



Dear Peoria Skeet and Trap Club member,

A lot has been going on at the club since our last newsletter in March so we thought it was time to provide you, our valued membership, an update on all that has been happening.

First, some **highlights of the year** as reported at the **November Annual General Membership meeting**:

- In addition to the normal weekly shooting, the club held seven registered Trap tournaments, two major Skeet tournaments and several fun/charity shoots in 2012. With very good participation at all these events, through the sales of concessions and merchandise, and with the volunteer help of countless club members the club had a great year.
- 2012 was our 2nd consecutive profitable year after three previous years of break even or losing money. The **club produced a profit of \$7,436**. These positive results were achieved while “investing” \$18,500 in capital improvement projects for the betterment of the club. More to come on these projects.
- Higher revenue from concessions, farm ground rental and increased shooter participation and lower expenses associated with insurance and energy rates were positive factors.
- Overall the club **threw 924,000 targets** in 2012. This was an increase of 19% compared to 2011.
- Club membership remained about even at 230 members.
- For the 2nd year in a row, a Youth Shoot program was run from June – August. On average, 19 kids participated in the program each week. With volunteer help & NRA grant money supporting the program it is proving to be very successful and will be continued in 2013.
- To read the complete minutes of the annual meeting, visit our website at www.peoriaskeetandtrap.com

Hopefully you have noticed some of the **enhancements at the club** that came as a result of our **capital improvement projects in 2012**. Some were simply necessary maintenance items to keep everything functioning properly while others were upgrades to our club facilities.

- Purchased and installed a new PAT trap in field 6. The existing PAT trap in field 6 was moved to field 2. The club now has 9 trap fields available for large events. In September, field 6 was dedicated with a stone plaque in honor of life member Gene Zerwekh who passed away earlier in the year. Gene provided many years of dedicated service to the club.
- Purchased and installed 2 sets of used, high capacity Skeet machines in fields 1 & 6.
- Remodeled the men’s restroom.
- Installed new concrete roofs on five of the Skeet houses.
- Built & installed new doors on many of the trap & skeet houses.
- Upgraded the electric utilities at the camper sites.
- Replaced the wall displays in the clubhouse.
- Installed new windows, re-sided & painted the walls around the office area of the clubhouse.
- Built a new pavilion at the South end of the shooting range. It should be noted that the cost of the pavilion was covered entirely through the generous donations of our membership. Thanks to all who contributed !

Other News

You may have noticed some heavy equipment out on the shooting range for several weeks this fall. The club contracted to have the spent lead shot recovered from the fields. Thank you for your patience while this was occurring. As a result of this effort **370,000 pounds of lead was reclaimed**. This netted the club \$90,123 of income. Due to the timing of receiving the check, this income will be reported in the clubs 2013 fiscal year.

Once again Christmas is just around the corner and what could be a better gift than **clothing with the club logo or a club gift certificate**. Gift certificates are available and can be used for the purchase of club merchandise, shoot cards, membership fees, etc. So if your friends or relatives can't decide what to get you for Christmas, give them a subtle hint (and directions to the club). You can purchase gift certificates at the clubhouse desk using either check or cash.

A general reminder... **2013 membership** dues notices will be mailed around the first of the year. Dues remain the same at \$120 per year. Your 2012 membership expires on March 31, 2013. If you haven't renewed by then, your membership will be dropped as of April 1 and you will have to pay the annual dues *plus* the initiation fee to rejoin. No exceptions can be made. This is in accordance with the club bylaws. So please do not overlook paying your club dues until it is too late.

Club management encourages members to pick up their empty hulls and throw them in the recycling barrels located on each of the fields – by doing so you are supporting the **clubs recycling effort** and helping to keep the grounds looking nice. We have **recycled over 300,000 empty hulls** this year. The credits we receive from the recycling company will be redeemed for outdoor furniture such as benches, gun racks, etc. Thank you for your support of this club initiative.

People have expressed interest, so we are trying to get a **Winter Skeet League** going. We don't have all the details worked out just yet but if you are interested in participating in a Skeet league that would run in the January through March timeframe please sign up on the sheet posted at the clubhouse manager's counter or send an email to admin@peoriaskeetandtrap.com. Once we have an idea of the number of people that would like to participate we will get all the logistics of the league finalized and communicated – stay tuned !

The club has adopted a **new off-hour shooting policy**. In order to standardize the process for club members to shoot on days when the club is not open, the board reviewed & approved an updated off-hour shooting policy. The new policy (posted in the clubhouse & on the website) will go into effect starting in January. As part of the new policy, any club member that wants to be approved to shoot off-hours will need to complete a short orientation/training session. This session will insure common understanding of the procedures for safe & proper operation of the equipment. Jim McQuinn will be coordinating the orientation sessions. You can schedule your time to participate in an orientation session through either a sign-up sheet at the clubhouse manager's counter or by contacting Jim McQuinn via email (Jan1704@comcast.net) or phone (309-347-5635).

The clubs **2013 shooting events schedule** has been established. Similar to last year the club will be hosting an array of both fun/charity shoots and registered Skeet and Trap events. The events schedule is posted at the clubhouse and on the website.

If you haven't already done so and you would like to receive **future club information via email** please provide your name & email address (legibly please!) on the email sign-up sheet at the clubhouse desk. Or you can send your email information to the club secretary at admin@peoriaskeetandtrap.com. This action will help us save on the price of postage in the future.

We do our best to keep it current so please visit our website at www.peoriaskeetandtrap.com to stay up to date with club happenings throughout the year.

Hope to see you out at the club.

Your 2013 Board of Directors