

# 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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## Extended 2013 Winter League to begin Saturday, March 2nd

Want a break from the winter blahs? Get your shotgun back out and participate in the 2013 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. We have extended our Winter league and it will now consist of 300 targets, which need to be shot before Wednesday, May 15th. A brief summary of the Winter League rules are as follows:

**1. All teams must have their sponsor fees paid by April 7th. 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 tar-**

**gets in 2013.**

**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 \$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 2nd. The club is open on Saturdays from 1:00 PM to 4:00 P.M. and on Sundays from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon through the end of April. Sunday, April 28th, is the date of our annual Appreciation Shoot. There will be no league shooting on Sunday, April 28th, and only limited practice will be available due to the large turnout of shooters for the Appreciation Shoot.

## 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 21, beginning at 5:00 P.M. and running until 7:30 P.M. Tickets are \$9.00 in advance and can be pur-

chased from any OGC board member. Tickets are \$10.00 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 2012 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. Due to a number of factors we have decided to drop the Summer Handicap shoot from our calendar and have added a day to the Cabela's Shoot. We hope that 2013 can include more of the same for competitive shooters that visit the OGC during our registered shoots this year. The first shoot is our Degner Memorial shoot that will be held on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. The dates of

this year's Cabela's Shoot are June 6th through the 9th. We have not finalized the program for the Cabela's shoot, but we plan to have some special trophies for those who shoot on Thursday, June 6th. We are also looking at making the prizes a bit more attractive in the remainder of our Cabela's Shoot program 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 8th through the 14th. Youth day will be Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, with the Warm-up Day scheduled for Tuesday, July 9th. The program for the state shoot remains the same, with the high overall beginning on Wednesday, the 10<sup>th</sup>. The Grand will again be held at the World Shooting and Recrea-

tion Complex (WSRC) in Sparta, Illinois. The dates of this year's Grand American are August 7<sup>th</sup> through the 17th.

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 2013 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 2013 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.

## Thank You to our 2012 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 2013 Appreciation Shoot Prize List should contact an OGC Board member or drop off the donation at the club. The 2013 shoot will be held on Sunday, April 28<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. Plan on attending our Appreciation Shoot!

## 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 2013 as they were in 2012. 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 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 2013 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 5th and 6th 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 \$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.

## 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 Paul T. Cyr at 507-417-2603 or 507-456-2000 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Officers and directors were named for the coming year. Paul T. Cyr will continue to serve as OGC president. Jay Neitzell 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.

# OWATONNA GUN CLUB

## Winter League 2013

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.

Sundays - 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Targets: Orange Dome Targets

Memberships: Annual - \$ 20.00

Life - \$ 200.00

Price: Members - \$5.00 per round Juniors - \$2.50

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** Alcohol Beverages before or while you are shooting.

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

### Shooting Program

The Winter Shoot Program will consist of 300 targets, all thrown from 16 yards. Shooting competition will begin on March 2, and end on MAY 15.

Banquet Night for winter league will be May 22

## 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 300 team targets by the May 15<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 300 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 300 targets.

An individual or team may only shoot for one trophy.

Shoot-offs will occur only if there are ties after the total 300 targets, both on a team or individual basis. One shoot-off per individual regardless of the number of teams participated on.

## Team Signup Sheet Winter League 2013

( Please bring along to club)

Name of Team (sponsor) \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

5) \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship paid (\$50)\_\_\_\_\_ Board Member\_\_\_\_\_

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**Owatonna, MN 55060**

**Club Phone: 451-4498**

#### **Gun Club Hours**

- **October thru November**

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

- **December thru February**

**Closed**

- **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**

#### **Dates to Remember for 2013**

Winter League begins                      March 2nd

Appreciation Shoot                      April 28th

Winter League ends                      May 15th

Degner Shoot                      May 19th

Winter League Banquet                      May 22nd

Summer League begins                      June 2nd

**Cabela's Shoot                      June 6,7,8,9**

**(Our first 4 day Cabela's Shoot!)**

Summer League ends                      Aug. 28th

Summer League Banquet                      Sept. 4th