



Newsletter 2021

2020 In the Rearview

I would like to start with a very emphatic **Thank You** to everyone who volunteered extra time to help out here at the Club. Your efforts show in the quality and availability of our ranges, clubhouse, classroom and facilities. Also I would like to say **Thank You** to everyone who persevered through what was a difficult year. Our facilities may not have been available for your use as much as you may have liked. It was difficult to scale back, but necessary. COVID-19, our Governor's Orders, the safety of our members, all played a role in the decisions our Board of Directors had to make.

We all appreciate your understanding and cooperation with following the new guidelines.

With vaccines on the horizon, 2021 looks to be a much more "social" year. A time when things can return to normal, and we can all get on with life. We can all return to our Club and enjoy our facilities to the fullest.

The Review

Our annual banquet has been canceled for this upcoming year, January of 2021. The plan is to hold the banquet again in January of 2022.

The overhead shooting cover on the Durnen Range has been completed. The cover provides protection from the elements year round. This range is only available for shooting when a Range Officer is present. Please check our Website for the hours that this range is open.

Skeet field improvements are nearly complete. A small border fence still needs to be added to the shared tower between the fields. With the addition of the second skeet field, the total number of rounds has greatly increased. Give it a try!

The Review - continued

New fill for pistol bays in the Pozanc shooting park. All summer long there has been a constant line of trucks unloading fill near the pistol bays. This new stockpile of material will be used to add additional bays for more shooting space. The hope is to also yield an area to dedicate to archery. The old archery range was razed to make room for the stockpile of new fill.

Our equipment/target shed has a new 12' x 30' addition. The addition was necessary to add badly needed equipment and target storage space. The shed houses our new John Deere tractor and all the attachments (grooming mower, pallet forks, snow blower). Also, with the addition of 5-stand in the very near future, additional target types will be added to our White Flyer inventory.

Keep an eye on our Winona Sportsmen's Club Website: www.winonasportsmensclub.com for current events, upcoming events, clubhouse hours, news, shoot results, and much more!

Paul Jandt
WSC President



Trap News for 2020

The year started out great for Trap Shooters. It started with a Blizzard Shoot on Sunday, January 26th and 130 shooters, 3 shooters short of beating a record for the most Blizzard Shooters since we started keeping track. Unfortunately, Wisconsin beat us by one bird and continued to dominate and won the overall Blizzard Shoots at all 6 clubs.

Next came COVID-19 and so much confusion around the country. We ended up cancelling our Bunny Shoot Easter Saturday. We were not going to let COVID stop us from having our Trap League though. We started a few weeks later than normal but ended up having a 12-week league. We had 16 teams with Mainstream II winning Division I, Andy's Orphans winning Division II and Bonnie Rae's winning Division III by a whole 2 birds. As always, the Divisions were close.

We had to cancel our Spring ATA shoot because of COVID and were extremely bummed about it.

When the time came to decide on our Memorial Shoot, we decided to throw everyone a slight curve ball and have a 2 day, 3-event shoot. The first day we had 39 shooters to shoot 100 birds at the 16-yard line. Day 2 we had 23 shooters shoot 100 birds at the 16-yard line and 11 Shooters shoot 50 pair of doubles. Everyone had such a great time that we decided to do it again in 2021.

We appreciate everyone who attends our shoots and look forward to even more shooters in 2021. To help you start planning, the dates for the shoots are:

Blizzard Shoot – 1/17
Bunny Shoot-4/3
Spring ATA Shoot-5/29
9/11-9/12 Memorial Shoot

We also anticipate having the league start at the normal time around the end of April or early May. Please check the website for dates.

Dwight Keenan
Trap Committee Director
Past President

2020 Pistol Practice Group Results Update

The Season started on May 26th and we had 14 shooting event sessions this year. One of which was a Modern Sporting Rifle special event on Aug 11th. This year we had 118 total participants with an average per event turn-out of 8 shooters. Each USPSA Style shoot event is scored using PractiScore. You can view the Winona WSC Results at <https://practiscore.com/results?query=winona>

2020 Pistol Practice Group Results Update – cont.

Next Season "2021" we will be adding a MTM Drop-Turner Target Stand and a couple of MTM Cardboard Holder 45-degree stands to our Course of Fire setups. This will be a real fun addition to our existing targets.

The WSC Pistol Practice Group is not a league but rather a weekly event to shoot and practice your shooting skills. Come when you can participate.

Come and check out the USPSA style shooting at the Winona Sportsmen's Club! Come join a group of great people who get together once a week in the spring / summer / fall to shoot fun target setups for all skill levels.

