

Laramie Trap Club

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To: All shooters interested in membership to the Laramie Trap Club and/or participating

in the LTC Summer Trap League

From: Laramie Trap Club Board of Directors

Subject: LTC leagues and various events

Dear LTC Members and interested shooters:

The Laramie Trap Club Board of Directors is looking forward to the start of the 2022 shooting season, and hope to see everyone out at the club this summer. This year will be a busy one, especially with the club hosting the 2022 Wyoming State Trapshoot, and we need your support and volunteer time to ensure a successful year.

As always, the Board has been quite busy with continued improvements to the club facilities. Most visibly, you will notice the installation of new lights on the trap houses in front of the clubhouse, which should allow more late evening/night shooting at the club. We have also applied for an additional grant from the MidwayUSA Foundation (in cooperation with the University of Wyoming Shotgun Sports team) to add lighting for the skeet field and associated traps as well, and are hopeful that project can get started this summer. Construction of a new picnic shelter just east of the clubhouse is ongoing, and should be completed before the State Shoot kicks off at the end of June. The clubhouse has also received some updates, with new entry doors to make the clubhouse more weather-tight, and installation of internet/WiFi capability that should improve our ability to post scores and host registered shoots. All of our camper spots have now been upgraded to 50A hookups to better accommodate larger modern RV's. Thanks to an Albany County Rec Board grant, we were able to purchase a second shipping/CONEX container for storing targets out of the weather, which will free up space in the storage shed for other equipment. We have also applied for another ACRB grant to replace the grass between trap lines with concrete to make them handicap accessible, repair/replace some of the freeze damaged sidewalks, and rebuild the crumbling traphouse #1 on the far west end of the club. If you are interested in getting involved in any of these projects or have additional ideas for projects, please let us know. More hands make lighter work for all, and we really could use your help to see these projects come to completion. These projects not only benefit our membership, but also make the club more attractive to outside shooters, thereby helping to offset some of our ever-increasing operating costs and ensuring that we can continue being one of the least expensive clubs and leagues in the area. We would also appreciate your help in recruiting new shooters/teams, especially women and youth shooters, to ensure that growth in the sport we all love will continue into the future.

The availability of target ammunition remains a major concern, and we are doing what we can to address that issue. The club does have ammunition on order, and while we continue to receive assurances that our order will be fulfilled, we unfortunately cannot provide any guarantees that we

will have ammo available for sale at the clubhouse. We will have a small amount of ammo available to start off the season, but the purchase limits and sales policies implemented last season will need to continue for the foreseeable future in an effort to make our limited supply last as long as possible. That will include selling only to members of the club, and only in the quantity needed for your shooting that day (i.e. 2 boxes on League night, no case sales, etc.). For that reason, we strongly encourage you to source ammo when and where you can find it (West Laramie Fly Store, Murdoch's, Sportsman's Warehouse, etc.). As ammo availability changes, we hope to relax those restrictions as soon as possible, and will do our best to provide you with the ammo you need to practice and shoot the league this summer.

Annual Membership Meeting:

With the pandemic nearing its end, we will be able to once again hold our Annual Membership and Pre-League Meeting this Spring! That meeting will be held on <u>Wednesday May 4 at 6:00PM</u> at the LTC Clubhouse. We will be reviewing what is happening with the club, addressing a few items of business (voting on a slate of returning and prospective board members), and updating everyone on the summer league, etc. We will be taking league signups, etc. at that meeting...the earlier we get that information, the better we can plan for the league and summer shooting season! This is also a great opportunity to bring forth any ideas you may have for improving the club and/or our league(s). Be involved in YOUR club!

Summer Trap League:

