



TAKING AIM during the Governor's Cup Shoot, Gov. Vic Atiyeh wields a muzzleloader on the range at Sportsman Park. A variety of shooting and sports activities are planned at the park this summer.

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Busy Summer at Sportsman

The annual Civil War Skirmish, the Jedediah Smith Mountain Man Rendezvous and the Buffalo Barbecue are among the special events scheduled at Josephine County's Sportsman's Park this summer.

The Big Bore Rifle Club will have a number of shoots throughout the

summer that have not been scheduled. To find out times and dates, call Bob VanHoy at 479-8407.

Home firearm safety classes, handgun classes for ladies and hunter safety classes will also be offered. Dates have not been determined.

Events with confirmed dates throughout the summer include: May 26-28 — Western States Muzzleloaders Association shoot.

June 3 — Walker Mountain trail walk shoot; June 9 — Oregon Police Officers Association shoot; June 10 — Pistol Club .22-caliber match. Rogue Valley Bow Hunters invitational shoot; June 16 — Oregon Slug Gun Club shoot; June 17 — Pistol Club big bore shoot; Southern Oregon Houndsmen water race; June 18-23 — Civil War Skirmishes; June 25-29 — Cub Scout Day Camp.

July 1 — Walker Mountain shoot; July 4 — Colonial Valley Properties Association annual picnic; July 8 — Pistol Club .22-caliber silhouette shoot; July 11-15 — Oregon Slug Gun Club annual Milo Taylor shoot; July 15 — Pistol Club big bore match; July 27 — Class of '59 reunion; July 29 — Rogue Valley Bow Hunters annual broad head shoot.

Aug. 3 — Class of '64 Grants Pass High reunion; Aug. 4-5 — Registered skeet shoot; Aug. 11 — Oregon Slug Gun Club shoot; Aug. 12 — Pistol Club .22-caliber silhouette match; Aug. 19 — Pistol Club big bore match; Aug. 28-Sept. 2 — Rendezvous; Sept. 3 — Governor's Cup shoot and Buffalo Barbecue.

Sportsman's Park is one of the few parks in the United States built specifically for gun enthusiasts. The park, built under an agreement between the parks department and local sportsmen's organizations, has picnic and some trailer facilities.

To reach the park, take Interstate 5 north to the Merlin exit, turn right, then left for 2½ miles north on Frontage Road.

More information on spring and summer events is available by calling the park range manager at 476-2040.

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