

Owatonna Gun Club

OGC Winter Newsletter

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New Lights set for Traps 2 and 3

The OGC will get upgraded lights on two trapfields in the spring of 2015 thanks in part to a grant from the Minnesota DNR. Work will begin as soon as the weather cooperates so that the high school shooters may benefit from the upgrade.

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46 Teams shoot Summer league; Pat Gottberg is top individual

The Owatonna Gun Club had a very successful Summer League in 2014 as 46 teams participated and enjoyed the great targets and friendly atmosphere that the OGC is noted for. Top shooter in 2014 was Pat Gottberg with a 299 X 300. Following closely were Bob Newman, Jay Neitzell, and Dave Harris with 298. Becky Wolfe was the top female shooter with a 281. Winning the team title was Jensen Auctioneering. Members of the winning team were Tom Sutter, Jay Neitzell, Dave Harris, Sam Bailey and Dave Friesen. Runner-up team was perennial champion Pat's Gun Repair. Team members were Pat Gottberg, Jerry Chellgren, Dale Otis, Jim Gierok, and Brad McLagen. The top team in the Handicap Division was the Firebirds. Team members were Jim Lembke, Jeff Lembke, Becky Wolfe, Dan Busho, and Paul Cyr. The iconic Harry's Boys were second. Members of the Boy's are the lead icon Harold Houg, Wally Hoyt, Bert Towne, LaVerne Waldheim, and Mike Breuer.

The Owatonna Gun Club will open on Saturday March 7th, weather permitting.

Thanks to the Owatonna Gun Club Donors of 2014

We continue to have the good fortune to have many strong OGC 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 continue to have a great relationship with the retailer and look forward to continuing that relationship in the future.

We would also like to thank Alvin Olson and the Minnesota Weapons Collectors for their continuing support of youth shooting at the OGC. Their continued support helps the OGC offer summer league youth shooting at a very reasonable cost to shooters and parents. 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

OGC sets tentative 200 target Spring League opening for Saturday, March 7th

The Owatonna Gun Club has set the opening of the 2015 Spring League for Saturday, March 7th, weather permitting. Get your shotgun back out and get ready to participate in the 2015 Spring League. Maybe you can get a team together for the Spring League and get a jump on your shooting year. Even though the weather has not been as horrendous as it was last winter, you can help cure some of that cabin fever by participating in the Spring League. We have set the opening day as a tentative date to give us the opportunity to judge the weather and allow us to make a decision based on snow depth and temperature. The answering machine at the club(451-4498) will be updated to give you current information regarding the exact opening date. A brief summary of the Spring League rules are as follows:

1. All teams must have their sponsor fees paid by April 5th. 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 2015.

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

Shooting prices will be \$5.00 per round with an 11 round punch card selling for \$50.00. Juniors shoot for \$3.00. 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 spring shooting season. Spring hours go into effect on March 7th. 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 26th, is the date of our annual Spring Fling Shoot. There will be no league shooting on Sunday, April 26th and only limited practice will be available due to the large turnout of shooters for the Spring Fling Shoot. The last day to post Spring League scores is Wednesday, May 13th, 2015. The Spring League banquet will be May 20th.

Doubles Leagues

The OGC ran two doubles leagues during the 2014 calendar year. The winners of the summer doubles league were Todd Mortensen and Jay Neitzell. The Fall champs were Eugene Broas and Mortensen. Awards on both leagues were given to Lewis class winners. Look for more doubles leagues during the 2015 league seasons.

Election of Officers, Monthly meeting held December 18th

The Owatonna Gun Club Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 18th, 2014. Officers and directors were named for the coming year. Due in large part to his move north Paul T. Cyr stepped down as president and will be replaced by Jay Neitzel. Troy Zabinski will be the new vice-president, Kyle Wolfe

remains treasurer and Frank Schmidt was named the new Secretary. The trustees are Dave Friesen, Kyle Wolfe, and Mike Belina. The remainder of the directors are Dan Busho, Matt Harris, Kurt Foster, Bernie Prihoda, Gary Hoyne, Tim Kidd, Dave Harris, Brad Marshall and Todd Mortensen. Rick Ahrens was named to the board and Cyr

will remain on the board in a limited capacity. 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 2015 but well into the future.

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 call the club (451-4498) and leave a message. We would like to hear from you if you might be interested.

Harlan Campbell Clinic for 2015

Harlan Campbell, Jr., All-American team captain, will return to the Owatonna Gun Club on July 2nd and 3rd to give trapshooting instruction. If you are interested in attending, you can get more information at harlancampbelljr.com or from Scott Messenger at 507-458-2546. Cost of the clinic is \$350 for the two day clinic. Harlan's clinic includes instruction in gun fit, gun patterning, as well as his expertise in all 3 shooting disciplines. Reservations are required as classes are limited to 6 students.

Camping Information for 2015 ATA Shoots

Shooters who plan on camping at the OGC during any of our ATA shoots for the 2015 target year should make reservations ASAP. Camping is reserved on a first come, first served basis. We now have 50 amp service for the first twenty six campers. If you want to reserve a space, please contact Dave Friesen at 507-451-4467.

Shooting Prices to remain the same in 2015

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 2015 as they were in 2013 and 2014. We charge \$5.00 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 been able to keep our shell

prices for the coming year. Federal Top Gun and Rio shells will continue to be \$7.00 per box. 20 gauge shells will sell for the same price. We hope that you will consider shooting at the Owatonna Gun Club during the 2015 shooting season.

