

## **SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**

### **CLUB HOURS:**

**FARM:** MONDAY– SATURDAY 10:00 A.M.—8:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY 12:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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

**\*When using any of the outdoor ranges, please police your brass.**

### **FARM:**

**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.**

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:georgeadda@comcast.net), Tom Gulotta [totta080458@gmail.com](mailto:totta080458@gmail.com) or Bob Waite [bigbob0402@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

## **Trap 3 Operational on Orchard 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:**

We will be holding a "Know Your Limitation" .22 Cal. rifle match September 5, 2021 on the rifle range starting at 10 AM. Any questions contact Dick Edder [dickedder@gmail.com](mailto:dickedder@gmail.com)

**INDOOR PISTOL:**

The indoor pistol range has been closed.

**3-GUN**

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

**5 STAND:**

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 12:30pm on Sundays. If interested, please contact Ernie at 412-352-5692.

**SKEET:**

TDSC had a great showing at this year's State Championships held in Huntingdon, PA. 24 of our clubs' members attended! We also proved that TDSC has some of the best skeet shooters in the state with Josh Crofutt winning the 28 gauge and the HOA State and Open championships, Fran Kosmacki winning the 20 gauge State championship, and Kenny Riddile winning the 410 State championship.

**SPORTING CLAYS:**

The Sporting Clays course is now open.

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 up at 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.** When you shoot at the board, use the brush attached to the back of the board to smooth the grease out and have it ready for the next member. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Waite.

**\*Please remind fellow members to follow these 3 simple rules.**

1. When you turn on Traps:

- If you are capable: Carry Targets up the steps inside the high houses and stack beside the trap. Take a box of targets from storage to the bench beside the low house trap.

2. When you load the Traps:

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

3. If you are shooting a semi-automatic or eject shells onto the ground:

- **Pick up your shells!**

**CLAYS COMMITTEE:**

- Ernie Anderson – Clays Director- [andersonernie@hotmail.com](mailto:andersonernie@hotmail.com)
- Jerry McCullough – Shoot Mgr./NSSA-NSCA rep– [mccullough.jerry1@gmail.com](mailto:mccullough.jerry1@gmail.com)
- Ray Arch – Trap – [raylaurie@verizon.net](mailto:raylaurie@verizon.net)
- Josh Crofutt – GTSL – [joshcrofutt@yahoo.com](mailto:joshcrofutt@yahoo.com)

**SPORTING CLAYS:**

- Ernie Anderson- [andersonernie@hotmail.com](mailto:andersonernie@hotmail.com)
- Bob Waite – Club Manager - [bigbob0402@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bigbob0402@gmail.com)

**NEWS AND NOTES:**

Please pay close attention to club shooting hours. We must strictly adhere to posted hours that the club and township supervisors have agreed upon.

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.**

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](mailto:bigbob0402@gmail.com)

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:**

If your membership wasn't paid by January 31, 2021, your name will be dropped from the Club's roster and your gate key card will be deactivated. To rejoin the Club, you must do so as a new member.

## **NOTICE**

In an attempt to keep all our ranges clean, the Board requests that 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.

## **New Information**

If anyone is interested in Archery at the club, please contact Bob Waite-Club Manager-[bigbob0402@gmail.com](mailto: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:

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 police 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.

# THANKS

**A big thank you goes out to the club maintenance group. The club now has new or repaired trap house doors and windows, installed steps on the Orchard Field and railings on all 3 fields, significantly simplified opening and closing by burying the cables on all 3 fields, sealed trap house roofs, set up orchard for doubles using wireless mics and target cards, and maintaining everything. Significant improvements for sure, and no small task. We hope our members appreciate all of the efforts to improve the facilities.**

*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.*



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