



**Dear Peoria Skeet and Trap Club member,**

Well, it has been a long, cold and snowy winter here in central Illinois. A tip of the cap to the winter Skeet League participants and other hearty club members that came out to the club and shot during these less than hospitable winter months. The good news though is that it looks like **spring has finally arrived**. So, now everyone can **come out and enjoy shooting at the club** and take advantage of all the great events we have planned for this year.

### **Events at the club**

In addition to the regular practice targets that everyone can enjoy each week, we have another **full line up of fun events at the club this year**. The season got underway on April 6<sup>th</sup> with the first ATA registered Trap trophy shoot and the good weather brought out 100 competitors – a great start for the club!

This year's events include:

- *Seven ATA registered Trap shoots* – Monthly trophy shoots from April to October plus the club is again hosting the Central Illinois Zone shoot on May 31–June 1.
- *Two charity fun shoots* – The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual “Shoot for the Cure” event on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Dove/Teal Warm-up event on August 31<sup>st</sup> which raises money for the Greater Peoria Honor Flight non-profit organization.
- *Three NSSA registered Skeet shoots* – The 70<sup>th</sup> Annual 3-I Skeet Championship on May 15-18, an NSSA registered shoot on July 26-27, and this year the club is hosting the Illinois State Skeet Championships on August 22-24. Plus NSSA members can register their targets any time between April and October.
- *The Club Championship* for all members on September 13-14.
- *Summer Trap League* – 18 weeks of league Trap shooting starting April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- *Youth Shooting program* – 10 weeks of instructional Skeet & Trap shooting beginning in May.

### **Youth Shooting Program**

If you know of a youth who would be interested in learning or improving their Skeet or Trap shooting skills, please let them know about the 10 week instructional Youth Shooting Program that the club is offering again this year. This program is open to all interested youths (ages 8-20) who can make it out to the club on Tuesday nights at 6:00 pm. For a nominal charge of \$10 per youth per week participants get 50 shells (20 or 12 gauge), 50 targets and coaching from certified instructors. The orientation meeting for the program is May 6<sup>th</sup>. Interested parties can pick up an information/registration flyer at the clubhouse or download it off the PS&T website ([www.peoriaskeetandtrap.com/Youthprograms](http://www.peoriaskeetandtrap.com/Youthprograms)).

In addition to the Youth Shooting program, the club will be hosting an AIM (Academics, Integrity, Marksmanship) team this year. AIM is the official youth program of the ATA. Participants in AIM will enjoy the thrill of shooting registered competition as an individual and/or as a team. The purpose of AIM is to provide a safe and positive experience with firearms and registered Trapshooting for youth; elementary school through college age. This is a great opportunity to establish the foundation for youth to make Trapshooting a lifelong avocation. If you are interested in helping out with the AIM program or are aware of youth that would be interested in participating in the program, please contact club member Connie Martin at (309) 241-3422 or by email at [con224@comcast.net](mailto:con224@comcast.net). You can also leave contact information at the manager's counter at the clubhouse.

### **Volunteer Program**

It's a fact...the **club needs more volunteer help** in order to maintain our status as an economically priced, great shooting venue. A lot of the work that is performed to maintain the club facilities (minor repairs/upgrades, painting, etc.) as well as support the many shooting events (concession service, event registration/coordination, etc.) during the year is done by volunteers.

In order to promote volunteerism, the Board has approved a **new volunteer recognition program**. This program is intended to promote further engagement of a broader pool of club members volunteering their time and effort to support the activities and needs of the club.

The basics of the program are as follows:

1. Interested members will be able to register to be a volunteer at the club. In doing, so they will receive a "volunteer tracking card".
2. Coordinators of an event or work party needing volunteer help will publicize the need and then will record & sign off the number of hours worked by a volunteer in the person's tracking card on the day of the event. Hours volunteered by family members can also be credited to the members tracking card.
3. The volunteer tracking cards can be redeemed for practice shoot cards. The number of volunteer hours x 1.25 equals the number of practice rounds. For example, five practice rounds of shooting are earned for every four volunteer hours.

We hope additional members will come out and support the club with their volunteerism. Look for more details of the Volunteer Recognition program to be posted at the clubhouse and on the front page of the club website.

### **Other News**

**March 31<sup>st</sup> was the deadline to renew your membership for 2014.** If you haven't renewed, your membership was dropped as of April 1. In accordance with club bylaws, you will need to pay the annual dues *plus* the initiation fee to rejoin. Dues continue to be only \$120 per year.

Don't forget that **May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the "Shoot for the Cure" charity event** at the club, which raises money for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Memorial Affiliate. Registration is only \$30 and includes 50 shells & targets and a participation T-shirt. It's a great event so come on out! Details are posted on the club website.

If you would like to receive **future club information via email** please provide your name & email address (legibly please) on the email sign-up sheet at the clubhouse desk. Or you can send your email information to the club secretary at [admin@peoriaskeetandtrap.com](mailto:admin@peoriaskeetandtrap.com). This action will help us save on the price of postage for future mailings. Currently, out of 232 members we only have 97 email addresses so we would really like to grow our email database.

Stay up to date with club happenings all year by checking our website at [www.peoriaskeetandtrap.com](http://www.peoriaskeetandtrap.com)

Hope to see you out at the club !

***Your Board of Directors***