



The Naperville Trapshooter

The Official Newsletter of the Naperville Sportsman's Club - February 2014

The Fred Section

Members' Meeting and Board Meeting

We will have a member's meeting followed by a board meeting on Tuesday, February 11th. The meeting starts at 7:30; doors open at 7:00. All members are invited and urged to attend both meetings.

*...Fred Turek
Secretary*

Singles League Update

League to begin Thursday, March 20th

Due to the upcoming lead remediation project and facility improvement efforts planned by the Naperville Park District, we have changed the start date and format of the Singles League to ensure that we can complete the league before the temporary shutdown of Sportsman's Park. You can find more information about the remediation project and facility improvements, and the impact on shooting activities, elsewhere in the newsletter.

The singles league will now begin on Thursday, March 20 (original start date was March 27). The league will still consist of 400 targets, but will be completed over a period of four weeks instead of the usual eight weeks. League shooters will be able to shoot league rounds on both Thursday and Sunday thru April 13. We will also plan to use Thursday, April 17 as a ninth date to account for any bad weather that we might encounter.

Shooters will be allowed to shoot league rounds on both Thursday and Sunday, but will be required to shoot at least four of the eight league scores on Thursdays. The remaining four league scores can be shot on Sundays. Shooters will also be limited to only two league scores per day.

League entry fee is \$20, and will be used to purchase trophies and provide food for all league shooters at the end of the league.

We will still be offering the option of registering the league targets with the ATA. You must be an ATA member, as well as a member of the ISTA (Illinois State Trap Association). The cost for registering your targets with the ATA is \$7 (\$3 ATA fee and \$4 ISTA fee). Shooters must declare their intention to register their targets and pay the ATA/ISTA fees prior to shooting their first league rounds.

President's Message

Site Improvements

As many of you are aware the Naperville Park District will be performing Phase 2 of their remediation plan this year. They are waiting for the Illinois EPA to approve their plans. In addition to the remediation effort they also are planning to invest a significant amount of money to upgrade and improve Sportsman's Park as a whole. Some of the improvements the NSC Board of Directors and the NPD have discussed include: all new concrete sidewalks inside and outside of the fence (to meet new ADA requirements), enlarging the parking lot and paving with water permeable pavers, extending the blacktop road to the parking area, a new roof on the Clubhouse (including structural repairs), new power runs to the trap houses, enlarging a couple of the trap fields, all new lighting on the range, dredge and restock the pond with fish (allow fishing again). All of this work cannot be accomplished while the facility is operational. So the bad news is that the range and clubhouse will be closed for several months this year. The Annual Dinner will likely be moved to Seager Park (a really nice facility). The monthly meetings will also be moved to the Barn. We are planning a big reopening party to celebrate the site improvements. I will keep you informed by email as circumstances require.

Upcoming Events

The Doubles League has begun. The Irish Open will be held March 16th. The Singles league will begin on March 27th. 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 February 9th, Sunday March 9th and Sunday April 13th 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*



2014 Events

Sunday, January 26 – Doubles League

50-pair doubles targets each Sunday for seven weeks

Sunday, March 16 – Irish Open

50 Target Event

Thursday, March 20 – Singles League

50 16-yard targets each Thursday and Sunday for four weeks

Sunday, April 27 – ATA Shoot

Thursday, June 5 – Club Handicap Championship

See Bob Ash for details

Sunday, June 22 – ATA Shoot

Sunday, August 3 – ATA Shoot

Thursday, September 4 – Wobble League

50 16-yard wobble targets each Thursday for eight weeks

Sunday, October 12 – ATA Shoot

National Trapshooting Day – trophies will be awarded

Thursday, November 6 – Gobble Wobble

See Jay Spitz for details

How is your Shotguns and Shooting IQ?

Following is the twentieth 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. What famous shotgun was nicknamed the "Humpback?"
2. What is the force that moves the shotgun backwards into your shoulder when fired?
3. **T or F** "Shooting around the clock" is an old, informal term to describe trapshooting posts.
4. What two gunsmiths created the boxlock action for Westley-Richards in 1875?
5. During World War II, which sport (trap or skeet) was used to teach airplane gunners the principle of leading a target?
6. What is a single projectile shot from a shotgun called?
7. What is the difference between "sustained" lead and "maintained" lead?
8. What target release system is used in Olympic trap?
9. Name the five basic actions that are available for shotguns.
10. An International skeet shooter with an average of 95% or greater would be in what class?
11. What is the distance called from the center line of the stock to the offset, to one side or the other?
12. **T or F** Normally, pattern testing for cylinder and skeet chokes in all gauges and all chokes for the .410 bore would occur at 25 yards.
13. Does the shot shell speed affect the lead on the target?
14. What term do shooters in the United Kingdom and Europe use for shotgun shells?
15. What is the minimum legal limit in the United States for a shotgun barrel length?
16. What is the largest type of shotgun and what was it used for?
17. **T or F** The smaller the number for pellet size and gauge/bore diameter, the larger the size.
18. How much does the porting of shotgun barrels increase the decibels of the shot blast?
19. What famous shooting instructor developed the Move, Mount and Shoot technique?
20. Rate the difficulty from easiest (1) to hardest (7); American Trap, American Skeet, Sporting clays, Olympic Skeet, FITASC, Olympic Trap and 5-Stand.

....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?

