



News-n-Dues Letter 2022

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.

2022 DUES WILL BE DUE JAN 1ST!

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

Please consider this your dues notice.

No price increases for memberships in 2022!

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 and Sunday 10am-2pm April until October. 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:

**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.

The Annual Club Banquet is back!

This year's Annual Club Banquet will again be held at the Witoka Tavern Ballroom on Saturday, Jan 22nd 2022, 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 is initiating 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 the initial planting. 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.

COVID-19

We all rolled with the punches. The CDC guidelines, the MDH regulations, masking, social distancing. Through it all we became wiser. We were forced to cancel our 2021 Banquet, modified our social settings, changed our food delivery methods, and in the end hopefully we were all better off for it.

The **Blizzard Shoots** were hotly contested events at each host club. In the end, Wisconsin won the traveling trophy defeating Minnesota by 12 birds. Top gun was Hunter Brown (291) closely followed by Bob Sylla (290). This is a fun time for all and you get to support the local clubs as well as compete for money.

The **Monday Night Trap League** completed another season. The final standings for 2021 were:

Division 1 – Mainstream I
Division 2 – Chester Pozanc Trucking
Division 3 – Bonnie Rae's
Division 4 – 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!

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 **Durnen Rifle Range** has continued its growth in popularity. One of the most popular activities on the range is ringing the steel targets in the bunkers at the 200 and 300 yard distances. Remember, 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 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".

Ammunition Shortage

This supply shortage has been extremely difficult. Shot shells, pistol ammo, rifle ammo, and reloading components. No one is certain how much longer this will last. We have been able to take advantage of some buying opportunities on shot shells that will give us a small supply going into 2022. We were able to supply enough shot shells to successfully host a 14 week Trap league, and have enough to supply open Trap and Skeet shooting.

2022 will be a great year!

The 2022 Blizzard Shoot Schedule is:

Jan 9th - Southern MN Trap Club
Jan 16th - Gunslick Trap Club
Jan 23rd - **Winona Sportsmen's Club**
Jan 30th - Chaseburg Rod & Gun
Feb 6th - Gopher State Sportsmen's Club
Feb 13th - Holmen Rod & Gun Club

Other Shoot dates:

Apr 16th - Bunny Shoot 100 Bird (9-2)
May 28th - Spring ATA Shoot (9-2)
Jun 18th - ATA Southern Zone Shoot
Jun 19th - ATA Southern Zone Shoot
Sep 17th - Memorial Shoot 100 Bird

5-Stand

Our new 5-stand course will be up and running soon! The new throwers are here, the shooting stands are up, and a limited supply of specialty targets is stocked. We are working on the portable all weather houses for the throwers. Other logistics still need to be finalized, such as how, when, where you can sign up, cost of a round, trapper training, and course maintenance. 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.

Conceal / Carry Permit Training

Our classroom schedule is full of training classes. Fred Petersen of Alpha Fox Enterprises and Chris Marquette of Precision Plus Firearms are both offering a **50% discount** off of the course cost for any current Winona Sportsmen's Club member.

The Annual Club Meeting

We will be holding our Annual club meeting at the clubhouse on Tuesday, January 4th at 7:00 pm. We will be electing our 2022 Officers and Board members. You as a member are welcome and encouraged to come and take part.

Board of Directors

Paul Jandt – Pres, Security, Banquet
Don Snider – V Pres, Youth, Archery
Dwight Keenan – Past Pres, Banquet
Todd Looney – Treasurer, HVAC
Christian Rossin – Secretary, Shoots
Mike Rain – Range Officer, Devlpmnt
Tom Rossin – Director, Const, Youth
Dave Scholes – Director, Heavy Equip
Gary Hazelton – Director, Skeet
Bruce Fuller – Director, F -arms safety
Jr. Pozanc – Director, Memberships
Michael Wencil – Director, Website
Matt Durnen – Director, Heavy Equip
Matthew Ohs – Director, Grants
Ty Hemmelman – Director, Youth
Greg Backes – Director, Youth
Jim Noben – At large, Printing
Ray McElmury – Thurs Morning Trap
Tom Hengle – Opener, Youth
Dan Kapusman – Opener
Rick Marchini - Opener
Mike Prondzinski – Grounds, Maint
Lyle Fritz – Trap Maintenance
Dean Neumann – Trap Maintenance

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