



SHOTGUN SPORTS

Kingston & District
Trap Skeet and
Sporting Clays Club

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Turkey Fun Shoot

Our annual Turkey Fun Shoot took place on Dec 11th of 2022 and despite the very snowy and cold temps, fun was had by all year.

The pot-luck donations of delicious food items and condiments was well appreciated and everyone commented on the great variety and flavours.

A good turnout of members participated in the fun shooting games that lead to a lot of chirping and boasting bragging rights all in the name of fun and comradery.

Santa once again took time to make an appearance and display his fine shooting skills as I'm sure he must have to maintain at the north pole.

The winners of the shooting games were as follows:

Wipe Your Eye

Steve Ashurst & Hugh MacDonald

Chip & Break

Tim Rose

Walk Up to Stn 8 Low

Jason Fern

Pickle Shoot

Gary "Malone" Tisdale

The Executive would like to thank all those that contributed and donated to the event and provided assistance in the clean up, thanks!



Don Barnes



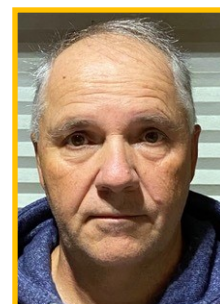
New Equipment Manager

Please welcome to the Executive staff, Gerald Cote who has become the newly elected Equipment Manager for the Range.

Gerald is a newer member of the team and has vast experience in this field of expertise.

We would all like to thank Bruce Roberts for providing excellent service to all equipment at the range in his continuous efforts to ensure machinery functions properly.

Gerald's responsibility in this position took effect on Jan 1, 2023.



New Director

Please welcome Mike Dwyre as our new Director who has replaced David Lambert within the Executive effective Jan 1 2023.

Mike has been a member of the club since Jun of 2017 and has always provided assistance when asked to help out. We certainly welcome his keen sense of humour and pleasant personality.

Mike brings a wealth of knowledge and a fresh perspective to the range operations and has always volunteered to display his painting skills around the facility when asked to do so.

David Lambert decided to step down as a director within the Executive to pursue other responsibilities within the community but will continue to be an active member of the club.

We certainly thank David for their contributions and continued support to the range.

David will continue his efforts and follow through with further tasks with the OTF. Thanks David.

Welcome to Mike and Gerald, we look forward to their efforts during their tenure within the Executive.



Mike Dwyre

Butter Tart

The weather started out windy then turned snow, then rain to make it a very damp, cold day but none the less we had a successful shoot with 26 shooters.

There was a nice roaring fire and some great BBQ burgers and plenty of butter tarts to keep shooters satisfied.

Big thanks to all those that volunteered to keep score, register and squad shooters and BBQ and for bringing in the tarts!

Our big winners for the HOA scores were as follows:

HOA Skeet

John McCafferty 91

HOA Trap

Bill Langridge 91

Congrats to both of you for braving the elements to stay focused enough to smash the clays and achieve high scores, well done!



John McCafferty

OFAH Membership

Included in the purchase of your membership is a membership with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH).

This membership is purchased on your behalf that provides a vast array of detailed insurance coverage for numerous hunting, angling and shooting activities.

This membership also provides you as a member, a number of local dis-

counts that you can take advantage of by simply showing your membership card. Your card with decal will be at the club once processed by the Club Secretary for you to pick up. Coverage is for one year.

You can view in detail the discounts and benefits of membership by visiting the OFAH website:

www.ofah.org/membership/

This membership is a mandatory requirement by our club as a protection for insurance coverage for you and our facility.

If you have any questions, please ask.



50th Anniversary Event

More detailed planning is taking place to finalize our anniversary event with a date of Thursday Sep 14th, 2023.

A full dinner celebration is to be held at the Italo Club with auctions, memorabilia, sponsor lead items for sale among other things. In the meantime, the menu can be viewed at the club. Cost will be \$100/person.

We are counting on our members to come out and help celebrate this huge achievement and asking to a minimum attendance of 50-75 people. An invite to past and former members will be disseminated as well that will

surely bring out some funny stories of days gone by at the range.

Lets all mark this date on the calendar for the time being and pat ourselves on the back for achieving this milestone with the help and mentorship of those that came before us when the club first took operation by the Italo Club in 1973.

Anniversary ball caps and t-shirts are available for purchase from the club kit shop.

If you have time to spare and would like to provide your assistance to the committee, please see our Treasurer Mark Santoni at your earliest conven-

ience. Event Committee will be announcing more details soon.

We thank everyone for their support and look forward to seeing you at the dinner.



Fee Increases—2024

As announced at AGM 2022, operating costs for the range continue to rise. These include utilities, targets, fuel, insurance coverage, amenities, as well as the lease year to year.

It has come time now, to increase the membership fees that have remained at the current value since 2017. These increases will take effect for the 2024 season and release of applications for renewal as early as late Nov 2023.

It should be recognized that our membership continues to grow and is healthy with new members to the team.

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

With our range being a not-for-profit corporation that is federally registered, we must maintain the balance

of operating costs and revenue, this is always a challenge. Details for specific fee increases will be announced at a later date. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Equipment Malfunctions

In light of a recent injury sustained to one of our members in his effort to remove a jammed piece of broken target from the machine spring loaded launch mechanism, we cannot stress enough to leave these situations to our Equipment Manager to remedy.

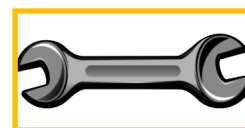
All of the club's trap machines are dangerous when armed at some point ready for operation and will cause serious injury if you are not trained and qualified to perform any maintenance

or adjustments to them. If for any reason a piece of equipment becomes jammed, not launching targets correctly or not operating at all, please shut-off the machine immediately and advise the on-duty staff or our Equipment Manager**DO NOT** attempt repair yourself please.

The range has several other fields from which to move to and continue your round. The Executive's job is to provide not only a fun shooting envi-

ronment but a safe one and this cannot be accomplished if unqualified members are attempting their own repairs or adjustments to equipment.

So please abide by club policy and leave the repairs to our qualified, volunteer Director. Thank you for your cooperation.



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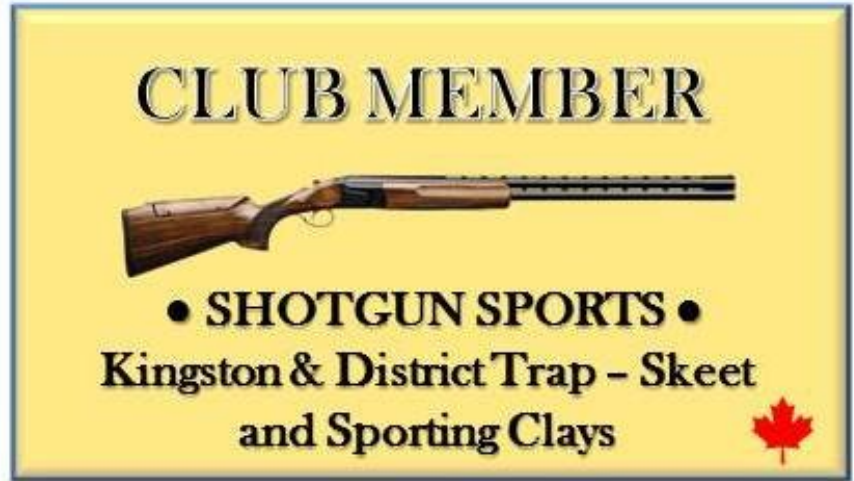
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