The Summer Trap League will be the same 10-week League as past years. League will begin on May 31/June 1 and run through Aug 9/10, 2022, with any weather cancelations made up at the end of the season as needed. Note that there will be NO League shooting or practice hours during the week of the Wyoming State Trapshoot (June 28/29). League Party/Award Night will tentatively be held the week following conclusion of League on Wed Aug 17, 2022. Again this year, the league will be split into two nights...Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and each team will shoot during one of four assigned time slots available each night of League (5:15, 6:00, 6:45, and 7:30pm), which allows a 45 minute time slot for your squad to shoot your targets for that week. Your squad will shoot on the same assigned trap house each week of league, and the trap kids will have your scoresheet ready for you when you arrive, so you can go directly to your assigned trap house upon arriving at the Club. Any squad or squad member missing their assigned time slot or not completing their shooting within that 45 minute time limit may make up their shooting at the end of that night's league shooting, or take their adjusted average score for that week. To accommodate planned absences, each league shooter will be allowed to PRE-SHOOT their week's scores up to two times during League. POST-SHOOTING will only be allowed in the event of a weather cancellation and/or at the discretion of the Board. Note that anyone not shooting their targets for the week will be given an adjusted average score of their average minus two targets for singles and average minus two targets for handicap for that week (i.e. you will NOT receive a "zero" score if you are unable to shoot targets for that week). In the event that you do take an average score, we will issue you two complimentary practice tokens to make up for the targets you paid for in your League fees.

Online Posting of Trap League Scores:

Again this season, all league scores will be posted both on the bulletin board in the clubhouse and online on our website (www.laramietrapclub.com). Just click on the League Shooting link and locate your scores for the week! If you notice any errors in scoring, please let us know as soon as possible.

You will also find a list of all League teams/members and your shooting time/trap assignments if you need a reminder under the same link.

Online Trap League Sign-Up:

To make signing up for league as easy as possible, you can submit your team roster and contact information online at: https://forms.gle/VgYtmcRqqNdJzYQS8. Please indicate your squad's preferences (1st, 2nd, 3rd choice) for assigned shooting time on your registration form...time slots will be allotted based on those preferences and in the order that the team roster was submitted. If you are unable to access the online form, you can complete the attached team roster sheet, and return it to the club as soon as possible either via email at laramietrapclub@gmail.com, turn it in at the Clubhouse on open practice days, or mail it to the club PO address. Again, we strongly encourage you to get your team rosters and preferred shooting times submitted as soon as possible. That will also give the Board a better idea of how many shooters/teams we will have before the first night of league, which will aid us in more effectively planning our labor requirements (trap kids, etc.) for the season. And of course, if you know of other potential shooters interested in membership or shooting the league feel free to forward this letter to them.

Trap League and Membership Fees:

The league and membership fees are listed below and may be paid in full or in two equal payments of \$110 each. The first payment must be paid to LTC on or before your first night of league shooting on May 31/June1, with the second payment paid to the club no later than July 5/6. The assessed fees are as follows:

League fees:\$160.00Membership fee:\$60.00Total:\$220.00

When making payments (partial or in full) please complete the attached payment coupon and include with your payment

On or before the first night of league shooting, we need each team member to complete the attached payment coupon and submit it along with their membership and league fees. This form need to be completed in its entirety so that we have a current address, phone number, and email address for all our members. The Laramie Trap Club will continue to use email to communicate with the membership in a more effective and cost efficient way than using USPS mailings. You can also visit our website, email the club, or reach out to a Board member if you have any questions throughout the year.

Youth Shooters:

In an effort to recruit new youth shooters to our sport, <u>any shooter aged 18 and younger will be charged HALF of the normal league fees (\$80) and given free membership</u> to the club. Again this season, we will be presenting an award for high overall youth shooter on party night. Help us to recruit the future of our sport by encouraging youth shooters to join the league.

League Awards:

An award to the high overall league shooter in singles and handicap (for both men and women) and a high overall shooter award will be given. Winning teams in each division at the end of the 10 weeks will also receive awards at party night. As in past years, divisions will be locked after 5 weeks of scores. Substitute shooters are welcome to shoot the targets you have paid for but their score will not count for the team score and only targets shot by the member signed up with that team will count toward team or individual league scores. Please inform your trap kid if you have substitute shooter(s) so they know to denote that on your scorecard.

Win A Shotgun on Party/Awards Night!:

In an effort to encourage participation in League and greater attendance on Party/Awards Night, Dave and Bonnie Athey are graciously providing a shotgun to be given away on Party night again this year! This year's shotgun is a brand new Winchester SXP Trap shotgun, and drawings for other prizes will be occur after the league awards ceremony on Party Night. Only league members present at the awards ceremony will be eligible for these awards (must be present to win!). Don't miss out on your chance for a new trap gun!

