

BUILDING A NEW SHOOTING RANGE



Alliance, Nebraska

July 30, 2008

When the outdoor ranges at the Alliance Rifle Club Airport Range were closed for shooting Dec. 13, 2006, the Club decided to build a new outdoor shooting range. May 25, 2007 the Club purchased 27.44 acres of land about eight miles east of Alliance.

The new range is located on the south side of Highway 2. Alliance Rifle Club's Hoffland Range, a 1000 yd. shooting range opened in 1985, is about two miles east of this location.

The new range is named the *Glen Fiebig Range* to honor Glen Fiebig for his many years of service and contributions to the Alliance Rifle Club.

It is going to be designed and built for the members to have a place to practice, sight in and be able to shoot up to 200 yds. It will also be available for club matches or other club activities. During July 2007 the range was opened for the use of members and their guests.

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This photo was taken from the hill looking north towards Highway 2.

Photo by Bob Engelhaupt



July 2007 Beginning of Glen Fiebig Range

Land purchased May 25, 2007, fencing and the first work was done after that with the Range being opened July 2007 for the use of members and their guests.

One of the first jobs was fencing in the property. Above a group of members are putting in a fence along the east boundary.

Photo by Joel Schafer

The photo at right shows the wide open spaces and the east boundary fence. The Glen Fiebig Range is on the right hand portion of the photo.

Photo by Dean Scoggin



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Spring 2008

Once the new shooting range was opened, three target butts were made of railroad ties and positioned at 50 yds., 100 yds., and 200 yds. Two of the Club's concrete shooting benches were added to the firing line plus two other shooting benches and a large shooting table. This made it possible for Club members to have a place to practice, sight in or check equipment. This is looking to the south up the hillside.



Summer 2008

To provide some storage space, a 40 x 8 foot container was purchased and moved to the Glen Fiebig Range. Then in July the shed was moved from the Airport Outdoor Range at the same time as the new sign for the Glen Fiebig Range was hauled to the range.

Alliance Rifle Club received two grants to use for improvements on the Glen Fiebig Range. One grant is from the Friends of NRA in the amount of \$10,382.40 to put in a well and generator. The other grant is for \$23,000 from the Nebraska Game and Parks for dirt work and range improvements. Work will begin after requirements are met and final details are worked out. This photo is looking to the north and shows Highway 2 and the railroad.

Photos taken July 30, 2008 by Rader

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Step One - Sign

July 30, 2008

A work party is formed to erect the new sign at the Glen Fiebig Range. Truck with a trailer moved the sign plus the shed from the Airport Outdoor Range to the new range. An auger was used to dig holes for the sign and a crane used to lower it in place. Steve Miles, Steve Lickliter and Bob Engelhaupt make up the work party. Al Tuck looks on after doing some practice shooting on the Glen Fiebig Range.



Steve Miles and Steve Lickliter level the sign. Then it was time to mix up ten 80 lb. bags of concrete to fill in the holes. Bob Engelhaupt is stirring with a hoe while Lickliter pours in the water and Miles waits to dump the concrete.

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Step Two - Well

September 13, 2008

Nelson Well, Inc. brought their equipment to Glen Fiebig Range Saturday for a day of drilling.

The drilling truck set up a derrick and started drilling for water. Another truck held the drill extensions plus they brought out a water truck. They hit water at 150 ft.



This was the first work done on the Glen Fiebig Range as part of the 2008 Friends of NRA Grant.

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Summer 2009

May 27, 2009 the range is closed so the dirt work can be done. K.L. Wood & Company brought out their heavy equipment and started digging into the hillside.

Fiebig Range was closed from May 27 until August 17, 2009 for the dirt work to be done and for the construction of a restroom facility.



Step Three - Dirt Work

The first work was to make the 100 yd. and 200 yd. ranges. Berms were created at both positions. There were many delays because of the rain during the summer months.

Photos above and at right by Royce Brown.



At left the photo shows the firing line. This is looking south up the hillside to the 100 yd. and 200 yd. berms. The 25 yd. and 50 yd. berms are also being worked on at this time.

