



The Naperville Trapshooter

The Official Newsletter of the Naperville Sportsman's Club - October 2013

The Fred Section

Members' Meeting and Board Meeting

We will have a member's meeting followed by a board meeting on Tuesday, November 10th. The meeting starts at 7:30; doors open at 7:00. All members are invited and urged to attend both meetings.

*...Fred Turek
Secretary*

Bits and Pieces

Do you need or want an extra 75th Anniversary Patch? The club has extras for sale. Contact Tom Coleman, club treasurer, to get your patch.

Gobble Wobble – Thursday November 7th

Members & Board Meeting – November 12th

Members & Board Meeting – December 10th

President's Message

Phase I Remediation

Phase I remediation is now underway. This work is to clean the area outside the east fence area and to prepare for next year's phase II remediation. Work on phase I should be completed by the end of the year. Phase I has no impact on the Trap Shooting operation.

Heading For Another Record

Brad Wilson reported at the September meeting that the Trap Shooting operation is only 100 rounds behind (at the same point in the year) the 2012 record for rounds shot at Sportsman's. We are 900 ahead of 2011. If the weather is favorable for the rest of the year I hope we can break the 2012 record of rounds shot.

New "Probationary" Members

At the September meeting the Board approved Jake Sugrue, Bob Kaczor and Jim Durham for Probationary Membership. When you see them in the clubhouse or on the line please congratulate them on becoming a Full or Probationary Members of the Club.

Upcoming Events

We are sponsoring an ATA event on October 13th (ATA National Trapshooting Day). Gobble Wobble on November 7th. The 2014 Annual Dinner and Raffle are scheduled for June 21st. Please mark your calendars now.

New Member Orientation

The next three new member orientations (informal history and workings of the club) will be held at the club on Sunday November 10th, Sunday December 8th and Sunday January 12th at 10:00 AM. Please RSVP to myself at 630-842-0391. The Range Volunteer clinic will begin at 11:00 AM on those days. Everyone interested in learning how the machines work should attend.

*...Jim Monk
President*



NSC hosts National Trapshooting Day ATA event

The ATA (Amateur Trapshooting Association) designated Sunday, October 13 as National Trapshooting Day for 2013. As part of that designation, the ATA encouraged all clubs to host some sort of event as part of National Trapshooting Day. The ATA developed a commemorative pin and arranged for NTD-logo trophies for any clubs wishing to hold a shoot as part of National Trapshooting Day.

For the third year in a row, NSC hosted an ATA registered shoot for National Trapshooting Day. We held three ATA target-only shoots during the summer months this year, but the NTD shoot is the first shoot of the 2014 target year, and the only ATA shoot in which we offer trophies.

The program for the event was 100 16-yard targets. We arranged for trophies from Shamrock Leathers for the winner, as well as three class trophies to be given, determined by Lewis Class method.

The weather was excellent, with clear skies and just enough of a breeze to make sure the shooters paid close attention to the targets. We had 14 shooters in total, which included one new ATA shooter.

Ray Wieser led the way and won the Overall Champion leather bag with a score of 93. Class winners took home leather shell box holders. Denny Mills took the top spot in Class A with a score of 92. Bob Ash and Josh Wexelbaum both recorded 89's to tie for the B class trophy, with Bob taking home the trophy based on the tie-breaker. Bob Seetin and John Brandt posted 81's to tie for the C class trophy, with Bob coming out on top via the tie-breaker. Other club members participating in this year's shoot were Jake Sugrue, Jay Spitz, Jud Mann, Ralph Nelson, Mike Stevens, Tom Clark, Brent Davis, and Christopher Borg. Mike Moore served as official scorekeeper for the event.



Left to Right: Denny Mills, Bob Seetin, Ray Wieser, Bob Ash

Thursday Evening at Naperville Sportsman's Club



Winter Shooting

Are you a new shooter who started out this summer and as cold weather approaches; you find your scores dropping a bit? Wearing a winter jacket or maybe donning that heavy sweater has most likely changed your gun fit.

- Some shooters have two recoil pads, a thick one for warm weather shooting and a thin pad for winter use. You can have a gunsmith fit a thinner pad for use in the winter and change them out as the seasons change, or you may find an adjustable stock is the way to go.

