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A Newsletter for Fort Worth Trap and Skeet Club



Presidents Message

I would like to thank each and everyone one of you for shooting at FWTS Club. We are a member's club and you make it what it is. The holiday season is upon us and I would like to wish you and your family Happy Thanksgiving. The Club will be closed Thanksgiving Day so we all can spend some time with our families and friends. We will open back up Friday morning for our regular ERAD Fridays. This is our last newsletter for the year so I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Enjoy the holiday and if you are out and about be safe and have fun.

Just a reminder. The Christmas Party is December 3rd, Saturday, from 10 - 4 PM. Lunch will be served from 11 - 2 PM. Rounds of Trap, Skeet, and Flurry are \$4.00 each. This year our 4H /club will be setting up a five stand for the Christmas Party. Rounds on the 5-stand will be \$5.00. The trap games last year were a great success and the FWTS trap shooters have volunteered to organize and donated prizes for the 2011 Christmas Party Trap Games. The flyer for the trap games can be viewed [here](#). I would encourage you to try each of the games as they are a lot of fun! While you are out there shooting be sure to thank the trap shooters for the fun and excitement.

As we get ready to enter the 2012 shooting season there are a couple of new items that I need to share with you.

First, we will be increasing annual membership dues to \$200 for a regular member and \$112.50 for a senior member. The Board did not arrive at this conclusion easily. While we have held membership dues and target prices constant for over 7 years the club has ran at a loss for nearly each one of those years. Last year alone, not counting lead receipts, the club lost approximately \$15,000. Rather than operate in a deficit and depend on lead mining every five years the club needs to focus on breaking even every year. We have begun to trim our labor expense and it was down from 2010 but there is still more work to do on that front. Target prices keep rising with the increase in pitch and fuel surcharges but rather than raising target prices at this time it was felt the most equitable solution was an increase in membership costs.

Second, ERAD no bird policy is changing effective December 1st. There has been some over use of the no bird function on ERAD devices. For instance in a member purchases \$100.00 of birds we have noticed no bird amounts of as high as \$15.00. If this is purely related to machine breakage than the club needs to know after a few broken birds so we can repair or adjust the machines and credit the member as appropriate. The new policy, starting December 1st., will be that with each ERAD bird purchase members will automatically be given a 5% no bird "plus up". If you buy \$100.00 worth of birds you will get \$5.00 of no birds which will be shown as a \$105.00 bird purchase on your ERAD.

Third, pass through and swipe charges are going through the roof for credit card transactions. In particular Discover and American Express are both over 7% along with a 27 cents per swipe fee. Starting immediately the Club will no longer accept Discover and American Express cards and there will be a \$5.00 transaction minimum per purchase.

Finally, the board is soliciting bids from gate / access control contractors. A large group of members approached the board at the October meeting and inquired about the possibility of installing a gate with access control that would allow the club to be open more hours for ERAD shooting while not adding any additional staff costs. The Board voted and decided that it was in the Club's best interest to pursue this option. We have solicited four companies to provide quotes and we hope to have a decision within two weeks and if favorable have this system installed by the end of the year. As more details are firmed up we will pass the information along.

We appreciate each and every one of our members and are striving to make Fort Worth Trap and Skeet Club a place you are proud to call home.

Keep Shooting - GR



Bair Hatcher Shoot

The Annual Bair Hatcher Memorial Shoot was held October 14-16, 2011. The weather on Friday was absolutely perfect on Friday for the 200 Singles Event. Forty-four shooters participated and our club members winning were Russell Carpenter in B Class with a 192, David White in D Class shooting 183, Vicki Jennings took Lady Category shooting a 186 and Ben Dobson took Veteran honors with 193.

Saturday the weather was pleasant for the 100 Doubles and 100 Handicap targets. Of the fifty-two shooters participating, FWTS members excelling in the Doubles Event were John Scott securing the Champion Buckle with a 97, Ben Dodson A Class with a 92, Audrey Phillips won Lady Category with a score of 86.

Stella Hunt won Lady in the Handicap Event with an 88, Ben Dobson took Veteran honors with a 92 and Jack Miller III won the Champion Buckle with a 94 and got a full yard punch back to the 23 yard line. Sixty-nine shooters participated in the Handicap event.

Sunday the weather was almost back



Fall Leagues

Fall Leagues are over and they finished with a bang! Below is a list of the winners for each night.

Monday Night

HOA - Andrew Reed
 Skeet - Dan Houghton
 Trap - Rob Wilson
 Most Improved - Doug Eller
 High Lady - Malorie Crowell
 1st Place Team - Mike Fadal, Colt Fadal, Andrew Reed, Randall Reed, Kendall Reed, and Catherine Stewart
 2nd Place Team - Mark Cutler, Gene Colvin, Brian Harris, Chuck Maze, Randy Read, and Reggie Read

Tuesday Night

HOA - Kerry Williams
 Skeet - Mike Parr
 Trap - Wilbert Prather
 Most Improved - Joe Bailey
 High Lady - Erica Addison
 1st Place Team - Jim Clark, Robert Farnham, Mike Hynes, Charles Johnson, and Loren Young
 2nd Place Team - Buddy Townsend, Don Lee, Paul Montana, Wilbert Prather, Gary Thayer and Miles Thayer

to normal at the FWTS Club with a south wind blowing. The format once again was 100 Doubles and 100 Handicap targets both of which were Bair's favorite events to shoot. Fifty shooters participated and FWTS members winning in the Doubles event were Audrey Phillips taking the Lady Category with a 91 and again winning the Veterans Category was Ben Dobson with a 94.

Sixty-three shooters participated in the Handicap event. Stella Hunt proved that practice is over rated after not shooting in a year and yet again she took the Lady Buckle breaking 90 birds and John Blakeway broke 94 to win the Short Yardage Buckle.



Upcoming Shoots

Trap Shoots

None

Skeet

None

The full schedule can be viewed [here](#)



Christmas Shoot

Saturday, December 3rd, is the annual Club Christmas Party. Rounds of trap and skeet will be \$4.00. Lunch will be provided from 11 - 2 PM. We will also have a five stand setup on site and it will be \$5.00 / round. There

will be games and lots of fun. Come on out and celebrate the Christmas cheer. Click [here](#) for the Trap games flyer.

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