



SHOTGUN SPORTS

Kingston & District Trap Skeet and Sporting Clays Club

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Equipment Manager

The club has a secret weapon when it comes to keeping all the range equipment in top running condition, it's called, Bruce Roberts.

Bruce has been a member of the club since 2017 and in the fall of 2018, he volunteered to assume the position of Equipment Manager on the Executive Board of Directors.

A retired electrician by trade, his wealth of knowledge, skills and ingenuity far exceed the any expectations the club deserves.

Bruce has been extremely busy with the install and replacements of new trap machines, rebuilding older ones, attending to all electrical requirements of lighting, circuitry, motors, gen-

erators, remotes, and certainly performs the impossible in keeping all the lawn tractors operational for fellow volunteers to keep the grounds looking great.

Bruce never stops and always meets the challenge of constantly improving the facility for comfort, ease of operation and safety.

Bruce never hesitates to take on a new project or attend to a request from fellow members to either improve, repair or create a new requirement or adjust an existing piece of equipment o meet the needs of the range.

His pleasant attitude, tremendous sense of humour, expertise and huge smile, are a definite asset

to the club for which we are truly grateful to have in our arsenal.

The entire membership thank Bruce for his dedication and commitment to providing our shooting range with the best running equipment for which all he desires in return is a simple, "thank you."



Many thanks Bruce!!

Recreation Relief Fund

As a result of the pandemic, the City of Kingston Rec and Leisure Services was offering up a portion of financial relief to recreational organizations within the Kingston community .

This was to assist organizations with their loss of revenue during the pan-

demic closure periods. The Executive decided to submit a request to apply for a portion of the funds available.

It is with great pleasure to announce that our request was approved and the club received a cheque for \$3500.00 to put towards

range/facility requirements as we see fit. Great news for our club and much needed funds to continue offering range activities.



OSSA Donation

The Ontario Skeet Shooting Association (OSSA) was another sports shooting organization that received a relief fund as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic.

Our sponsor organization then quickly turned around and portioned part of this fund to all the skeet shootings entities under its umbrella.

Tony Raponi our Skeet Director and club representative with the OSSA was very pleased to announce that our club in turn received a cheque for \$1544.00 as our portion of the funding.

This funding will in turn be consolidated with the additional relief funding received from the City of Kingston to enable the range to continue updating, and improving range disciplines in the form of equipment upkeep and inventory of consumables such as targets.

We thank the OSSA for the donation as they continue to support our skeet shooting activities year after year.

Kingston Clay Crushers



COVID 19—Update

As a result of the ongoing pandemic of COVID 19, the Province moved into stage 3 effective mid July which translates to the range decision to limit indoor clubhouse capacity to 10 at any one time.

The continued policy of all shooters maintaining distancing of 2 meters (6') and mandatory masking prior to entering the clubhouse or at anytime one feels uncomfortable with distancing.

The Executive reminds all shooters within a squad to maintain their distancing on the fields as well and to take the time to cleanse your hands with the disinfectant provided.

The fall will surely see an increase in local community cases with other variants taking hold but we must maintain vigilance and practice the personal care protocols in place to ensure there is no transmission of the virus entering the range facility.

We thank everyone for the cooperation, understanding and patience during this time. We will get through this.



50/50 Winner

Although the yearly Butter Tart Shoot was cancelled after planning had begun and monies collected for a 50/50 draw, the purchase of draw tickets continued.

After a reasonable amount of time to permit members to purchase a 50/50 ticket, the decision to draw the winning name was made and the winner turned out to be our very own Louis Martin— our Trap Director.

Louis graciously walked away with winnings of \$100, congrats Louis!

Louis is another huge asset to the range as the Trap Director. He never hesitates to ensure the trap ventriloquist equipment is always set up ready for use every Sunday.

Louis is also a great participant of the sporting clays discipline and quickly jumps to assist organizing squads to head out to the trail to enjoy

the challenging target profiles on the range..

Thanks Louis , hope you spent your winnings wisely! (lol)



Price Increases

As a result of the increased supply and demand around the world during COVID, many goods are in severe demand and supply is extremely limited or in many cases, nonexistent.

This has become quite evident with target load ammunition for shotguns. The club has managed to acquire some ammunition in both 12 and 20ga for the convenience of members to purchase as required and expended at the range.

This commodity is increasingly more difficult to attain and when supply is obtainable, pricing has increased dramatically.

The Executive has had no choice but to increase the price per box of ammunition at the club for both members and non-member purchases.

So, effective in Aug, the price was increased as follows:

Members: \$12.00/box

Non-Members: \$15.00/box

In addition to ammunition price increase is the slow increase of targets. Therefore effective Aug 2021, the price for non-members to shoot a round of skeet/trap (25 targets) has increased to \$10.00.

Members will continue to enjoy the

benefit of paid membership and the price per round remains at \$5.00.

We thank everyone for your cooperation and understanding. The Executive will continue to monitor this situation and adjust accordingly.



CCFR

The Executive has decided in the club's best interest to support the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights (CCFR) in a reciprocal effort for their support towards all firearm related issues facing organizations.

The club has purchased a business membership with the CCFR that will ensure our representation is recognized for the safe handling and possession of firearms and the disciplines enjoyed by all club organization mem-

bers.

We thank fellow member Kelly Kincaid for her representation of the CCFR and the effort to include our range as a member of this coalition of Firearm Rights.

Members are encouraged to visit the CCFR website below for more information and how to inquire about an individual membership.

<https://firearmrights.ca>



Firearm Safety Courses

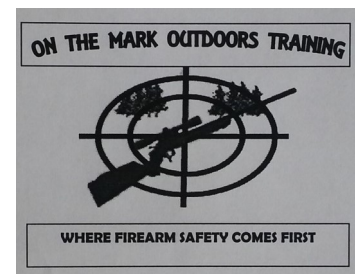
As you may have noticed, we are offering our clubhouse for the delivery instruction of Firearm Safety sessions of both Restricted and Non-Restricted firearms.

On the Mark Outdoors Training conduct regular sessions throughout the year and well into 2022 for new shooters to acquire their licence. Our hosting provides increased exposure to the sport of shotgun sports, clay targets and provides the students with op-

tions for becoming a member should they choose.

We ask all members to pass the word and help Pam and Glen register more students to attend their sessions at our facility and perhaps we will see these new shooters return as new members and enjoy all the benefits of membership for skeet, trap and sporting clays.

Thanks for your assistance in advance.



Pam Fidler & Glen George

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- **ALWAYS** keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- **ALWAYS** keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- **ALWAYS** keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

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