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NOVEMBER MATCH

The next match will be on Saturday November 1, 2014. Sign up is at 9:00 AM with shooting beginning at 10:00 AM. As everyone knows this is dependent on weather. This is the last scheduled match of the year. However should the weather cooperate, there could be one in December.

NOVEMBER MEETING

The next meeting of the Lassen Regulators will be held on Friday Nov. 21, 2014. Meeting place will be at the Pizza Factory in Janesville. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM.

NICKLE'S WORTH

Last month I told you that I would answer the Question of how many times a shot shell could be reloaded There are a lot of variables here; 1. How frugal do you want to be? 2. Do you wish to be competitive with your loads? 3. Are you trying for the tightest groups? 4. Do you want the shot shells to fit all your shotguns?

I have some shot shells that I have reloaded at least 8 times and they still function like new ones. I have some cases that only last two or three reloads before the case has degraded and I have extraction problems. I use Win. AA, Rem. STS, Rem. Nitro cases for my S/S shotgun.

A shot shell can be reloaded until the plastic side is no longer able to hold the powder, shot and wads. I would go through my cases and throw out any that showed signs of deterioration, such as splitting at the mouth, roughness of the plastic on the outside of the case. However you can reload these cases if you have the time and desire to do so. If the mouth of the case is split, you can cut it off. Instead of a 2 ¾ in shell you can wind up with a 2 ½ in shell and so on. The length of shot shell depends on your wads that you use and how much you want to cut off. You can use your normal powder and shot load but substitute different thicknesses of wads. On the shot shells that I have been experimenting with, I am using a .135 nitro wad over the powder with a ½ in cushion wad, then my 7/8 oz shot and then an over shot wad on top off the shot. I have used spacers on my reloader to take up the amount that I have cut off so that I can use an eight-segment crimp.

Ballistic Products Inc. has a complete line of products to help you out for custom reloading. You can go online at www.ballisticproducts.com to view their complete line of wads and tools. BPI also has reloading manuals. Lots of good info. So the answer to the question is any where from one to twenty times of being reloaded for a shot shell.

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Getting ready to head south for the winter. When there is snow on Thompson Peak, it is time to head south. So this should be the last newsletter for the year. If something important should come up, I will let everyone know.

“The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.” Thomas Jefferson

Keep your powder dry and deny the enemy the high ground.