

Wausau Skeet & Trap Club Newsletter January 2010

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Everything that you need for 2010 WS&TC Membership is in this newsletter.

2010 Calendar

2010 Membership: lower fee, fewer hours!

2010 Shooting Fees Schedule: PrePaid Bonus Cards – simply a great value!



2010 Membership Application: What's new?

Lower Membership Fee + Lower number of Work Hours required!

Starting in 2010, your WS&TC Board voted to reduce membership fees, work hour requirements, and overall shooting prices with the goal of bolstering membership and club participation.

The **\$25 Single/Family Membership fee** (reduced from \$30) opens the door to even further savings on shooting rounds. To encourage club membership, the differential for member and non-member rounds has been increased. For example, a member round (25 targets) of any shooting sport is \$4, while the non-member rate is \$6. Doing the math, it takes only 13 rounds to pay for the club membership!

Members may also purchase the PrePaid Bonus cards, further reducing their per-round fee to \$3 for Skeet or Trap, and \$3.75 per-round for 5-Stand or Sporting Clays. When a member works over their 5 hours, those work hours can be applied to the purchase of the PrePaid Bonus Cards: Skeet & Trap are \$2 per round (with 5 work hours) and 5-Stand or Sporting Clays are \$2.50 per round (with 10 work hours).

With the **number of work hours reduced from 10 down to 5**, there is simply no good reason to not join WS&TC as a member! The 5 hour requirement is easily worked in one day / one trip to the club, before or after you do some shooting!

And, while over 75% of members fulfilled the 2009 10-hour requirement, 25% were not able to do so, and we are aware of a number of *former* WS&TC members who did not join because of the 10 hour requirement. *We would like to welcome them back – would you please spread the word?*

With **increased membership and participation**, the lowered fees will cover the cost of shooting, our club facility, and enable us to continue building our equipment (e.g. traps) improvement / replacement fund.

Your membership renewal for 2010 is welcome, by mail or hand-delivered to the club!

Single / Family Membership

WS&TC's membership is a family membership and is described in our by-laws as "Any member's spouse and children under the age of nineteen (19), or any member's child under the age of twenty-three (23) if such child is enrolled full time in college or technical school, are entitled to the shooting privileges available to the member." There is one vote per family membership.

Did you know ... WS&TC is the place to be

A quick look at the *calendar* and *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 \$4 for members,
 - we're very competitive at \$3 with the PrePaid Bonus Card
- Only one other club offers reduced fees for work hours ... *we do*
- Few area 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 days and often more!

2010 Shooting Fee Schedule

To continue our effort to attract new members to WS&TC, to welcome back previous members, AND to keep our valued present members, we've lowered the shooting fees, and simplified the fee schedule.

Variety may be the spice of life, but *who could keep straight how many punches on a card for sporting clays v trap v 5-stand v skeet? Now, you don't have to!*

The enclosed 2010 Shooting Fee Schedule features a *lower* league fee for youth shooters, and the *same* league fee as last year for adults! A few highlights ...

- ***Skeet or Trap Pre-Paid Bonus Card: 10 punches (each a 25 target round) for \$30 (that's \$3 per round)***
OR
- ***Skeet or Trap Pre-Paid Bonus Card: 10 punches (each a 25 target round) for \$20 plus 5 work hours (that's \$2 per round)***
- ***5-Stand or Sporting Clays Pre-Paid Bonus Card: 12 punches (each a 25 target round) for \$45 (that's \$15 for 100 targets!)***
OR
- ***5-Stand or Sporting Clays Pre-Paid Bonus Card: 12 punches (each a 25 target round) for \$25 plus 10 work hours (that's \$8.34 for 100 targets!)***
- **Of course, these pre-paid cards are for *Members only***

Member Work Hours

When you turn in your work slips, those hours are tallied. If you have not worked the full 10 hours (the membership requirement in 2009), we will send you an email with the balance due for 2010 membership (1 hour = \$10). Please, if there has been an error in totaling your hours or a slip didn't get turned in, the time to let us know is now!

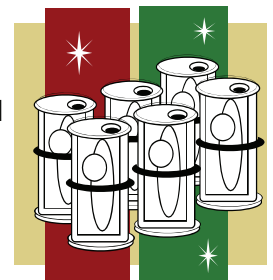
If you are receiving this newsletter by US mail, we have indicated the number of hours 'short' for 2009 on your 2010 membership application. Again, if there is an error or extenuating circumstances, please let us know.

No Carry-Ins

Due to club liability, we have a 'no carry-ins' policy. Our members who have obtained the license to serve beer and who volunteer at the club may also be considered liable for what is consumed on the premises. Should there be an accident, the typical lawsuit will name every party possible ... *Don't put your fellow club members at risk!*

Additional signs will be posted on the grounds to remind members and visitors of this policy – which has the safety of everyone in mind!

Authorized corporate events are exempt at this time.



Communication ... it's a 2-way street!

EMAIL: You'll be 'in the know' with our email "Shotgun Blast" notifications on events, new shoot dates, reminders, or club updates. We send these out 'as needed'. Our newsletter will be emailed about 3x yearly. Please provide your email address to us – we will not share or sell it!

US MAIL: You'll receive the WS&TC newsletter about 3x yearly by mail (if you do not have email). Due to time constraints, the additional notifications mentioned above typically will not be US mailed out.

WEB: Yes, we have a website! This is where you'll find up-to-date information (including the calendar) available 24/7. The address: www.wausauskeetandtrapclub.org

PHONE: The club phone is 715-675-7227. You may leave a message. For a more immediate answer, call Past President Randy Ullmer / Secretary Kris Ullmer at 715-536-3230.

NOTE: all of the above are a 2-way street ... let us hear from you!

