



## SHOTGUN SPORTS

Kingston & District  
Trap Skeet and  
Sporting Clays Club

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# Jessie Camp Fundraiser

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Every year we host the Jessie Camp Fundraiser Skeet Shoot to support Bill & Kerry Arthur and this year was no exception. A huge success for 2022 that surpassed not only the number of shooters but grand total of funds raised was a whopping \$12K+.

This shoot raises money in order to send kids to Camp Quin-Mo-Lac and with the tremendous support received through shooter participation, donations and wares sold, a total of 17 children to camp next year.

This brings the grand total to date of 128 kids supported this year.

Bill & Kerry put in an exhausting amount of effort, dedication and good will to make this event a huge suc-

cess and our range is extremely happy to support their cause.

The number of shooter participation also increased considerably seeing it grow from 67 to 81 shooters.

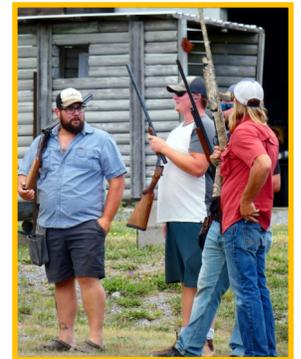
Several club member provided their support not only in shooting the skeet event but by assisting in the various aspects in the detailed planning and execution on the day of the shoot.

Bill & Kerry kindly thank all involved and look forward to another successful event in 2023.

If there are any members that still want to contribute with a donation, I'm sure Bill would gladly accept your kindness.



Bill Arthur



## Sad News

May of this year saw the loss of yet another long time member of our team with the passing of Gary Bullock.

Gary was a huge asset of the range and one of the longest attending members. Gary had a great sense of humour and al-

ways like to tell funny stories. A very hard worker who enjoyed sporting clays and enjoyed shooting with all members of the club.

Gary will be surely missed and we all remember the great times and big smile he brought..



## First 25 Straight Skeet

April 27th saw John achieve his first 25 straight skeet at the range. John takes his target shooting seriously by following a very consistent pre-shot routine that has paid off.

John's accomplishment can be attributed to his significant shooting schedule on Weds and Sundays and has become one of the regular members to attend throughout the year.

John never hesitates to provide assistance when help is required and willingly accepts advice from fellow experienced members. Always in a pleasant mood and has a keen sense of humour.

He also enjoys sporting clays and participates on a regular basis when he feels the "bug" are going to be a problem.

We certainly look forward to watching John achieve more straights at the club know that he will contribute to the continued success and growth of the club as we approach our 50th anniversary in 2023.

Thanks for your in volunteering at the club and shoot well!

Well done John!



John McCafferty

## Kingston Tourism

In a constant effort to bring attention and awareness of what our facility and sport has to offer to the local community, we are always publicizing our existence through local media opportunities.

One of the main sites that we are registered with is the Kingston Tourism site for outdoor activities that people can access our website and get all the information required to come and visit us to possibly seek joining

our team by becoming a member.

The Kingston Tourism site provides a wealth of information supporting tourism in the community and we are now a part of that.

To visit the site to see exactly where we are advertised, see the link below:

<https://www.visitkingston.ca/kingston-members/kingston-shotgun-sports-club/>



## Sporting Clays

As a result of previous Chris Durham's efforts and current Louis Martin's, our sporting clay range continues to be upgraded and gaining momentum. Louis now has in motion up to 14 x stations and shooters now have the option to shoot either the standard 10 or all 14, based upon an extra punch on their card.

Louis has received some assistance from member volunteers to maintain the trail and future upgrades are in

the works as well to provide shooters and even more realistic shooting experience.

Trap pullers are avail to pull targets on Sundays for squads and we thank them for their assistance.

If anyone wishes to provide assistance to Louis please seek out one of the directors or Louis himself, he would surely appreciate that.



## New Wheels!

As a result of our Ontario trillium Fund application to receive funds to enhance our capabilities at the club, we have succeeded in receiving funds to purchase a much needed brand new John Deere lawn tractor and a new John Deere 6 x wheeled Gator.

With the current lawn tractors that our equipment manager has had to make unbelievable repairs in order to keep them functioning, a new lawn tractor was a much needed piece of equipment to make the task of grounds-keeping a breeze.