Shooting in the winter can be enjoyable, but there can be more to it than just throwing on a pair of long johns.

- Hands. Shooting gloves of course, but chemical hand warmer inserts can save the day, especially on subzero days.
- Feet. A pair of insulated boots is a must. Stay away from cotton socks. You can also purchase socks where you can insert chemical warmers, or you can go the battery operated sock warmer route.
- Ears. Old fashioned ear muffs may be the answer for keeping the ears warm, or wearing a set of shooting muffs worn by many shooters at all times of the year.
- Most shooters wear a hat and one that has some protection for the ears might be something to look at if you rather not wear muffs.
- Some of the more serious shooters, who shoot in open areas subject to the wind, can be found wearing snowmobile outfits or clothing of that nature. If it's below 10 and you have to get out and shoot, you might as well be comfortable...
- Ammunition. Leaving ammunition out in the cold overnight can affect your shooting. A few years back someone on a talk board ran a test and found it took six to eight hours for ammunition left in a vehicle overnight to return to room temperature. Just something to be thinking about if your ammunition starts to sound off.

2013 Events

Sunday, January 27 – Doubles League

50-pair doubles targets each Sunday for six weeks

Sunday, March 17 – Irish Open

50 Target Event – 25 singles and 25 handicap

Thursday, March 28 – Singles League

50 16-yard targets each Thursday for eight weeks

Sunday, April 28 – ATA Shoot

Thursday, June 6 – Club Handicap Championship

See Bob Ash for details

Sunday, June 23 – ATA Shoot

Sunday, August 4 – ATA Shoot

Thursday, September 5 – Wobble League

50 16-yard wobble targets each Thursday for eight weeks

Sunday, October 13 – ATA Shoot

National Trapshooting Day – trophies will be awarded

Thursday, November 7 – Gobble Wobble

See Jay Spitz for details

How is your Shotguns and Shooting IQ?

Following is the seventeenth list of questions which were taken from a book titled Shotgun + Clay Target Sports Trivia written by Mike McGuire. See how many you know. **Watch for the answers to these and more questions next month.**

1. **T o F** Famous gun inventor John Browning worked for and invented guns for Winchester
2. Blue rock or “rock” used to name clay pigeons is actually named after what?
3. There are seven steps of operation of a shotgun. What is the first step?
4. If you sight down the shotgun barrel like a rifle, you will generally shoot where in regards to the clay target?
5. Does a larger, brighter front bead increase targets broken in trap and skeet?
6. What three initials are usually engraved on the receiver of a double over and under shotgun?
7. Demibloc and Monobloc (Italian terminology) makes one think of what type of shotguns?
8. By the U.S. Patent Office, when was the first glass ball trap target and clay target introduced to trapshooters?
9. Which clay target sport requires American gun club owners to add more facilities?
10. Where do “low gun” trapshooters hold their muzzle point before calling for a bird?
11. Which shotguns are totally machined from solid steel billets and carry the slogan “shotguns to last a lifetime?”
12. Which shotgun manufacturer offers a “triple trigger” system to help adjust the length of pull?
13. **T or F** On a double side-by-side shotgun, the distance (measurement) is from the back trigger for the length of pull.
14. **T or F** Proper choke tightening is finger tight first, then moderate pressure with the correct fitting wrench.
15. What tool helps to determine where the grain will fall, how the color(s) and the figure aspects will compose on a stock?
16. What is the recoil-reducing device that mounts on the muzzle to deflect part of the powder gases called?
17. What is the most common type of hand engraving encountered on shotguns?
18. **T or F** A trapshooter should mount his shotgun across his body (at 45 degrees) rather than square off the shoulder.
19. What is the part of the stock that lies under the barrel(s)?
20. What is a “shell” magazine loading port?

....Tom Coleman



Answers to Last Month's Trivia Questions!

Following are the answers to last month's Shotgun + Clay Target Sports Trivia questions. How many did you know?

