



St. Joe Valley Trap and Skeet News

February 2017

Pancake Breakfast

Please join us on February 26th for our annual pancake breakfast. Breakfast will be from 9:00am to 11:30am, and everyone is welcome to attend.



Welcome New Members!

St. Joe Valley Trap and Skeet would like to welcome the following new members:

Rob Hanes

Greg German

Joel Flanigan

Emidio Rapone

John Kurtz

Rudi Eidam

Renew your Membership Now To Be Eligible to Win \$500

Renew your membership prior to April 1st and be entered into a drawing for \$500. All new members are eligible, and Life Members can also participate in the drawing by making a small donation. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

Grounds Committee Report

(Editor's Note – As you all can probably see, our grounds are immaculate at St. Joe. Our grass has been compared to a "golf course" and it is only due to volunteer service that we have this wonderful facility. Please thank our volunteers for maintaining such a beautiful place.)

The club's Grasshopper (430D) mower was returned from VanGorder on 1-4-17 for its annual maintenance check-up. The



mower required replacement of the front wheel bearings, a new discharge chute, replacement of belts and the usual oil change and adjustments. Additionally, the bottom of the blower unit needed reinforced / replaced due to normal usage. I would like to thank Ted Neusbaum for coordinating the repair, delivery and pick-up of the tractor as well as Kenny Yarnelle for the welding that was required on the blower unit itself. In 2016 we logged **356.9 hours** on this mower and all with volunteer labor.

Youth Teams Receive Grants

Both the St. Joe Valley Youth Shooting Sports team and the Garrett High School Shotgun Team received grants from the Friends of the NRA.

SJV's team was awarded \$5,947.00 for ammunition, and the GHS team was awarded \$5988.00 for ammunition and other items. Without support from organizations like this



AND our private donors, we wouldn't be a successful team. As you all know, trap and skeet shooting can be a very expensive sport. It is our goal to include everyone that we can, regardless of financial status. Last year, our athletes paid \$50 to

participate, and all ammunition, targets, and entry fees were paid by the teams. Please thank the FNRA committee for helping us receive this award, and special thanks to all of our sponsors that make it possible.

New Guns on Loan

The club has slowly been replacing the Remington 1100s with Browning over/unders. The O/U is easier to care for, and should hold up well to the volume of shooting that we do. Members are encouraged to let us know of any "good deals" on o/u shotguns available for sale on the used market at a reasonable price. We will maintain some of the 1100s in inventory – especially those that were donated to us.

Additionally, Cesar Guerini and Fabarm have notified us that they are sending a Cesar Guerini Summit with sub-gauge tubes, and a Fabarm Axis RS12 Trap Combo for the youth teams and our members to try out. These guns should be delivered sometime in February, and are available for anyone to use. A special THANK YOU to Cesar Guerini and Fabarm for their generosity.



Garrett High School Call-Out

The GHS Shotgun Team Call-Out was held in January, and there were 18 student athletes present with others that have shown interest in the team.



The GSH Shotgun team will start safety training at the high school on February 15th after school. All student athletes are required to attend all safety training classes prior to shooting at the club. Official practice will begin in March.

Board of Directors Nominations

There are three Board of Directors positions up for election in 2017. All have volunteered to remain on the board for the next term, but if you or any member that you know is interested in becoming a BOD member, please inform a volunteer at the counter. Elections will be in March/April this year. Our current BoD list is at the bottom of this newsletter.

Sunday Winter League Lunch

Lunch is still free for winter league members on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday; but we thought we'd change it up a little bit on Sunday.

The youth teams are providing lunch on Sunday for a free-will donation. Please note that we are not asking for any type of payment, but donations are greatly appreciated. Our team members and parents are providing the food and serving on Sundays. On the menu is vegetable soup, sloppy joe's, barbecue, and other meals. Please enjoy your Sunday lunch!!!

Information Needed

If you have any information that you would like to see in the newsletter, please send an email to geoexchange@yahoo.com.

Current Directors

Jay Hammond, President: 260-413-3016

Todd Ely, Vice President: 260-343-8800

Denny Meinert, Treasurer: 260-438-7027

Tom Spencer, Secretary: 260-740-6000

Steve Eckert: 260-837-7700

Arnold Bailey: 260-637-8161

Gregg Huffman: 260-341-7825

Rod Leavitt: 260-409-2576

Kenny Yarnelle: 260-668-1804

Please feel free to contact any board member with any questions you may have or suggestions to improve our club. We are always working to make improvements, and understand that this is YOUR club.

2017 Skeet Dates

May 25 – 28

15th Annual Kolar Mid America Open

June 23

Bandido 200

June 24 – 25

Poco Loco 400

July 21 – 23

Harry Michelson Open

July 27 – 30

Junior World

In addition, there will be NSSA registered targets throughout the summer at SJV. Please check the calendar at the club for details.

Thank you to our shoot sponsors: **Kolar, White Flyer, and Giambrone Shooting Clinics.**



2017 ATA Trap Dates

For the first time, SJV will be hosting “Big 50” ATA targets on Wednesdays at the club. You will be able to shoot 50 singles, handicap, and doubles. More information will follow. Our first “Big 50” will be on April 12th and conclude on July 26th. 2017 ATA shoot dates are:

April 30th - **Cancelled**

May 7th

June 18th (Father’s Day shoot)

July 16th

August 20th

September 24th - **Changed to the 17th**

October 8th (Memorial Shoot) - **Changed to the 1st**



Volunteers Needed

While volunteers are always appreciated, this summer is going to be VERY busy. We have the opportunity to show everyone in shotgun sports how great of a club we have.

With the number of shoots this year, including very high-profile shoots like the Junior World, we depend on many volunteers to make us shine. If you have any interest in becoming a volunteer (for an hour or for a week!), please let a member of your board of directors know. Without our many volunteers and countless hours, this club **WOULD NOT EXIST.**

The grass gets cut, the counter is manned, the machines are filled, the building is maintained, and every operational function of this club happens only because of the hard work of our volunteers.

