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**Kingston & District
Trap, Skeet, and
Sporting Clays Club**

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Butter Tart 2016

On Saturday Mar 19th, was our annual Butter Tart Fun Shoot. This event, as always, involved 100 targets of skeet or trap, remains our most popular shoot.

Shooter turnout this year was one of the largest despite the cool wind from the north but the sun was shining and big blue sky. Our own Jim Riga cooked up a home made batch of venison stew thanks to donations from members own catches.

Butter tarts were plentiful thanks to Gert Bullock and Jennifer Wollin - delicious! We would like to send a special thanks for the out of town shooters that came to participate as they all had a big grin on the face from a fun time.

Special mention of Matt Pomeroy who achieved his very first 25 straight while shooting one of his rounds - Congrats Matt!

The winners of the raffle ticket draw were as follows:

1st Prize \$600

Walter Nuvoloni

2nd Prize \$300

P. Donovan

3rd Prize \$100

Dan Larson

The winner of the 50/50 was Michael Wilson.

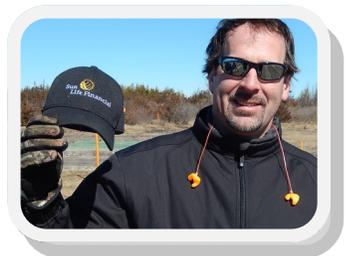
Our silent auction drew some attention as planned and raised some money for the club, thanks to all who donated and to the winning bidders.

We would like to thank

everyone who assisted in making our shoot the main event from scorekeepers, to ticket sellers, and to kitchen staff.

To view all the pictures taken at the shoot, visit our website and see the Gallery page.

We were glad everyone had a great time and we thank you for coming!



Matthew Pomeroy

Archery Director?

With the departure of our previous Archery Director due to other commitments, the club is seeking a volunteer member to become the Archery Director to continue to offer this activity at the club. Ideally we foresee the archery being run on Sunday afternoons once the

skeet and trap shooting usually subsides. We have a great start on the equipment and targets with the backstops, so all we need are a couple of volunteers with some archery experience or desire to run the activity. The days/timings of operation can certainly

be discussed. Lets continue to offer this discipline.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with the archery, please advise one of the executive directors.



Thanks!

Shell/Hull Recycle Trial

After months of researching a option to recycle our spent hulls rather than sending them to the landfill with nil return, an ammunition recycler in Canada was found. In an attempt to determine if recycling the spent hulls would be beneficial to the club in perhaps raising some funds, it was suggested that we coordinate with other local skeet/trap clubs and try and generate a volume of hulls that might be possible to recycle by weight and receive a few dollars for the clubs.

A trial was started to collect hulls among a total of seven local clubs including ours. The collection of hulls

began with the barrels filled only with spent hulls until a decent volume was achieved. We then decided to start with our five barrels and see if the company recycler in Mississauga would provide a price conducive to make our recycle effort worthwhile.

Despite our weight generated (5 barrels = 320lbs), the recycler would only offer a mere \$0.05/per lb, providing a return of only approx. \$16.00. With the company traveling over 700kms and spending \$90.00 in fuel to travel from the GTA to our location to pick up the hulls, it was obvious that the trial and efforts to both the recycler

and us were not worth it.

It was decided by all involved to end the trial and return to sending the hulls to the landfill. Much larger volumes of hulls in the 30-40K lb range would be make the effort profitable.

Generating that kind of volume and being to hold that capacity is well beyond any club's means.



Club Future - Update

On Mar 10th, the IESO released their list of which contracts were awarded to the companies applying for solar panel install under the Large Renewable Project. Only one solar panel company was awarded a contract and they were the Loyalist Solar Project in Stone Mills Township, not the RES Canada project affecting our facility.

All the applications not awarded were rejected and the process would

need to begin from start if further desire to apply again was determined. RES Canada has indicated that they will re-apply however the entire process will take time and hereby gives our corporation a longer stay of operations.

