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

From: Laramie Trap Club Board of Directors

Subject: LTC leagues and various events

Dear LTC Members:

We hope that this finds all of our members in good health and ready to dust off your shotguns, get out of the house, and do some shooting at the Laramie Trap Club! Although we have delayed opening for the season due to the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with State Health regulations and Governor's proclamations, we are excited to announce that we will be opening for practice this week! Starting Wednesday May 20, the club will be open for practice on Wednesday evenings (5-8pm) and Saturdays and Sundays (10am-2pm) until the start of our Summer Trap League. Opening the club will require your patience and cooperation as we will be operating with limited staffing, social distancing and sanitation requirements, and potential limits on the number of people that can be at the club at one time. Until further notice, please note that the Skeet and 5-Stand may not be available during practice hours due to limited staffing, although use of personal ClayMate cards on those fields is allowed at your own risk. Your cooperation with all posted requirements is essential to remaining open, with the understanding that we do not want a closure forced upon us. Please know that we look to lift any restrictions as soon as deemed safe to do so. And lastly, we will be starting our Summer Trap League during the week of June 1. Note that some changes to the operation of the league are being made to enhance social distancing etc., which will be detailed later in this letter.

Before we get to the League details, we would like to update you on a few things on YOUR club. First, a huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make last year's State Trapshoot a resounding success. Your assistance in helping us maintain and update the club facilities contributed to a sizeable infusion of funds to the club that will be used to offset some of our ever increasing operating costs for the coming year...especially in light of the pandemic. Along with proceeds from the sale of the Commissioner's license last June (thanks to WYGFD Commissioner Brokaw) and grant funding from the Albany County Rec Board and NRA Foundation, you may notice several infrastructure improvements going on around the club grounds. Most notably, a new water well and septic system have been installed that should alleviate many of the problems we experienced last summer with closed restrooms, etc. We also hope to replace some of our older traps and make a few updates to the Clubhouse, including stucco repairs, over the summer. Other

projects that the board is looking to complete include installing more outdoor shelters, lighting of more trap/skeet fields, and repairs to the 5 Stand. If you would like to be involved in any of those projects, please let us know. Also note that club will be back to opening on Saturdays on a provisional basis, as long as shooters make use of the extra availability. And last, but perhaps most importantly, these improvements will result in NO INCREASE in membership or league fees for the coming season. Our hope is that the club will only continue to grow in the coming years, ensuring that we continue to be one of the least expensive clubs and leagues in the area. You can also do your part by helping us to recruit new shooters/teams, especially women and youth shooters, to ensure that growth in the sport we all love will continue into the future.

Audit Committee Report:

The Audit committee (appointed by the Board) recently finished a complete audit of the club finances over the past 3+ years. We are pleased to report that no issues were found. Special thanks to Dave Athey for coordinating the audit. If you have questions about the audit, please let us know.

Annual Membership Meeting:

Due to restrictions on group meetings, we will NOT be holding our normal Annual Membership and Pre-League Meeting this Spring. However, we will need to address a few items of business, such as voting on a slate of returning and prospective board members, so look for an email in the coming weeks on how that will be done. As always, if you have any ideas for improving the club and/or our league(s) please let one of the Board members know...or better yet, become a volunteer!

Summer Trap League:

The Summer Trap League will kick off starting the first week of June. To keep the number of shooters at the club at one time within allowable limits, the league will be split into two nights...Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. We will be maintaining the same 10-week League as past years, which means that the League will run from *June 2-3 through Aug 4-5, 2020*. Any weather cancelations will be made up at the end of the season. Party night (tentative) will occur on the last night of the league, which is *Wed Aug 5*. Each team will be assigned to shoot during one of four time slots available each night of League (5:15, 6:00, 6:45, and 7:30pm), which allows your squad 45 minutes to shoot your targets for that week. 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. As done in past years, *anyone not shooting their targets 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*. Note that there will be NO PRE-SHOOTING allowed this season. This policy is being implemented in an effort to minimize staff needed for scoring targets on practice days, and allow us to use automated voice pulls during practice hours rather than manual pulling/scoring by trap kids. You will be required to indicate your squad's preferences (1st, 2nd, 3rd choice) for assigned shooting time on your registration form, and time slots will be allocated based on those preferences and in the order that the team roster was submitted. In addition, your squad will also be assigned to a trap house, and you will shoot on the same trap house each week of league. This policy is intended to reduce the need for shooters to go to the Clubhouse to find their trap house assignment and scoresheet on League nights...i.e. you can go directly to your assigned trap house upon arriving at the Club.

