

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL NOTICE

**THE CLUB HAS CHANGED ITS HOURS
10 AM TILL 9 PM
7 DAYS A WEEK
CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY AND EASTER SUNDAY**

****ALL EARLY STARTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

The speed limit for the TDSC farm property is 15 mph. For the safety of our membership, please operate your vehicle within the posted speed limit

Eye and ear protection is required at all times when outdoors on Club Premises

ENTRANCE GATE:

A Membership/Key Card is required to access Club property through the electronic gate. To replace lost cards, please contact Bob Waite at 724-822-8594 or at bigbob0402@gmail.com. There is a \$20 fee for a replacement card.

TRAP:

To open and close trap fields using target tag system see Clays committee for details. You may not operate the system until you have had an orientation and training. You must schedule an appointment by emailing George Adda georgeadda@comcast.net, Tom Gulotta totta080458@gmail.com or Bob Waite bigbob0402@gmail.com.

***We are looking for volunteers to help set up and organize an internal TDSC Trap league or TDSC scheduled regular trap shoots. We would also like to explore holding ATA registered events at our Club and are reaching out to our members for someone to help explore this initiative. If you are interested, please contact Ernie Anderson.**

Rules for Safely Shooting Trap & Skeet on Different Fields Simultaneously

- If anyone is shooting skeet, it is always the trap shooters responsibility to wait until the skeet round is finished, and then ask the skeet shooters to pause before shooting their next round **before** you go down to either open, close or load the trap house.
- Always place the orange safety cone on the roof of the trap house anytime you are opening, loading, or closing.
- Remember to remove the orange safety cone from the roof and put it back inside the trap house when you are finished.
- After you are finished at the trap house, let the skeet shooters know that they can resume shooting skeet.
- If you are shooting trap, and if either of other fields are actively shooting skeet, **NEVER go past skeet station #8 toward the trap house** because you could be in the direct line of fire from skeet stations #s 1, 7, or 8, depending on which fields are being used for trap & skeet.
- Even if you are shooting trap first, and then someone comes to shoot skeet, it is still always the trap shooters responsibility to wait until the skeet round is finished, and then ask the skeet shooters to pause before shooting their next round **before you go down to the trap house for any reason.**
- To safely shoot trap and skeet on different fields at the same time and avoid any possible misunderstanding, it is always the trap shooter's responsibility to **personally walk over** and ask the skeet shooters to pause or resume shooting.
- If you are approved to open trap or skeet, you must take responsibility to be sure all shooters in attendance are adhering to the above rules and the general safety rules of the club - and if not, it is your responsibility to advise them accordingly.
- If you are approved to open trap or skeet and you are shooting with a group - do not leave unless another approved member is available to close. If you must leave and

there are no other members present approved to close, you must end the shooting session.

- Any shooter posing a danger to others will be subject to removal from club grounds with all privileges revoked.

Trap 3 is Operational on Orchard Field for Doubles

We are pleased to announce that Trap 3 on Orchard Field is fully operational for shooting trap doubles using new wireless microphones and our existing Longrange Target System. The target card reader for trap doubles is located inside of the skeet high house on Orchard Field. It is mounted on the back wall, or far right wall as you enter the house. The microphones for Trap 3 Doubles are stored along the same wall as the trap doubles target card reader. In order to shoot a full round of doubles, each shooter must insert their target card, push button to deduct 25 birds & get credit for 26 birds, **remove card**, and then repeat the process again in order to have a total of 50 birds deducted & to have a total credit for 52 birds. Trap 3 on Orchard Field will **only** be used to shoot trap doubles, so please **do not attempt to make any adjustments to the trap machine.** **Trap 3 Doubles opening procedure is different than Traps 1 & 2 Singles**, so please review the Trap Opening, Closing & Safety Procedures posted on the inside of the trap house door, or on the whiteboard in the clubhouse. **Please remember, you must be on the approved list to open/close trap on your own.**

New Trap Microphone Storage Locations

Going forward, trap mics will be stored (March through December) as follows:

1. Mics for Trap 1 Elite Field - stored Elite Low House
2. Mics for Trap 2 Middle Field - stored Elite High / Middle Low House
3. Mics for Trap 3 Orchard Field - stored Orchard High House

Note: The mics will be stored in the clubhouse in January & February due to cold weather concerns for mic batteries. The blue controllers for all 3 trap fields will be kept at the front desk inside the clubhouse along with the skeet controllers.

