



Thanks for joining us for Junior Blasts. We hope you enjoy this quarterly column. Stay tuned for some great stuff!



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The New Junior Blasts

Kids Who Made History

Clara was a shy child. She was small, so small that some said she looked like a doll. But while Clara was small and shy, she was compassionate and naturally gifted at nursing animals and people back to health. When Patch, the family dog, was injured, she bound its foot and nursed it back to health. When other children had sick or injured pets, Clara would help their animals get well again.

Clara was brave for a girl her age. When she and her friends went swimming, leeches would stick to their arms and legs. Clara was the only one who was brave enough to gently pull them off. A local doctor saw Clara's skill and offered to pay for each live leech that she could collect. (Leeches are used in some types of medicine.)

When Clara's older brother David fell from the barn loft, the doctor wanted to use leeches to suck blood from the swelling but they needed to be changed regularly. The adults didn't know what to say. Shy little Clara stepped forward and volunteered to be David's nurse and carefully change the leeches.

As she got older, Clara continued being shy and even had problems talking in front of other people, so much so that she was sent away to a special school. The only time Clara wasn't shy was when she was nursing someone; then she was like a brave guardian angel.

When the Civil War broke out, the US Army didn't think women nurses would be brave enough or strong enough to be on the battlefield, but Clara proved them all wrong. She went out among the wounded men, comforting and caring for them as bullets flew past her.

The end of the Civil War didn't mean the end of the battle for Clara.



She wanted there to be an organization to help the men in their time of need. She wanted to help people and it didn't matter what side of a battle line they were on. Clara Barton wrote letters and called upon government officials and even presidents to get the help she needed. You see, the shy little girl had grown up, and nothing stopped her from nursing in places of danger. In time Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, which helps people in need to this day.

The Seed Game



This two-player game is for children and adults alike. Each player starts with five small game pieces like kernels of corn, pennies, pebbles, acorns, etc.

Each player secretly divides their game pieces and holds them in their hands. To start, the first player holds out and presents their hand so that the pieces in it are hidden. The other player then guesses how many pieces they think are hidden in hand presented. The

first player then opens their hand showing the pieces in it. If the guesser is correct, then the guesser is awarded the pieces. If the guesser is wrong, then the guesser must give up the guessed amount of pieces to the other player.

The game continues by taking turns guessing what is in the other player's presented hand.

The game is over when one player has won all ten pieces.

Hunting Safety

Be sure of your target. Never shoot unless you know what you are shooting at. Don't shoot at sounds or a flash of movement. *Always, always, always* know what you're shooting at and what's behind it. This rule is true on the shooting range and while hunting. Some hunters are injured or killed by other hunters mistaking them for game and shooting at them. Don't let this happen to you! Wear safety orange and always identify your target.

What's That?

Here are some terms you might hear during hunting season. Some of the definitions may be fictional; others may

be real but not related to hunting. You pick out the correct definition. (*Please note that this month one of the terms has two correct definitions.*)

Cutting – 1. To mock or ridicule someone in jest. 2. Part of a plant such as a leaf, stem, or root that is used to grow a new plant. 3. The act of chewing open acorns or nuts by a squirrel that can be heard in the woods.

Barking – 1. A term for yelling or talking loudly. 2. The act of shooting at and killing a squirrel without actually hitting it with the bullet. 3. The sound a squirrel makes when it is alarmed.

Dray – 1. A darker version of the color gray. 2. A horse-drawn cart without sides. 3. A group or family of squirrels.

Funny of the month

1. Why do dragons sleep all day?
2. Where does Friday come before Thursday and Wednesday after both?
3. What can clap without hands?

Answers

1. They like to hunt knights.
2. In the dictionary.
3. Thunder.

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New Members of the 1 of 1000 Endowment

As of September 1, 2012, the following individuals have joined the *1 of 1000 Endowment* since the drawing for the 2011 *1 of 1000 Powder Horn* made by Mark Preston. These new members will be entered twice in the drawing for the 2012 *1 of 1000 Powder Horn* made by John Kiselica, after we reach a total of at least 350 members.

Prior, living members who have not already won a horn will be entered once in the drawing.

- 301. Beverly Bayha, AK
- 302. Patricia A. Tipton, OH **
- 303. Albert C. Emanuel, AZ
- 304. Daniel Boone, KY * & **
- 305. James Boone, KY *
- 306. Peter J. Devey, NY
- 307. Art Stonebraker, CA
- 308. Linda Fulmer, PA **
- 309. Robert E. Copner, CA **
- 310. National Muzzle Loading Rifle Assn., IN **
- 311. James R. Holmes, Jr., MO
- 312. Wes Kindig, Log Cabin Shop, OH * & **
- 313. David B. Marowski, Sr. Family, NY
- 314. Dick Andrews, IN, From His Friends **
- 315. Patrick E. Brown, IN
- 316. James B. "JB" Shourds, IN * & **
- 317. Arthur Lee McLaughlin, KY
- 318. Darrell C. Vigue, FL

- 319. Eli J. Roscka, IN
- 320. Willard Chips Everhart, III, IN
- 321. Jerome R. Middendorf, IN
- 322. Dave Ehrig, PA
- 323. Richard S. McGuckin, ME
- 324. Arlen B. Clark, WA
- 325. Conner Longrifles, IN
- 326. Samuel J. Thompson, VA
- 327. Joe Hepsworth, OH *
- 328. Squire Brennan, NY

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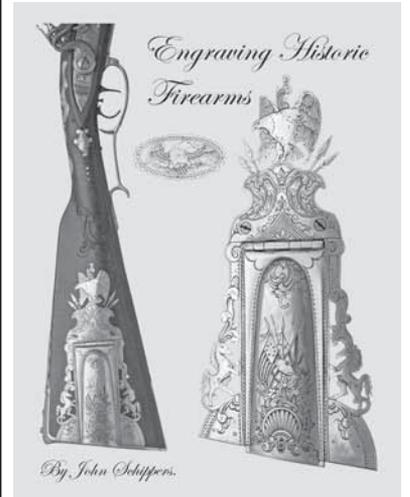
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