

ATTENTION SKIRMISHERS!

Knap's Battery is once again being forced to host another skirmish. Since we don't want to spend the weekend there alone, YOU are invited to participate. But...you first have to promise us one thing: You MUST agree to be Irish for at least one weekend, even if your family never has lived west of the Danube River. So...even if your last name is Rosonofski, Romonov, Schultz, Fanuzzie, Goldstein, De Beers, Zemanski, or Gomez...no matter! You can still be Irish and still reap all the benefits and prestige which it accompanies!

St Patrick may have driven the snakes out of Ireland, but we are going to see if he can drive the snakes out of Fort Shenandoah over one weekend. So...bring your funny green hat and Guinness!

You and yours are being invited to:

KNAP'S BATTERY'S SAINT PATRICK'S DAY EARLY BIRD SKIRMISH

OR: Another exercise in unabashed tomfoolery and another excuse to have fun

Here, for a weekend at least, you can pretend to Irish, and you need not feel self conscious about your silly accent, funny clay pipe, love of potatoes, fascination with constantly wanting to pick up and carry railroad ties, or your silly love for those little three-leaved plants which grow in the grass.

Shoot muskets, pistols, carbines, smoothbore and mortars. Party to Irish music. Get up in the morning, and start all over again. Grovel on the ground searching for potatoes. Who cares?

REMEMBER: It may have been YOU who built the Titanic but it took an English crew to sink her!!!



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY EARLY BIRD SKIRMISH **MARCH 14, 15, AND 16, 2008**

Program of Events

Friday, March 14

0900: Fort Shenandoah opens for camping
1000: Stat House opens for sale of targets. Musket range opens for competition.
1200: Revolver range opens for Individual Competition
1700: All ranges are closed
1800: Commence carousing, singing and breaking things. Commence railroad building. Bring your own suspenders, big hammer, and funny clay pipe.

Saturday, March 15

0730: Stat House opens for sale of targets. Sober up and wipe the sticky gum from your eyes.
0800: Musket and Revolver ranges open for Individual Competition
1000: Set up for Mortar team competition. Commanders' meeting held in proximity of Position 50
1030: Mortar team competition begins. Match to run concurrently with individual matches over next three relays.
Between relays, mortar team members may NOT go downrange.
1200: Revolver range closed for individual competition.
1230: Revolver Team Commanders' meeting at revolver range tower followed by revolver team matches.
1400: Individual competition ends on main range.
1430: Carbine Team Commanders' meeting at Stat House followed by carbine team match.
1630: Smoothbore Team Commanders' meeting at Stat House followed by smoothbore team match. (time approx)
1800: All ranges close (time approx)
1900: Individual scores posted (time approx)
2000: Begin canal digging. Each digger must provide one rusty shovel and torn hat. Whiskey paid upon completion of canal.

Sunday, March 16

0800: Protest period ends. \$5.00 protest fee applies
0845: Musket Team Commanders' Meeting at of Stat House. Meeting is MANDATORY for all teams participating in musket match. Free potatoes will be distributed by stingy English charity groups who will look down on you with scorn and contempt.
0900: Protest period ends. Opening ceremonies followed by musket team competition
1130: End of musket team competition
1200: Awards for all team events (time approximate)

Notes

- 1) All N-SSA rules and procedures will be fully enforced
- 2) All targets are to be spaced evenly across the frame, using indexing holes on top horizontal bar.
- 3) All safety rules and procedures are to be fully implemented.
- 4) All team commanders' meetings are MANDATORY. If your team does not send a representative, your team does not shoot, and we will sell your children as indentured servants to rich snobby English families.
- 5) Revolver, smoothbore, and mortar teams must supply their own line judge and safety
- 6) Rules regarding the consumption of alcohol will be strictly enforced.
- 7) Uniforms are required for all team events. No sneakers, sandals, etc are to be worn during team events.

