff

Company Match fees are as follows: *Smoothbore, \$20.00 *Carbine, \$25.00 *Musket, \$40.00

Individual Competitions

The Western Region Classification System is an honor system and applies to musket and carbine only: If you have shot scores of 44 or above in Regional competition or 88 or above in National competition, you should declare Class I. 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). Individual matches are a buck a target.

Individual Events

(1st-3rd)

100 yd. Musket, Class 1 and 2

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100 yd. Breechloader

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Musket Agg

25 yd. Smoothbore

Carbine Agg

50 yd. Smoothbore

Smoothbore Agg

50 yd. Breechloader

Breechloader Agg

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: Jim Leinicke, 217/525-3725 or Bill Weedman, 217/793-5066, or E-mail Jim at usrifle1841@sbcglobal.com

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