MILITARY RIFLE MATCH:

Nothing scheduled at this time.

INDOOR PISTOL:

The indoor pistol range in Tarentum has been closed. The new indoor/outdoor range at the

club is under construction as is the outdoor pistol pavilion and the refurbished rifle pavilion. The interior of the building (wiring, walls, heat) is the next step along with installing the new target hangers. If you would like to volunteer to help work on this project, please contact Dick Edder.

3-GUN

There will not be a 3 gun match due to ammo shortage and poor attendance.

5 STAND:

***NEW** – We have added two wobble traps in front of the 5 Stand. They can be operated with the 5 Stand remote on Manual Mode using numbers 9 and 010. For instructions on how to turn the traps on and off please contact either:

Bob Waite - bigbob0402@gmail.com

Ernie Anderson - andersonernie@hotmail.com

George Adda - georgeadda@comcast.net

Tom Gulotta - totta080458@gmail.com

We are looking for a reliable trapper for Saturdays and Sundays to pull for our members. Our members are known to tip their trapper very well. 5 stand opens at 10am on Saturdays and Sundays. If interested, please contact Ernie Anderson at andersonernie@hotmail.com

SKEET:

The Golden Triangle league has started, see the web site calendar for this year's schedule. Kenny Riddile is running the TDSC team this year. If you have any questions or want to join in, please contact Kenny at kfriddile@gmail.com

We need help when we have a home shoot! Please volunteer to pull, keep score, fill machines, etc. during home shoots. Please see Kenny or Marie.

New LED lights have been ordered for the Elite field. These should arrive and be installed by the end of November.

SPORTING CLAYS:

The course is closed for the season. Please keep an eye out for re-opening info in early spring.

***When using any of the ranges, please pick up your spent brass and hulls**

***Everyone please follow these 3 simple steps:**

1) When you *turn on* Traps:

Please carry a box of targets up the steps inside the high houses and stack beside the trap, and also take a box of targets from storage to the bench beside the low house trap (If you are capable)

2) When you *load* the Traps:

Take the empty boxes to the burn box south of the elite field.

3) When you *turn off* the Traps:

If you shot a semi-automatic **or** have ejected shells onto the ground - **Pick up your shells!**

***NEW* - ARCHERY:** An archery bag target has been installed below the pavilion. This target is designed for recurve, compound and crossbows.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

We have installed a new steel grease pattern board near the trap fields. **Please only use 7.5 lead shot and smaller at the board. No steel shot, slugs, or anything larger than 7.5.** After use, take the brush (attached behind the board) and smooth out the grease to leave it ready for the next member. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Waite.

CLAYS COMMITTEE:

- Ernie Anderson – Clays Director- andersonernie@hotmail.com
- Jerry McCullough – Shoot Mgr./NSSA-NSCA rep– mccullough.jerry1@gmail.com
- Ray Arch – Trap – raylaurie@verizon.net
- Kenny Riddile – GTSL – kfriddile@gmail.com
- Bob Waite – Club Manager - bigbob0402@gmail.com

To report any issues, problems or if you have any comments, please contact the appropriate committee member or Bob Waite at 724-822-8594 or at bigbob0402@gmail.com

NEWS AND NOTES:

Please pay close attention to the new club shooting hours, 10:00 AM Till 9:00 PM 7 Days a

Week, Closed Christmas Day and Easter Sunday

Remember, automatic firearms are not allowed at the ranges along with bump stocks and free-fire triggers.

