

## **Wausau Skeet and Trap Club—April 2009 Newsletter**

### **It's open season on clay targets!**

Yes—on Monday April 20, WS&TC opens for regular summer hours. The fields and club house will be open for business from 5-9 pm Monday through Thursday. And, of course, there is plenty of shooting on weekends and for special events. Take a look at the calendar included with this newsletter for dates and which types of shooting are open. *Break 'em like you mean it!*

### **First GRILL NIGHT of the season ...**

To kick off the season, your WS&TC President will be manning the grill on Tuesday April 21. We'll have \$2 brats and burgers and the 'fixins ... and members are invited to bring a dish to pass—dessert, salad, chips, dessert. We're looking forward to seeing you!

May through September, GRILL NIGHT will be the first Tuesday of the month.

Take in the club's \$10 million dollar view and chat with some of your fellow club members.

### **TEAM SIGN UP for TRAP & SKEET LEAGUES**

Some things *don't* change—no, we're not referring to our Trap Director (thanks, Jim!) ... but rather the League fee and Sponsor fee. Yes, both *fees are the same as last year*, and some quick math shows that the League fee of \$45 for 15 weeks (15 rounds) is the least expensive way to shoot! As always, WS&TC membership is required (and that is the same as last year also ... \$30) plus the \$25 team sponsor fee (again, same as last year).

Sign up sheets to register your team are included with this newsletter. If your looking to join a team or your team is looking for members, sign up on the list at the club *or* contact Skeet Director Laurie Moritzen or Trap Director Jim Sonntag.

There is no specific required date to start your league shooting, but do be current on your scores by May 28.

### **A message from your President, Randy Ullmer**

*"Break 'em like you mean it" - that's our slogan for the club this year!*

And, we have plenty of opportunities for you to do just that ...

- Your club is opening April 20th at 5:00 for the new shooting season.
- Each member receives a 'guest pass' to introduce a friend to the club for a free round of skeet or trap
- We will be adding a ProMatic Rabbit/Chondel machine this year.
- We have written a grant for upgrading the 5 stand field through the NRA Friends program and are waiting to have the check awarded to install the new, elevated 5 stand and revamp the field wiring and control house. Soon, 5-stand will be back—and better— at the club!
- We have another Pat Trap on the way for use on the field in front of the club house since the existing trap broke and parts are no longer available.
- **CELEBRATE!** Gas isn't \$4 a gallon AND Shot isn't \$50.00 per bag....come out, enjoy life , and celebrate your second amendment rights!
- WS&TC has some really sharp looking club apparel for sale this year. The hats are in now and shirts are on the way.
- Have you asked someone to join WS&TC yet?

*Randy*

### **WS&TC Board Meetings:**

The WS&TC Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month, at the clubhouse. Meetings start at 6:30 during May thru September and 6:00 October thru April. Note MAY date change: meeting will be May 6 at 6:30. Members are always welcome to attend!

## **Money Matters ... difficult decisions**

In February, WS&TC members were asked for input on meeting the club's financial obligations and material (especially equipment) needs.

The club's policy of rewarding volunteer work hours with free shooting (25 targets per work hour) was highlighted as a significant cost to the club due to the continual increase in target prices. Members were asked their opinion of continuing to reward volunteer work hours but with the addition of a \$2 per round target co-pay. Opinions varied among members—this was no surprise as opinions varied among the board members.

A further analysis of WS&TC income / expenses showed that the cost of targets + associated fixed expenses exceeded all the income from shooting. Properly, shooting fees should cover these expenses and actually exceed them to build an equipment replacement / maintenance fund. At WS&TC, our extra events and activities subsidize our shooting costs ... *we're wearing out our volunteers and our machines!*

We surveyed 5 nearby shooting clubs on their policies and fees; none offered free shooting in exchange for work. (more on the survey later).

