



SHOTGUN SPORTS ARCHERY

Kingston & District Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays & Archery Club

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Butter Tart "2015"

On Saturday Mar 21st, our Annual Butter Tart Fun Shoot took place and despite the wet, snowy weather, it was a huge success. Both trap and skeet events were well attended and fun was had by all.

A large selection of prizes were available for the taking and our silent auction proved to be profitable in its own way. Thanks to all the members who donated items for the auction. Some very interesting items indeed.

The day finished up with a delicious pasta dinner consisting of lasagna with meatballs and sausages, salad, buns, and a beverage. Thanks to Jim Riga for preparing the meal!

There were also plenty of butter tarts.

Several draws took place including the raffle for which John Taggart was the 1st prize winner of \$600. George Merry won the 50/50, and Chris Clarke won the free shoot card. Congrats Gents!

Some very high scores posted at all skill levels.

Several thanks to many members including Tony Raponi, Dan Larson, Frank Spindler, Chris Clarke, George Merry, and Don Barnes.

Thanks to all the out-of-town shooters who attended our event, and we hope to see more in the future.



Dave Mayell

Canadian Firearm Safety Course

Once again, Bob Taylor has been approved to conduct another Firearm Safety Course at the club on Apr 24th and 25th.

This course is being advertised to attract potential new members with a spe-

cial price in the effort to acquire new memberships. Bob currently has his own Firearm Safety business and offered to run some courses at the club thus giving direct exposure to our facility.

Further details are located on the club website, and depending on the response, will determine the delivery of future courses. Please pass the word around to friends and acquaintances

Thank you.

Archery update

Last fall the club approved the addition of archery to the available activities. The concept was to provide alternative recreational shooting opportunities for members and attract new members. Two shooting lanes were established in field #5, and a small amount of archery equipment was procured such as re-curve bows, arrows, and stationary targets. To de-conflict with the current shotgun disciplines, a separate timing was created for archery practice: 4 - 7:00pm every 1st and 3rd Tues of the month. A few interested archers have attended since opening however, club mem-

bership participation has been low. Winter weather may have been the factor.

Our approach to the establishment of archery as an integral aspect of the club's overall offerings is developmental in nature. A moderate initial capability was started with a plan to advance through a stepped & deliberate improvement process until we reach the intended full capability - a 3D archery range integrated within the sporting clays range. This "crawl, walk, run" approach is intended to give members ample opportunity to contribute to any decisions in the fur-

therance of an archery program. The next stage will involve the purchase of four to five 3D targets. Construction of archery lanes within the sporting clays range consisting of clearing of the trail will need to commence when the snow subsides and spring weather arrives.

Target stand areas and backstops will also need to be created. These 3D targets are intended to be small-medium sized targets such as fox, coyote, turkey, and deer. This will make up the club's interim capability.

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Archery cont'd

The full capability will see ten x 3D shooting lanes and targets, with the addition of larger 3D targets such as bear, cougar, and elk. While further discussion is still required and taking place in order to gauge general membership support for this initiative, progress is being made.

Please pass on your constructive feedback, and suggestions to the club executive, and for those of you who are interested in trying archery, come on

out and "lose some arrows."

For those members who enjoy bow-hunting, one benefit of the club's new archery capability is the ability to sight-in bows and crossbows.

If you can offer any assistance to the archery program, please see our Archery Program Manager, Bob Taylor.

Author: Bob Taylor



Cleaning Bench

We have now created an area in the back of the clubhouse that has a padded work bench, complete with amenities for cleaning and maintaining your firearm.

Several kind donations were received from a couple of members of cleaning supplies and tools for member's use at the bench. If any other members wish to donate some solvents or otherwise, all are welcomed.

Having this small capability provides members with the opportunity to clean their firearm or immediately resolve a stoppage issue in the comfort of the clubhouse, especially during the winter weather conditions.

We would like to remind the membership that should you take advantage of the bench facility, that you kindly keep the area clean, tidy and free of excess solvent/oil spillage.

If there is a requirement to replenish some of the cleaning solvents or amenities, kindly advise the executive. This is there for your use, so take advantage of it.



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If any member wishes to advertise their own firearms and accessories via the newsletter, please forward complete details/photos to the club secretary.



Club Website (www.kingstonshotgunsports.com)

As the club Webmaster, I would like to re-emphasize that we have a club website that is maintained and updated for the members use as a mechanism to seek and pass news related items to the club membership as well as provide the public with information for shotgun sports, and archery.

Many members are always asking for a lot of the information that is already posted on the website on a daily basis. There are several pages containing

links for the members pleasure to read and interact with for all club events, news, updates, and announcements. One such page of late is the Blog page which immediately provides news updates. I encourage all members to frequent the website on a regular basis as its there for your convenience.



(submitted by Webmaster)

Club Guns

The club has recently received by way of kind donations, two shotguns that can be used as loaners for visitors under direct supervision to try skeet or trap. A Winchester semi-auto 12g for skeet and a Stevens semi-auto 12g for trap. (both guns choked accordingly)

These will only be used under direct supervision by a club member, remain at the club the entire time, and signed out via the register by the on-duty executive. There is no fee associated

with their use while at the premises. This provides the club the ability to have visitors wishing to try a few shots at skeet or trap rather than the supervising member using their personal firearm.

Guns are to be functionally checked prior to their use and properly maintained/cleaned accordingly.

Again, many thanks to Patrick Groenewegen and Bill Templeton (thru an associate) for their donations of these

assets. The more capabilities we can provide for those interested in shotgun sports, the better suited we are to receive memberships.



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Individuals that support the club throughout the year include Dave Mayell, Andy Spooner, Tom MacFarlane, Bill Templeton, and George Diferedico, Jim Riga, Don Barnes, and Tony Raponi, to name a few.