

# Owatonna Gun Club

# Winter Newsletter

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## Cold Weather Policy

For the safety of our trap help and in an effort to let common sense dictate some of our actions, the OGC has instituted a cold weather policy during the winter season. Any time the wind chill falls below minus 20 degrees, the club will be closed. Please check the thermometer or call ahead if there is a question about the club being open. This policy is in effect during March. Hopefully it will not be needed during April!

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## 2012 Winter League to begin Saturday, March 3rd

Want a break from the winter blahs? Get your shotgun back out and participate in the 2012 Winter League at the Owatonna Gun Club. Maybe you can get a team together for the Winter League and get a jump on your shooting year. The weather this winter has been great, so you can get an early jump on the shooting season by participating in the winter league. Winter league will consist of 200 targets, which need to be shot before Wednesday, May 16th. A brief summary of the Winter League rules are as follows:

**1. All teams must have their sponsor fees paid by April 8th. Any team that is unpaid at that time will not have their scores posted until their dues are paid.**

**2. Individual memberships are due prior to shooting league targets in 2012.**

**3. The scoreboard will reflect your status as a paid member and a paid sponsor.**

Shooting prices will be \$4.50 per round with an 11 round punch card selling for 45.00. Juniors shoot for \$2.50. Sponsors fees will remain at \$50 and individual memberships are still \$20. Life memberships are \$200. We look forward to seeing you during the coming winter shooting season. Winter hours go into effect on March 3rd. The club is open on Saturdays from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and on Sundays from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon through the end of April. Sunday, April 29th, is the date of our annual Appreciation Shoot. There will be no league shooting on Sunday, April 29th, and only limited practice will be available due to the large turnout of shooters for the Appreciation Shoot. The last day to post Winter League scores is Wednesday, May 16th, 2012.

## OGC to host Roast Beef Dinner

The Owatonna Gun Club will host a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings at the Owatonna Eagles Club. The dinner will be held on Thursday, March 22, beginning at 5:00 P.M. and running until 7:30 P.M. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance and can be pur-

chased from any OGC board member. Tickets are \$8.50 at the door. Kids 5 and under are admitted free. Get your trapshooting team or other friends together and come on over to the Eagles. Proceeds benefit the Owatonna Gun Club.

## ATA Registered Shooting News

Our 2011 registered shooting season was again a success beginning with the Degner Shoot in May, the continued popularity of the Cabela's Shoot in June, and the Summer Handicap in July. In spite of shoots being generally down in attendance, we had a great turnout at our Cabela's shoot. Big scores and great weather made for another great Cabela's Shoot weekend. The heat was so oppressive it hurt our Summer Handicap a great deal, but it is the one thing that we do not have control over. We hope that 2012 can include more of the same for competitive shooters that visit the OGC during our registered shoots this year. We will host three registered shoots again this year. The first is our Degner Memorial shoot that will be held on Sun-

day, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The dates of this year's Cabela's Shoot are June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>. The Summer Handicap will be held on July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Marathon targets will be thrown on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Our present plans are to throw 300 targets (100 singles, 100 handicap, 100 doubles) each day of all of our registered shoots. We are looking at making the prizes a bit more attractive in our Cabela's Shoot so stay tuned.

On a state and national level, this year's Minnesota State Shoot will again be held at the Alexandria Shooting Park from July 9<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. Youth day will be Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, with the Warmup Day scheduled for Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. The program for the state shoot remains the same, with the high overall be-

ginning on Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup>. The Grand will again be held at the World Shooting and Recreation Complex (WSRC) in Sparta, Illinois. The dates of this year's Grand American are August 8<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you have never shot registered trap before, see a gun club board member and ask about what it takes to get started. The Minnesota Trapshooters Association will pay \$9.00 (1/2 the cost) toward the annual membership to the ATA for all Novice Shooters joining the ATA at a Minnesota gun club during the 2012 calendar year. There will also be Novice Class trophies in all the championship events at the State Shoot. Stop at the club for more details.

### Camping Information

Shooters who plan on camping at the OGC during any of our ATA shoots for the 2012 target year should make reservations ASAP. Camping is reserved on a first come, first served basis. If you want to reserve a space, please contact Dave Friesen at 507-451-4467.