Practice/Public Hours:

Practice round tokens may be purchased for \$6/round (25 clays) for members and \$8.00/round for non-members for use on the trap and skeet fields. An additional \$1/round will be charged for practice rounds used on the 5-Stand course. Practice round tokens must be purchased *prior* to shooting any practice round. The trap help will be instructed to not allow any shooter on the practice traps without first receiving a token from that shooter. Practice tokens may be purchased at the clubhouse any time during business hours. Ten (10) round punch cards for trap/skeet are also available for members at a discount price of \$55.00.

Laramie Trap Club hours – May 7 through May 29, 2022 (Unless otherwise posted): Wednesday 5:00pm to 8:00 pm (no new shooters after 7:30pm)

Saturday and Sunday 10:00am to 2:00pm

Laramie Trap Club hours - May 31 through August 31, 2022 (Unless otherwise posted):

Tuesday/Wednesday League Nights (club opens at 5:00pm)

Saturday and Sunday 10:00am to 2:00pm

ClayMate System:

No more waiting for open public hours to practice; you can shoot whenever you want with the help of our ClayMate Shooting system. Once your ClayMate membership is approved, this pre-paid card system gives you access to our trap, skeet, and 5-Stand ranges. Please see web site for a ClayMate Membership application and more information on the ClayMate Shooting System.

Alcohol on Club Grounds:

There will be no alcohol sold at the Laramie Trap Club, however, you are welcome to bring your own but please do not use glass. Also, please do not consume any alcohol until you have completed your shooting for the night. Those not complying with this requirement will not be allowed to continue shooting for the evening. After a second offense, the shooter will not be allowed back to the club until the next season.

ATA Registered Shoots:

The club hosts several ATA Registered Shoots each year (see schedule on last page), and are hosting the 2022 Wyoming State Trapshoot on June 29 – July 3. Hosting regular ATA shoots maintains our eligibility to host the Wyoming State Trapshoot on a rotational basis, and are critical to the continued operations of the club by bringing shooters from around the region to our club and generating income that helps us to keep costs to our membership as low as possible. If you are new to shooting registered targets and are not a current ATA member, the Club has several free ATA memberships (\$20 value) available for you to give it try (while supplies last). Registered ATA shoots are a lot of fun, a great opportunity to get some additional rounds through your gun and a great opportunity to meet some very talented individuals!

Club Work Days:

To help maintain the club and make the club as presentable as possible, we are asking for your help on several Club Work Days this summer. Work days typically involve regular cleanup, trash removal, mowing/trimming, loading targets into trap houses, etc. as well as any special projects we have underway. Many hands make short work, and all club members should make it a priority to help when possible. Our first work day will be on *Saturday May 21* to get the club ready for the start of league. We will also have a work days on *June 11* and *June 25* or others as announced. Watch your email, the club Facebook page, and postings in the clubhouse for more information.

Make a Difference – Become a Board Member!

The Board of Directors is always looking for new members. Please let us know if you are interested in one of these positions. Remember, this is YOUR club. If you want to see changes, you must get involved. Volunteering as a board member is one way to do that!

Calendar of Events

Wed	May 4	Annual Membership and League Meeting (6:00pm)
Sat	May 7	1 st day Club open for practice
Sat	May 21	Club Work Day (9:00am)
Tue/Wed	May 31/June 1	First week of league shooting First half of membership/league fees due
Sat	June 11	Club Work Day (9:00am)
Sun	June 18	ATA Registered shoot – Doubles Marathon
Sun	June 19	ATA Registered shoot – L.O. Beman Memorial Shoot
Sat	June 25	Club Work Day (9:00am)
Tue/Wed	June 28/29	NO League Shooting or practice hours due to hosting of the Wyoming State Trapshoot
Wed	June 29	ATA Registered shoot – BH Contracting Shoot & 1 st day (Club Day) of the Wyoming State Trapshoot
Thu-Sun	June 30 - July 3	ATA Registered shoot – Wyoming State Trapshoot
Tue/Wed	July 5/6	Second half of membership/league fees due
Tue/Wed	Aug 9/10	Last night of league shooting
Wed	Aug 17	League Party/Awards Night
Sun	Aug 28	ATA Registered Shoot – Snowy Range Shootout & 2 nd day of Over-the-Hill Shoot w/ Cheyenne Trap Club
Wed	Aug 31	Last day Club open for practice for Summer 2022