This research provided guidance to your Board of Directors, and as a result, the following decisions were made:

- Work hours earned before April 20, 2009 will continue to be redeemed on the basis of 1 hour / 1 round (25 targets). Therefore, the value is unchanged and there is no co-pay. These work hours may be redeemed only by the worker—a current WS&TC member, of course—the hours / worker cards are not transferable—never have been) through Sunday September 27. After that date, this arrangement expires and the hours are expunged from the record. (note: please contact the WS&TC President regarding extenuating circumstances—such as medical— as these will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.)
- Work hours earned after April 20, 2009 will continue to be rewarded, but with the addition of a \$2 per round (25 targets) co-pay for skeet/trap/sporting clays. Therefore, a 10-round worker card costs \$20; this is a savings of \$12.50 over regular member shooting fees (skeet & trap). A \$3 per round (25 targets) co-pay applies to 5-stand; a 10-round 5-Stand worker card is \$30; this is a savings of \$15 over regular member shooting fees. Here's how the cards are redeemed:
  - 1 punch per round (25 targets) of skeet or trap
  - 6 punches per 100-target round of sporting clays
  - 3 punches per 50-target round of sporting clays
  - 1 punch per round (25 targets) for 5-Stand (5-Stand worker card)

## **2009 Fee Schedule**

### **MEMBER FEES:**

**Skeet/Trap League – Membership required \$45.00 (each)**

**Skeet/Trap (25 targets): \$3.25**

**Skeet/Trap pre-paid 10-round card: \$32.50**

**Sporting Clays: \$18 / 100 targets, \$9.00 / 50 targets**

**5-Stand (25 targets): \$4.50**

### **NON-MEMBER FEES:**

**Skeet/Trap (25 targets): \$5.00**

**Sporting Clays (100 targets): \$24.00**

**5-Stand (25 targets): \$6.00**

### **YOUTH (<19 on January 1, 2009)**

**Skeet/Trap League – Membership Required \$30.00 (each)**

**Skeet/Trap (25 targets), member/non-member: \$2.50**

**Skeet/Trap pre-paid 10-round card: \$25.00**

**Sporting Clays (100/50 targets) – member/non-member \$12.00 / \$6.00**

**5-Stand (25 targets) member/non-member: \$3.50**

**The pre-paid  
10-round card  
replaces the bonus cards**

# 2009 Wausau Skeet & Trap Club Calendar Revised 04-09

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<u>April</u>		
V 4 Saturday	Registered Scholarship Sporting Clays	Dave Moritzen 536-8520
5, 19, 26 Sundays	Youth Trap Program 12-4 .....	Dennis Wendt 842-7133
V 18 Saturday	Ironman Sporting Clays .....	Dave Moritzen 536-8520 & Larry Goetz 842-5795
20 Monday	<i>Club opens for summer hours: 5pm – 9pm Monday – Thursday</i>	
<u>May</u>		
3, 10 Sundays	Youth Trap Program 12-4 .....	Dennis Wendt 842-7133
4, 11, 18, 25	Monday Sporting Clays: starts at 4 ..	Dave Moritzen 536-8520
V 16 Saturday	Jr. Jacks Sporting Clays .....	Dave Moritzen 536-8520
17 Sunday	Sporting Clays .....	Dave Moritzen 536-8520
28 Thursday	League scores current	
<u>June</u>		
1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Monday Sporting Clays: starts at 4 ..	Dave Moritzen 536-8520
5 Friday	Busless Bus Trip .....	Dave Moritzen 536-8520
14 Sunday	Sporting Clays .....	Dave Moritzen 536-8520
<u>July</u>		
6, 13, 20, 27	Monday Sporting Clays: starts at 4 ..	Dave Moritzen 536-8520
V 11-12 Sat & Sun	Bushwacker Registered Skeet Shoot	Tom Peterson 355-6952 & Ken Schmirler 842-4020
19 Sunday	Sporting Clays .....	Dave Moritzen 536-8520
<u>August</u>		
3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Monday Sporting Clays: starts at 4 ..	Dave Moritzen 536-8520
8 Saturday	Raffle Party .....	Dennis Wendt 842-7133
V 15 Saturday	Side-by-Side Fun Shoot .....	Terry Lokemoen 536-8247 & Dave Moritzen 536-8520
16 Sunday	Sporting Clays .....	Dave Moritzen 536-8520
20 Thursday	Final league scores due	
<u>September</u>		
7, 14, 21	Monday Sporting Clays: starts at 4 ..	Dave Moritzen 536-8520
12 Saturday	Club picnic / Annual Meeting .....	Kris Ullmer 536-3230
13 Sunday	Sporting Clays .....	Dave Moritzen 536-8520
27 Sunday	Sporting Clays .....	Dave Moritzen 536-8520
<u>December</u>		
V 5 Saturday	50/50/50 .....	Terry Lokemoen 536-8247 & Tom Cane 241-6357