1. What are the three basic types of shotguns used today in the United States?
Semi-automatic, pump, and hinged (usually double barrels), over and under (O/U), or side-by-side
2. **T or F** At first, live birds were shot when released from under "top hats" by pulling the hats off with a string.
True. These live bird shooters were known as the "High Hats Club."
3. A shooting position in trap is called a _____; in skeet it is called a _____.
(Trap) post; (skeet) station
4. Once the pellets escape the gases and plastic wad, what factor influences the shot charge?
Air resistance (drag) that now influences the pellets.
5. **T or F** A good shooter will locate the clay target before he moves his gun.
True! Good shooting starts with the eyes.
6. What is the functional decoration that is cut into the grip and fore-end of your shotgun?
Checking, usually a pointed pyramid pattern.
7. How big is the shooting square in skeet at each station?
Three foot square. Skeet shooters do move around in the square to set up for their shots.
8. What makes the loud sound of "BANG!" when a shot is fired?
It is NOT the exploding powder; it is the sound of the shot stream breaking the speed of sound barrier (approximately 768 mph) as it leaves the muzzle of the shotgun.
9. What type of shotgun is commonly recommended for beginning youth trap shooters?
12-gauge, automatic with 7/8 oz. or 1 oz. loads will work just fine. 20 gauge is OK in some cases, but it will kick harder and the young shooter might not like the recoil. Try both if you have the chance
10. What is the protective plate called that is attached to the butt of the stock?
Butt plate
11. Chokes should be cleaned every time the gun is used to eliminate what two problem elements?
Powder residue and plastic fouling build-up
12. **T or F** Trap layouts, located on country club golf course grounds were popular in the early 1900s.
True! Actually very popular and this was before gated golf course housing communities.
13. What three chokes usually come with a new shotgun (at a minimum)?
Full (F), improved cylinder (IC), and modified (M) ...and sometimes a skeet (SKT)

14. What is the most popular choke combination in Olympic Trap?
1st barrel (usually lower one) improved modified; 2nd barrel (top) full choke
15. What is the portion of the gun called with all the working parts; the action, trigger, magazine, chamber portion of the barrel?
The breech
16. What three elements does trapshooting great Kay Ohye say determines consistency in trapshooting?
Shooting style, execution and concentration
17. Describe the shotgun shooting game of "popinjay?"
"Popinjay" is a descendant to the pigeon shooting which was a descendant to "clay bird" trapshooting. Popinjay, a live bird tied to the top of a pole with a length of string.
18. Who was the first shooter in history to win the Grand American Roundhouse?
Kay Ohye; Roundhouse is winning them all: Singles, Double, Handicap, High Overall and High All Around.
19. Name at least three (or more) international shotgun shell manufacturers.
ATK/Estate, Fioochi, Kent/Gamebore, Maxam/RIO and Maxam/Kemen, and there are others.
20. What is the major reason to change chokes?
To provide the shooter with the largest diameter effective shot string at the distance you are going to break the clay target.

....Tom Coleman



2013 Calendar of Events

January	February	March
Sun, 27 – NSC Doubles league starts*		Sun, 17 – NSC Irish Open Thu, 28 – NSC Singles League starts **
April	May	June
Sun, 21 – ATA (McHenry) Sun, 28 – ATA (Downers Grove – targets only) Sun, 28 – ATA (Naperville – targets only)	Sun, 5 – ATA (Maywood) Sun, 19 – ATA (Northbrook) Sun, 26 – ATA (McHenry – targets only)	Sun, 2 – ATA (St. Charles, Bob Sommers Memorial) Thu, 6 – NSC Handicap Championship Sat-Sun, 8-9 – ATA (Downers Grove, Grand Chicago) Tue-Sun, 11-16 – ATA Illinois State Shoot (Brittany Shooting Park, Bunker Hill, IL) Sat, 22 – NSC Member Picnic Sun, 23 – ATA (Naperville, targets only) Sun, 23 – ATA (McHenry) Sun, 30 – ATA (Northbrook)
July	August	September
Sun, 7 – ATA (St. Charles, Illini Indian) Sun, 14 – ATA (Downers Grove, Illini Indian) Sun, 21 – ATA (McHenry, Buckle Shoot) Sun, 28 – ATA (Maywood, Zone Illini Indian)	Sun, 4 – ATA (Naperville, targets only) Sun, 4 – ATA (Maywood – targets only) Wed-Sun, 7-11 – ATA Grand American Preliminary (WSRC, Sparta, IL) Mon-Sat, 12-17 – ATA Grand American Championship (WSRC, Sparta, IL)	Thu, 5 – NSC Wobble league starts*** Sat-Sun, 14-15 – ATA (Downers Grove, Illinois Northern Zone) Sun, 22 – ATA (Northbrook, Illini Indian) Sun, 29 – ATA (St. Charles, Fall Handicap)
October	November	December
Sun, 13 – ATA National Trapshooting Day (Naperville, trophy shoot) Sun, 20 – ATA (Downers Grove, Grundy County Handicap)	Thu, 7 – NSC Gobble Wobble Shoot	