The executive want to assure all members that we are diligently looking for alternate locations suitable and available for potential relocation in the future. Our efforts will also

concentrate on fundraising to increase funds available to the corporation to enable a smooth transition to a new location, should it be required.

Stay tuned for further information as it becomes available. Thanks.



Incorporated

As of Feb 2, 2016 our club has received its Certificate of Incorporation. This was decided and voted upon at the last AGM to take advantage of the numerous benefits associated with a Federal Corporation.

Becoming incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation provides the club with an enhanced capability and positioning of being a separate legal entity apart from its members. The club's existence will not be dependent on the

life of its members, directors and officers. Greater access to potential sources of capital to borrow money at lower rates. Credibility and prestige in any business dealings provides greater flexibility if the relocation of the club takes place.

Corporations Canada and CRA call for specific reporting guidelines for which the club must adhere to for managing its books. A new set of By-Laws have been re-written to abide by

the requirement as well that detail the operation of the corporation. These new set of By-Laws will be provided for review and a vote at the next AGM.



Guests / Visitors

With the increase in attendance of guests and visitors to the club, it is time to remind all members of the policies surrounding the guidelines when their guests or visitors want to shoot.

If members are bringing a guest(s) to the club, they are responsible for the direct supervision and behavior while at the club. Guests must be signed in, introduced to the executive on site, have read the Required Reading Binder containing club safety rules/regulations, **sign a waiver**, pay for their round and wear a guest ID Tag before stepping onto the range.

Visitors to the club facility must abide by the same rules as a guest. It is imperative that any guest or visitor to the club be escorted and supervised on any of the fields and are **NOT** permitted to run the skeet or trap ranges on their own. A club member shall always be present. There have been several instances where visitors or guests were witnessed running a field on their own with no member present, this is **NOT** permitted for safety reasons.

When visitors arrive at the club, please introduce yourself, welcome them to your club and direct them to

the kitchen staff or on-site executive to get them signed in or to have any of their questions answered as required.

We have a great facility and reputation at the club and want that to continue, especially as more local people of the community visit and want to try shooting clays.

The executive asks you as members to be vigilant and aware when non-members are present.



Trap Boys

With the concern of the sporting clays range not receiving much use, it was decided to appoint a director to generate interest and to coordinate sporting clay shoots every other Sunday. Along with that, the reinstatement of using trap boys again to run the machines on the range was also put in place.

Four juniors volunteered to be trained as trap boys and have since been employed at the club, not only to

throw targets on the sporting clay range but to also perform any other tasks related to the smooth operation of the entire club.

This includes tasks such as target replenishment, snow removal, general maintenance of the fields etc.

The use of the sporting clays range has greatly improved in popularity and positive feedback continues to be received for employing the trap boys.

A job well done boys, keep up the great work!



Fundraising

Building on the fact that the corporation now has longer time on location to continue operating, the efforts need to concentrate on creating funds towards a potential relocation in the future. The more time we have, the more fundraising can take place.

Generally speaking, our success has been the Butter Tart shoot and the Turkey Fun Shoot. Perhaps scheduling more fun shoots for friendly competition or fun shooting games similar

to those at the Turkey Shoot, need to be increased over the next couple of years. There are other fundraising ideas floating around and the executive will be looking to create a Focus Group of members tasked to plan and coordinate the fundraising aspect of the corporation among other things.

Operations will continue without disruption as per normal as will membership. The executive would like to ask all members to please take this

seriously and assist or volunteer to be part of the Focus Group in a collective effort to raise funds. If you have ideas for raising funds or events, please step up and help make it happen.



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Individuals that support the club throughout the year include Dave Mayell, Andy Spooner, Tom MacFarlane, Bill Templeton, Jim Riga, Don Barnes, Tony Raponi, Matt Pomeroy, Michael Wilson and Mark Santoni to name a few.