

## MUZZLE LOADING SHOTGUN GAME LET'S SPREAD THE WORD

I was talking to a guy the other day, I told him I was going to a shotgun shoot. He said really! I didn't know they made muzzle loading shotguns. Well, yah, for the last several hundred years. He is one of those inline deer season shooters. That's ok too. This guy is no dummy , lets just say he is uninformed kinda like talking politics with my sister.

So he says how many pyrodex pellets can you put in one of those things? I knew this conversation was going to take a while. I explained the sequence of loading. First the powder from a measure not the can. Then the nitro card pushed down with a ramrod, then a fiber cushion, again pushed down with the ramrod and then dump in the shot finishing with an over shot card. Now its ready to prime and shoot. He is standing there shaking his head and rolling his eyes and says that's too much work, I think I will stick to my Ruger Red Label.

The point I want to make is you have to take the newcomer to the range and show them how it works. You can't just tell them. Let them get their hands dirty and bust some birds. If you get them hooked then you can help them find a gun and supplies and have a partner to go to shoots with you.

You can check with the traders at shoots and rendezvous, sometimes they have a used shotgun for sale. If you want new you can go to one of the big fancy stores that have all the dead animal heads hanging on the wall, but beware; you will pay the big bucks there.

I have the best luck finding a gun at gun shows, but if you buy an original be sure to check it over really good to make sure its sound and safe to shoot.

Here in North Iowa we have some local clubs that give us the opportunity to shoot some trap. Jefferson, Cherokee, and Collins all throw a few birds for us at their shoots.

Then there is the big one. This is the Iowa Black Powder Federation State Shotgun Shoot open to all. Hosted by the Marshal County Gun Club North

of Marshalltown Iowa. (Adjacent to the airport on Hwy 14), Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 21, 22 and 23, 2012. Three days of 10,16, and 20 yd. Trap. Traditional, and 10 yd flint, 10,16, & 20yd black powder cartridge trap plus muzzle loading and Cartridge Skeet. There is even Night Black Powder Cartridge shooting, 25 birds at 16yd under the lights. You can see the fire come out the end of the muzzle. And all that smoke too!!

Medallions awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each match. Matches are all re-entry. Come for the day or all weekend. Camping available on sight. Restrooms but no showers, no electric or sewer hook-ups. Refreshments and lunch is available.

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