

Owatonna Gun Club Winter Newsletter

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Electronic Newsletter

If you would prefer to receive this newsletter electronically please let us know at the gun club. If you are an annual member you could note this on the back of your membership stub that you will fill out. If you are a life member, you may fill out a form that we will have at the club. Thanks for taking the time to consider this service

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2010 Winter League to begin Saturday, March 6th

Want a break from the winter blahs? Get your shotgun back out and participate in the 2010 Winter League at the Owatonna Gun Club. Maybe you can get a team together for the Winter League, and get a jump on your shooting year. Winter league will consist of 200 targets, which need to be shot before Saturday, April 24th. A brief summary of the Winter League rules are as follows:

1. All teams must have their sponsor fees paid by April 4th, 2010. Any team that is unpaid at that time will not have their scores posted until their dues are paid.

2. Individual memberships are due prior to

shooting league targets in 2010.

3. The scoreboard will reflect your status as a paid member and a paid sponsor.

Sponsors fees will remain at \$50 and individual memberships are still \$20. Life memberships are \$200. We look forward to seeing you during the coming winter shooting season. Winter hours go into effect on March. The club is open on Saturdays from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and on Sundays from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon through the end of April. Sunday, April 25th, is the date of our annual Appreciation Shoot. There will be no league shooting on Sunday, April 25th and only

limited practice will be available due to the large turnout of shooters for the Appreciation Shoot. The last day to post Winter League scores is Saturday, April 24th.

Summer League to begin June 2nd

It's never too early to start planning your shooting year and for those looking ahead to summer, this year's Summer League will Begin on Wednesday, June 2nd and run through Sunday, August 29th. The basic format will remain the same although we are looking at ways to make our summer league better for 2010.

Thanks to 2009 donors and supporters

We continue to have the good fortune to have many strong Owatonna Gun Club donors and supporter and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their contributions during the past year. Among those are Cabela's for their continued support and

sponsor ship of our June ATA shoot. We would also like to thank Alvin Olson and the Minnesota Weapons Collectors for their continuing support of youth shooting at the OGC. If you have a youngster at home that would like to participate in our

summer league, they can do so at a very reasonable cost thanks in large part to Alvin. We would also like to thank our anonymous donors who give their time and talents as well as monetary support to the OGC. A big thank you from the OGC!!

ATA Shooting News

Our 2009 registered shooting season was again a success beginning with the Degner Shoot in May, the continued popularity of the Cabela's Shoot in June, the Summer Handicap in July, and we were able to host the ATA Central Zone Shoot in August. In spite of shoots being generally down in attendance we had a great turnout at our Cabela's shoot and good crowds at the Summer Handicap and ATA Central Zone. We did lose some shooters to the Zone site in Illinois (the ATA Central Zone in a telephonic shoot) as shooters stopped in Brittany, Illinois to shoot on the way to the Grand. Despite that area registered shooters continue to be appreciative of the sort of target presentation and hospitality they have come to expect at the Owatonna Gun Club. We hope that 2010 can include more of the same for competitive shooters that visit the OGC during our registered shoots this year. We will host four registered shoots again this year. The first is our Degner

Memorial shoot that will be held on Sunday May 16th. The dates of this year's Cabela's Shoot are June 11th, 12th, and 13th. We are still pursuing sponsorship for our Summer Handicap that will be held on July 17th and 18th. Our present plans are to throw 300 targets (100 singles, 100 handicap, 100 doubles) each day of all of our ATA shoots with the exception of the Southern Zone which has 200 singles on Saturday and 100 handicap and 100 double on Sunday.

On a state and national level, this year's Minnesota State Shoot will again be held at the Alexandria Shooting Park from July 5th to the 11th. Youth day will be Monday, July 5th. The program for the state shoot remains the same, with the high over all beginning on Wednesday, the 7th and runs through Sunday. The Grand will again be held at the World Shooting and Recreation Complex (WSRC) in Sparta, Illinois. The shootoffs will have a new director and hopefully will run more smoothly than they did

in 2009 when shooters were routinely asked to shoot off after midnight. Those of us that like to shoot trap, really like to shoot, but ask yourself, "do I really want to shoot trap at 1:00 AM?" If you have never shot registered trap before, see a gun club board member and ask about what it takes to get started. The Minnesota Trapshooters Association will pay \$9.00 (1/2 the cost) toward the annual membership to the ATA for all Novice Shooters joining the ATA at a Minnesota gun club during the 2010 calendar year. There will also be Novice Class trophies in all the championship events at the State Shoot. Stop at the club for more details.