Our older gator has been around for years and again needed incredible

ingenuity to keep running. The new gator with various upgrades and larger capacity, provides the staff with a great asset for target replenishment around the range and other transport requirements.

We kindly ask that those members trained on both of these new pieces of equipment, please adhere to the set rules of simple maintenance and cleaning before and after use. This will ensure they last a lifetime and provide our equipment manager easier management of resources.

Thanks to all involved in the procurement of these vehicles.



John Deere Gator

## Fee Increase

It has come that time, despite the enormous efforts to suppress, that the club has to raise target pricing mainly due to the 30% increase in target stock costs over the past 18 months.

The Executive continually strive to provide and maintain a safe, friendly and operational shooting range but costs to stock and operating expenses are on the rise.

Effective Sep 25th, 2022, the fee for target rounds, both cash and shoot

cards were increased for both members and non-members.

Of note is the increase in shoot cards to \$60 for an Adult and \$40 for a Junior member. Sporting clay round cost has increased as well to now 4 x punches on the shoot card and \$25 for a cash purchase.

The Executive understands the reality of such increases that are out of our control but must action in order to

continue operating effectively.

The free shoot card benefit for members remains in place UFN.

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



## New Members

Our club membership has increased by 32 brand new members as of the end of August. This increase can be attributed to the extensive advertising and more importantly the chatter to friends and acquaintances who inquire about joining the team and experiencing all the benefits of membership.

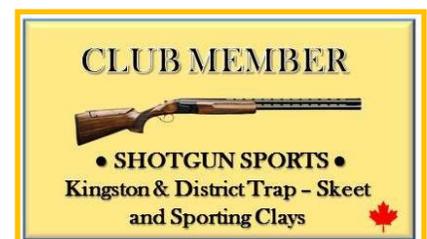
Our range continues to grow in diversity by enhancing the sporting clay trail up to 14 stations that provide

real-time hunting conditions and target flight profiles.

We are experiencing a wide range of shooter skills and consistent daily activities of squads using all fields. Less experienced members are well taken care of by senior club members in the instruction, advice and technique pointers that assist them in smashing more clays and becoming more proficient.

As we march towards our 50th anni-

versary in 2023, we hope to see an even greater interest in more members. Well done everyone!



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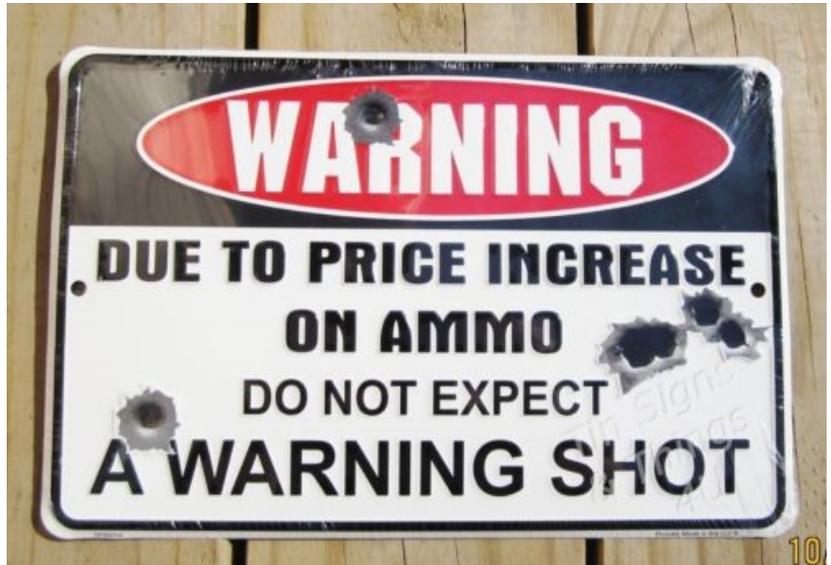
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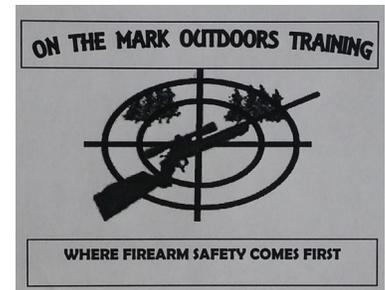
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