



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

Summer has now turned to Fall, but hopefully everyone has had a great target shooting season this year. Enjoy the Fall weather while you can as Winter is right around the corner! Unfortunately, it has been a while (too long) since our last membership update newsletter in December 2012. We will be reporting the detailed overview of the whole year at the General Membership meeting that will be taking place at 2:00 pm on Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. All members are encouraged to attend this event at the clubhouse – and it is followed by our annual holiday dinner! More details on the General Membership meeting can be found below. But until the meeting, here is a brief summary of club activities and news for this year. Since we needed to mail the Board election ballot we thought it would be beneficial (and economical) to include this update.

### **Staff news**

In March, John Chance joined the staff here at the club as our new **club manager**. John, a Metamora native, is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the club. He has been learning the ropes, getting to know everyone and managing the daily running of the club. More recently, Danika Jones joined the staff, first as a trapper and now as the cashier inside the clubhouse. If you haven't already done so, be sure and introduce yourself the next time you are at the club. Additionally, we installed a **photo board** inside the clubhouse with pictures of all the staff so now it's easier to put a name with a face.

### **Events at the club**

Starting in January with the kickoff of our new Winter Skeet league all the way through October with the Peoria Fall Handicap registered Trap shoot, it has been **another busy and successful year** at the club. This year's events included:

- Seven ATA registered Trap shoots – Monthly trophy shoots from May to October plus hosting the Central Illinois Zone shoot in June.
- Two registered Skeet tournaments – The 69<sup>th</sup> Annual 3-I shoot in May and the World 400 Anniversary shoot in July.
- Four charity/fun shoots – The Shoot for the Cure event in May and the Dove/Teal Warm-up Greater Peoria Honor Flight shoot in August raised significant money for worthy charities. Plus in September the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Gene Zerwekh Memorial shoot and the annual Club Championships were held.
- Summer Trap League – 18 week league with participation from 33 teams.
- Youth Shoot Program – The third year for holding this 10 week program. Participation was up, with an average of 28 youth shooters every week learning and practicing Trap & Skeet shooting skills.
- Fall Trap/Skeet Combo league – Informal league underway currently with participation from 5 teams.

**Thank you** to everyone that coordinated, participated or volunteered their time and effort to make these events successful.

## **Club Improvements**

Besides the necessary general maintenance and upkeep to keep the club in working order, many **enhancements to the club facilities and services** were planned & executed this year. These enhancements included items such as:

- Procuring and installing a new set of high capacity Skeet machines.
- Purchasing a new trap field voice activated speaker system.
- Procuring and implementing an electronic registration/scoring system that was used for all ATA registered Trap events.
- Graveling a new parking area south of the maintenance building.
- Implementing an official off-hour shooting policy for members.
- Scraping and leveling the grounds on fields 3-5.

These and other improvements could not have been made without the considerable efforts of many volunteers. The Board has focused on trying to **continuously improve** the club and in August the club was recognized by the Illinois Skeet Shooting Association as the “**Club of the Year**”. The award recognized PS&T for “its ongoing efforts to improve the club's equipment, facilities & shooting experience and the always friendly, accommodating staff and members of Peoria Skeet and Trap Club that make shooting at Peoria a great experience”. Congratulations to the club and all its members.

## **Other News**

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, dues, etc. So if your friends or relatives can't decide what to get you for Christmas, give them a subtle hint (& directions to the club). Purchase gift certificates at the clubhouse desk using either check or cash.

A reminder... **2014 membership** dues notices will be mailed in January. Dues remain the same at \$120 per year. You don't have to renew just yet, but your 2013 membership will expire on March 31, 2014. 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. This policy is in accordance with the club bylaws. Again, you don't have to do anything just yet, but please do not overlook paying your club dues when it is time.

If 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](mailto:admin@peoriaskeetandtrap.com). This action will help us save on the price of postage for future updates. Currently, out of 235 members we only have about 80 email addresses.

Please visit us at [www.peoriaskeetandtrap.com](http://www.peoriaskeetandtrap.com) to stay up to date with club happenings throughout the year.

## **November General Membership Meeting**

And finally, details of the General Membership meeting...

**When/Where:** Sunday, **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**, starting at **2:00 pm** at the PS&T clubhouse.

**Why:** 1) To get a full briefing on the year-end financials and activities of the club.

2) To be present for the results of the election of the 2014 officers and directors.

3) To cast your vote in the election of two long-time club members; Earl Sheets & Becky McCumber who have been nominated for “Life Member” status.

4) To enjoy the company of fellow club members & share in the holiday dinner that will immediately follow the meeting (~3:00 pm).

The dinner is being catered by Capponi's. There is a nominal charge (in advance) of \$5 per person. Please sign up at the clubhouse manager's counter so we can get an idea of how much food to order.

Hope to see you at the meeting! We would like to have a good turnout. And **don't forget to return your 2014 Board election ballot**.

***Your Board of Directors***