## A big "Thank You" to our 2011 Donors

We continue to have the good fortune to have many strong Owatonna Gun Club donors and supporters, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their contributions during the past year. Among those are Cabela's for their continued support and sponsorship of our

June ATA shoot. We would also like to thank Alvin Olson and the Minnesota Weapons Collectors for their continuing support of youth shooting at the OGC. If you have a youngster at home that would like to participate in our summer league, they can do so at a very reasonable cost,

thanks in large part to Alvin. We would also like to thank Butch and Bev Dominacki for sponsoring Winchester night at the club. We would also like to thank our anonymous donors who give their time and talents as well as monetary support to the OGC. Thanks again!!

## Appreciation Shoot Donations

Anyone interested in making a donation to the 2012 Appreciation Shoot Prize List should contact an OGC Board member or drop off the donation at the club. The 2012 shoot will be held on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Prizes are awarded to all shooters participating in both singles and handicap no matter how well or poorly you shot. We usually have between 120 and 140 shooters take part if the weather is OK so we are always looking for prizes. After surviving the conditions of last year we should be in for a warm, sunny Sunday. We are counting on good weather for this year's shoot! If you have a trophy that would make a good prize and would like to donate it to us, we would appreciate it.

## Shooting Prices

As a member/customer of the OGC you do enjoy the benefits of up to date and well maintained equipment in an effort to give you the best target presentation possible. We hope to continue to serve you in the future. Despite fluctuating prices for many shooting related items, we intend to keep our shooting prices the same in 2012 as they were in 2011. We charge \$4.50 for member shooting and if you buy a punch card, you get 11 rounds for the price of 10. Our membership prices remain at \$20 for an annual membership and \$200 for a life membership. We have had to raise our shell prices for the coming year. Kemem and Estate shells will now be \$6.50 per box and Winchester AA's will sell for \$8.00. We hope that you will consider shooting at the Owatonna Gun Club during the 2012 shooting season.

## Harlan Campbell to return for Shooting Clinic

Harlan Campbell, Jr., All-American team captain, will return to the Owatonna Gun Club on July 6th and 7th to give trapshooting instruction. If you are interested in attending, you can get more information at [harlancampbelljr.com](http://harlancampbelljr.com) or from Scott Messenger at 507-458-2546. Cost of the clinic is \$325 for the two day clinic; however shooting costs are extra.

## Trap Help Wanted

The Owatonna Gun Club is always looking for more trap help for the coming year, especially for the ATA shoots that take place in the summer. If you have a son or daughter that is in 7th grade, or older, or if you know someone that might be interested in working at the Gun Club, please contact Kurt Foster at 507-363-2962 or Frank Schmidt at 455-0765 to get your name on the call list. We would like to hear from you if you might be interested.

## Owatonna Gun Club Board of Directors

The Owatonna Gun Club Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Officers and directors were named for the coming year. Paul T. Cyr will continue to serve as OGC president. Jay Neitzel will also continue to be the vice-president, Kyle Wolfe remains treasurer and Troy Zabinski continues as secretary/liason in charge of construction projects. The trustees are Dave Friesen, Kyle Wolf, and Mike Belina.

The remainder of the directors are Dan Busho, Matt Harris, Kurt Foster, Frank Schmidt, Bernie Prihoda, Gary Hoyne, Tim Kidd, Dave Harris, Tony Foster and Todd Mortenson. If you have any suggestions or concerns please direct them to one of the members of the Board of Directors. We hope to continue to serve you, the shooting public, not only in 2012 but well into the future.

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#### **Gun Club Hours**

- **October thru November**

**Sunday: 9:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon**

- **December thru February**

**Closed**

- **March and April**

**Saturday: 12:00 noon to 3:00 PM**

**Sunday: 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

- **May thru September**

**Wednesday: 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.**

**Sunday: 9:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon**

#### **Dates to Remember for 2012**

Winter League begins	March 3rd
Appreciation Shoot	April 29th
Degner Shoot	May 20th
Winter League Banquet	May 23rd
Summer League begins	June 3rd
Cabela's Shoot	June 8,9,10
Summer Handicap	July 20-22
Summer League ends	Aug. 29th
Summer League Banquet	Sept. 5th