***Please Note: It is the responsibility for all shooters to pick up their empty hulls when your shooting session is finished. If everyone does this, the ranges will remain neat and clean. This note applies to the pistol and rifle range as well. We have noticed a large amount of brass and steel casing left in the grass at both ranges.**

Also, when you are using the rifle and pistol range, **please pull your targets and place them in the dumpster at the barn.** If everyone disposes of their own targets it will keep all the ranges neat and clean.

Bob Waite is our Club Manager. Bob is at the club on a daily basis to help with any maintenance ideas, equipment issues, approve members to open and close skeet and 5 stand, issue target cards, and help keep TDSC a great and safe place to shoot. He can be reached at 724-822-8594 or at bigbob0402@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

2022 membership renewals have been sent out.

New Information

An Archery bag target has been installed below the pavilion. This target is designed for **recurve, compound and crossbows**. If anyone has suggestions for improvement or is interested in Archery at the club, please contact Bob Waite-Club Manager- bigbob0402@gmail.com

Clays Information

Pennsylvania Shotgun Shooting Organizations:

Skeet: <https://www.pssa.com/>

Trap: <https://www.pssashotgunning.org/>

Sporting Clays: <http://www.pasportingclays.com/>

National Governing Bodies:

NSSA/NSCA: <http://nssa-nsca.org/>

ATA: <http://shootata.com/>

Scholastic Clay Target Program: <https://mysctp.com/>

Safety, Etiquette and Maintenance

IT IS *EVERYONE'S* RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT ANY UNSAFE SHOOTING CONDITION OR UNSAFE PERSON TO CLUB MANAGEMENT

GUN SAFETY RULES

- ✓ **ALWAYS KEEP THE GUN POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION. PRESUME IT IS LOADED**
 - This is the primary rule of gun safety. Common sense dictates the safest direction depending on circumstances.
- ✓ **ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL READY TO SHOOT**
 - When holding a gun rest your finger alongside the frame and outside the trigger guard until you are ready to fire.

✓ **ALWAYS KEEP THE GUN UNLOADED UNTIL READY TO USE**

- Get help if you do not know or cannot open and inspect the action.

✓ **WHEN USING A GUN FOLLOW THESE ADDITIONAL RULES**

- Know your target and what is beyond
- Know how to use your gun safely
- Be sure the gun is safe to operate
- Wear eye and ear protection
- Never use alcohol, over-the-counter drugs or prescription drugs while shooting
- Use only the correct ammunition and gauge for you gun
- Load your gun only when it is your turn. Sporting and 5 Stand: Load with muzzle over the front rail. Skeet Trap: Load only when it is your turn
- Fully automatic firearms are prohibited.
- Always remove magazines and open pistol or rifle actions before proceeding down range. Use a safety flag in all open chambers.

ETIQUETTE

- ✓ Only use 7 1/2, 8, or 9 shot for all clays shooting.
- ✓ Only load a maximum of 2 shells for all clays shooting.
- ✓ Paper targets only shall be used for pistol and rifle

- ✓ You must be approved by club personnel to open and close skeet, trap, or 5-stand. If you open these venues, then YOU ALONE must close them

MAINTENANCE

- ✓ You must clean up and dispose of empty hulls, brass, steel casings or paper targets/debris when your shooting session is finished.
- ✓ Reload and amply restock skeet and trap machines after shooting.
- ✓ Discard all shell boxes and target boxes in the burn bin on the south side of the Elite skeet field. Burn when full.

Any shooter posing a danger to others or willfully violating etiquette of maintenance rules will be subject to removal from club grounds with all privileges revoked.

Members are fully responsible for invited guests.
Guests must sign a waiver upon arrival. Waivers are located at the clubhouse front desk.

Call Bob Waite, our Club Manager, with questions regarding target cards, access or machine usage and maintenance. His phone is 724.822.8594 or email him: bigbob0402@gmail.com.