Ron Noreen, from St. James, who regularly shoots at the OGC, is now our ATA Delegate. He will be at our shoots this summer and is always willing to answer ATA questions for you.

Trap Help Wanted

The Owatonna Gun Club is always looking for more trap help for the coming year, especially for the ATA shoots that take place in the summer. If you have a son or daughter that is in 7th grade, or older or if you know someone that might be interested in working at the Gun Club, please contact Frank Schmidt at 455-0765 to get your name on the call list. We would like to hear from you if you might be interested.

Shooting Prices

As a member/customer of the OGC you do enjoy the benefits of up to date and well maintained equipment in an effort to give you the best target presentation possible. We hope to continue to serve you in the future. Despite fluctuating prices for many shooting related items, we intend to keep our shooting prices the same in 2010 as they were in 2009. We charge \$4.50 for member shooting and if you buy a punch card, you get 11 rounds for the price of 10. Our membership prices remain at \$20 for an annual membership and \$200 for a life membership.

Cold Weather Policy

For the safety of our trap help and in an effort to let common sense dictate some of our actions, the OGC has instituted a cold weather policy during the winter season. Any time the wind chill falls below minus 20 degrees the club will be closed. Please check the thermometer or call ahead if there is a question about the club being open. This policy is in effect during March. Hopefully it will not be needed during April!

Camping Information

Shooters who plan on camping at the OGC during any of our ATA shoots for the 2010 target year should make reservations ASAP. Camping is reserved on a first come, first served basis. If you want to reserve a space, please contact Dave Friesen at 507-451-4467.

Shooting Clinic Scheduled

Harlan Campbell, All-American trapshooter will be giving shooting clinics at the OGC on July 1, 2, 3, and 4, 2010. We will have more information at the club this spring.

Owatonna Gun Club Board of Directors

The Owatonna Gun Club Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 1st, 2009. Officers and directors were named for the coming year. Paul T. Cyr will continue to serve as OGC president. Jay Neitzel will also continue to be the vice-president, Kyle Wolfe remains treasurer and Troy Zabinski continues as secretary/liason in charge of construction projects. The trustees are Dave Friesen, Kyle Wolfe, and

Mike Belina. The remainder of the directors are Dan Busho, Matt Harris, Kurt Foster, Frank Schmidt, Bernie Prihoda, Gary Hoyne, Tim Kidd, and Dave Harris. If you have any suggestions or concerns please direct them to one of the members of the Board of Directors. We hope to continue to serve you, the shooting public, not only in 2010 but well into the future.

Appreciation Shoot Donations

Anyone interested in making a donation to the 2010 Appreciation Shoot Prize List should contact an OGC Board member or drop off the donation at the club. The 2010 shoot will be held on Sunday, April 25th. Prizes are awarded to all shooters participating in both singles and handicap no matter how well or poorly you shot. We usually have between 120 and 140 shooters take part in the event. Perhaps Santa brought you something that you already have or does not fit. You may want to donate a trophy that you won at a shoot last year. We appreciate your donations and count on them to help make this a successful shoot. We are counting on good weather for this year's shoot!

2009 Summer League Results

Individual Men

Myron Miller
Pat Gottberg
Jim Lembke
Kyle Wolfe

Women

Sue Gillard

Team Actual

1. The Shooters
Myron Miller
Ron Deckard
Dave Sanquist
Jay Neitzel
Burt Towne
2. Pat's Gun Repair
3. Fire Birds
4. Greg Jensen Auctioneers

Team Handicap

1. Alden Legion
Bob Newmann
Steve Newmann
Dick Borge
Bill Hinz
Dave Peterson
2. Got Air
3. Ace Auto
4. Pat's Gun Repair

High Women's Team

- Lori Nelson
Becky Wolfe
Kim Barnett
Connie Hoyne
Sue Gillard

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Gun Club Hours

- October thru November

Sunday: 9:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon

- December thru February

Closed

- March and April

Saturday: 12:00 noon to 3:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

- May thru September

Wednesday: 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Sunday: 9:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon

Dates to Remember for 2010

Winter League begins	March 6th
Appreciation Shoot	April 25th
Winter League Banquet	May 12th
Degner Shoot	May 16th
Summer League begins	June 2nd
Cabela's Shoot	June 11-13
MN. Southern Zone	June 26-27
Summer Handicap	July 17-18
Summer League ends	August 19th
Summer League Banquet	September 8th