



News-n-Dues Letter 2023

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.

2023 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 2023!

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

This year's Annual Club Banquet will again be held at the Witoka Tavern Ballroom on Saturday, Jan 21st 2023, 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.

5-Stand

The course layout is coming together and training for registration and operations is getting close to done. Watch for postings for when the range is open, times, pricing, etc. We are shooting the 5-stand from the practice trap field. 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 sides of 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.

Two new **pistol bays** have been added in the Pozanc Shooting Park. These bays will be opened once the soil has stabilized and the berms are groomed. Watch for a new plate rack to be added to a bay as well!

The **Monday Night Trap League** completed another season. The final standings for 2022 were:

Division 1 – Mainstream

Top Gun – Jr Pozanc

Division 2 – Ryan Windows & Siding

Top Gun – Ren Foster

Division 3 – Keen Clay Busters

Top Gun – Tyler Phelps

Division 4 – DCM Tech

Top Gun – Greg Backes

Top Gun (16 yard line)

Tricia Durnen – Women

Jr Pozanc - 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 **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”.

The **Blizzard Shoots** were hotly contested events at each host club. In the end, Wisconsin won the traveling trophy defeating Minnesota by 57 birds. Top gun was a tie between Bob Sylla (288) and Jeff Vollmar (288). This is a fun time for all and you get to support the local clubs as well as compete for money.

2023 will be a great year!

The 2023 Blizzard Shoot Schedule is:

Jan 8th - Gunslick Trap Club

Jan 15th - **Winona Sportsmen's Club**

Jan 22nd - Chaseburg Rod & Gun

Jan 29th - Gopher State Sportsmen's Club

Feb 5th - Holmen Rod & Gun Club

Feb 12th - Southern MN Trap Club

Other Shoot dates:

Apr 8th - Bunny Shoot 100 Bird (9-2)

May 27th - Spring ATA Shoot (9-2)

Sep 16th - Memorial Shoot 100 Bird

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 **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 Annual Club Meeting

We will be holding our Annual club meeting at the clubhouse on Tuesday, January 3rd at 7:00 pm. We will be electing our 2023 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