

Heber Valley Trap & Skeet Newsletter

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Changes and Construction

The last time we issued a Newsletter was in August of this year. That was shortly after the Annual Members Meeting in July. The Board of Directors has been very busy since then- meeting with as many interested partners as we could, doing construction, working on publicity for the club, increasing our corporate shoots, revising administrative details, instituting tighter inventory controls, working on better safety controls, instituting better financial controls and reporting, establishing relationships with the rifle and pistol range personnel, and general community outreach.

Membership

In the August Newsletter we mentioned that we were shooting for a goal of at least 160 members for this year. We presently have 151 members and three more people who decided to wait until after Jan. 1st to join. We fell short of our goal of 160 members, but 151 members is pretty good considering the year prior we had 71 members. Our goal for 2018 is 200 members and we need everyone's help in achieving that level of activity. You can help by bringing your friends and neighbors to the club to shoot and to meet our members. We love having new shooters show up at the club. We have several members who can guide them through the process of learning to shoot safely and competently. The simple equation is that the more people we bring to the club to enjoy the atmosphere, the camaraderie and the challenge of shooting – the more members we will have.

The Past 5 Months

The purpose of this Newsletter is to briefly discuss what we have accomplished in the past 5 months and most importantly to discuss what we can do in the future.



The work on trap fields 1 and 2 is almost complete. While we did a great deal of construction projects this year- everything from new stairs, rehab of Traps 1 and 2, moving the 5-Stand operation, rewiring trap fields, moving conex boxes and regrading drainage ditches. We still have a list of about 30 more projects we need to accomplish. We presented this list in the November 2017 Meeting Minutes for everyone to review.



There are a few things we want to get done this year, like clearing out the upstairs area, replacing upstairs windows and getting furniture for the upstairs area. We have ordered an upgrade kit to convert 5 of our wired speakers to a wireless system for use on Trap 2.



Future Projects

In the future, we want to convert the existing skeet field to a combo skeet and trap field by rebuilding a trap house on the skeet field. The trap house will only be used during ATA events as a practice field for ATA contestants. In the very near future, we will begin throwing registered skeet targets on the first weekend of each month. In addition, we will be throwing registered 5-Stand targets. When we have the activity level where we need it, we hope to expand the skeet operation up the hill. We propose to build a new skeet field west of the existing skeet field. Prior to the ATA shoot we plan to pour a concrete pad for the practice trap, thereby raising the practice field about 6 inches and bringing it into ATA compliance.

We will continue upgrading the appearance of the clubhouse. We will be upgrading the wiring, replacing furniture and making the upstairs area a gathering place for members and guests.

This coming year- 2018 we hope to host a sporting clays event. It is easy to say we hope to host this event, but it is a huge undertaking with about 200 shooters, 12 or more stations and 20 or so volunteers. We are determined to take on this project and make it a success.

In September of 2018 we will be presenting two trapshooting clinics by Harlan Campbell Jr. Harlan is the Number 1 ranked ATA shooter in the US. He is a 22-time ATA All-American and ATA Hall of Fame member. He is also considered the best instructor in the business today. The dates for the clinics will be September 27 and 28 and September 29 and 30. The classes are limited to 6 participants each clinic.

In 2017, we hosted a skeet clinic by Paul Giambrone, the No. 1 ranked skeet shooter in the country. We hope to have him back for another clinic in 2018. Having the No. 1 shooters in the country giving clinics at our club is a real coup and we are very happy about it.

Do Your Part

While there has been a lot of activity in construction and administrative changes, our first priority-above anything else- was to change the way we approached our members- that is you, the customers. We needed to make the club customer-centric, customer-oriented, customer-first. However you want to say it, we are here because you are here. We exist to further your safe enjoyment of the shooting sports. Our first order of business was to change the atmosphere for our members. From the feed-back we have been receiving we think we are on the way to accomplishing that goal.

But this is your club and we absolutely want to hear from you. Good or bad. If you have questions or concerns, we want to hear from you. If you agree or disagree with the direction of the club, we want to hear from you. If you want to volunteer for a project, we want to hear from you. At the year end, perhaps this is a good time to take a breath and consider what we have done and where we are going. So here are the people you can talk to:

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We hope to see you at the Turkey Shoot on December 16th.

And we wish you:

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Joyeux Noel, Feliz Navidad and Happy Holidays to our members and their families.

Shoot Often, Shoot Well