- How wide is a full choke pattern for a 12-gauge shotgun at the normal breaking point of 32 yards?
26-plus inches wide
- What happened in skeet shooting in 1926
The sport was named in a contest won by Gertrude Hurlbutt. *Skjuta* (the word "shoot" is Scandinavian) evolved into *skeet*.
- What was the name of the trophy that DuPont Powder awarded to trapshooters shooting 100 in a row with DuPont Powder?
The Du Pont 1915-16 Long Run Trophy – very popular at the time!
- What is a barrel guard?
A leather wrap (guard) to protect your hand from "hot barrels"; usually used with side-by-side double shotguns
- Name the two shotgun manufacturers that are considered the leaders in International Trap and Skeet competitions today.
Krieghoff International and Perazzi...but others are applying pressure and can quickly change the marketplace
- Are there any options for release triggers on over and under (O/U) shotguns?
Yes! You can have release-pull, pull-release and release-release.
- T or F** Ported barrels are allowed in International Skeet competitions
False. NO ported barrels at all.
- Which type of lead? You start with the barrel behind the target, you overtake the target and then fire as you swing through, and get a bit ahead of it.
Swing-through lead
- What is measured by the number of perfectly spherical balls of lead, each exactly fitting the interior diameter of the barrel, required to make up 16 lbs. in weight?
Bore size
- T or F** Lead shot is heavier and softer than steel shot.
True
- What are two advantages of a parallel comb that has a neutral cast at the heel?
Alignment of the shooter's eye to sighting plane does not change, and the recoil of the shotgun does not direct the stock up into the shooter's cheek.
- What are striker holes?
Holes in the action face where the striker, aka firing pin(s), emerges to detonate the shot shell.
- When moving from post five to one, which way should the shooter rotate to start moving?
Rotate, turning to your right to keep the muzzle from ever pointing toward other squad members
- T or F** Lead shot is heavier and softer than steel shot.
True. It also dents easier and has many other characteristics affecting your shot string and pattern.
- Trap boy** is the person who places the clay pigeons on a trap: **puller** is the person who releases the clay target from the trap.
Trap boy; puller – can be one and the same
- On side-by-side double shotguns with double triggers, which trigger fires which barrel?
Front trigger – right barrel; rear trigger – left barrel
- Which post is considered the toughest in trapshooting for right-handed shooters?
Post # 5, the wide left-to-right clay target bird
- T or F** A skeet choke (.004 to .005) is designed to place an entire 12-gauge shot charge in a 30" circle at 25 yards.
True! A very effective choke pattern for skeet.
- What was the "Peoria Blackbird"?
The first composition target invented in 1884 by Fred Kimble
- What shot size is recommended on domed clay birds at 25 yards and beyond?
#7-1/2 shot, #8s just lose some of the killing power at 25-plus yards

....Tom Coleman



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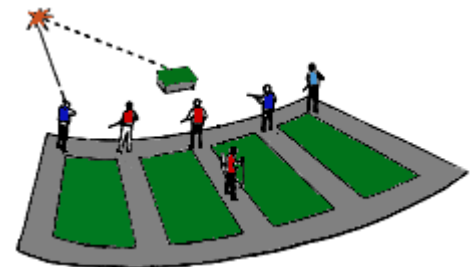
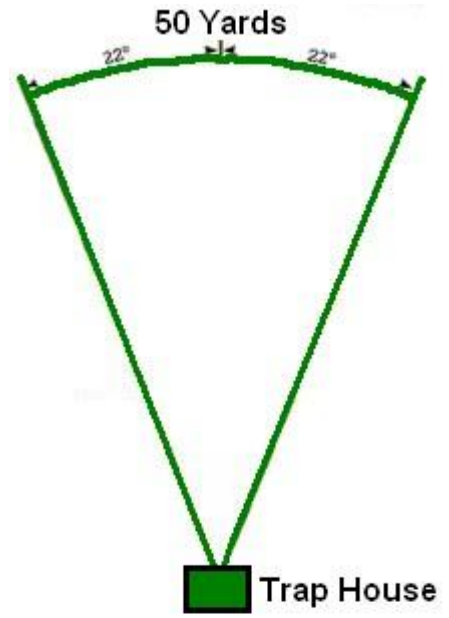
Hours of Operation:

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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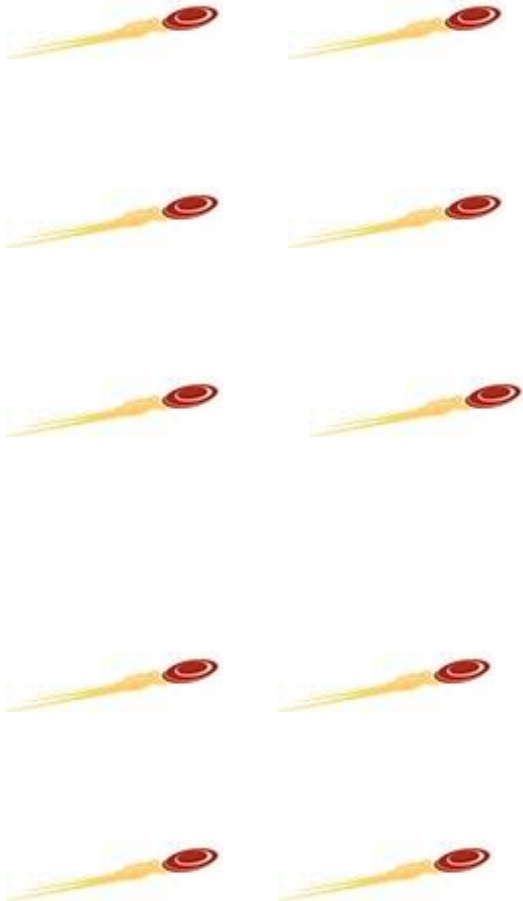
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