



Winona Sportsmen's Club News-n-Due Letter 2020

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.

2020 DUES WILL BE DUE JAN 1ST! We have added a Sr. Lifetime Membership that was requested by many of our members and is at a ten times annual membership rate just like our regular membership. We are also making some price increases in multiple areas. The first one is with our current memberships. Membership pricing is changing to the following:

Annual Membership	\$70
Junior Membership (<18)	\$40
Sr. Membership (60>)	\$50
Lifetime Membership	\$700
Sr. Lifetime Membership	\$500

This is being driven by multiple increases that the club saw in 2019, including a major increase for Insurance. With every new offering to our members comes a need to insure those offerings and our insurance increased by 50%. This includes, but is not limited to, the new Skeet field, houses and throwers as well as the new 100/200/300 yard rifle ranges and the overhead cover that was created for the shooters. We are not excited about any of these increases, but know that without increasing memberships, we will not be able to continue to grow

the club at the rate we need to. Please consider this your dues notice. We prefer you pay your dues in person at Mainstream or at the Club during open hours. As many of you know we have a new gate card system that was put in place for 2019. With the membership renewals, you will not receive a new gate card. Your current card will be deactivated on February 1st if you have not renewed your membership and will be reactivated upon renewal. This means you should keep your card. If for any reason we have to reissue a card to you, you will have to pay a \$10 fee for the card. Many of you have still not picked up your membership card for 2019 and they are at the club waiting to be picked up. The clubhouse is open every Saturday 10am-2pm year-round and Sunday 10am-2pm April until October. If you prefer to mail your renewal in, 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**

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.

2019 Recap

The **Rifle Range** was officially opened and the rules have not changed. You can only shoot when there is a WSC Range Officer present. Dates 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 also. All shooters will start shooting at the 100-yard range and move to the 200-yard and 300-yard range as you "qualify".

We had three schools use our club for their **High School Trap** program this year and it was a blast. Thank you to Hope Lutheran, Winona Senior High and St. Charles High School for letting us be your club of choice. These are great youth programs and we provided subsidized target and shell costs for them. We look forward to next year being even better.

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 **Monday Night Trap League** completed another season. The final standings for 2019 were:

Division 1 – Mainstream I
Division 2 – Chester Pozanc Trucking
Division 3 – Two Dogs

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.

Plaques are at the club!

2020 will be a great year!

We have some 2019 projects that did not get completed that we will finish in 2020 and a few new ones.

We are still planning to install a **Camera system** inside and outside the clubhouse. This is for the security of all members and to make sure that everyone is using the grounds as intended and purchasing their memberships as expected.

We are planning for a **Digital Life Member Board** that recognizes current life members and past life members who are no longer with us.

Also, **Precision Plus Firearms** is offering a **50% discount** on their Carry Conceal Class if you are a current member of the club.

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 year's shoot schedule is:

Jan 12 – Southern MN Trap Club
Jan 19 – Gunslick Trap Club
Jan 26 – Winona Sportsmen's Club
Feb 2 – Chaseburg Rod & Gun
Feb 9 – Gopher State Sptsmn's Club
Feb 16 – Holmen Rod & Gun Club

Other shoot dates are:

Apr 11 – 100 Target Bunny Shoot
May 23 – Spring ATA Shoot
Sep 12 – 100 Target Memorial Shoot
*New this year, all shoots will start at 9:00 am and end at 2:00 pm.

The Annual Club Banquet is here

This year's Annual Club Banquet will again be held at the Witoka Tavern Ballroom on Saturday, Jan 18th with cocktail hour starting at 5:00 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 programs. 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 7th 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.

Board of Directors

Dwight Keenan – Pres, Banquet
Paul Jandt – VPRES, Security
Todd Looney – Treasurer, HVAC
Christian Rossin – Secretary, Shoots
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
Dean Matzke – Director, HS Trap
Michael Wencil – Director, Website, Tech, Pistol Group
Matt Durnen – Director, Heavy Equip
Dan Kapusman – Opener
Jaime Steir – Opener
Rick Marchini - Opener
Jim Noben – At large, Printing
Mike Prondzinski – 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. If you have time and interest, please help out.

I will be stepping down this year as President as my family and I move to Rochester for the next adventure in our lives. I am a life member and plan to come back often to shoot with friends and those that I also call family as well as continue my support for all Money shoots and ATA shoots.

Hope to see you all at the banquet. Have a very safe and happy holiday season.

Dwight Keenan
President
Winona Sportsmen's Club