



Winona Sportsmen's Club News-n-Due Letter 2019

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.

2019 DUES WILL BE DUE JAN 1ST! If you pay before Feb 1st you may deduct \$5 from an Annual Membership only and not any membership that is already reduced. Membership pricing is not changing and remains as follows:

Annual Membership*	\$60
Student Membership (<18)	\$30
Sr. Membership (60>)	\$40
Lifetime Membership*	\$600

Please consider this your dues notice. We prefer you pay your dues in person at Mainstream or at the Club during open hours. We have a new gate system and gate codes will no longer be used. You will be issued a hard card that you hold up in front of the card reader to gain access. (More on that later) The clubhouse is open every Saturday 10am-2pm year-round and Sunday 10am-2pm April until November. You may also print out an application from our website.

www.winonasportsmensclub.com

You can mail your membership form and check to:

**Winona Sportsmen's Club
c/o Membership
PO Box 241
Winona, MN 55987**

Please allow 2-3 weeks to receive your membership card and access card if you choose to mail in your membership.

*This 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 buy a student membership.

2018 Recap

A lot was done at the club in 2018, some projects took longer than others because of weather and getting the volunteers needed to keep the club moving forward. Remember this is your club, so don't hesitate to volunteer to help improve it and keep it growing.

The **Rifle Range** is officially open, and the rules are very simple. You can only shoot when there is a Certified Range Officer present. Date and times will be posted on the website. The reason for the Range Officer is to ensure the safe usage of the ranges. You must also attend an orientation before you can shoot on the new range. Dates and times will be posted on the website. All shooters will start shooting at the 100-yard range and move to the 200-yard and 300-yard range as you "qualify".

The **2nd Skeet Field** is also complete and is ready for use also. Thank you to the board members and club members that helped by doing work and donating money. We believe we have what is needed now to start a Skeet League and/or hold Skeet events in the future. If you are interested, please talk to a board member.

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.

The club is working on installing a **New Camera System** on the grounds and in the clubhouse in 2019. This will start as soon as weather permits. You will starting see cameras going up slowly throughout the year. The cameras are not meant to be "big brother", but to give us the ability to find out those few people that are not being good citizens at the club.

As was mentioned earlier, we have installed a **New Gate Access** and instead of a everyone getting a gate code for entrance, you will receive a card that you hold up to the reader to open the gate. You will get one free

with your membership and when your membership expires, the card will be deactivated and can be reactivated when you pay your memberships. This is more secure than we have had in the past and we ask that you do not share your card with anyone outside of your family members that are included in your membership. If you lose the card, there will be a \$10 replacement fee. If you would like another card for your significant other, you may purchase one of them also for \$10.

2019 will be a great year!

We have a few projects to finish and potential new ones to start and complete in 2019.

We start the year with the Blizzard Shoots. This is a fun time for all and you get to support the local clubs as well as compete for money. This is a Minnesota versus Wisconsin shoot and the winning state shares a trophy among the 3 clubs throughout the year. Minnesota has won the last two years in a row! This year's shoot schedule is:

Jan 13 – Holmen Rod & Gun Club
Jan 20 – Southern MN Trap Club
Jan 27 – Gunslick Trap Club
Feb 3 – Winona Sportsmen's Club
Feb 10 – Chaseburg Rod & Gun
Feb 17 – Gopher State Sportsmen's Club

We also have our 100 Target Bunny Shoot on Saturday, April 20th and our 100 Target Dusty Speltz Memorial Shoot on Saturday, September 21st.

The Annual Club Banquet is here

This year's Annual Club Banquet will again be held at the Witoka Tavern Ballroom on Saturday, Jan 19th with cocktail hour starting at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. Doors will open at 5:00. Tickets are \$30 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. **You do not have to be a member** to come to this banquet.

Members will have first opportunity to make reservations before the general public. The proceeds are used to benefit our club and help fund our ever-growing youth population. There will be about 100 guns, prints, etc. at this banquet! The dinner will be catered by Steak Shop Catering. Sign up now before it gets filled up.

The Annual Club Meeting

For those of you who are interested we will hold our annual club meeting at the club Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 pm. We will elect new or re-elect current board members. You as a member are welcome to come and take part if you are so inclined.

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Monday Night Trap League Finish

Division 1 – Todd's Refrigeration
Division 2 – Chester Pozanc Trucking
Division 3 – Bonnie Rae's
Division 4- VFW Top Gun

Thank you to all that joined us for another successful season. We always have room for more teams. **Plaques are at the club!**

Board of Directors

Dwight Keenan – Pres, Banquet
Dean Matzke – VPres, Youth, MSHSL
Todd Looney – Treasurer, Heat AC
Kevin Kotlarz – Secretary, Appleseed
Mike Rain – Range Officer, Devlpmnt
Ray McElmury – Thurs Morning Trap
Tom Rossin – Director, Const, Youth
Dave Scholes – Director, Heavy Equip
Gary Hazelton – Director, Skeet
Bruce Fuller – Director, F-arms safety
Don Snider – Director, Youth, Archery
Jr. Pozanc – Director, Memberships
Paul Jandt – Director, Pistol, Security
Michael Wencil – Director, Website, Tech, Pistol Group
Christian Rossin – Director, Tech
Matt Durnen – Director, Heavy Equip
Dennis Lubinski – At large, CRP, Skeet
Dan Kapusman – At large, Opener
Jim Noben – At large, Printing, Grants
Dean Neumann – Director, Plowing
Mike Pronzinski – Grounds, Maint
Lyle Fritz – Trap Maintenance, Youth
Tim Glowczewski- Past President

Remember all these people work for free and spend a lot of time making this club great for you.

Hope to see you all at the banquet.

Have a very safe and happy holiday season.

Dwight Keenan
President
Winona Sportsmen's Club