

SEPTEMBER 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.

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***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 Josh Crofutt.**

Please see Rules for Safely Shooting Trap & Skeet on Different Fields Simultaneously which are located on the club house message board

MILITARY RIFLE MATCH:

Nothing scheduled at this time.

INDOOR/OUTDOOR PISTOL:

Please read posted rules for the Safety Light System

3-GUN

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

RIFLE RANGE

Please read posted rules for the Safety Light System

NOTICE

The TDSC pistol team will be using the outdoor pistol range every Wednesday from 4:30 till dusk thru September. The indoor pistol range and the rifle range will be closed during these times. If anyone is interested in giving Bullseye shooting a try come out on a Wednesday, watch and ask questions. Our first night will

be May 11, 2022. Any questions email
dickedder@gmail.com

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

Josh Crofutt – joshcrofutt@yahoo.com

George Adda - georgeadda@comcast.net

Tom Gulotta - totta080458@gmail.com

Plans are being made for a new and improved 5 Stand. This new building will be larger, warmer, and have many new and different target presentations. Keep watching the newsletter for more details as they become available.

SKEET:

We need help when we have a home shoot! Please volunteer to pull, keep score, fill machines, etc. during home shoots. Please contact Marie Trilli to volunteer.
prrmarie@aol.com

SPECIAL NEWS

2022 PA. State Skeet Championship

Tarentum was well represented at this year's matches. Mike Rykaczewski Jr. was the STATE HIGH OVER ALL SHOOTER FIRING A 397/400. Congratulation Mike. This is the second year in a

row we had a TDSC shooter win this award. Our 5 man team won the STATE TEAM EVENT. Shooters on the team were Mike Rykaczewski Sr., Josh Crofutt, Murry Gerber, Mike Rykaczewski Jr. and Bob Waite. Way to go guys.

SPORTING CLAYS:

The Sporting Clays Course is now open for the season. Target prices are set for the year at \$.30. The course has been expanded to 15 stations and there are many new presentations. Come check it out!

The Club has purchased push carts for our members to use while walking the sporting clay course. These are located in the barn near the golf carts.

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

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

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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!**

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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:

- Josh Crofutt – Clays Director- joshcrofutt@yahoo.com
- – Shoot Mgr./NSSA-NSCA rep.
- 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

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NEWS AND NOTES:

PISTOL SHOOTERS: When you are finished using the knock down plate range, please coil the pull rope and hang it on the plate frame.

Members using the Rifle and Pistol ranges. There are containers available at each range to deposit spent brass. Please place all paper, cardboard and plastic materials in the garbage containers.

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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

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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.

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Bob Waite is our Club Manager. Bob is usually 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, clean and safe place to shoot. He can be reached at 724-822-8594 or at bigbob0402@gmail.com

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.



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