



SHOTGUN SPORTS

Kingston & District Trap Skeet and Sporting Clays Club

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Turkey Fun Shoot 2019

Our annual Turkey Fun Shoot in December last year was again very popular and saw a huge attendance and participation. The weather was mostly cloudy but pleasant.

Our meal format this year was a pot-luck and based upon the tremendous participation of members bringing in their specialties, there was plenty of food to go around and very delicious.

This format provided the staff to participate in the events rather than being slaved behind the counter preparing food. Thanks to all who brought in items for the meal.

Our shooting games were well attended and some fierce competition from the

more serious competitors. The winners of the games were as follows:

Pickle Shoot:

Bill Templeton

Wipe Your Eye:

Pat Groenewegen & Mike Ivanic

Chip & Break:

Santa—Matt Pomeroy

Walk Up Low Stn 8

Jason Fern

The 50/50 draw winner was our Junior member, Nick Neumann with \$168, congrats to all the winners.

Again a special thanks to all who contributed to the meal and others that assisted in the planning and preparation of this fun event that ended the sea-

son on a very positive note and energy that will see 2020 very busy.



Sad News!

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of another member of our team.

Douglas Down passed on Jan 25th, 2020 surrounded by family and especially his son, Timothy.

Doug was a very enthusi-

astic member of the team and certainly enjoying trap the most. Both him and Tim would frequently shoot together and were inseparable.

He will be surely missed as the "big guy" on the trap field. Please pass your condolences to Tim if you have

not already.



Douglas Down

Ontario Provincial Skeet Championships—Kingston!

Our club is very pleased to be granted the winning bid in hosting this year's Provincial Skeet Championships that will be taking place Jul 24th to 26th.

This event will boast memories of similar caliber competitions held here in the past and once again promises to be just as popular.

We would like to thank the OSSA for permitting us the opportunity to place our bid and subsequently awarding us the shoot.

Our upcoming season has a very full schedule of events and this event requires plenty of preparation and plan-

ning from the entire membership in order to present a safe, secure, friendly and clean facility to accommodate the competitors.

We will be asking assistance from the members to participate in executing some tasks as deemed by the Executive team and event committee with respect to the equipment, grounds and logistics required from resources.

If any of the members are able to assist the team with preparation, then please make it known to one of the Executive directors.

Let's get excited and lean forward in promoting this event and enhancing our visibility on the map of shotgun sporting ranges.



Sporting Clay Range—Upgrade

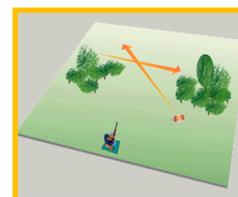
Our sporting clays range has certainly seen an increase in use for several reasons. One being the employment of Jacob Fern our trap boy and the other being it's the best and only sporting clay range in the entire area, and we want to keep it that way.

So in the efforts of improving the range and increasing once again its popularity, the Sporting Clay Manager along with our Range Safety Officer has re-aligned and created some new

clay flight path profiles on some of the stations and added a new station, making the total 11, instead of 10.

This means that some moving of trap houses (drums) into new positions and adjusting some others will be taking place in the spring. These improvements have met the preliminary approval of our CFO Rep already and this will surely further test the shooters ability and excitement to head out to shoot sporting clays more often.

Chris Durham will be asking for assistance from the members and if you can lend a hand please advise him. Once the trail is ready for use, it will be announced. Enjoy!



Under the Lights—Upgrade

The club has managed to complete its research and sourcing for some much needed overhead LED lights for field # 3 for under the light night shoots.

These lights will be a much needed improvement to replace the original lamp standards that has graciously provided the illumination for night shoots for the past 45+ years.

This improvement will see a reduced

consumption in the power requirement when the field is being used at night and will save the corporation some money for electricity.

The Executive would like to thank Jason Fern and Dean Thompson for their assistance in this procurement and we plan to have the replacement completed this spring.

Once completed we can once again enjoy a much improved night shoot

event with far superior lighting at a reduced requirement and less cost for utilities. Enjoy.



Memorial Shoot

Our annual Memorial Shoot took place on September 21st of 2019 that signifies the honouring of past members who made significant contributions to the club's growth that reflects our reputation to this day.

The club honoured John Ellis, Ken (Bud) Huntley, Walter Nuvoloni, Gert Bullock, and Dan Keeler.

The weather cooperated and a decent participation of shooters was welcomed.

Winners of the events were as follows:

HOA Skeet—Pat Groenewegen, and

HOA Trap—Bill Harris, congrats again to both members.

It is always with sad mention that we hold this event but these past members put forth tremendous effort and initiative and volunteered their time without hesitation to assist fellow members build the facility throughout the years.

We are very lucky to have had them create a shooting range that now accommodates close to 150 members.

Thanks to all that participated.



President's Trophy—3 Discipline Shoot

The club held it's second annual President's Trophy Sporting Clay shoot on Oct 26th of 2019 but this year we decided to try a 3 x discipline format to test shooter's clay target skills.

Competitors would have to shoot 25 skeet, then 25 trap then finish off with 50 sporting clay targets. The weather was excellent conditions for shooting clays and members were definitely challenged when confronted

with shooting all three disciplines one after the other.

In the end, the winner was determined to be Patrick Groenewegen with a combined score of 90 out of 100, well done Patrick!

We look forward to holding this event again this fall, stay tuned.

P.S: If you would like to assist in planning any club event, please advise any director.



First 25 Straight Skeet!

Patience and good humour paid off for Mike Dwyre as he achieved his first 25 straight in skeet at the club on Jan 15th, 2020.

Witnessed by Mike Hartzman who commented, he was surprised it didn't happen sooner. Finally getting to station eight low house with still two shells in your pocket is an exciting and nerve racking experience but Mike took his time and nailed it!

We all congratulate Mike on his

achievement and look forward to seeing him shoot many more.

Traditionally, a shooter achieving his first 25 straight is to have his hat thrown into the air and his fellow members to shoot his hat while falling to the ground. Mike could not be convinced to follow through with this as he had his best hat on, no excuse Mike! We will come up with something of his to throw into the air to shoot and hang on the wall with the

rest of the other achievers.

Well done Mike!

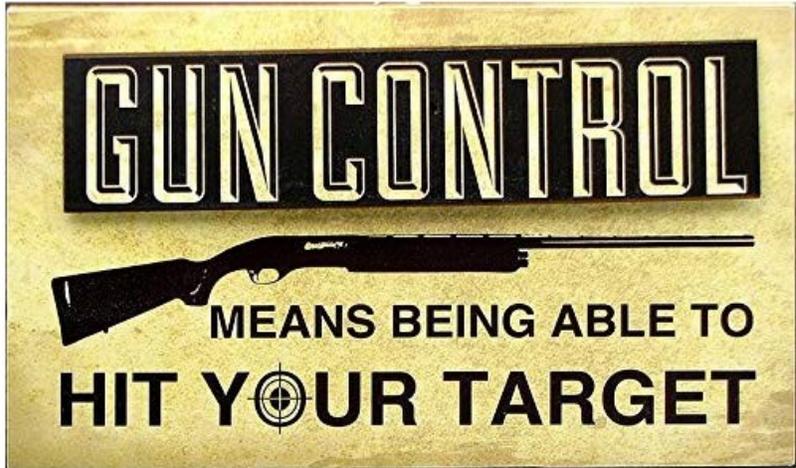


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