



Beaverbrook Tri-County Sportsmen's Club Newsletter



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New Rifle Ranges!



I know it is hard. I have always had a problem with delaying gratification. Having these new rifle ranges and having them roped off waiting for the hydro-seeding to kick in, is a test of one's patience. For the last four years I have wanted and wished for these new ranges for the club and watching these wishes come true is an amazing feeling. Just looking at the shape and conformity of the berms from above gives you an idea on how good of a job our contractor did on both the Pistol Bays and the new Rifle Bays. It is a sight to behold. The photo above is courtesy of Sarah Cade. She is a member of our club and an amazing person with considerable talent. Stay tuned for more from this young lady as she is working on a promotional video that promises to be nothing less than spectacular. Either way, you have to agree with me that the Club has never looked this good. From the Archery Range to the Pistol Bays, it is a sight to behold and take pride in. We have included a **Rifle Sight-in Coupon** at the bottom of this newsletter. Feel free to share this with friends and family who are interested in getting ready for deer season.

Public Shooting at Rifle/Pistol Range: Our expanded public shooting hours are coming to an end this month. We will be evaluating the cost vs. revenue after this year and may do another year just to give this public service and membership generating venue an opportunity to succeed or fail based on comparable data over a period of time. One thing it has shown us is there is a benefit to having Ranges Safety Officers on site. But, I will talk about that more below.



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Club Entrance: If you haven't been to the club lately, or if you are one of those people who fail to notice when your spouse had their hair done recently, you may not have noticed the work done on the club entrance. There is a new sign posted and we have cleared some of the trees and shrubs that block our initial view of this great club. Next time you drive up. Take a moment to enjoy the work that went into making this place the best range in the Metro Area.



Trap Shooting

This year, I had another personal best Spring/Summer Trap Season. The weather was pretty good with the occasional windy day that would make the clays jump around (yeah, that 16 I shot totally screwed up my average), but we never had a cancelled day that I know of. This was the first year for the Tuesday League not allowing make ups during the league. It made the competitors pay attention to their obligation and forced them to shoot ahead if they knew they could not shoot on a League night. As a Team Captain, it made it a little more difficult to manage as some team members would shoot ahead, while others stayed the course. I must admit, it brought a sense of order to the league and there were no end of year surprises as people tried to play catch up. I am personally a fan of the new rule, but your mileage may vary. Anyway, here are some pictures from the league banquets and the results of the two leagues. I hope you enjoyed participating and if you never shot Trap in a League or with a Team; I can say that it is probably the most relaxed and fun shooting sport available that anyone can get good at if they want to.

This year we welcomed a new High School Trap Team to Beaverbrook. Maranatha Christian Academy formed a trap team that is shooting on Mondays and Thursdays this fall. They plan to use Beaverbrook as their shooting home next spring as well.



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Tuesday Spring/Summer Trap League

2017 Tuesday Night League Results			
League High Gun		Dan Knutson (EJ's Thunderguns)	24.450
Class	Team High Gun	Name	Score
AA	Route 65	Dave Olson	23.800
AA	Route 65 #2	Dustin Boen	22.850
AA	Wad Squad	Andy Joy	22.200
AA	Pahl Const.	Heath	22.050
A	Sling Shots	Justin	22.800
A	Midwest Gold	Dean Wirz	22.050
A	Route 65 #3	Brad Hopkins	21.400
A	Project Mayhem	Dennis	22.316
A	Bang Buddies	Brandon Mau	22.700
B	Butler	Krieg Olstad	21.050
B	Swedes	Ron Roberts	21.300
B	McPhillips	Roger	21.650
B	Velocity	Don	22.000
B	Trinity Tool	Kevin Brandt	21.650
B	Capra's	Tom Lane	20.222
C	Breaking Bad	Bob Haun	22.050
C	Dusty Loads	Derek M.	20.643
C	Air America Cool	Dave W	20.600
C	C.R.E.F Wingsters	Doug V.	20.350
C	Aggressive Hydraulics	Bob Peterson	21.550
D	New Brighton Sports	Norm Kelzenberg	19.900
D	Diamond Metal	Steve A	21.350
D	Lube Tech Oilers	John Porter	19.650
D	Missed It	Dan Hudek	19.450
D	Sheissen Shiessen	Dave Herzog	21.800
D	Off Daily	John	19.368
D	Hydraulic Cylinders	Paul J	17.800

Class High Gun

- A - Jeff Anderson 23.00 (Snap Shooters)
- B- Jim Zirngible 23.200 (Straight Shooters)
- C- Todd Anderson 23.053 (Lead Dispensers)
- D- Dave Herzog 21.800 (Sheissen Shiessen)