BUSH HOG ... a real work horse, er, animal!

Those of you who attended our September Annual Meeting / picnic may recall the discussion on whether a specialty vehicle was needed to service the fields - especially the Sporting Clays course - and if so, what type of vehicle would be appropriate, and should the club lease or purchase the vehicle.

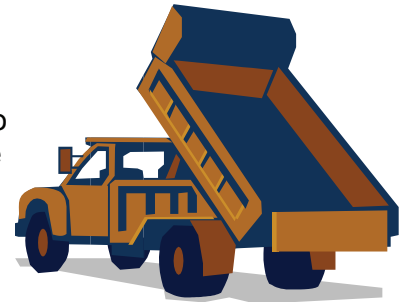
These questions were researched, input was welcomed, and a number of options were considered by the Board. Four UVs (utility vehicles) were brought in for testing and comparing; members who frequently do the field work and are familiar with what a vehicle needs to do were on hand to do the testing.

The decision was made to purchase the "Bush Hog", as it was deemed to be the 'best value' for the money (about \$8500); the option to 'lease' was not available on many machines, and when it was, there were considerable costs.

A small group of WS&TC members will be trained to operate the Bush Hog, so that it will have many years of low-maintenance service to the club!

EQUIPMENT COMPENSATION

You are a generous group – and for years, many of you have used your personal equipment for work at the club grounds. We thank you! In fact, one of the many reasons for considering the purchase of a UV was to relieve members of wear & tear on their vehicles. However, there will still be the need for other types of equipment to maintain / improve the club, and for that reason, we have developed a policy for compensating the members who do use their equipment at the club.



Compensation for Personal Equipment - Members Only

The equipment below is assumed to have a combustion engine. The use of small hand tools and other portable electric equipment will not be compensated for under this program.

Co-pay work hours would be credited based on a multiplier of the actual work hours on site. Any off-site or travel hours would need prior approval by the President.

Gas, oil and blades consumed on site would be reimbursed at cost. Other consumables (equipment repairs due to damage, for example) would require Board review prior to approval. Receipts are required.

Any other cash payments for items over \$50 not covered by this policy would need prior approval by the Board of Directors.

<u>Equipment Weight [lbs]</u>	<u>Hour Multiplier</u>	<u>Typical Equipment in this category</u>
0 to 500	2x	Push type lawnmower, weed eater, chainsaw
501 to 1000	3X	ATV, lawn tractor, snowmobile, heavy trailer
1001 to 5000	5X	Small tractor, loader or pick-up truck
5001 to 10,000	10X	Larger pick-up with plow, skidsteer
> 10,000	15X	Large loaders, dump trucks

Wausau Skeet & Trap Club Board of Directors 2010 Meeting Schedule

The second Wednesday of each month

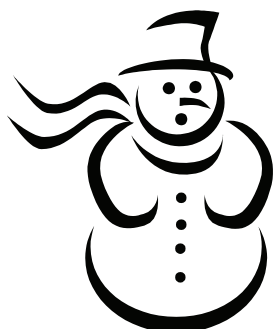
October – April 6:00 pm start time; May – September 6:30 start time

Location: WS&TC Clubhouse.

Members are always welcome to attend!

2010 WS&TC Officers, Directors, and Board

President	Brad Byer	715-536-4827	Board	Frank Copenhaver	715-675-2238
Vice President	Lonn Lau	715-536-5243	Board	John Hattenhauer	715-842-8316
Treasurer	Len Wurman	715-675-6928	Board	Tim Kuski	715-571-4551
Secretary	Kris Ullmer	715-536-3230	Board	Kris Lau	715-432-0069
Past President	Randy Ullmer	715-536-3230	Board	Tom Beyerl	715-675-9497
5 Stand Dir	Terry Lokemoen	715-536-8247	Board	Bob Mantz	715-675-2424
Skeet Director	VACANT		Board	Bill Pittman	715-536-6960
Trap Director	VACANT		Board	Darrin Stanke	715-241-8500 (H) 715-610-4014 (M)
Sporting Clays Dir	VACANT				
Info Tech Director	VACANT				



Upcoming Events

Winter Weather note:
If the wind chill is -10,
call the club or the person in charge
to find out if the event is on or canceled.



January 1, Friday

The traditional “99” Shoot (Trap / Skeet / 5-Stand) has been replaced by a Sporting Clays shoot. Since we just had the 50-50-50 shoot in December, (with Trap / Skeet / 5-Stand), this change makes sense. Shooting starts at 10 am; the last squad starts at 2 pm.

January 10 Sunday

The Central Wisconsin Skeet League shoot will bring in shooters from around the state. We need **volunteers: markers / pullers, counter staff, food service, and a set-up / tear-down crew.** Don't worry about 'what to do / how to do it' we can pair you with an experienced worker! Both **inside & outside jobs are available.** Please call / email Randy Ullmer at 536-3230 / dstrwbba@dwave.net.

January 31, Sunday

The Central Wisconsin Trap Association will be bringing about **150 shooters to our club!** This is another opportunity to volunteer and help the club generate revenue. The same jobs listed above are available ... for this event, about **20 volunteers are needed.** Please call / email Kris Ullmer at 536-3230 / kriswbba@dwave.net

Saturday April 17

Our biggest event of the year is the IRON MAN Sporting Clays shoot. As you likely know, WS&TC is one of 4 clubs that host this event, with the competitors shooting at all clubs on that one weekend. We welcome about **300 shooters** ... and about **40+ volunteers are needed** - it makes for a pleasant day when there are enough workers to offer shorter 'shifts' and provide relief. Note that the following day (Sunday April 18) the Sporting Clays course will be open - shoot the same targets as the Ironman!