



United Sportsmen's Club

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Winter 2022 EBLAST

Rifle Range Safety Officer Training

The Club will be holding a Rifle Safety Officer (RSO) training class in 2022. If you have an interest or have signed up and haven't been through the training please call or text Gregg Pearre at 573-690-8827 or at monra@socket.net **This will ensure your seat at the training.** The training is an eight hour course usually held on a Saturday. Currently the Club has a minimal number of persons interested in the training and a class needs around 20 participants so don't hesitate to get a hold of Gregg if you are interested in the training.

Website Master

Longtime Website Master Marvin Fred has retired. We are transitioning to a new person to maintain the website, post new information provided by Officers and to upgrade the website as necessary. This is not a paying position and has been a volunteer effort for many years. Our THANKS to Marvin Fred for his diligent work over the years to help bring digital information to club members. Thank You Marvin!

2021 Club Improvements

- ✓ The Pistol Ranges have undergone a large number of improvements, including brush work, targets, backstops, drainage issues and steel target replacement.
- ✓ Sporting Clays purchased a new trap, cleared brush and improved target presentations.
- ✓ Several new Rifle Range benches were added to the Rifle Range increasing the efficiency of shooting.
- ✓ The Pond Dam had brush removed, erosion cuts fixed, and leveled up to prevent water from overflowing the dam. The Dam was totally regraded, seeded and mulched.
- ✓ Fish stocking included bait fish, bluegill, hybrid bluegill, bass and channel catfish.
- ✓ A new floor covering was added to the Trap & Skeet Clubhouse.
- ✓ Field leveling and grass was planted on the Trap & Skeet fields.
- ✓ A new Roof has been installed on the Clubhouse and Indoor Archery Range.
- ✓ Brush was cleared off the side berms on the Utility Range.

New Electronic Payment System Available for Dues Payment - Venmo

You may now pay your USC dues online using the Venmo application. You will personally have to have a Venmo account and then you simply pay your dues online. Dues are \$60 per year, the same as paying with other methods but there is a \$2 convenience fee to cover online costs. **This new payment system is not currently operational but will be prior to 2022 dues.**

Youth Activities

4H held their State Team Tryouts on the Sporting Clays and Trap range. Lighthouse Academy utilizes the Indoor Archery Range to practice for the Missouri Archery in the Schools program.

Rate Increases

Effective January 1, 2022 Sporting Clays will increase their price on Five Stand for members to \$5 per round and for non-members to \$6 per round. They will increase their price on Sporting Clays to \$10 per member round and \$12 for non-members.

Trap and Skeet will increase their non-member rate to \$5 for a round of trap or skeet.

These rates are truly reasonable and represent under-market rates if you look at other clubs. Sporting Clays hasn't had a rate increase in over 25 years and Trap & Skeet continue to be extremely reasonable compared to state or national rates. Both Ranges Chairs Jeff Cockerham and Vern McGaffic wish to provide high quality shooting experiences at the lowest rates possible.

Financial Update

The Club continues to position itself in a strong financial situation. The Rifle Range loan was paid in full this year leaving the Club with a small tractor payment debt which could be paid off in 2022. Large projects included the renovation/maintenance of the pond dam, the roofing of the clubhouse and indoor archery, and purchasing several Sporting Clays traps.

Interest in Becoming a Club Officer or Board Member?

The Club's spring election is just around the corner later this year. If you are interested in running for office please contact one of the Club's current Officers or Board Members to let them know you want to help the club in one of those capacities. The Club Election is generally in the April-May time frame and a short biography will be needed to post on our website.

Upcoming Events/Calendar

(See web site for complete Events Calendar)

Archery Shoots

January 30th

February 13th

March 6th

June 12th (Team Shoot)

August 21st (Sponsored Shoot)

Trap/Skeet

Frost Your Buns Shoot February 5th

Super-Trap Shoot-Off March 26

Registered Skeet April 8, 9, & 10

Memorial Trees

Trap & Skeet Range Chairman Vern McGaffic planted four Memorial Trees at the Trap & Skeet Range. Vern will planting at least two more in this spring. The trees are to identify Club members who have passed and memorialize their names. If anyone is interested in planting a Memorial Tree please contact Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ripperger at 573-301-9899 or Vern at 573-634-7525.

Thank You to Members

Thank you to EVERY MEMBER for you financial support and your volunteer hours through 2021! Your continued support makes our club a safe, family oriented facility and great value to shoot!

Final Note

The Club lost a larger than usual number of members this past year due to Covid and other health issues. The President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and the Board of Directors all wish to express their condolences for the loss of every single member.

We'd like to highlight one member due to his enormous impact on the Club and the sheer footprint he left behind. Rick Wallace donated thousands of volunteer hours to the United Sportsmen's Club over several decades. Rick was active in Trap & Skeet and Archery through the years. He served in leadership as a Past President of the Club. For years Rick provided free maintenance to Club grounds and helped his son Tyler for years in maintaining excellent Club grounds. Even more important than his many contributions was the fact that Rick was a great gentleman. He was willing to give of his time to others, visit and explain things and he was a good person! The Officers and Board wish to thank the Wallace family for sharing Rick with us so many years and extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire family.