19th annual Cabela's Shoot tops ATA Schedule

After a very busy 2014 ATA schedule, the OGC will host only two registered shoots during the 2015 season. The registered season will start off with the traditional season opener, the 30th annual Degner Memorial on Sunday, May 17th. The

OGC will again be the place to be on June 11th to the 14th when they host the 19th annual Cabela's shoot. Last year we had some difficult weather with the exception of Friday when near perfect conditions led to a huge turnout and great

scores. We are looking forward to another great turnout at our Cabela's shoot in 2015. We can't guarantee perfect weather, but we can guarantee the best food at any trapshoot in the land! Hope to see you this summer.

OWATONNA GUN CLUB

Spring League 2015

Please be sure each Team Shooter is advised of the following information. A copy of the rules will be posted at the Club.

General Information

Gun Club Hours: Saturday - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (March and April)

Sundays - 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Wednesdays— 6:00 PM (May through September)

Targets: Orange Dome Targets

Memberships: Annual - \$ 20.00

Life - \$ 200.00

Price: Members - \$5.00 per round Juniors - \$3.00

Non-members - \$7.00 per round

Shooting Rules

Practice proper **Gun Safety** while at the club and on the firing line.

Put only **ONE** shell in the gun at a time.

Do not change positions with a loaded gun.

Do not pick up empty hulls until it is time for a field change, since such activity may disturb other shooters.

All firearms must be unloaded until you are on the firing line.

Ammunition must conform to ATA standards, with no shot size larger than US standard 7½.

7. No Drinking Alcoholic Beverages before or while you are shooting.

8. Hearing and eye protection must be worn on the line at all times

Shooting Program

The Spring League Program will consist of 200 targets, all thrown from 16 yards. Shooting competition will begin on March 7th, and end on May 13th.

Banquet Night for Spring league will be May 20th

Handicap System

The Handicap system used will be the same as previous years (23 base).

The highest score an individual can earn with handicap will be 24. In order to receive a 25, the targets must be broken.

Penalties

A significant penalty occurs when one or more shooters do not complete their targets. Teams will be eliminated from Trophy contention when one or more shooters do not complete the required 200 team targets by the May 13th. The club reserves the right to withhold a banquet ticket from those shooters who do not complete target requirements.

Trophies

Winners of both individual and team trophies will be determined by the total score on 200 targets.

Trophies will be awarded to both high actual and high handicap teams. The number of team trophies will depend on the total number of entries in the program.

Trophies to individual shooters will be awarded based on high actual score for the 200 targets.

An individual or team may only shoot for one trophy.

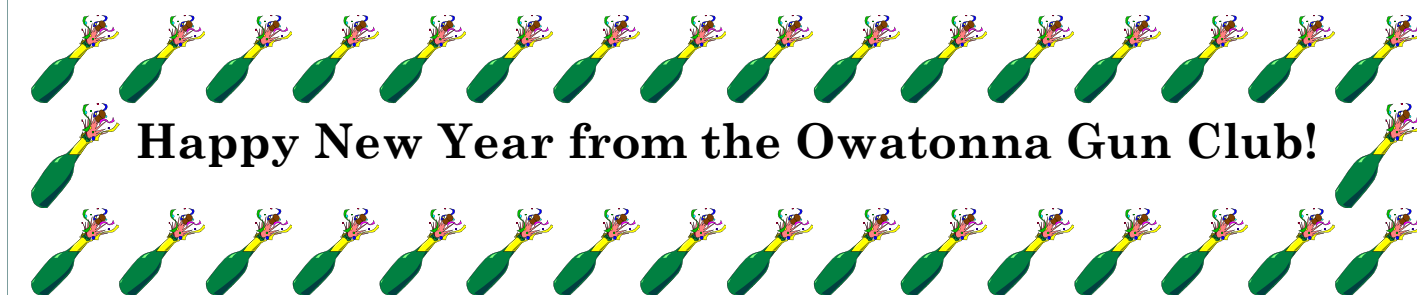
Shoot-offs will occur only if there are ties after the total 200 targets, both on a team or individual basis. One shoot-off per individual, regardless of the number of teams participated on.



Credit Cards accepted at the OGC

As many of you know the Owatonna Gun Club has been accepting credit cards for shooting cost and shells for the past year. We initially did this on an experimental basis to see if this was a service that would work well for shooters and the OGC.

The answer is a resounding: Yes! Shooters have expressed a very positive response to this service and the OGC will continue to offer it in 2015. We hope that those of you who use a credit card find this service convenient.



Happy New Year from the Owatonna Gun Club!

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Gun Club Hours

- **March and April**

Saturday: 1:00 PM to 4:00 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

High School Shooters compete at the Owatonna Gun Club

The high school shooting teams from NRHEG, Medford and Blooming Prairie have competed at the OGC in both the spring and fall shooting leagues. The Minnesota high school program is the largest of its kind in the nation, last spring drawing over 4,000 shooters to Alexandria for their state tournament that was held over a five day period during the first week of June. Plans are to continue this program at the OGC in the Spring of 2015.

Dates to Remember for 2015

Spring League begins	March 7th
Spring Fling Shoot	April 26th
Spring League ends	May 13th
Degner Shoot	May 17th
Spring League Banquet	May 20th
Summer League begins	June 3rd
Cabela's Shoot	June 11th-14th
Summer League ends	Aug. 30th
Summer League Banquet	Sept. 9th