

# Owatonna Gun Club

## Winter News Letter

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The Owatonna Gun Club is celebrating 66 years of service to the community and area this summer. Look for a brief "History of the Gun Club" in our next newsletter. If you have an interesting fact about the OGC and would like us to use that information, please let us know.

Thanks.

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## 48 teams shoot Summer League; Harris and Mortensen top scoring

The Owatonna Gun Club had a very successful Summer League in 2015 as 48 teams participated and enjoyed the great targets and friendly atmosphere that the OGC is noted for. Top shooters in 2015 were Dave Harris and Todd Mortensen who tied with a 297 X 300. Jerry Chellgren and Sam Bailey tied for third with 296. Leading the way in the women's race was Kim Barnett. Pat's Gun Repair was back on top of

the Summer standings after a one year hiatus with a score of 1472 X 1500. Team members are Pat Gottberg, Jerry Chellgren, Dale Otis, Jim Gierok, and Brad McLagen. The well traveled Traveler's were the victors in the Handicap division with a 1396 followed closely by the Alden Legion with 1394. Team members of the Travelers are Dick Krueger, Bill Krueger, Merlyn Anderson, Bob Singlestad, and Frank Kusy.

The Alden Legion team members are Bob Newman, Steve Newman, Dick Borge, Bill Hintz, and Paul Heijerman. In 3rd through 6th was the KC's #48, Wenger #10, Point and Shoot #15, and Fed Lead #6. A special shout out goes to Viracon who sponsored six teams in the 2015 Summer League, and the ring-leader, as he has for many years, Curt Wilker.

## 19th annual Cabela's Shoot tops ATA

The registered season will have a different look this year as we have decided not to hold the Degner Shoot in mid May as we have for the past 30 years. A number of factors went into making this decision. The OGC will

again be the place to be on June 9th to the 12th when they host the 19th annual Cabela's shoot. Last year we had some difficult weather on Thursday, forcing the cancellation of shooting, but the last three days were superb

and we are looking forward to another great turnout at our Cabela's shoot in 2016. 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.

## Thanks to the Owatonna Gun Club Donors of 2015

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

## Election of Officers Held

The Owatonna Gun Club Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 1st 2015. Officers and directors were named for the coming year. Jay Neitzell continues as the President and the remainder of the officers remains the same. Troy Zabinski will be the vice-president, Kyle Wolfe remains treasurer and Frank Schmidt continues as 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, Todd Mortensen and Rick Ahrens. Paul 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 2016 but well into the future.

## Shooting Prices to remain the same in 2016

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 2016 as they have been for the past three years. We charge \$5.00 for member shooting and if you buy a punch card, you get 11 rounds for the price of 10. Juniors shoot for \$4.00. 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 2016 shooting season.

## Cement and Lights projects

The Owatonna Gun Club has taken advantage of the DNR grant program that was designed to help clubs make capital improvements over the past two years. Although both projects have taken longer to complete than was hoped for, by the Summer League season, the new lights and cement pads for the practice trap and traps five through eight will be complete. The grants were matching fund plans, but this offered us some incentive to make improvements that will make our shooting facility the equal of any in the upper Midwest.

**The 2016 Minnesota State Shoot will be held at the Alexandria Shooting Park in Alexandria on July 5th through the 10th. Make plans to attend a great event this summer. Programs will be available at the club after June 1st.**

## OGC sets tentative 200 target Spring League opening for Saturday, March 5th

The Owatonna Gun Club has set the opening of the 2016 Spring League for Saturday, March 5th, weather permitting. Get your shotgun back out and get ready to participate in the 2016 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 can be, 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 2016.**

**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 \$4.00. 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 5th. 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 24th, is the date of our annual Spring Fling Shoot. There will be no league shooting on Sunday, April 24th 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 11th, 2015. The Spring League banquet will be May 18th.

### Harlan Campbell Clinic for 2016

Harlan Campbell, Jr., All-American team captain, will return to the Owatonna Gun Club on June 30th and July 1st 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 \$375 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.

### 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 might be interested or if you know someone that might be interested in working at the Gun Club, please stop by the club and let us know or contact a board member. We would like to hear from you if you might consider working for the OGC. Thanks!

### Camping Information for 2016 ATA Shoots

Shooters who plan on camping at the OGC during the 2016 Cabela's Shoot 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.

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## Spring League 2016

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 5th, and end on May 11th.

Banquet Night for Spring league is tentatively scheduled for May 18th

### 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 23. In order to receive a 24 or 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 May 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 2016. We hope that those of you who use a credit card find this service convenient.



**Happy New Year from the Owatonna Gun Club!**

**We hope to see you in 2016**

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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. At this time Owatonna HS does not have a clay target team. The Minnesota high school program is the largest of its kind in the nation, last spring drawing over 5,000 shooters to Alexandria for their state tournament that was held over a six day period during the first week of June. Plans are to continue this program at the OGC in the Spring of 2016.

### **Dates to Remember for 2016**

Spring League begins	March 5th
Spring Fling Shoot	April 24th
Spring League ends	May 11th
Spring League Banquet	May 18th
(tentative date)	
Summer League begins	June 1st
<b>Cabela's Shoot</b>	<b>June 9th-12th</b>
Summer League ends	Aug. 31st
Summer League Banquet	Sept. 7th
(tentative date)	
Shooters: please note that both banquet dates are tentative. Watch the bulletin board for any changes!	