



**Dear Peoria Skeet and Trap Club member,**

We received very positive feedback from the initial newsletter we sent out in December 2011 so we decided to do it again...

First, some **updates on our 2012 capital improvements**

The **Pavilion Fundraising Campaign** has been very successful. Almost \$8,800 has been donated to date. That money allowed us to contract with Morton Buildings (low bidder) to begin the project. Materials have been received and the pavilion will be up by mid-March. We can still use donations to complete the concrete floor, electrical service and build some picnic tables. Stop by and see the progress.

The **new PAT trap** has arrived and is being installed in field 6. The current trap machine in field 6 will be moved to field 2. This gives us the capability to run eight fields with field 2 as a backup. The machine in field 2 is still in good condition after throwing ~3.5 million targets, thanks to the excellent care administered by Life Member Gene Zerwekh. As many of you know, Gene passed away in January. A permanent plaque will be placed on field 6 to honor Gene's many years of dedicated service to the club.

**Four skeet machines** were recently purchased from a club in northern Indiana. These high capacity machines will replace the old single stack machines on fields 1 and 6. They will be installed and adjusted in time for the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual 3I skeet shoot (May 17-20).

**Other near-term projects...**

- Replace 5 skeet house doors,
- Replace concrete roofs on 5 skeet houses
- Replace sink, cabinet and faucets in men's rest room
- Redo wall displays in the clubhouse
- Replace a window, several sills and paint trim on the exterior of the clubhouse
- Strip and re-wax the clubhouse floors
- Repair/upgrade the electrical system in the camping area.

**A call for "volunteers"...**

As you can see, the club is undertaking several projects that must be completed in the next two months. If you can help work on any of these projects, please call Mike Dennis 309-253-6592 or Dennis Kerns 309-635-3576.

Speaking of volunteers... in the last newsletter we asked if any member would like to help on the desk during club hours. To date, eight members have volunteered and are doing a great job. Thanks to those already working and if you are interested, stop by the club and sign up – we can use more volunteers.

## **Other news**

**Trap League** captains have a meeting on Tuesday, March 13 at 6:00 pm at the clubhouse. The 18 week Trap league starts on Thursday, April 5.

The **registered shooting season** for both Skeet and Trap **starts** at the club in **April** so come on out and start practicing !

**Youth Program** – The club is running a Youth Shoot program again this year. Boys and girls 8-18 years of age are invited to come out and get instruction and practice their Trap or Skeet shooting. The weekly program (Tuesdays, 6pm start) is scheduled to begin May 29<sup>th</sup> with an information and safety session. Shooting will begin the week of June 5<sup>th</sup>. We'll need volunteers to help – so if you are free on Tuesday evenings please join us and help build the future of our shooting sports. As additional details develop they will be posted on the club website. We are pleased to be working with the **Illinois River Valley Chapter of Pheasants Forever** as well as the NRA in the funding of this program. Remember to save your aluminum cans. All income from the recycling of the cans will go to the youth league. You can bring them from home also.

**Shoot For The Cure...** new this year--- Shoot for the Cure is planned for May 5th, a fun filled day of trapshooting and prizes benefiting the Susan G Komen for the Cure Peoria Memorial Affiliate. Shooters of all skill levels are invited; men, women and youth. Pink targets and shells! Registration information will be available the end of March.

**Club Open House** on March 31 & April 1 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Come out and see some old friends. Bring some non-members with you. Free hot dogs & chips and free lessons for new shooters will be provided. An exhibition shooter will perform at 12:00 (noon) on Sunday.

**Don't forget... 2012 membership dues need to be sent in by March 31.**

### **We're Hiring**

We are still accepting applications for trap boys (or girls). If you know of a good candidate, have them call (309-822-8146) or stop in the club during open hours.

We still have not filled the Field Supervisor position. Can you think of anyone that would make a good candidate? Give Mike Dennis a call at 309-253-6592.

Club management encourages members to pick up their empty hulls – by doing so you help the club save money on cleanup costs and keep the grounds looking nice. Thanks for your support.

With the mild winter, we have lots of activity at the club... come out to the club and shoot a few rounds, have a cup of our world famous coffee or just visit with friends.

If you would like to receive **future information via email** just write your name & email address (legibly please!) on a card and leave it at the clubhouse desk. Or you can send your email information to the club secretary at [admin@peoriaskeetandtrap.com](mailto:admin@peoriaskeetandtrap.com) This will help us save on the price of postage in the future.

You can stay up-to-date with club happening by visiting our website at [www.peoriaskeetandtrap.com](http://www.peoriaskeetandtrap.com)

Hope to see you soon,  
Your 2012 Board of Directors