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2025 Spring News Letter

CLEAN-UP DAY: May is usually the best time to have our Clean-Up Day. With May being the height of the High School Leagues, this has become problematic. We have decided to make May our annual "Clean-Up Month". A work list will be posted at the front desk. Any time you could spare during May to help get our facility back in shape will be appreciated.

SPORTERIFLE: The team had a good season with many award winning shooters. Empire League season awards go to: Mark Farrell – 2nd Marksman 265.4 average. Mark Farrell – 3rd Man 265.4 average. Ward Shaffer – Top Sub-Rifleman 223.2 average. Beth Howland – Top Woman 262.7 average. Tom Giaguzzi – 2nd Male Grand Senior 271.2 average. Holiday Shoot Winner was; Nolan Sperry – 2nd Sub Rifleman 244. Congratulation to all shooters. The season runs from September to March. It's an indoor Postal series of matches consisting of 21 matches, shot at the Oneonta Sportsmen's Club. We meet every Monday from 4_{pm} to 6_{pm} all year. .22 calibers rifles are available (if needed). The cost is \$3.00/week for adults and \$1.00 for juniors. Competitors must be a club member. Adult shooters must provide their own ammunition. During the season, ammo for Juniors will be provided. For more info contact Walt & Peg Kunkler 607-988-2667.

FIVE STAND/SPORTING CLAYS: The "Woods" will be open as soon as weather permits. The Sporting Clays Course is open Sunday mornings (weather permitting) with 23 different shooting traps to choose from. Sporting Clay's participation has picked up so please arrive early in case we need to run multiple squads. When Not in the "Woods", Five Stand is open every Sunday rain or shine.

TRAP/SKEET: Trap and skeet is open every Sunday and Wednesday morning. Field #1 is combination Trap, Skeet and Five Stand. Field #2 is skeet only. Field #3 is combination Trap and Skeet, with the trap machine capable of throwing Singles, Doubles and Wobble. All Trap machines are equipped with wireless voice activated release systems.

PISTOL TEAM: The Team finished the 2024-2025 season in 3rd place out of 6 teams with a 12-8 record and high team score of 1089-16X. Team participation averaged 10 per night with 20 different shooters. Mid-Season the league introduced a "2 Hand Class" for new shooters. Juniors saw 13 different shooters participating. Their season concluded March 16th with a 900 shoot On February 22nd 5 juniors traveled to SCFGPA in New Jersey to compete in NRA Sectionals. Bri May finished Top Marksman/Woman and Evan grabbed High Junior Tyro for the event of 66 competitors. From beginners earning their first classification to our first ever Distinguished Expert, all juniors progressed and had personal accomplishments. The junior program runs entirely on donations. Thanks to all who donated and thanks to Roland, Jeremy, Justin and Al for their time. We also ran a NYSRPA Indoor 900 Championship match and eagerly await the results, thanks to our volunteers. Plans are underway for Outdoor Bullseye Match starting mid-May every Wednesday between 4_{pm}-7_{pm}, watch for details If you are interested in donating, helping, shooting or even joining the team please contact Scott May (607-437-0306) for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL CLAY TARGET LEAGUE: Can't call it the "Trap League" anymore. Last fall Unatego formed a Skeet Team that shot Sunday afternoons, they have returned again this spring. We have another school excited to be shooting Trap at the Club this year. The Otsego Christian Academy (OCA), in Otego is fielding a team with 19 shooters. In addition to the High Schools, SUNY Delhi has formed a college trap team. The Oneonta Sportsmen's Club is now hosting (6) school teams shooting in organized leagues.

Last summer we held the Second annual High School Trap Tournament. June 14th we will host the 3rd annual High School Trap Tournament. The tournament has been re-named the "Victor Carpenter Memorial High School Trap Tournament" in memory of our past Vice President Victor Carpenter. Special thanks to Paula Bagley who volunteered to run this tournament.

MEMBERSHIP: Remember, memberships expire May 31, 2025. Membership cards for the 2025-2026 year are now available. Rates have not changed: \$50.00 for individuals and \$75.00 for families. If you have not renewed for the 2025-2026 year, we've enclosed a mail in membership form, better yet stop in and see what's going on. Family memberships include Spouse, Children and Grand Children under 21 only. **SORRY**, GRANDPARENTS, PARENTS, BROTHERS, SISTERS, BOYFRIENDS, GIRLFRIENDS, FIANCES, AUNTS, UNCLES, NIECES, NEPHEWS, COUSINS AND IN-LAWS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS. If you have any questions regarding memberships, send us an email or see the attendant at the front desk. A downloadable Membership Application Form is available on our website or pick up one at the clubhouse.

TRAINING: Training classes are being conducted by several members certified in many different disciplines. Please check our website and Facebook or inquire at the club for information regarding training classes and dates.

WE COULD USE YOUR HELP: Undertaking new projects, fixing something that breaks or needs replacing never ends. Anyone with some free time or has a specific skill set that could help with these chores, your help would be appreciated. Anyone wishing to help with our endless list of repairs and projects should contact us at the clubhouse.

TROUBLED: Common sense seems to be missing. No matter how many signs we post or what would be common sense, things still get overlooked. Doors have been left unlocked, lights left on, coffee makers left on, bird shot used on the outdoor ranges and the list goes on. We all need to pay closer attention to protect our clubs assets. Also, unless it's on the "Free Table" items at the club are Club Property. It may be just an oversight but several items have come up missing. Removal of club property hurts everyone. The cost and effort to replace these items affect our bottom line and could result in higher membership dues and shooting cost. If you need to BORROW something, just ask, we'll try to accommodate you.

WEBSITE: Be sure and visit our website (www.oneontasportsmensclub.com) for the most up to date information about current events and club information. This information is updated periodically, so be sure to visit our site often. Be sure to "Like Us" on Facebook.

Our facility is open 52 weeks a year, rain, shine or snow

Shotgun hours of operation: Sunday 8:30-1:00. Wednesday 9:30-12:00.

Rifle Range is open: Dawn to Dusk (Please use Discretion) 7 days a week (Except during shotgun days/hours)

Pistol Range is open: Dawn to Dusk (Please use Discretion) 7 days a week (Range may close during training classes)

We look forward to seeing you on the range.

Thanks for your support
Jon Clark (President)