



The Winnipeg Trap and Skeet Club

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ShotString

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After a few years of not having time to write a regular newsletter for the WTSC, I have decided to return to writing the *ShotString*. As before, your news items, shoot reports, and other goings-on can be submitted for inclusion. I will try to send it out monthly to start. You can also get WTSC news on Facebook, Twitter, and the website. You can like us and follow us on Facebook or subscribe to Twitter on our website.

This *ShotString* is a little long, given that a lot has happened, and I want to bring everyone up to date.

The start of a new season is a good time to reflect on the year that has just ended. I want to say a big thank you to our past president of the last five years, Mr. Ken Wight, whose fine work with WTSC was acknowledged with the presentation of a plaque in appreciation at the AGM. During his terms as President, the club has grown, and Ken continues to be a big supporter and dedicated volunteer. At this time, our membership is strong, with 114 regular members, 17 Life members, and 36 Juniors.

As of August 2014, I retired from the University of Manitoba after 26 years, and achieved a personal goal for freedom 55! I am now a full-time—the Italian say ‘Professional’, International Trapshooter. I will be training harder than ever at WTSC this year. My international travel schedule will be considerably less that last year. I will be in Cyprus from March 4 to 26, for training and competition in a Grand Prix and a World Cup.

Last year was the 50th anniversary of the WSTC. This milestone marks the start of a new beginning for the club. A twenty-year lease has been signed to secure the future of the club. Your Board of Directors (BoD) for 2016 will be working especially hard this year, to grow the club and attract new shooters, but we can't do this alone, so please be a proponent of the club, and attract new shooters, or bring back former shooters who have drifted away.

Your Board of Directors (BoD) for 2016:

David Mosscrop	President (as elected by the membership at the AGM)
Kevin Aguis	Vice President
Rick McKay	Treasurer
Kristin Hancock	Secretary and Communications Director
Harry Humbly	Trap Director
Tom Hancock	Skeet Director/5-Stand Chairman (and Mayor of Oak Bluff)
Robert Pankiewicz	International Trap Director
Chris Thompson	House & Grounds Director
Vern Rempel	Director at large
Barry Blair	Director at large

The BoD has already had three meetings, and we are dedicated to working hard to improve our club.

Exciting news....

- The membership voted (at the AGM) in favor of the purchase of two new PAT traps to be installed in traphouses #3 & #4. There will be new electronics and also additional RFID card control systems purchased for these installations.
- The Wobble trap currently in #4 will be re-located.
- The RFID round and membership card system is fully operational on Skeet fields #1 & #2, Trap fields #1 & #2 and the Wobble trap field #4. This system offers many advantages over tokens. First the system box is entirely sealed to the elements, leading to greater reliability and less maintenance. There are no tokens to lose. The backend software will make the treasurer's job easier. These cards cannot be "de-magnetized" like your credit card.
- PrairieShot, makers of Score Ammunition, will be the exclusive provider of ammunition to WTSC. The ammunition will be available for purchase by the members, used in the MJSA junior program and provided to all booked corporate/group events.

Volunteer opportunities:

Group Shoots:

Group/corporate events are a key part of the WTSC business model. They serve to generate revenue for your club and promote the club to a wide variety of companies and individuals who would not normally experience shotgun shooting. From time to time, when large shoots (could be in excess of 40 shooters) are booked, an email will be sent in advance asking for volunteers to mentor these shooters, who often are very inexperienced. Your time volunteering will be most appreciated.

Manitoba Trapshooting Association Bingos:

Funding for the club and programs run by the club are supported by funds MTA receives from Sport Manitoba. To secure these funds, MTA must staff bingos that are assigned by Sport Manitoba, roughly one per month. Along with the other trap clubs in Manitoba,

WTSC take turns providing workers, so from time-to-time WTSC will approach the membership for assistance. The commitment is three hours in the evening, typically. Please keep an eye out for these opportunities to help your club.

Shoot Schedule

The Manitoba Trapshooting Association Shoot Booklet for 2016 will soon be published and posted electronically, but for now here are the events that will be listed in the book, with WTSC trap events and the 5-stand events highlighted.

