



The Winnipeg Trap and Skeet Club

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If you have comments or suggestions you would like to see implemented, please talk to one of the WTSC Directors.

Club Manager:

We are pleased to welcome **Brady Pouteau** to the WTSC as Club Manager. Brady excelled in power mechanics before graduating from Sanford Collegiate last year, and spent the past winter playing hockey with the Regina Pats WHL Hockey Team. He is currently enrolled at Athabasca University via distance education, and is happy to be spending his summer back in Oak Bluff. Brady's first day was Sunday, May 1. Please stop by to introduce yourself and say hi!

Trap Field Upgrades:

All five trap houses have been upgraded. Harry and Vern built new floors in the houses. Many thanks for taking on this difficult task Vern and Harry. Kevin and Chris designed and installed new tilting roofs that include gas shocks to make opening them much easier. Great work Kevin and Chris!

Two new Pat traps have been installed in houses #1 and #2, and the older machines have been moved to fields #4 and #5. The wobble (Harry's favourite) has been moved to trap field #3.

Ken wired the card readers for all the traps last week. Thank you Ken! Thanks also to Harry and Vern for burying the cables. It looks great guys! All the fields are now equipped with the card reader system.

Shoot Schedule

The 2016 Manitoba Trapshooting Association Shoot Booklet has been published and posted electronically. The following events are listed in the book, with WTSC trap events and the 5-stand events highlighted.

Date	Location	Event
May 28-29	Virden	Pasture Open: Trap
June 4-5	Brandon	Spring Open: Trap
June 11-12	WTSC	Spring Silver Shoot: Trap
June 17 - 19	WTSC	5 - Stand Challenge (CNSCA registered)
June 18-19	Lundar	Goose Country Open: Trap

June 26	WTSC	M.J.S.A. Junior Championship: Trap
July 8–10	WTSC	Summer Silver Shoot: Trap
July 13–19	WTSC	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	WTSC	5 – Stand Challenge (CNSCA registered)
August 7	Portage	Delta Open: Trap
August 13–14	WTSC	Grand Alternative: Trap
August 26–28	WTSC	International Provincial: Trap
September 10	WTSC	Shoot for the Cure: Sporting Clays

I counted them, and ATA registered targets can be shot somewhere in Manitoba 21 days this summer. Should you want to, you could shoot almost 8000 registered targets this year, without leaving Manitoba! Here's a chance to visit all the other clubs—including one in a cow pasture.

Tournament Trail Results:

Let me know where you have been, and how you fared, so I can include your results here each month.

Members only buy/sell/trade/want list: If you have items to sell or trade, or are looking to purchase something, simply email a description of your item(s) to me at dmosscrop@winnipegtrapandskeet.com, and I will post them on the WTSC website.

The BoD is also contemplating hosting a garage sale—not a fundraiser—where members could bring their stuff and sell it. Please let me know if you would be interested in setting up a table.

Housekeeping:

Hours:

- We are now operating on summer hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 4:30 until dusk, and Sundays from 10:30 to 3:30.
- Off-hours shooting is available for members only.

Membership renewal:

- If you haven't already done so, please renew your Membership for the 2016 summer season.
- WTSC iron-on patches are available for you when you renew your membership.
- Membership forms are available on the website, and paper copies are available at the club.
- Remember to put rounds on your RFID card in advance, so you can enjoy shooting in the off-hours, and avoid waiting in line on days the club is open.

- Senior members (65+) will receive 10 free rounds loaded onto their cards, with a paid membership.
- We accept debit, VISA, MasterCard, cheques, and/or cash for the payment of memberships.

WTSC Crested Clothing:

- Additional iron-on crests can be purchased in the main clubhouse for \$5.00 each.
- Branded hats, towels, and others items will be available later in the year.

Leagues:

- Kevin Agius is coordinating the leagues. Call Kevin at 204.226.5891 for more information.
- He is now accepting the names of team members or individuals for the Spring Trap League, starting May 9. (We hope to run a Skeet League in the coming months.)
- The last day for new league entries is May 16. Time is running out! SIGN-UP NOW.
- Single shooters are welcome. We will find a place for you.
- Details are also posted on the website under the Programs tab.

Junior Trap Program:

- Monday May 2 was the first day of this year's Junior Trap Program. It was a very unusual start for the MJSA program...nice, calm and warm weather. Twenty-one Junior shooters came out, including a record number of young ladies.
- The program is open to Boys and Girls aged 12 to 17 years and runs each Monday until the end of June, starting at 5:30 p.m.
- If you want more information, please call Lorne Ross at 204.467.2267, cell 204.94 1.0708, or by e-mail at rosslorne@hotmail.com

Junior Skeet Program:

- Time is running out, sign-up NOW. For more information, please call Brian Konrad at 204.489.4640 ext 246, or e-mail him at BGKonrad@shaw.ca
- For Boys and Girls aged 12 to 17 years. Watch the website for details.
- Mondays starting May 30, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Junior Skeet is supported by the Manitoba Skeet Shooting Association (MSSA).
- Applications and further information can be found on the website under the programs tab.

5-Stand/Sporting Clays:

- A permanent 5-stand (compact sporting clays) course on skeet field #2 is available any time the club is open.
- For more information, call Tom Hancock at 204.981.4251.

Some Five-stand notes that will make your shooting experience more enjoyable:

- No tokens are required. Swipe your card in the skeet field reader, or have the puller/trap boy do it for you.
- Try to shoot as a squad of 5.
- Squads must be a minimum of 3 people.
- When it is your squad's turn, be ready to take the stands.
- While you are waiting, locate and watch the targets. The machines are always numbered the same 1 through 8, just not all are used on any given day.
- Locate the traps for your station before it is your turn to shoot.
- No "Show me that again!"
- If you are new to 5-stand, ask the puller to give you singles only.
- Do not adjust clay target throwers.
- No repeats.
- Do not change chokes once a round has started.
- Keep it fast-moving and fun!

International Trap:

- Weather permitting, the south bunker is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights, from 5:30 until dusk.
- Work has begun on the privately-funded cover over the south bunker's shooting stations. Once completed, it will be the only covered bunker in western Canada. Thanks to **Robert** of **Target Construction** for the use of his skid steer and his considerable operating expertise.

Ammunition policy:

- PrairieShot, the makers of Score Ammunition, is the exclusive provider of ammunition to the WTSC. Ammunition will be available for purchase by members, used in the MJSA Junior Program, and will be provided to all corporate/group events.
- The WTSC ammunition policy is as follows: 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 the Club Manager. Steel shot should never be used on the sporting fields, since it can ricochet, and hurt the shooter and those around him/her. Steel shot should never be used on the steel patterning plate. It is dangerous, and will ruin the patterning plate.

Clubhouse Improvements:

- Kevin and I undertook some minor renovations in the main clubhouse prior to the shooting season. A new snack and beverage area has been created to house the snack machine. It features a selection of chips (\$0.75) and chocolate bars (\$1.25), and a new drink-vending machine in which WTSC-labeled water is available for a loonie, and pop for a toonie per bottle.
- We have Tom to thank for scrubbing the kitchen so vigorously that it passed government inspection last month. Many thanks for your efforts on this front Tom.

- A new configuration of bistro-style tables is available for your enjoyment. Our old chairs have been replaced with newer chairs. The old chairs are for sale at \$2.00 each. See Brady if you want some for your summer barbecues or garage.

I will be heading off to San Merino Italy on May 24, for two weeks of shooting. I will have the opportunity to participate in a Grand Prix in May, and a World Cup in early June.

Ciao!
David Mosscrop
WTSC President

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