These practice shoots are great for anyone that wants to become more proficient in shooting USPSA events or simply to keep yourself proficient with your firearm for self-defense, etc.

Here are the basics:

When: Sign in starts at 5:45 pm and we start about 6:00 pm, every Tuesday week night during the warm months. If weather conditions affect our Tuesday event, check the FB group page for current status. Also available on the website

<https://WinonaSportsmensClub.com/Pistol> and check the Event calendar. We need everyone's help to setup stages, so please show up any time after 4:00 pm to help out. We greatly appreciated it!

Where: Winona Sportsmen's Club 22933 Gun Club Road, Winona, MN 55897

Equipment: Pistol, 100-150 rounds (depends on stages, this should cover you for whatever), 2-5 magazines (however many you need to hold approximately 35-40 rounds, the max used in one stage), mag pouches, holster, sturdy belt, eye & hearing protection and closed toe shoes. If you don't have all of this equipment for your first time ... no problem! Come and learn more or just observe. If you let us know ahead of time you may be able to borrow some gear.

Cost: \$10. This is to cover the cost of cardboard targets and wear-n-tear on our steel targets / props.

Who Can Participate: Anyone! As long as you are capable of safely controlling your own firearm, you can shoot. Those under the age of 18 are welcome with a parent or guardian present on the range.

More questions? Please contact us. Read more at the Winona Sportsmen's Club website.

<https://www.winonasportsmensclub.com/Pistol.html>

Michael Wencil
Pistol Group Director

RIMFIRE @ WINONA SPORTSMEN'S CLUB 2020 - SEASON REVIEW

There are 2 different Rimfire events held at the Club. These are **Rimfire Steel** and **Rimfire Sporter**. All firearms must be .22 rimfire. No magnums or .17 calibers. Shooting started April 23rd and ran thru September 17th when we start running out of daylight. We started the year out with **WSC Rimfire Steel** on April 23rd and shot every other week for 11 weeks. This is a course of 7 to 8 generous sized steel plates (8" -12") set at distances between 7 and 35 yards. All shots are taken from a stationary position, (no running and gunning), and the goal is to engage all targets as quickly as possible using both handguns and rifles. Average times this year ran about 7-15 seconds with the fastest as low as 4 seconds or just under. This will typically draw 8-12 shooters per night.

WSC Rimfire Sporter kicked off on April 30th and also ran for 11 weeks. This is a marksmanship event that will test your rifle skills at 50 yards from the Standing, Sitting, and Prone positions. It's designed to be shot with your average squirrel gun that you probably already have at home, so no specialized equipment is needed. We usually see 8-10 shooters on the line for this event. Shooting begins at 6:00pm. The cost per night is \$2. Ammo required is approx. 60-80 rounds per night, and the Club does have a limited supply that is free to shooters 17 and under that participate in either of these events.

***** Come check it out in 2021 *****

DURNEN RIFLE RANGE

Use of the rifle range is up about 20% over last year. It's still a work in progress and will be for some time. We've begun to improve the existing berms, as well as add a 50 yard berm for sighting in and to make the range more versatile for future events. A second line and cover will be built as soon as we can work it into our construction schedule.

The steel plates at 200 & 300 are very popular with shooters, and other than the hangers taking a beating and needing repair, the plates themselves are holding up well.

We held 2 military rifle matches this year in order to gauge interest and hope to expand with additional events of this type in 2021.

DURNEN RIFLE RANGE – continued

The range is open only when a Range Officer is on duty. It's currently open every weekend as well as Thursdays throughout the summer. All Durnen Range shooters must attend one of the Shooter Orientations that are held once a month. There are currently 144 members that have been through the orientation.

Mike Rain
Rifle Range Director
Chief Range Officer

NEW 5-Stand in 2021!

PULL! - *BANG* - *BANG* - LOST PAIR! - GRrrr



It's with great excitement and enthusiasm that it can finally be confirmed that we will be adding 5-stand shooting to the club offerings in 2021!

5-stand consists of targets shot in 25 bird increments from five shooting stations with each shooter rotating from station to station. The game offers several different skill levels and utilizes eight to ten automatic traps to simulate real hunting scenarios. Targets are released in a predetermined set sequence marked on a menu card in front of each shooting cage.

The field will consist of MEC clay target machines and White Flyer targets (standards, pheasants, battues, and rabbits).
Get ready to have a blast!

Todd Looney
5-Stand Committee Director
Treasurer