

As the close of the 2010 PITA target year approaches, Gig Harbor prepares to host one of the most enjoyable year ending tournaments; the annual Gig Harbor Seafood Shoot. The tournament offers the full 500 registered target competition over three days of shooting, but most attractive to the attendees is the seafood that is offered on Friday and Saturday night as part of the activities. As in past years, there are attendees coming from as far away as California and Hawaii to join in the fun, food, and fellowship.

Looking back on 2010, club members started off the competitive year in February at the Hawaii State PITA Championships. Competing at the Big Island Trap Club in Hilo were club members Le Rodenberg, John Fowler, Don Davies, Mike Levanger, Grant Lau, and Tony Tebeau. Trophies returned with several of the shooters, and everyone had an enjoyable time, including several of the spouses who went along.

As spring changed to summer all the PITA affiliated clubs in the area held tournaments, and Gig Harbor shooters competed at Bremerton, Poulsbo, Black Diamond, Sumner, Seattle Skeet & Trap, and Evergreen Sportsman's Club. In July, the shooting intensity reached a peak with the Washington State PITA Championship, and the PITA Grand Pacific which are held at Evergreen. The total number of registered targets shot for both events totaled 2,350 over 11 days of shooting. Competing in some or all of these two major tournaments were club members Andy Gee, John Fowler, Don Davies, Dave Sypher, Mike Levanger, Grant Lau, Tony Tebeau and Le Rodenberg. Dave Sypher, Le Rodenberg, and Grant Lau won trophies at the State Championship, including Grant's winning the High Overall Championship trophy.

Many of these same shooters will be traveling to Yakima, WA to compete in the Big Yak tournament the weekend of 9/18-19. That will be followed the next weekend by Gig Harbor's Seafood Shoot. The PITA registered target year ends on October 31st. After that many of the shooters then go on to compete during the winter months in the Olympic Continental League competitions.