*-NSC Doubles League – 50 pair of doubles each Sunday for six weeks, ends March 3

**-NSC Singles League – 50 singles targets each Thursday for eight weeks, ends May 16

***-NSC Wobble League – 50 wobble targets each Thursday for eight weeks, end October 24

Officers and Board Members

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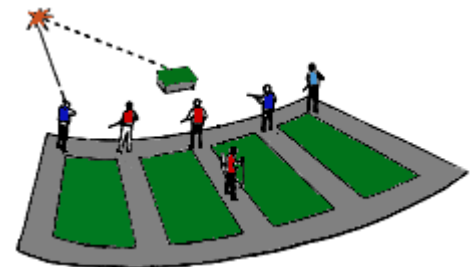
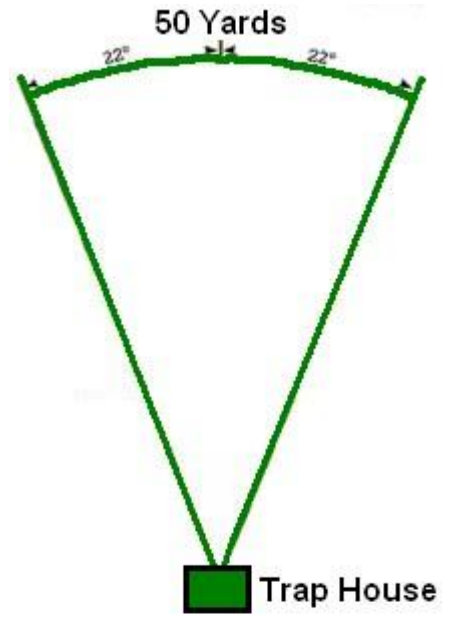
Hours of Operation:

Thursdays: 6:00 – 10:00 PM

Sundays: 12:00 – 6:00 PM. Final Signup at 4:00 PM

Hours are subject to weather and attendance, holidays, and community events

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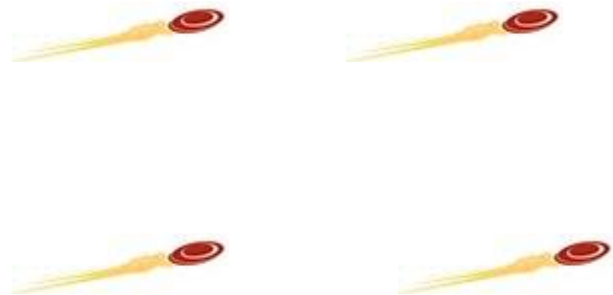
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October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Club Open	4	5
6 Club Open	7	8 NSC Board & Member Meeting – 7:30 PM	9	10 Club Open	11	12
13 Club Open National Trapshooting Day New Member Orientation	14	15	16	17 Club Open	18	19
20 Club Open	21	22	23	24 Club Open	25	26
27 Club Open	28	29	30	31 Club Open		

November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Club Open	4	5	6	7 Club Open	8	9
10 Club Open New Member Orientation	11	12 NSC Board & Member Meeting – 7:30 PM	13	14 Club Open	15	16
17 Club Open	18	19	20	21 Club Open	22	23
24 Club Open	25	26	27	28 Club Closed "Thanksgiving Day"	29	30

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