AA			C		
1	EJ	38	1	Breaking Bad	35
2	Rte 65	30	2	Lead Disp	28
3	Rte 65 2	16	3	Dusty	20
4	Wad Sq	14	4	Air Cool	16
5	Pahl	2	5	Cref Wingsters	11
			6	Aggressive Hydrau	10
A					
1	Snap Shooters	25			
2	Sling Shots	24 **	D		
3	Bang Buddies	24	1	New Brighton	34
4	Proj Mayhem	17	2	Missed It	27
5	Rte 65 #3	16	3	Sheissen Shiessen	26
6	Midwest Gold	14	4	Diamond Metal	25
			5	Lube Tech	20
B					
1	Swedes	29	6	Off Daily	10
2	St. Shooters	27	7	Hydraulic Cyl	2
3	Trinity	23			
4	McPhillips	22			
5	Butler	19			
6	Velocity	13			
7	Capra's	10			

**team average broke tie

Wednesday Spring/Summer Trap League

The Wednesday League had 16 teams that were divided in to A & B Division.

High Overall Gun was Kyler Berens (Ham Lakes Liquors) with 475 targets & an average of 23.8
 High Gun for A Class was Kyle Berens (Ham Lakes Liquours) with 461 targets & an average of 23.1
 High Gun for B Class was Byron Probasco (Hole & Horns) with 445 targets & an average of 22.3

A Class	High Shooter	Average	B Class	High Shooter	Average
1. Ham Lake Liquors	Dan Holasek	23.5 *	1. Ham Tucky Rednecks	Colton Phillips	21.9
2. Lang Builders	Jim Malvin	22.2	2. Rangers	Jeff Krage	22.4
3. Chanticlear	Jeff Lambertson	22.9	3. L & L	Steve Hamre	21.6
4. Beaver Shooters	Larry Hylton	22	4. Shooting Wads	Tyler Gantz	18.3
5. All 4 Fun	Troy Slater	22.5	5. Captains Pigeon Hunters	Tim Beseth	21.7
6. Coon Lake Outlaws	Eric Gunderson	22.7	6. Less Than Average	Steve Jacobson	20.1
7. Unforgiven	John McDaniel	21.2	7. Hole & Horns	Jim Bellamy	17.5
8. Gun Slingers	Craig Galbraith	21.4	8. Sunrise	Troy Hesli	23.3 *

*-Did not shoot entire 20 weeks in order-Required to be eligible for top class awards.



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All Photos from the banquet have been posted to our Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/Beaverbrook-Tri-County-Sportsmens-Club-525045537605539>

Annual Trap and Golf Benefit Shoot

Beaverbrook along with Hidden Haven pulled off another great event this year with the Trap and Golf Benefit shoot. They raised over \$3,000 this year. 11 Teams competed in two rounds of trap then moved over to Hidden Haven for 9 holes of Golf. The event was followed by Dinner and Awards at Hidden Haven. More fun is hard to find. The money goes to benefit High School Trap shooting.



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The Illusive 25-50-75-100

There is a reason they offer those Trap Shooting Patches for 25, 50, 75 or 100 straight in Trap and Skeet. The ability to stand in front of a Trap/Skeet house and shoot 10 to 19 seems to be a common ability.

Breaking into the 20-24 appears to be an acquired skill. Why is it that hitting 25 out of 25 and 50 out of 50 etc. is so difficult to achieve?

I started out five years ago on an invite to join a team. I made no promises, but knew I could get close to the 20s on any given day.

As the years progressed I was equally encouraged and dismayed at my ability to occasionally perform above and below the low 20s. Even breaking my first 25 did not trigger a series of improved performance. I admit, I quickly gave in and purchased a "Trap" Over/Under shotgun in the hopes it would improve my performance. When my performance seemed to plateau, I once again upgraded my Trap Gun in the hopes that it would improve my average. The biggest conundrum for me is, did the "Equipment Upgrades" improve my performance or did my increased spending cause an increased focus and determination to improve.



This is just my opinion and may be wrong, but I believe it is a combination of both. The new gun(s) felt better to shoot due to their heavier weight and my ability to track/swing on the clays improved. This is important that your body and mind are in sync with the process of shooting Trap/Skeet. My problem seemed to be doing it consistently for 25 and even 50 times in a row. Granted, even when I know I am "in the zone" and shooting at my best, there is a chance that that one bird will hop or dip at the wrong time and kill my string. It is when you are 35 out of 35 straight and your mind drifts to the possible future of breaking your first 50 out of 50 that things usually go wrong. The "Illusiveness" is a mental discipline. Staying focused on the task of hitting each target. Each hit is an achievement and each miss is a failure that should not take up more than a second of thought as you eject your spent shell and wait for your turn to shoot again. It seems that even other shooters' misses tend to be contagious during a team shoot as it causes people to lose focus on what they are doing.