Date	Location	Event
March 27	Winnipeg	Easter Bunny shoot: sporting clays (weather permitting)
May 28–29	Virden	Pasture Open: Trap
June 4–5	Brandon	Spring Open: Trap
June 11–12	Winnipeg	Spring Silver Shoot: Trap
June 17 - 19	Winnipeg	5 – Stand Challenge (CNSCA registered)
June 18–19	Lundar	Goose Country Open: Trap
June 26	Winnipeg	M.J.S.A. Junior Championship: Trap
July 8–10	Winnipeg	Summer Silver Shoot: Trap
July 13–19	Winnipeg	International Trap Canadian Championships: Trap
July 22–24	Pembina	Manitoba Trapshooting Association Provincial Championships: Trap
July 29–31	Brandon	Central Zone Shoot: Trap
August 6	Winnipeg	5 – Stand Challenge (CNSCA registered)
August 7	Portage	Delta Open: Trap
August 13–14	Winnipeg	Grand Alternative: Trap
August 26–28	Winnipeg	International Provincial: Trap
September 10	Winnipeg	Shoot for the Cure: sporting clays

The BoD will be working on WTSC hosting both a Skeet tournament and a Provincial Skeet Championship this year, dates TBD.

Reminders and a few housekeeping-type notes:

Hours:

Club ‘spring’ hours of operation will commence as early as weather permits, and the Club will be open Sundays from 10:30 to 3:30.

The ‘summer’ hours of operation will be Tuesday and Thursday, from 4:30 until dusk, and Sundays from 10:30 to 3:30.

Off-hour shooting is for members only.

Cost per Round:

No change from last year, the price per round is set at \$7.00.
Get your card loaded up when you purchase your membership.

A revolutionary profit sharing model is being introduced this year. For profits over and above \$20,000.00 this year, WTSC will be rebating back (in the form of rounds) an amount proportional to the number of rounds each member shot. The club has a number of large expenditures likely to occur in the near future; and they are: a new roof and soffits for the main clubhouse, and the potential for a municipal directed septic system replacement, also for the main clubhouse.

Membership renewal:

Membership fees will remain the same as last year.

The new membership year starts April 1.

Membership forms are being mailed, posted to the website, and emailed out in March to current members. A hard copy form will be available at the club.

Senior members (65+) will receive 10 free rounds loaded onto their card with a paid membership. We respect and value the long-time members who have supported the club throughout the years.

Once again, we will be holding a draw, from those members who pay their membership fee prior to April 15. The winner will receive a free membership.

WTSC Crested Clothing:

WTSC iron patches have been ordered, and will be available for sale in the main clubhouse. Branded hats, towels, and others item will be available throughout the year.

Leagues:

Kevin Agius is coordinating/organizing leagues this year. He is currently accepting teams for the Spring Trap league and Skeet league, to start early in May.

Please contact Kevin (204.226.5891) for more information, or to enter a trap team. Single shooters welcome...we will find a place for you.

Details: TBD.

Junior Trap Program:

For Boys and Girls ages 12 to 17 years

Mondays from early May to the end of June (exact start date will be weather-dependent), starting at 5.30pm

Should you wish further information or have any question please call

Lorne Ross Ph. 204.467.2267 cell 204.941.0708

Email: rosslorne@hotmail.com

Junior Skeet Program:

For Boys and Girls ages 12 to 17 years. Watch the website for details

5-Stand/Sporting Clays:

There will be a 'permanent' 5 - stand (sporting clays) course on skeet field #2, that will be available any time the club is open.

For more information contact: Tom Hancock (204.981.4251)

International Trap:

Weather permitting, the south bunker will be operated Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from 5:30 until dusk. I hope to begin this program in May.

Ammunition policy:

The WTSC ammunition policy: lead shot only and no shot larger than 7 1/2.

If you are shooting on a trap or skeet field and notice either a member or non-member shooting inappropriate ammunition, please bring it to the attention of a board member or the manager. Steel shot should never be used on the sporting fields, since it can ricochet and be dangerous to the shooter and those around him. Steel shot should never be used on the steel patterning plate...it is dangerous and will ruin the patterning plate.

Email contact:

Questions, comments or items for inclusion in the *ShotString* or the club in general can be emailed to me: dmosscrop@winnipegtrapandskeet.ca.

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