Photo by Bob Engelhaupt

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By July the dirt work on the 100 yd. and 200 yd. ranges is completed.

All the new dirt work at the 100 yd. and 200 yd. ranges was seeded to hold the soil. More than 150 hay bales were spread to stabilize the soil.



In August a sprinkler system was installed at the 100 yd. and 200 yd. ranges so grass can be watered. During July a 1200 KW generator was purchased and is available for use at the Fiebig Range.

Summer 2009

Step Three - Dirt Work

*All photos on this page by
Bob Engelhaupt*



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During July a concrete firing line was added at the 100 yd. and 200 yd. ranges. The concrete shooting benches from the Airport Outdoor Range will be moved and installed at Fiebig Range. Two of the benches are in place for use now.

*These two photos by
Bob Engelhaupt*



Step Four - Firing Line



This photo was taken August 16, 2009 at the “First Shot” Ceremony. By this time the grass has started to grow. The sprinkler system has been installed. The 25 yd. and 50 yd. ranges are just to the right of the area shown in photo. *Photo by Rader*

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June 25, 2009 a 1250 gal. septic tank was buried. This was the start for the new restroom facility. Supports are added and after it was all filled in a concrete pad is poured.

Top two photos by Bob Engelhaupt



Step Five - Restroom

The construction of the restroom building starts in Alliance. The wood was delivered and volunteers worked to make the framework.

Steve Henkel, Jim Ford and Guy Hielscher lay out the first wall.

Photo by Annette Henkel



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The sections of the building are assembled at Alliance and then moved out to the Glen Fiebig Range.

Photo by Annette Henkel

Step Five - Restroom

A storage room was added on the west side of the building. At right, Guy Hielscher and Bob Engelhaupt are hard at work.

Below volunteers Dustin Darveau and Guy Hielscher are nailing the rafters in place.



The building was then finished on the concrete pad. Volunteers spent many long hours getting the restroom done by the end of July 2009.

Two photos by Vickie Hielscher

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Finished: The Men's and Women's Restroom doors are on the east side of the building. A sliding door opens up the storage room on the south side. Also shown is the generator that was part of the 2008 Friends of NRA Grant. The restroom facility was part of the 2009 Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Grant. *Photos by Rader*

Step Five - Restroom



Open Day

Nov. 8, 2009

Target frames were made and put in place at the 100 and 200 yd. firing lines. This made it possible for members and visitors to put up a 24 x 24" cardboard target for practice and sighting in. With the concrete firing line and shooting benches in place Fiebig Range was ready for use.

On November 8 the Club held an Open Day and invited members and anyone interested to come out and give the new range a try. Above Glen Fiebig is talking with some of the visitors. At right: a shooter is using a shooting bench and the new target stands. More of the concrete shooting benches from the Airport Range will be moved out to the Fiebig Range at a later date.

Photos by Jim Ford



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Improvements made to Fiebig Range during 2008 and 2009 were partially funded by grants from the following:

June 25, 2008
Friends of NRA Grant (\$10,382.40)
 Well and generator

Oct. 10, 2008
NRA Range Grant (\$2500.00)
 25 yd. Pistol Range

June 2, 2009
Friends of NRA Grant (\$7500.00)
 Dirt work

Sept. 2, 2009
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Shooting Range Grant (\$23,680.00)
 100 yd. and 200 yd. dirt work, restroom, seeding and signs

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Alliance Rifle Club president
Guy Hielscher and Glen Fiebig.



*Rifle Description:
Springfield 03 A3
Unmodified except:
Redfield National Match front and rear sights
Canjar Trigger*

“First Shot” Ceremony

August 16, 2009

Club members and friends gathered at the Glen Fiebig Range to witness Glen Fiebig shoot the first “official” shot at the shooting range named in his honor.

The ceremony gave everyone the chance to see all the improvements and work done at the Fiebig Range during the summer of 2009. It was announced that the range would re-open on August 17 for the use of Alliance Rifle Club members and guests.