General Information

- 1) Ten shots for score on all individual targets.
- 2) Individual events are \$1.00 with unlimited re-entries of \$1.00 each
- 3) Grand Aggregate is free when musket, carbine, and revolver are entered.
- 4) N-SSA classification applies for individuals except for smoothbore which is unclassified
- 5) Individual awards will be given for musket, carbine, revolver, repeater, and smoothbore

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List of Team Events

Revolver Team (3-person teams)

25 yard events

9 clay pigeons on backer - uniform color

6 hanging 4" tiles

6 hanging pigeons - uniform color

Carbine Team (5-person teams)

50 yard events

20 clay pigeons on backer - uniform color

5 small paper plates - 2 minute rapid fire

10 hanging 4" tiles

10 hanging clay pigeons - uniform color

100 yard event

8 hanging 6" tiles

Smoothbore Team (3 person teams)

25 yard events

9 clay pigeons on a backer - uniform color

6 hanging 4" tiles

6 hanging clay pigeons - uniform color

50 yard event

2 wallboard silhouettes 12" x 12" - 2 minute rapid fire

Musket Team (8 person teams)

100 yard event

10 hanging 6" tiles

50 yard events

1) 32 clay pigeons on a backer - uniform color

2) 8 small paper plates - 2 minute rapid fire

3) 16 hanging 4" tiles

4) 16 hanging clay pigeons - uniform color

Mortar (4 person teams)

At 100 yards, upright stake. Best five of seven shots, shortest string

The St. Patricks Day Early Bird Skirmish
March 14-16, 2008
Award Summary

Individual Events	Expert	Sharpshooter	Marksman	Striker	TOTAL
50 Yd Musket	3	3	3	2	11
100 Yd Musket	3	3	3	2	11
Musket Aggregate	2	2	2	1	7
50 Yd Carbine	3	3	3	2	11
100 Yd Carbine	3	3	3	2	11
Carbine Aggregate	2	2	2	1	7
25 Yd Revolver	3	2	2	2	9
50 Yd Revolver	3	2	2	2	9
Revolver Aggregate	1	1	1	1	4
50 Yd Cartridge	3	2	2	2	9
100 yd Cartridge	3	2	2	2	9
Cartridge Aggregate	1	1	1	1	4
25 Yard Smoothbore					3
50 Yard Smoothbore					3
Smoothbore Aggregate					2
GRAND Aggregate					3
TOTAL Indiv Awards	30	26	26	20	113
Company Events	Musket	Carbine	Revolver	Smoothbore	TOTAL
A Team Places	5	4	3	3	78
B Team Places	2	2	2		32
C Team Places	1	1			13
MORTAR Team	1st, 2nd, 3rd	4 medals per			12
TOTAL Team Awards					135
<i>Grand Total Awards</i>					248



***SAINT PATRICK'S DAY* EARLY BIRD SKIRMISH** **MARCH 14, 15, AND 16, 2008**

APPLICATION

Unit Name: _____ Region: _____

Unit Address: _____ Seniority # _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

	Number of Teams	Total Cost
Musket Team: \$40 per team	_____	_____
Carbine Team: \$30 per team	_____	_____
Revolver Team: \$15 per team	_____	_____
Smoothbore Team: \$15 per team	_____	_____
Mortar Team: \$15 per team	_____	_____
Team Grand Total:		_____

Each team is to provide a digital stopwatch for timing team events
 Each team is to provide a staple gun for preparing paper plate targets
 Uniforms are required for all team events
 Revolver, smoothbore, and mortar teams are responsible for providing their own
 line/safety judge

SPACE IS LIMITED FOR TEAM EVENTS.
 PLEASE REGISTER PROMPTLY TO INSURE A POSITION

RETURN ALL ENTRIES NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 29. 2008

Make checks payable to: **Knap's Battery E**

Mail applications to:
 Don Schmitt, Adjutant
 2008 Early Bird Skirmish
 500 McMillan Street
 Gettysburg, PA 17325-2422
 717-334-3265 evenings

(Note proud GERMAN last name. His family built the Bismark. Do not send money to Jim Brady! Being Irish, he may see the green money, and try to wring green beer from it.)

Signature of representative: _____ Date: _____

Print name of rep: _____ Phone # _____