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SHOTGUN SPORTS

Kingston & District
Trap, Skeet, and
Sporting Clays Club

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Points of interest:

- * DU Shoot - Apr 20th
- * Spring Clean-Up May 6th
- * Open House - May 26th
- * Skeet Clinic - Jun 2nd
- * Sporting Clay Club Shoot - Jun 16th
- * Memorial Shoot - Sep 8th

Butter Tart Fun Shoot 2018

Our annual Butter Tart Fun Shoot took place on Mar 24th and the large turnout of participants, most of which were out of town shooters, was nice to see.

Despite the sunny, blue sky, the wind was cold. All three skeet fields running along with our trap field. This year we enjoyed having guest shooters from as far as London, Gatineau and Emerson.

Jim Riga as always produced a delicious homemade beef stew that stuck to your ribs on a cold day such as this one. Plenty of butter tarts were enjoyed as always. Thanks to Mark Santoni for assisting Jim.

The winners for the best score for skeet and trap

were as follows:

Skeet - Matt Pomeroy (96)

Trap - Gary Tisdale (77)

Our raffle tickets winners were as follows:

1st Prize (\$600)

Gary Tisdale

2nd Prize (\$300)

Bob Birch

3rd Prize (\$100)

Don Barnes

Our 50/50 winner was also Don Banes, well done Don!

There were many members that assisted donating prizes and items for the silent auction that included Mike Hartzman, Marc Neumann, Bruce Roberts, Don Barnes, Andy Spooner, Jim Barry, Jason Shep-

herd, Stephen Ruffino, Mark Rickards and all the club supporters.

Several visitor competitors mentioned how well run and organized our facility was and definitely the friendliest club. Kudos to all for extending the hospitality. Many confirmed they will return for other fundraising shooting events later this season.

Thanks to all for making our shoot the most successful shoot of our season to date.

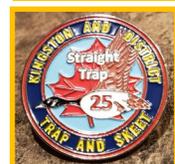


25 Straight Pins

New to the club's kit shop inventory are some "bling" in the form of a lapel pin to recognize those individual members who achieve their first 25 straight in either trap or skeet.

These pins will be presented to those members achieving this milestone

along with a club certificate that recorded the event. For those members who has already achieved these accomplishments in the past, may purchase the pins at a cost of \$5.00/each. See one of the Executive Directors to purchase yours.



Firearm Safety Courses

With the return of Bob Taylor as a member to the club, Bob has graciously, in collaboration with the Executive, scheduled some Canadian Firearm Safety Courses (Non-Restricted) to be conducted on the club premises.

The first course was held Jan 19th to 20th and was well attended by some new folks wishing to attain the training required to get their firearm licence.

The concept is to not only provide the club with the capability of conducting the training for firearms but to introduce those attending to our facility and what we have to offer for clay tar-

get shotgun sporting activities. Our aim is to hopefully sign new members once they receive their licences to increase our membership and to advertise our existence in a larger capacity by communicating how we are the friendliest clay target club in the entire region.

Additional courses are scheduled throughout 2018 with the next one **Jun 29-30**, and again in Aug and Nov. We thank Bob Taylor for including us in his teachings of this course and look forward to seeing new faces join our team.

Complete details and registration

can be found on the club website Home page so let's spread the word that one does have to look far to attend this course.



Orientation - New Members

The suggestion was made from the membership to perhaps conduct a form of orientation for all new members to our corporation; and on that note, we have done just that.

We have created an orientation session that all new members must attend soon after joining the club. These sessions will be approx. an hour in duration that will contain a handout to for new members to keep as a ref and also a small tour conduct-

ed by the senior member to visually explain and demonstrate certain aspects and safety considerations to club policy that all members must be familiar with and obey accordingly.

This training session will not only provide a huge awareness for the member but will also enable the club Executive and Staff to call upon members for assistance with the various operational necessities related to machine maintenance, box target loca-

tion, snow clearing equipment and general activities. Bill Templeton is currently our senior member conducting these sessions with the Club Secretary scheduling as required. Please make new members welcome.



A.E.D.

