



## **The Winnipeg Trap and Skeet Club**

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# ***“The Shotstring”***

**Welcome** to my first edition of the Shotstring. I will try to keep up the tradition started in 2010 of providing (more or less) weekly communication to our members. I feel it is a two way effort; I will be passing along information to you but I also hope you can pass along information to me. I would rather hear something two or three times than not hearing about it at all.

One of the challenges this year will be develop a system to keep all of the members informed. If the ratio stays the same as last year, over 40% of our members do not have an email address.

Thanks and I am looking forward to a great season.

Jim Arthur  
Communications Director  
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### **2012 Membership Renewal:**

The 2012 Membership Applications and Volunteer Information packages were sent out by email to all 2011 members with a valid email address. If you are unable to print off a copy of the membership form please let me know and I will mail one out. Copies will also be available at the Club starting Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012. It is also now available for download from the website.

Hard copies were mailed out only to 2011 members who did not have an email address or whose email address “bounced” back.

Please remember to include your Volunteer Cheque with your membership application. New members are exempt from this requirement for their first year.

### **News, Notices and Announcements:**

The 2012 Board of Directors consists of:

**President** — Ken Wight  
**Vice President** — Tim Hauff  
**Secretary/Treasurer** — Ed Pauch  
**Club Manager** — Louise Curé  
**Trap** — Louise Curé  
**Sporting Clays & 5 Stand** — Tom Hancock & Derrick Smith



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**House and Grounds** — Tom Hancock & Derrick Smith  
**Communications** — Jim Arthur

The club is currently open on Sundays from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Until the weather warms up, the token Skeet range is the only range available. Tokens can be purchased at the club on Sundays.

The website is slowly being updated to reflect the transition from 2011 to 2012. This will continue through out the year as we try to not only keep it up to date but also expand on the information available on it. Thanks to Ian Wight for agreeing to make the updates.

The 2011 Annual General Meeting was held on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 with 31 people attending. The minutes of the meeting and financial statement will be sent out to members as soon as possible.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. If you have any ideas, comments or correspondence you would like to direct to the Board, please email them to me (or send via normal mail c/o the club address).

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

The Club will be participating in Cabela's 2012 Spring Great Outdoor Days. We will be having a booth setup in the store on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> (9:00 AM to 6:00 PM) and Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> (Noon to 6:00 PM). We will be looking for volunteers for the booth. It will be a great opportunity to try and attract new members. More information will follow.

### **Calendar of Events:**

The 2012 Manitoba Trapshooting Program Book is available for download on the website. All the Manitoba registered trap shoots are listed in it. I will start listing more individual ones in the coming weeks and months.

### **On the Tournament Trail:**

Please let me know of any tournament results. Don't be shy!

### **Leagues:**

The normal leagues will be held again this year. Start dates, times, etc have not been confirmed yet.



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### **Junior Program:**

The Junior Program will be running again this year. It will be running on Monday nights during May and June. This year we are looking at having the juniors the opportunity to shoot trap, skeet, or both each night. Start dates, times, etc have not been confirmed yet.

But let your cousins, nephews, nieces, grandkids know the program is coming again this year for those ages 12 to 17 years old. Once the program has been finalized there will be a separate email blast to our members and those non-members who subscribe to the Shotstring as well as a mailing to the 2011 junior members and members without emails.

### **Ladies Program:**

There will another Ladies Program held again this year. Start dates, times, etc have not been confirmed yet.

### **Workshops and Clinics:**

The Manitoba Trapshooting Association is hosting a "Shooting Clinic" with Frank Hoppe in May. Please see the attached PDF information.

### **Things to Watch For:**

The Board of Directors is developing a couple of new programs for new and novice shooters. Stay tuned for more details.

### **Raffles:**

There will be the usual fund raising raffles taking place again this year. The first one which will be starting soon will be for a Remington 877 with the proceeds going towards the Land Purchase Fund.

### **WTSC Crested Clothing**

The Club is looking for a new supplier of the WTSC Crested clothing. More details will be provided once everything has been finalized.