



News-n-Dues Letter 2024

Another year in the books at one of the best clubs in the area. We hope that everyone was able to use their memberships as they had intended and enjoyed the year.

2024 DUES WILL BE DUE JAN 1ST!

Annual Membership	\$80
Sr. Membership (60+)	\$60
Lifetime Membership	\$800
Sr. Lifetime Membership	\$600

Please consider this your dues notice.

Our Annual Memberships run from January 1st through December 31st. We prefer you pay your dues in person at Mainstream or at the Club during open hours. You will not receive a new gate card with a renewal; your current card will be updated for the term of renewal. Additional or replacement cards are available for a \$10 fee. The clubhouse is open every Saturday 10am-2pm year-round. If you prefer to mail your renewal in, you may print out an application from our website.

www.winonasportsmensclub.com

You can mail your membership form and check to:

**WSC Membership
c/o Chester Pozanc Jr
23542 Blackberry Road
Winona, MN 55987**

If you are a new member, we will not be mailing the access cards, you must pick it up at the club during our regular business hours. Remember the Membership is a Family Membership. It allows you, your spouse and minor children to use the club. When your children turn 18 they will have to purchase their own membership.

The Annual Club Banquet

This year's Annual Club Banquet will again be held at the Witoka Tavern Ballroom on Saturday, Jan 20th 2024, with cocktail hour starting at 5:00 and dinner at 6:30. Doors will open at 5:00. Tickets are \$45 per person in advance. Tickets will **not be** available for sale at the door. We have sold out this banquet every year so far. Make your reservations early, only 325 reservations available. Please bring your significant other, friends and guests. Be a "table captain" and put together a table of 7 of your friends, and be eligible for a special table gun drawing!

Members will have first opportunity to make reservations before the general public.

You do not have to be a member to attend this banquet.

The proceeds are used to benefit our club and help fund our ever-growing youth programs. There will be about 100 guns, TVs, etc. at this banquet! The dinner will be catered by Steak Shop Catering. Sign up now before it gets filled up.

Tree Planting Project

The club has a tree planting program for specific areas at the club. If you would like to have a tree planted in honor or memory of a special person, please contact Bruce Fuller by phone (507-459-0647) or by email (bwanafuller@gmail.com.)

The three areas for proposed planting are the entrance into the club adjacent to the club house, the new skeet range and the old 100-yard rifle/pistol range.

The species of trees to be planted are: White pine, Scotch Pine, Austrian Pine, Kentucky Coffee, Swamp White Oak and Skyline Locust. These species have been selected to complement our existing trees and provide tree variety at the club.

We are working with Winona Nursery for these plantings. The cost per tree is \$600.00. Each tree will be tagged with the name of the person being remembered or honored, along with the name of the donor or donors.

WSC Legacy Program

You can **LEAVE A LEGACY** with your name on it or the name of that special someone that you wish to honor. We have two beautiful plaques in the clubhouse that will bear your name or the name of the honoree. There are two levels; SILVER (\$250 - \$499) and GOLD (\$500 and Up). You may earmark the money donated for a particular program or let the Club decide for you.

Thank you for your consideration of these philanthropic projects.

5-Stand



The new 5-stand course is open at the club. New targets such as chandelles, midis and battues are flying through the air as well as rabbits running across the ground. We are currently shooting 5-stand from the practice trap field. This will not be the permanent home for the course, expect it to be moved as land becomes available. To allow for this, the old 100 yard range will be closed on Saturdays, Sundays and other posted times. The Durnen Range will be available when the 100 yard range is closed. During the remainder of the week (Monday – Friday), the old 100 yard range will be open as normal, but, please use extra caution while shooting as there will be thrower houses near the range. DO NOT shoot these houses, they are NOT targets or target holders. This project was made possible by a Legacy Donation from Dennis Lubinski, a donation from the Wanek Foundation, and Grant monies from the Minnesota DNR.

The **Practical Pistol Group** is always looking for more shooters to join them on Tuesday nights in the spring. The shooting is USPSA style and is a lot of fun. Details are posted on the website and dates on the website's Event Calendar.

Conceal / Carry Permit Training

Our classroom schedule is full of training classes. Alpha Fox Enterprises, Precision Plus Firearms and Lessons in Firearms Education are offering discounts off of the course cost for any current Winona Sportsmen's Club member.

The **Monday Night Trap League** completed another season. The final standings for 2023 were:

Division 1 – Mainstream
Top Gun – Jr Pozanc
Division 2 – Ryan Windows & Siding
Top Gun – Ren Foster
Division 3 – Wincraft / Fanatics
Top Gun – Zach Block
Division 4 – 2Dogs
Top Gun – Hunter Minor
Top Gun (16 yard line)
Mandy Horvath – Women
Christian Rossin - Men

Thank you to all that joined us for another successful season. We always have room for more teams and individual shooters that are looking for a team.

The **Blizzard Shoots** were hotly contested events at each host club. In the end, Wisconsin won the traveling trophy, again, defeating Minnesota by 78 birds. Top gun was Gary Larson (293), 2nd went to Bob Sylla (292). This is a fun time for all and you get to support the local clubs as well as compete for money.

2024 will be a great year!

The 2024 Blizzard Shoot Schedule is:

Jan 1st - Gunslick Trap Club
(Hangover Shoot)
Jan 7th - **Winona Sportsmen's Club**
Jan 14th - Chaseburg Rod & Gun Club
Jan 21st - Gopher State Sportsmen's Club
Jan 28th - Holmen Rod & Gun Club
Feb 4th - Southern MN Trap Club
Feb 11th - Gunslick Trap Club

Other Shoot dates:

Mar 30th - Bunny Shoot 100 Bird (9-2)
May 25th - Spring ATA Shoot (9-2)
Sep 21st - Memorial Shoot 100 Bird

Keep an eye out for new developments in the Pozanc Shooting Park and also on the Durnen Range. The new Stadium Bay will be ready for use in the Spring. Both areas will see new shooting obstacles added for shooting enjoyment and training purposes. More fun at the range!

The Annual Club Meeting

We will be holding our Annual club meeting at the clubhouse on Tuesday, January 2nd at 7:00 pm. We will be electing our 2024 Officers and Board members. You as a member are welcome and encouraged to attend and take part. If you would like to volunteer and get active in our Club, contact any Board member, you will be very welcomed.

Board of Directors

Paul Jandt – Pres, Security, Banquet
Don Snider – V Pres, Youth, Archery
Todd Looney – Treasurer, HVAC
Christian Rossin – Secretary, Shoots
Mike Rain – Range Officer, Devlpmnt
Tom Rossin – Director, Const, Youth
Dave Scholes – Director, Heavy Equip
Bruce Fuller – Director, F -arms safety
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Michael Wencil – Director, Website
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Greg Backes – Director, Youth
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Jim Noben – Past Pres, Printing
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Tom Hengle – Past Sec, Youth
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Rick Marchini - Opener
Mike Prondzinski – Grounds, Maint
Lyle Fritz – Trap Maintenance
Dean Neumann – Past Pres, Trap Mnt

I would like to personally thank the Officers, Board of Directors, and all other volunteers for all their hard work this past year.

Thank You!

I hope to see you all at the banquet and also at the club.
Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Paul Jandt
President
Winona Sportsmen's Club