



**UNITED SPORTSMEN'S CLUB  
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**Free NRA Memberships for Active Duty Members of the United States Armed Forces**

The NRA proudly supports the brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who defend freedom both at home and abroad. As a small token of our appreciation of their sacrifice, NRA is now providing free-of-charge NRA memberships to our Nation's active-duty service personnel.

If you have a loved one or friend now serving on active duty who might like to receive a free membership, please invite them to visit our special website at [NRA.org/ActiveDuty](https://www.nra.org/ActiveDuty) and sign up today. These free memberships are available due to the generosity of patriotic members of the NRA family.

**Thank you for helping recognize and honor our Nation's heroes.**

**CLUB IMPROVEMENTS**

**CLUBHOUSE RE-ROOFED FOR SECOND TIME**

The Clubhouse was re-roofed a second time due to a bad run of shingles. The new roof has been installed, repairs done to necessary woodwork and new gutters will be hung in the immediate future.

**NEW MUZZLELOADER RANGE PAVILION**

The old pavilion was torn down due to age and a new muzzleloader pavilion will be built this winter and spring. The Muzzleloader Range is open unless posted closed for construction.

## **BE A VOLUNTEER LEADER – RUN FOR USC OFFICE**

Who makes decisions at our club? Elected Club Officers meet monthly to guide USC operations. Club Members have the opportunity to run for office each year. Every year, the President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer positions and four Board of Directors are up for election. As in past years we will conduct the annual election by mail with every member having the opportunity to vote. Ballots will be mailed to you, collected and then tabulated by a third party. If you are interested in running for any of these positions please contact Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ripperger at [timr55@embarqmail.com](mailto:timr55@embarqmail.com) or 301-9899 or contact any Officer or Board Member prior to February 15, 2023.

**Be a part of serving our Club by running for elected office.**

## **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Boy Scout Anthony Hays is working on his Eagle Project to install two new benches near the pond. The benches will provide a resting, viewing opportunity for anyone using the pond area.

## **CLUB SPRING SCHEDULE**

February 18 – Frost Your Buns Shoot – Trap & Skeet

February 19 – Archery Shoot

March 26 – Archery Shoot

April 1 – Summer Schedule Starts – Trap & Skeet (Open on Wed, Sat. & Sunday)

April 4 – Summer Schedule Starts – Sporting Clays (Open Wed. evening and Sunday)

April 15 – Registered Skeet Shoot – Trap & Skeet

April 16 – Archery Shoot

April 20 – Annual Meeting – Conservation Runge Center 7 PM

May 13 – Club Skeet Championship – Trap & Skeet

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Helias High School – Practices and holds Tournaments at Trap & Skeet Range

Lighthouse Preparatory Academy – Practices Archery and Trap

4H – Practices Trap and holds Tournaments at Trap & Sporting Clays. Cole County 4H Shooting Sports wishes to thank USC members for their support this past year. As of December 1st we are very excited to recognize 7 members of Cole County 4-H Shooting Sports are going to compete at Grand Island Nebraska at the 4-H Nationals this summer! Congratulations to Ava Nilges on Recurve, Addyson Randolph on Pellet Rifle, Toni Haselhorst and Max Black on Muzzleloader, Caleb Farris on Small-bore Rifle, and Sophie Sandbothe and Kali Kunz on Small-bore Pistol.

These members competed and were selected to be on their representative Missouri State Teams.....Well done, everyone!

William Woods University – USC is the Home Range for the University where they practice Trap/Skeet, Sporting Clays and Archery and hold Tournaments.

Youth Hunter Education Challenge – June 9, 10 and 11.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL UPCOMING

Membership renewal postcards will be mailed around March 1<sup>st</sup> to renew your 2023 membership. **Please renew your membership in a timely manner by April 1<sup>st</sup> as it saves the Club money.** You can pay your dues by check, money order, and cash or online at the Club's Venmo account. **If you use Venmo make sure it's our USC account!**

## ANNUAL MEETING DATE

The 2023 Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Missouri Department of Conservation Andy Runge Center in Jefferson City. The meeting will begin at 7 PM.

## **WEBSITE**

Our Website [jeffcityusc.com](http://jeffcityusc.com) is available to all members and contains important updates on information such as, standard operating procedures (the Club's Rules), club by-laws, and the club's activity schedule. It also contains important updates on various events and projects underway at the Club.

Make sure it's [jeffcityusc.com](http://jeffcityusc.com) as there are other United Sportsmen's Clubs around the nation and there is a Unified Sportsmen's Club that pops up when searching for our Venmo account.

## **2022 STATISTICS**

11,831 rounds of Trap and Skeet for 2022

6 Archery Tournaments for 2022

1,141 Rounds of Sporting Clays and Five Stand for 2022

Sporting Clays Held the 4H State Championship - 2022

The Club had 1,440 Members at the end of 2022