



Dear Peoria Skeet and Trap Club member,

It's rare that we send a newsletter to the membership, but with so much recent news and knowing that it's difficult for many of you to attend the annual meeting we felt it was important enough to warrant this mailing. In fact, we are considering sending out a newsletter update like this twice a year. Let us know whether you think this is a good idea.

First, some **highlights** from the **November Annual Membership meeting**.

2011 produced a profit of \$28,000 - due primarily to the tremendous number of volunteer hours donated in lieu of a club manager and maintenance manager. Other positive factors were some very successful registered shoots, concession and merchandise sales.

The Board of Directors is optimistic that this financial stability can continue into 2012. Farm income, from leasing of club land, will increase. As well, we anticipate lower insurance and utility costs.

The Board is currently investigating capital improvement expenditures required for repair and maintaining of the club facilities in 2012.

To read the complete minutes of the annual meeting, visit the club website at www.peoriaskeetandtrap.com You can find a lot of other useful information about the club on the website as well. We post details about upcoming fun shoots & registered shoots, the youth program, team results for the summer trap league, and other general club information. Check it out! We appreciate your feedback as well.

A call for "volunteers"...

We would like to shift more of the outside responsibilities to the manager position. To do so, we need your **help manning the clubhouse desk** during open hours. So any member who works the desk four times during the year will receive a large and small shoot card (36 practice rounds) for their effort. This is a great way to help the club and reduce the cost of your practice shooting. If you are interested, please call either Mike Dennis (309-253-6592) or Gerry Franklin (309-264-2728) or talk with them while you are at the club.

Other news

This past summer a **Pavilion Fundraising Campaign** began with a goal to raise \$10,000 to construct a 24' x 36' pavilion in front of fields 7 & 8 in time for the beginning of the Spring 2012 shooting season.

An anonymous donor offered a challenge . . . offering to match dollar for dollar contributions (up to a maximum of \$1,500). The challenge was a success! We raised those dollars and with matching funds are now over half way to our goal. We do have a way to go to get to the goal and invite you to support this project by making a cash contribution today or including a contribution with your 2012 membership dues payment. To those who have already contributed, we thank you!

The club's Youth Program was very successful this last summer. Forty young shooters, aged 8 to 18 participated in the ten week program and had a great time. Funding came from the NRA, parents, and volunteer club members. Starting now, the club will be asking members and guests to deposit their aluminum cans in the marked recycling containers. All income from the recycling of the cans will go to the youth league. We'll be glad to take cans you bring from home also. Plans are underway for next year's Youth Program.

Christmas is just around the corner and what could be a better gift than **clothing with the club logo or a club gift certificate**. Gift certificates are now available and can be used for the purchase of club merchandise, shoot cards, membership fees. So if your friends or relatives can't decide what to get you for Christmas, give them a subtle hint (and directions to the club). You can purchase gift certificates at the clubhouse desk by either check or cash (sorry we can't process credit cards).

Many Peoria-area children will have a happy holiday thanks to the **Toys for Tots** program. Your club has supported this U. S. Marine Reserve program the past two years. This year we presented the Marines with a check for \$900.00. Thank you for your support. Cash donations and toys are still being collected at the clubhouse.

The club had a number of very **successful registered** trap and skeet **shoots in 2011**. Once again, the club has the good fortune of hosting the Central Illinois Zone Trap shoot in June 2012 and will also host the Illinois State Skeet shoot in August. In addition, the 68th annual 3-I skeet shoot will take place in May. So, there are a lot of great shooting events to look forward to come spring time.

Don't let the winter blahs get you down... come out to the club and shoot a few rounds or just visit with old friends.

By the way, if you would like to receive general club information or details on upcoming fun shoots and registered shoots via email just write your name and email address on a card and leave it at the clubhouse desk. Or you can include it when you send in your 2012 membership dues.

Hope to see you soon,
Your 2012 Board of Directors