

President's note:

This will be the last ShotString of the year.

The Annual General Meeting will take place Dec 5, 2010 at 1:00 in the Sport Manitoba building, 145 Pacific Avenue. This will be a very important meeting, please plan on attending. The announcement of meeting was either emailed or mailed to all current members in good standing. If for some reason you did not get one and feel you should, immediate email Helen Fast (sec) at helenfast@gmail.com and ask for a copy. Remember 'motions requiring a change to the Constitution must be received by the WTSC Secretary by mail or by email by Friday, November 12th so they can be circulated to the membership 21 days prior to the AGM.'

New Fall/Winter hours:

Starting in October, the club will only be open (staffed) on Sundays only (10:30 am until 4:00 pm with last token/ticket sold at 3:00 pm). The club will remain open until snowfall limits access. As soon as the temperature falls consistently below freezing the trap machines will no longer be available for token use, since the hydraulic fluid becomes too viscous. Skeet will continue to be available.

The club will NOT be staffed for Remembrance Day, Nov 11, 2010.

Token Machines:

With the temperature falling, the trap machine will need a minimum of ½ hour to warm-up prior to operation, so please factor this into your shooting schedule.

Reminder: When using the token machines during off hours please fill the machines after you are done shooting. Thank you.

Manitoba Trapshooting Association (MTA):

On Sunday October 31st Louise Curé, Gerri Gerow and myself attended the Manitoba Trapshooting Association (MTA) executive meeting (9:30 am to 11:30 am), followed by the Annual General Meeting (1:30 pm to 3:30 pm). We three attend the regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year. Louise represents WTSC trap, Gerri is a Director at Large and I represent International trap. This meeting is important for two reasons, firstly cheques are given out for programs that the various clubs run throughout the year and MTA pays the clubs back: Try it you'll like it, leagues, trophy costs: junior programs...and secondly because the clubs in Manitoba pick the dates for the tournaments for the new year. Since WTSC is the largest club and we do the most, our cheque is larger.

MTA receives money from Sport Manitoba in the form of bingos and operating funds. The clubs provide the manpower to work the bingos and in turn the funds are equally distributed to the clubs. The operating funds are used to run MTA programs.

Group Shoots:

City Chase (www.citychase.com) was at the WTSC Saturday as part of the National Championships. There were 5 teams of two, each member of the team needed to break 10 trap targets. I gave them a 5 minute safety briefing (on the field) and a few 'how to' tips however; since it was a competition, they were on their own.

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Following the City Chase group there was a private group of gentlemen who received instruction and supervision from Louise Curé and myself.

Merchandise:

- WTSC crested clothing is available to purchase...they are really nice...see order form on web site under store. If there is enough demand, we will consider placing a pre-Christmas order. They make great gifts.
- A limited number of logoed WTSC hats are available. Colour is Stone. There are two styles: regular @ \$15.00 and Lawrence of Arabia (the cloth covering your neck) @ \$20.00.

Volunteers Section:

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone who helped the club this year!!!
I want to thank Louise Curé for her help in editing ever Shotstring!

Be kind to your volunteers:

"Volunteers are somebody! Somebody who cares, somebody who devotes time without pay, somebody who praises all, large or small and somebody who has a common bond with others to make things better."

House and Grounds news:

The main clubhouse is winterized and closed for the season.

International Bunker news:

The bunkers are being winterized and sealed up for the coming snow.

International Skeet:

See Bill Stanko for further information.