

Wausau Skeet & Trap Club

The widest variety of shotgun shooting sports in North Central Wisconsin

T196 Cty Rd WW, POB 131 ~ Brokaw WI 54417

OPEN Monday - Thursday 5-9 pm May to September

Sporting Clays Mondays at 4; 5-Stand Thursdays

● Trap ● Skeet ● Sporting Clays ● 5-Stand

I 39/51 exit #197, 1/2 mile east of Brokaw on WW 715-675-7227



Newsletter

April 2011

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Hello Fellow Shot Gunners!

The 2011 shotgun season is upon us.
Wausau Skeet & Trap Club is open for business.

Looking outside though, one would think we are heading into the fall, not the spring (I wrote this April 20th and it is snowing outside). Sooner or later, Mother Nature is going to have to get with the program! Summer will come, eventually.

In NASCAR, their season starts with the Daytona 500, known as the super bowl of auto racing. We start our season with the Ironman. Some would say this is the *super bowl of sporting clays* in Wisconsin. After shooting this event for the third year in a row, I am one of those people.

Anyone who was outside the weekend of April 16th & 17th knows Mother Nature did not get the request for good weather. Wet, cold and wind are what she served up. As a shooter in the Ironman event, I can tell you it was the toughest I have experienced.

With that said, ***I want to recognize and thank the other participants in this event: the volunteers who made this event a success for our club.*** This event was more difficult on the trappers and markers than the shooters. The shooters got to move through the course; the markers and trappers did not and the cold quickly set in. ***All of our volunteers are truly the Ironmen and Ironwomen of this event.*** Many shooters commented to me how well things were run at our club. ***A BIG THANKS again to all of the volunteers who made the Ironman a success*** at Wausau Skeet and Trap Club. This event showed the resolve we have as a club and the desire to make our club a great place to shoot.

I look forward to our 2011 season. As a club, we have worked tirelessly through the winter months to get ready for the shooting season. We hope the many changes we have implemented will make your shooting membership enjoyable for the entire year. This newsletter will detail a few of the many activities that are happening at our club.

Have a great day and 'see everyone at the club!

Darrin

IRON MAN – Sporting Clays Shoot April 16th



Ironman was wet and cold, but a great event for the club.

***All of you folks that volunteered the week before, the day of, and for clean-up,
YOU made it happen, not me. THANK YOU!***

***P.S. 'Hope to see more of you on the Sporting Clays course having fun - not working!
Terry Koch, Sporting Clays Director***

And, a few more comments on this year's Ironman:

- 308 shooters were registered and only a very few didn't show up.
- Ironman is the biggest annual event hosted by WS&TC
- Over 50 volunteer workers made sure everything ran smoothly – inside and out, and before – during – after the event. Terry Koch & crew set the targets and serviced the course throughout the day; our trained-by-Larry Goetz crew of markers & trappers endured snow / sleet / rain and pens that would not write on waterproof score sheets.
- Inside, John Taylor kept the keyboard warm updating the scores as they came in, figuring the rankings, the Lewis payout ... after Jane Heilman dried out the score sheets & verified the numbers.
- Food was catered by the Wausau West Girls Swim Team; the Ironman is one of their largest fundraisers. (By the way, helping out community groups / youth groups earns WS&TC a 'gold star' on our NRA Grant Applications.)
- Volunteers worked a full 14-hour day (and probably a few more!), or a half-day, or came in to give workers a lunch break ... and *we thank them all!*

So, what does the WS&TC get out of all this? About \$5300 in income after expenses ... and since we do our own admin / mailing – thanks to John Taylor and Len Wurman (Treasurer), we retain *at least* an additional \$600 that would otherwise be paid to the event organizers.

May 7 Sporting Clays North Zone Shoot

The Wisconsin Sporting Clays Association has selected WS&TC to host the **North Zone Shoot**. About 150 shooters are expected to compete in this registered shoot. The \$40 entry fee (100 targets) includes NSCA and WSCA fees, \$10 Lewis, and trophies are awarded for each class and concurrents.

Shooting starts at 9 am; last squad out at 2 pm.

If you are not competing, ***we could use your help on the course (marking, trapping), filling traps, inside the club-house*** ... there is a sign up sheet at the counter or call us at 715-675-7227.

Everything that was done for the Ironman needs to be done for the North Zone Shoot - but with half the number of shooters the day will be shorter and warm sunny weather has been ordered!

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Membership (single / family)\$ 35

Family membership extends shooting privileges to a member's spouse, and children under the age of 19, or any member's child under the age of 23 if such child is enrolled full time in college or tech school. Note: there is one vote per family membership.