**Check our website for calendar updates: [www.WausauSkeetandTrapClub.org](http://www.WausauSkeetandTrapClub.org)**

## WS&TC ... the place to be

A quick look at the above calendar and this newsletter shows our club offers shooters generous hours, numerous events, a variety of shooting sports, and reasonable fees. But, *how do we measure up against 5 other area clubs?*

- **Our family membership fee is the lowest of the surrounding clubs**
- **Trap/Skeet practice rounds range from \$2.50-\$4.75 ... we're in the middle at \$3.25**
- **No other clubs have worker shooting cards ... we do**
- **No other clubs have Sporting Clays ... we do**
- **Only one other club has 5-Stand ... and we do**
- **Other clubs were open a maximum of 3 days per week ... we're open 4 and more**

### **So, get the word out about WS&TC ...**

#### **Use your Guest Pass**

With your membership renewal for 2009, you'll receive a *Guest Pass*, to bring a friend to the club for a free round of skeet or trap. By introducing (that means they're new to our club!) someone to the shooting sport that you enjoy—and where you enjoy it, our club membership can grow.

#### **Member get a member**

Our 'working membership' program credits you with 5 work hours for each new member brought in. So, a very easy way to fulfill your 10 hour work requirement is by bringing in 2 new members!

#### **Host an Outing**

Businesses and workplaces are frequently looking for an alternative to the usual 'golf-outing' ... and shooting outings are a very welcome change! You just may be surprised at who would like to try skeet, trap, or sporting clays ... or who would like to see if they 'still have it' after not shooting for a number of years! As a WS&TC member, you may bring groups to our facility ... to reserve your date (and avoid any scheduling conflicts) there is a "facility use reservation" form posted on our website or available by contacting Randy or Kris Ullmer at 536-3230.

# Wausau Skeet & Trap Club ~ 2009 Membership Application

Memberships: January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**Please Print legibly!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ *WSTC will not share or sell your email address.*

*Help us keep costs down by receiving your WSTC member newsletter, event invitations, reminders, and periodic club updates by email ... thanks!*

What are your shooting activities?  Skeet  Trap  Sporting Clays  5-Stand

What are your skills and/or occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you if we need advice or assistance? \_\_\_\_\_

What types of projects at WS&T can you help us with? \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership (single / family) working ..... \$30.00 + 10 volunteer work hours**  
*(Time is money! Pay \$30 now and volunteer 10 hours for WS&T through 12-31-09. Volunteering credits \$10 for each hour worked to the non-working membership fee of \$130, down to a minimum of \$30. Hours worked over the required earn rounds of trap or skeet at a discount)*

**2008 balance of hours owed (unworked)..... \$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ hours = \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Membership (single / family) non-working ..... \$130 + no volunteer work hours**

**Partial Year Membership Sept 1-Dec 31 ..... \$ 15 (no league eligibility; non-voting membership)**

**Life Membership**  **Update my info**  **New .. \$450.00 (new only)**  
as above

Please check one of the following:

Lady

Junior (under 18 yrs old)

Rookie (never before shot league skeet / trap)

Senior (60-69 years old at beginning of season)

Veteran (age 70 and older at beginning of season)

Return this completed application & fee to:

Wausau Skeet & Trap Club

PO Box 2154

Wausau WI 54402-2154

## WS&T USE ONLY

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Issued by \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Pass # \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: Yes No

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**GUEST PASS: New for 2009! Along with your membership card, you'll receive a Guest Pass (good for 1 round of skeet or trap) to use to bring a friend to WS&T.**

**2009 OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President:

Randy Ullmer 536-3230

Vice President :

Dennis Wendt 842-7133

Treasurer:

Len Wurman 675-6928

Secretary:

Kris Ullmer 536-3230

Past President:

Larry Goetz 842-5795

Skeet Director :

Laurie Moritzen 536-8520

Trap Director:

Jim Sonnentag 675-7140  
212-4489 cell

Sporting Clays Director:

Dave Moritzen 536-8520

5 Stand Director:

Terry Lokemoen 536-8247

Info Tech Director:

John Taylor 873-4755

Board of Directors:

Frank Copenhaver 675-2238

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Tom Beyerl 675-9497

Tom Cane 241-6357

Tim Kuski 571-4551

Brad Byer 536-4827

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*News you can use :*

**2009 Calendar of Events**

**2009 Membership Application**

**Trap & Skeet League Application**

***New website address: [www.WausauSkeetandTrapClub.org](http://www.WausauSkeetandTrapClub.org)***

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