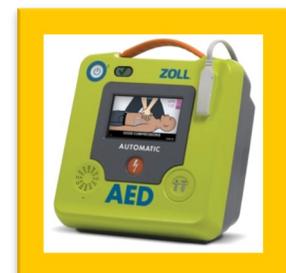
As a result of an extremely gracious donation from Lafarge Holcim in Bath, the club now has an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on site. This device is a very valued asset for our facility to compliment our First Aid Station and provide an immediate response to any such emergency requiring a defibrillator.

This device is fully automatic, has complete instructions for use by anyone responding to an emergency while

contacting the authorities via 911. There is a binder available that details all the device's capabilities and can provide you with a complete overview. Let's hope we never have to remove the AED from it's cabinet.

The Executive strongly suggests that all members ensure they know the location of the AED, where it has been mounted within the clubhouse and read through the additional literature contained within the binder. If you

require and further information or have questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of the Directors.



Water Reservoir

As many of you have experienced lately, the water plumbing has not been cooperative due to the freezing temps. The club's water reservoir tank within the outdoor water shelter tends to freeze to a thickness on the top layer that in turn freezes the piping that withdraws the water for use within the clubhouse for the wash-rooms and kitchen sink.

We installed temporary solutions to get us through the last couple of winter months but again we suffer from freezing pipes. We want to thank everyone for their patience during the small crisis and also thank those that

donated water to the club. The Executive is hard at work putting together a plan and team of experts to discuss our way forward in repairing the entire water shelter in the form of a complete demolition and rebuild.

Our new shelter will be constructed to properly withstand the frigid temps with internal insulation. Our goal is to have this completed during the spring/summer months in preparation for the next winter season.

We ask for your patience and cooperation with our temporary setbacks. There will be a "call to arms" sort of speak for members to assist the team

in this endeavor, so please stay tuned. We need all the help we can get and together we can resolve this issue. Rest assured, we are involving the landlord in their responsibilities as well.

Thanks to everyone!



Turkey Fun Shoot 2017

Our annual Turkey Fun Shoot took place last Dec 10th of 2017 and again, never disappointed with an excellent attendance.

The weather managed to hold steady but with a definite "chill" in the air. Vice President Mark Santoni deep fried some delicious turkeys and our kitchen staff of Jim Riga, Catherin Ernst-Spindler and David Fitzerman put together all the meal fixin's that made the dinner second to none.

The fun shooting games were very popular and fun was had by all that participated in them. The winners of the games were as follows:

Chip & Break - Matt Pomeroy

Pickle Shoot - Matt Pomeroy

Wipe Your Eye - Matt Pomeroy &
Nicholas Neumann

Walk Up Stn 8 - Frank Spindler

50/50 Winner - Bob Black

Congrats to all the winners and thanks to all who assisted the Executive Planners with this event, much appreciated.



Shotgun Chokes - simplified

Many newer members ask, "which choke do I need to shoot trap or skeet?"

Let's first explain what exactly choke for a shotgun means. By definition, a choke is a tapered constriction of a shotgun barrel's bore at the muzzle end. This controls shot dispersion. That shot dispersion from the barrel presents a pattern of pellets and depending on the constriction, will discharge a large or small pattern. That

pattern size will translate to the shooter's ability to engage targets effectively at certain distances.

Here is the main shotgun chokes and their effective distances:

Cylinder: <20 yards

Skeet: 22.5 yards

Improved Cylinder: 25 yards

Modified: 32.5 yards

Improved Modified: 35 yards

Full: 40+ yards

If you are unsure as to what choke to use for what discipline, see the advice and expertise from a senior member.



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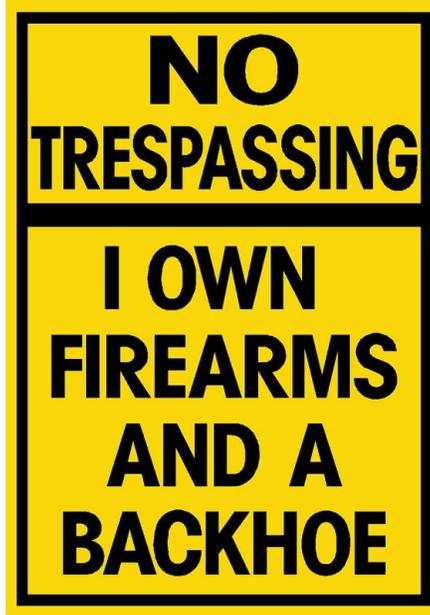
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