Life Membership \$525

MEMBER SHOOTING FEES effective January 1, 2011

Skeet / Trap

\$ 41 round of 25 targets

\$30PrePaid Bonus Card: 10 rounds

\$20 + 5 hrs.....PrePaid Bonus Card: 10 rounds

League May 16 - August 25

\$55League fee / per member (15 rounds, includes \$10 Lewis)

Note: *Skeet 3-person team / Trap 5-person team*

Sporting Clays / 5-Stand

\$ 41 round / 25 targets

\$45PrePaid Bonus Card: 12 rounds

\$25 + 10 hrs..... PrePaid Bonus Card: 12 rounds

SC league May 2 - Aug 29 ~ 5-Stand league May 5 - Aug 25

\$18 / 100 targets.. Sporting Clays League / 1 person team (7 rounds of 100 targets; Lewis; \$126 total)

\$575-Stand League / 1 person team (12 rounds of 25 targets; includes Lewis)

Youth (<19 on April 1, 2011)

\$ 21 round / 25 targets

\$40Skeet/Trap League / per member (15 rounds, includes \$10 Lewis)

\$11 / 100 targets.. Sporting Clays League / 1-person team (7 rounds of 100 targets; Lewis; \$77 total)

NON - MEMBER Shooting fees

\$ 4First-time visitor per round / one day (must register at counter)

\$ 61 round / 25 targets (\$24 / 100 targets)

A League of Your Own

- What ever you shoot, we have a league for that!
- Team size varies: 5-person teams for Trap, 3-person teams for Skeet, and 1-person teams for Sporting Clays and 5-Stand.
- Notice there are no "sponsor fees" - the league fee itself now includes prize money since trophies (funded by sponsor fees) are no longer awarded.
- Team sign-up sheets are at the counter awaiting your signature!

May we introduce ...

Tom Malato ... you'll meet Tom at the WS&TC clubhouse counter during our 'open for business' hours. Here's what he tells us about himself:

Although I have lived in Wausau for 5 ½ years, a lot of that time has been spent out of sorts due to health problems so I have not gotten around to making many friends here. I am fine now, except for limited breathing, and have found groups are the easiest way to meet people. I am active with the Old Farts Racing Team, based at Granite Peak, and with the two local EAA chapters.

Shot gunning is just another of my many interests. And working the counter will give me the most exposure to meeting people, although it would be better if there was a greater expectation of meeting a cute granny chick to date.

My shooting is another story. Although having gotten back into hunting for many years (25 years of living in Downtown Chicago made that difficult) I still am not a very good shot. My trap score is usually 18 to 22 and I hit a skeet target once, many years ago. Yes, retrievers do get mad at me when I miss their set-up of a pheasant or grouse. *Tom*

Mike Spalding ... WS&TC's newest Board member, Mike has filled the vacancy created when John Hattenhauer retired.

My wife Julie and I reside in Weston, with our yellow lab Colby James. We've been avid pheasant & deer hunters for years, and have recently taken up bow hunting and reloading. I enjoy sporting clays and look forward to improving my shooting skills.

I volunteered to serve on the Board because I was asked and because shooting sports and shooting rights are important to me.

After spending a little time acquainting myself with everything that goes on at WS&TC, I can determine what projects, events and committees would be a good fit for me to be involved with. I've been in finance and investment management for 20 years and am currently Vice President & Investment officer for Associated Wealth Management/Associated Bank.

And our thanks to

John Hattenhauer ...

After over 8 years on the WS&TC Board of Directors, John has retired from 'regular duty' and is now on 'light duty'! (thanks for squading for the Ironman) Most recently, John was the catalyst in the review and overhaul of our Bylaws and led the Legal / Insurance Committee.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Since the beginning of 2011, **25 new members** have joined the club!

THANKS to each member who talked up the club and all we have to offer, and brought in these new members. And remember that *you* earn 5 work hours when you bring in a new member.

We've heard that eliminating the work hour requirement while adding incentives to volunteer is a factor in some folks joining - or re-joining - so we're pleased that the adjustment was well received. In these challenging economic times, it is also a nice perk that work hours earned go to reducing your shooting costs!

WS&TC Wausau Schools TRAP PROGRAM

Spring 2011 has not brought comfortable shooting weather for the 25 student shooters in WS&TC's Youth Trap Program. Fortunately, the first few classroom sessions were inside the clubhouse.

Week One: The instructional class featured videos and presentations on gun handling and trap shooting. Students had their shotguns inspected by Gunsmith Mike Everson for function and safe operation. Exercises included laser pointing for 'swing and follow thru', proper gun mounting, and firearms operation / functioning.

Safety was the # 1 topic and was stressed multiple times, as was the use of eye and ear protection for both students and adults on the grounds.

Week Two: The weather didn't improve: rain, thunder and the Merrill tornado took place that Sunday. Traps were locked down but practice did eventually commence after thunderstorms moved past the area during the afternoon.

