



# The Clay Chapel Times

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#### **SHOTGUN SPORTS**

Kingston & District Trap Skeet and Sporting Clays Club

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#### Points of interest:

- \* Skeet League 2021
- \* Memorial Shoot
- \* Sporting Clay Range
- \* Jessie Camp Fund Raise
- \* Wed Evening Shoots
- \* COVID 19 Protocols

## **Dedicated Volunteer**

The club has had the privilege of having Bill Templeton as a member for over 3 decades, perhaps more, and has volunteered his time throughout.

Bill was the constant staff member who volunteered to run the Wednesday afternoon operations throughout the entire year.

His corporate knowledge, dedication, unselfish approach to tasks, and skills as a skeet and trap shooter, were indeed a huge asset to the range. Bill also volunteered his time as the groundskeeper of the fields and always ensured grass was cut and trimmed and looking sharp.

Bill never hesitated to provide more assistance when asked as was evident as the senior member delivering Orientation Training to new members of the club.

Bill, turned 80 this past February and decided he had contributed enough and to pass on the responsibility to another dedicated volunteer.

In recognition of his efforts and dedication as a club volunteer, he was presented a gift amongst his fellow Wednesday members and graciously thanked for everything he has done for the club to contribute to it's reputation as the friendliest shotgun sports range in the entire region. Bill remains an active member and we're lucky to have him.

Many thanks Bill!!





Thanks!

#### **Sad News**

Unfortunately 2021 saw the loss of Robert McCaldon on Mar 3rd. Robert was an avid member of the club for many years and loved to tell his stories and shoot amongst his fellow members.

A long distance marathon runner, author and a tre-

mendous skeet and trap shooter.

Robert always made the effort to participate in all range events. He was a great asset and will be surely missed around the range.

Rest easy Bob.



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#### Members Handbook—First Edition

This year's memberships will see the addition of a first edition of a Members Handbook included in your welcome package.

This handbook was created to provide members a reference guide to the club's contact information, rules, regulations, policies, codes etc. that members can keep handy with their shooting gear.

A tremendous aid for members to quickly refer to an existing policy should the need arise.

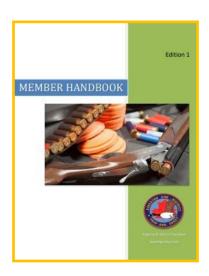
These are free and included as part of your membership fee. The Execu-

tive strives to ensure all members are kept informed of any and all information this is one mechanism to do just that.

If at any time you as a member feel that more information or additions to existing material within the handbook should be added, please feel free to submit your request in detail to the Executive for review.

We thank you for your cooperation, support and patronage as a club member each year.

**Kingston Clay Crushers** 



#### Club Closures—COVID 19

As a result of the ongoing pandemic of COVID 19, the Executive has made decisions to close the range on a couple of occasions to date. One being in Jan for a month and the other in early March for a short period, erroring on the side of caution to protect it's members.

This evaluation will continue by the directors as time goes on this year along with the guidelines and orders passed down by the local Government.

As the need arises or case count increases causing the province to announce lockdowns, we will abide and adjust the facility's operation accordingly.

In the meantime, the Executive wants to thank everyone's effort, understanding, cooperation and certainly your patience for following the protocols laid out at the club to protect all shooters and our reputation.

Let's all continue to be safe, play safe and look out for others and we'll get through this collectively. Thanks.



### New Trap Field #2

Our equipment manager, Bruce Roberts does what he does best; he attempts to revive older equipment to become once again, operational.

This time Bruce has decided to peek inside the trap house on field two and find an older generation trap machine that was once used at the range many years ago before falling into disrepair.

Bruce has been diagnosing this older machine to determine the feasibility of once again, becoming functional. A huge task considering the trap house was filled with water and home to a few critters.

Bruce has been working diligently with the machine for it's electrical, mechanical and overall integrity of throwing clays.

Thanks to Bruce's skills and knowledge and above all, determination, he has managed to repair the machine to provide the range with a second operational trap range on field #2.

Thanks Bruce for increasing our capability.

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#### New Website—Overhaul

The club's website is maintained by the webmaster and is still in it's original design theme since it's creation many years ago.

The webmaster, Mark Ezard, will be completing an entire website overhaul along with the assistance with Phil Furlong.

The update will install new theme, increase functionality, create an interactive site for all to locate information quickly and create an entirely different and more pleasing visual of our facility's operation. The updated site will still include the same information for members to access and view but

will be in a more readily available format that will also enable you to navigate between pages easily.

The website provides a fantastic menu of information related to fire-arm safety training, and instruction, membership rates, schedule of events, access to huge gallery of past events photos, club history, articles of importance, policies and regulations for members only and of course, a way to contact staff to ask questions.

The Webmaster asks for your patience and will announce when the newly updated site will become live for all members to visit and explore the new format and functionality.

We will be looking for your feedback as you enjoy the site. Thanks.



## **New Skeet Director**

The Executive has added a new director to the team to assume the new position within the Executive as Skeet Director.

We would like to announce that Tony Raponi has graciously volunteered to join the Executive and become our new Skeet Director. Tony, will assume all the responsibilities and duties associated with all skeet shooting events and activities ranging from scheduling, resourcing and programming. Tony will continue his work as the club's OSSA rep as well as the mentor/coach for our junior members.

Tony's official election by the membership will take place at the AGM for 2021.

The Executive certainly welcomes him to the team with all his vast experience and corporate knowledge of the range and as a past President. Please provide him support and cooperation when asked and take the time to congratulate him on his position.



Tony Raponi

## First 25 Straight Skeet

Please congratulate your fellow member, Ricardo Lahaye on achieving his first 25 straight in skeet on Sunday Apr 11th, 2021.

Ricardo is a new member since Jan of 2020 and has worked extremely hard to be able to dial in and nail the birds at all eight stations.

Ricardo usually always attends the range with his son Diego and have a great deal of fun shooting together. Ricardo participated in the traditional

shooting of his hat upon achieving this milestone and a nice hat is was!

We all welcome Ricardo's hat hanging in the clubhouse for all to view amongst his fellow 25 straight member achievers.

We know that he will enjoy many more straights in skeet and we all look forward to enjoying those future moments with him. Well done Ricardo nice round!



Ricardo Lahaye

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## **Club Supporters**