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I have come to believe that Trap and Skeet shooting is an instinctive skill that many possess. There are those few who can focus their thoughts and time their swing with their trigger pull to hit the target virtually every time they pull the trigger. It is that skill level that seems illusive to many of us.

So, what can you do to improve? I believe I am getting better with the routine I have established. In my routine I

focused on a few things. Prior to shooting, I stopped chatting with my team and focused on the team shooting before us. I want to get my mind in the rhythm of the shoot. When it was our turn to shoot, I concentrated on each clay leaving the house and only kept an ear out for the tell-tale "pull" call of the person before me. Each hit was quickly forgotten as well as each miss. I focused on the next clay only. Straight away shots seem to be the most frequently missed because I stop focusing when I thought they are the easy ones. I didn't let the wide clays spook me. I just swung smooth and through them.



The trick is to not let a single miss turn into a second, third, and fourth. You have to realize, you have hit a clay bird at every possible position and every possible angle, during your trap season. The only reason you don't do it every time is a mental discipline reason, and that is what makes this sport a competition. Equipment plays a small part in this. If you don't feel comfortable shooting your shotgun, then trade up. Some of the mistakes I see other shooters make are as follows.

1. Not having your finger on the trigger when you call pull.
2. Letting the clay bird reach its apogee before you shoot it.
3. Letting your frustration distract you. Misses result in more misses if you let them.

Again, this is just my opinion. The problem with getting old is you start to realize your thoughts and experience begin to make sense and you want to share them with others. Please do not think me arrogant or conceited. I only shoot against myself and judge my performance against the ability of others.



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Member's Behavior

I wish I could say this is a topic that does not need continued documentation, but each year I am given reason to bring this topic up again. Last year's primary example was a shot up "Coffee Pot." This year, there has been many examples, but I am only going to touch on a few of them.

Range Safety Officers - One of our Range Safety Officers reported they had an incident with a club member who was shooting in an unsafe manner. The RSO let them know of this safety issue and the club member asked the RSO to leave as they were interfering with their activity.

Let me clue our members into a fact of life at our club. If an RSO tells you that you are acting in an unsafe manner and you do not correct your activity or behavior; you will be suspended from accessing this Club's facilities for a period of time to be determined by the Executive Committee. If the person talking to you is a representative of this club and they politely inform you of your infractions to our rules, you will adhere to their instructions, or you will no longer be a member of this club. If you believe you were "unfairly treated," you will be able to address your concerns at our monthly Board of Directors meeting. Plain and simple. Any Questions?

Club Property - I know, we have these new shooting bays now and they are not totally meeting your needs. We are constantly working towards this goal. But, tell me something; what gives an individual member the right to take property that is clearly marked with "TCAS Safety Table – Do Not Remove" and drill a 2" hole for an umbrella stand in the table? Not to mention all the times the tables are dragged from their designated "Safety Table" positions. I am telling you, I absolutely hope that this person has the integrity to admit their selfish act, because they not only did it to one table, but two of them in the pistol bays. I am truly interested in a "Seek to Understand" session with this club member to determine the thought processes that occur, when a person decides to misuse property that does not belong to them for their own benefit. You know who you are. Show me you have some integrity.

Range Safety Rules – We continue to get reports of people handling weapons while other people are down range changing targets. This is flat out No-Go. When the range is called "Clear/Cold" all weapons on the table or in a case remain untouched until the range goes "Hot." This isn't a new rule. You can wait to adjust your scope or clean your gun after people are safely behind the firing line.



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Twin Cities Action Shooting (TCAS) - IDPA Matches

TCAS has had one of its best years this year. Beaverbrook's new pistol bays played no small part in that success. We saw a 50% increase in match attendance this year as our exceptional club members and facilities made this venue the envy of the shooting community. I don't like to brag, OK, that's a lie, but our imaginative stage designs and challenging courses of fire have been a major draw for shooters who are looking to get the most out of their defensive shooting practice. Once you shoot an IDPA match or Multi-Gun match with TCAS, standing on line at an indoor range will never be the same. Our End of Year Pistol match was on 9/30/2017. This was an 8 stage, all day, with lunch provided, match and you wouldn't believe some of the stages we have planned. Even if you don't think you would enjoy the "competition" part of the match, you may enjoy the real-time testing of your skills in a safe but semi-stressful scenario where accuracy and speed are the measurement of those skills. Go to <http://www.twincitiesidpa.com> for schedule and new shooter information.





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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a board member or e-mail us at bod@beaverbrook.us or info@beaverbrook.us

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