Week Three: "Live" traps and 25 mph winds lifted targets 25 feet on the bounces. This served to be a lesson in humility for the young shooters!

Upcoming sessions: We'll be using the 2 sets of "I-KAM-Xtreme" camera-classes to record and analyze just what takes place when the trigger is pulled. Also, 'friendly competition' shooting meets are planned for later this spring with the other local clubs Youth Trap Program participants.

WS&TC adult club members are encouraged to attend these Sunday afternoon sessions to assist the young shooters and run shooting line safety.

Sessions start at 1:00 P.M. and last until 4:00P.M. as long as the shooters are on the line.

Questions: Call Randy Ullmer 715-536-3230.

Getting the word out about WS&TC *in print*

Have you seen our new brochure? Full color, gloss paper, with the details about the club, a calendar, and a brief primer on each shooting sport, this professional piece is an invitation to visit WS&TC and get in on the fun of shooting.

And, like all worthwhile invitations, our brochure is getting in the hands of potential guests - we have contracted with the Wausau/Central WI CVB's brochure distribution service for 4 months. Our brochure is stocked in the 33 brochure displays located in lodging facilities, restaurants, retail, and other locations. Tourists and business travelers will see our brochure and on their visit - or a future one - make plans to visit to WS&TC.

Getting the word out about WS&TC *on the web*

WS&TC's website was long overdue for a remodel ... and this is now underway! The address remains the same - www.WausauSkeetandTrapClub.org - but that is about all that won't be changed.

Thank You - from the American Legion

WS&TC donated a glass display case that was stored in the old clubhouse. The size & appearance of this case was almost identical to the two other cases the American Legion had on site. John Pellegrino sent the following note: *I want to thank you for the display case. It will come in use for all the new military items that we have and will be receiving. We have not completed our remodeling yet, but when everything is completed I will let you know. Again, thank you (Mike Heilman) and Mr Kuski for delivering the case as well.*

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CALENDAR ... check www.WausauSkeetandTrapClub.com for updates
Open Monday-Thursday 5-9 'til September 8

May

V	1, 8	Sundays	1 pm-4 pm	Youth Trap Program
	2, 9, 16, 23, 30		4 pm-9 pm	Sporting Clays / MONDAYS ...
	2			Sporting Clays League begins
	5			5-Stand League begins
	6	Friday	5 pm- 9 pm	Private Party
V	7	Saturday	9 am- 2 pm	WSCA Registered Sporting Clays ZONE Shoot
	12	Thursday	11 am	WI Hospital Engineers
	12-14	Thurs-Sat	(open shooting)	ConservationCongress
	16	Monday		Trap & Skeet Leagues begin
V	21	Saturday	10 am-2 pm start	Sporting Clays

June

	2	Thursday	11 am-2 pm	Central WI Innkeepers
	6, 13, 20, 27		4 pm-9 pm	Sporting Clays MONDAYS
V	19	Sunday	10 am-2 pm start	Sporting Clays

July

	4, 11, 18, 25		4 pm-9 pm	Sporting Clays MONDAYS
V	8, 9, 10	Fri, Sat & Sun		Bushwacker Skeet Shoot / Registered
	17	Sunday	10 am-2 pm start	Sporting Clays
V	23	Saturday	9 am - 2 pm start	Vet's Shoot - Fundraiser Disabled American Veterans
	30	Saturday	CLOSED	Family Reunion -neighbor

August

	1, 8, 15, 22, 29		4 pm-9 pm	Sporting Clays MONDAYS
	12	Friday	10 am-1 pm	Corporate Event
V	13	Saturday		Side-by-Side Fun Shoot
V	14	Sunday	10 am-2pm start	Sporting Clays
V	26	Friday	all day shotgun start	Corporate Event

September

	5	Monday	4 pm-9 pm	Sporting Clays MONDAYS
	10	Saturday	10 am- ?	Club picnic / raffle / meeting
V	11	Sunday	10 am-2 pm start	Sporting Clays
V	25	Sunday	10 am-2 pm start	Sporting Clays

October

V	2	Sunday	10 am-2 pm start	Sporting Clays
V	9	Sunday	10 am-2 pm start	Sporting Clays

November

V	6	Sunday	10 am-2 pm start	Sporting Clays
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December

V	3	Saturday	10 am-2:30 start	Santa's 5-Stand (trap/skeet open)
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V = volunteers needed

Sporting Clays
weekend dates:
we need a volunteer
counter staffer for
the first 2 hours.

WS&TC Officers & Directors

President	Darrin Stanke	715-610-4014
Vice President	Lonn Lau	715-536-5243
Treasurer	Len Wurman	715-675-6928
Secretary	Kris Ullmer	715-536-3230
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VACANCIES:	Trap Director	Info Tech Director

WS&TC BOARD

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