

January Newsletter

GENERAL

SHOOTING RANGE HOURS:

ALL EARLY STARTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

FARM: MONDAY– SATURDAY 10 AM - SUNSET, SUNDAY 12:30 – SUNSET.

INDOOR RANGE: MONDAY – SATURDAY 8AM – MIDNIGHT. SUNDAY 12 PM
– MIDNIGHT.

When using any of the outdoor ranges, remember to police your brass or hulls and pick up all trash and place in dumpster by barn. Long handled magnetic pick-up sticks are available

Maintenance ideas are needed for all shooting disciplines and should be submitted to the following e-mail address: tdscinquire@gmail.com

FARM

Look for the details in our Email Blasts. Updates will be posted soon.

SPEED LIMIT

We request that members be careful when driving to and from the club house. A number of members speed on that road and it scatters the gravel everywhere and causes a lot of dust at the rifle range. Please be careful.

ENTRANCE GATE

Beginning July 1, 2020, a Key Card will be required to access Club property. This Key Card will now be your 2021 membership card and is the same Key Card currently used to enter the clubhouse. If you do not currently possess a Key Card,

you must obtain one or you will be unable to access Club property.

On July 1, a member's card will be able to open the gate and the club house 1 hour prior to the club's opening schedule.

To obtain your Key Card, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope, including a check to:

Bob Waite
326 Crisswell Rd.
Butler, PA 16002

Please include your 2020 membership number and contact information. The yearly fee for the Key Card is \$20.00. Please make your checks payable to TDSC.

TRAP

.To open and close trap fields using target tag system see Clays committee for details. Trap machines require special training and you must work closely with the Clays committee to prove you are ready to go on your own. This may take multiple lessons. You must schedule the appointments by emailing Ray Arch.

The wire running from the Target Tag reader to the trap house is now buried underground at all 3 trap fields. You are no longer required to run a cord to the trap house and plug it in!

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 or both of the 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.**
- ✓ In order 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.

MILITARY Rifle Match

No rifle matches will be held in January

INDOOR PISTOL

The indoor range is open.

The Tarentum pistol team participates in the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Police Revolver League. The name is a little misleading because no one in the league shoots a revolver. We are planning on starting our indoor league October 20th, starting at 7 PM.

3-GUN

3 Gun match is scheduled for Jan. 17,2021 depending on weather and range conditions. – Dick Edder

Skeet

Paul Giambrone will be back at TDSC May 13th – 16th. Come and get lessons from one of the best. To schedule, contact Paul directly at geo5385@icloud.com

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. This is a great way for a young shooter to earn a few bucks! If interested, please contact Ernie A at 412-352-5692.

A group of members that want to add LED lighting to the 5-Stand have been soliciting donations from interested members to fund this project. So far, they have raised over \$5500! If you are willing to donate to this project, please let someone on the clays committee or our Club Manager know. Once the lights are installed, they want to continue with this campaign in order to add to and improve clays shooting in the winter months. A big thank you to Ray Conlon for initiating this!

SPORTING CLAYS

The Sporting Clays course is closed for machine maintenance and to get equipment out of the weather. The plan is to open in March as soon as the weather allows. Keep watching newsletters for any further announcements.

MISC. INFORMATION

Want approved to operate all Shooting fields? See a Clays Committee member or the Club Manager for details. Look on the chalk board in club house for a list of approved members. Please get approval before you open or load targets, safety first.

Clays Committee is notifying all members and especially those who are approved to open and close the following: Kindly understand our club is managed by you alone and by other volunteers so please step up and lend a helping hand from time to time.

This is how you can help!

All Skeet / Trap Fields are now managed and maintained by the appointed "Clays Committee member's" and all members who decide they can help too. Everyone's support is appreciated.

So please help the committee when you are at the club. Pitch in when you can is all we are asking. This is a good starting point for us to follow.

1. When you turn on Traps.

- If you are capable: Carry Targets up the steps inside the high houses and stack beside the trap.
- If you are capable: Take a box of targets from storage to the bench beside the low house trap
- Pick up the broom and sweep the floor to the front door and dust plan the mess into the trash can.
- Sweep broken targets from Pad 1 and Pad 7 off the pads

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!**

4. Everyone remind fellow members to follow these 3 simple rules.

Need help? Contact us by email.

Clays Committee:

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

– Sporting Clays

- Ernie Anderson- Skeet & 5 Stand andersonernie@hotmail.com
 - Bob Waite – Club Manager - bigbob0402@gmail.com

To report any problems please contact the appropriate committee member or Bob Waite at 724-822-8594 or at bigbob0402@gmail.com

News and Notes:

Please pay attention to club shooting hours. We must 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.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

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. It doesn't take much effort to bend over and pick up after shooting. There is a magnetic stick at the rifle range to aid in picking up steel casings.

Bob Waite is our club manager. Bob will be around the club to help with any 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. Please contact Bob with any issues that come up. He can be reached at 724-822-8594 or at bigbob0402@gmail.com

INDOOR/OUTDOOR PISTOL RANGE CONSTRUCTION:

Site excavation is well underway for the new range. We will keep you updated with pictures and details as they become available.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

This is a reminder so you do not let your membership lapse. Send a check for the proper amount, made out to TDSC (put Membership 2021 in the memo area), a self-addressed-stamped envelope to TDSC, PO Box 114, Cabot, Pa., 16023. You will receive a 2021 sticker that needs attached to your key card. Place it on the smooth side of the card. There is an extra \$20 charge if your membership wasn't paid by Dec. 31, 2020. If your membership isn't paid by January 31, 2021 your name will be dropped from the club's roster and your gate key card will be deactivated.

A THANK YOU FOR OUR CLUB

Boy Scout Troop 557 of Zion United Methodist church on Bear Creek Road in Sarver had 11 Youth scouts attend a 5 Stand & Skeet/Trap shooting event at Tarentum District Sportsman Club from 11am to 3pm December 31st. The boys ages were 12 to 16 years old. They are all from the Sarver area.

The event provided the youth with safe practices of handling, loading, and shooting a shotgun at clay targets. The event also gave some of the boys the confidence to handle a shotgun for the very first time. The boys used .410 gauge, 20 gauge, and 12 gauge shotguns. The boys were also gifted Benelli hats & shooting towels donated by Elite Shotguns in Hampton Township when the leaders purchased ammo for the event. Don & Bob were very knowledgeable and friendly to talk to when we went to the store.

Leadership of the Boy Scout group were two club members Bob Schreckengost and Will Kmetz (Scoutmaster) as well as Jeff Bentz (Assistant Scoutmaster).

The boys shot over 900 rounds of ammo and clay targets. All the boys enjoyed themselves very much! A special thank you goes out to Bob Waite, Club Manager, Josh (Treasurer) & Mike (Jr) for guiding the boys during the shooting event, and Mike (Sr), Club President for the great hospitality as well as introducing these boy scouts to the high class shooting facility in our backyard.

We want to thank everyone else we may not have mentioned here in providing the boys with such a wonderful time, the memories, and experiences with a firearm.

Thanks,

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