League Awards:

An award to the overall league high shooter in singles and handicap (for both men and women) and a high shooter award will be given to the winning team in each division at the end of the 10 weeks, to be presented at party night. *Shooters must shoot all 10 weeks of the league to be eligible for high score awards given at the end of the league.* As in past years, divisions will be locked after 4 weeks of scores. Only targets shot by the member signed up with that team will count toward team or individual league scores. Substitute shooters are welcome to shoot the targets you have paid for but their score will not count for the team score. Please inform the trap kid if you have substitute shooter(s) so they know to draw a line through the score. Alternatively, those not shooting their targets on a given night can receive a practice ticket for their targets instead of having someone shoot.

NEW – Win A Shotgun on Party Night!:

In an effort to encourage greater participation in League and attendance on Party Night, a CZ Trap shotgun and other prizes will be given away after the league awards ceremony on Party Night. Only league members present at the awards ceremony will be eligible (must be present to win!). Don't miss out on your chance for a new trap gun. Special thanks to Dave Athey for providing the giveaway shotgun!

Trap League Fees:

The league and membership fees are the same as the last several years and may be paid in two (2) equal payments of \$105 each. First payment must be paid to the Club prior to start of League on June 3; the second payment must be paid to the Club prior to or on July 1. The assessed fees are as follows:

<i>League fees:</i>	\$160.00
<i>Membership fee:</i>	\$50.00
<i>Total:</i>	\$210.00

When making payments; partial or in full, please use the attached payment coupon completely filled out

In an effort to recruit new youth shooters to the Club, shooters age *18 and younger will be charged HALF* of the normal league fees listed above and given free membership to the Club. Help us to recruit the future of our sport by encouraging youth shooters to join the league.

Trap League Sign-Up:

Note that there will be no Annual Membership and Pre-League meeting held this year. To sign up for league, please complete the attached team roster sheet, and return to the club as soon as possible. Keep in mind that assignment of shooting times will be on a first-come, first-served basis, so the sooner we get your team roster, the better the chance of getting your preferred shooting time. You can turn in your team roster on open practice days, or they can also be mailed to LaramieTrapClub@gmail.com. Your help in letting us know of your intentions to shoot the league in advance of the first night of league is also a great help to the LTC Board in planning for the summer league. If possible, please include the enclosed payment coupon(s) with your team roster. We stress that the payment coupon form needs to be completed in its entirety so that we have a current address and phone number for all our members. We are also asking for your email address so that the board can communicate changes and events in a more effective and cost efficient way. The Laramie Trap Club will continue to use emails rather than mailings as much as possible to decrease the price of doing business. The Laramie Trap Club will be very careful with your email, it will not be shared or distributed. You can also visit our website or email the club at LaramieTrapClub@gmail.com if you have any questions throughout the season.

Practice/Public Hours:

Practice round tokens may be purchased for \$6/round (25 clays) for members and \$7.50/round for non-members. An additional \$1/round will be charged for practice rounds used on the 5-Stand course (when available). 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 office counter at any time during business hours and in any quantity desired. Ten (10) round punch cards are still available for members at a discount price of \$55.00.

Laramie Trap Club hours May 20 through June 2, 2020 (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 June 2, 2020 through August 26, 2020 (Unless otherwise posted):

Tuesday	League Night (club opens at 5:00pm)
Wednesday	League Night (club opens at 5:00pm)
Saturday and Sunday	10:00am to 2:00pm

ClayMate System:

No more waiting for the weekend to shoot; you can now shoot whenever you want with the help of our ClayMate Shooting system. This pre-paid card system gives you access to our trap, skeet, and 5-Stand ranges. Please see web site for application and more information on the ClayMate Shooting System.

Skeet and 5-Stand Shooting Instruction Sessions:

LTC board will assist any new shooters who would like to learn more about shooting skeet and 5-stand. Please ask a board member if you are interested.

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:

ATA Registered Shoots are critical to the continued operations of the club. The club is required to host a minimum of three ATA Registered Shoots each year to be eligible to host the Wyoming State Trapshoot on a 3-year rotation. Not only do these registered shoots generate income that helps us to keep costs to our membership as low as possible, it also brings shooters from around the region to our club. If you are interested in doing more shooting, a registered shoot is a great opportunity to get some additional rounds through your gun. The LTC also now hosts several "Big 50" shoots throughout the season, where shooters can shoot 50 singles, 50 handicap, and 50 doubles in a very casual atmosphere. Payment of the ATA membership is optional, but required if you want to register your targets. ATA shoots are a lot of fun, and are a great opportunity to get some additional experience in the sport and meet some very talented individuals. For more information on Big 50 Shoots, contact Board Member Rod Dvorak.

Club Work Days:

To help maintain the club and make the club as presentable as possible at our registered shoots, we are asking for your help on several Club Work Days this summer. Our first work day is scheduled for Saturday *May 30* starting at 9am. We will be doing regular cleanup, trash removal, mowing/trimming, loading targets into trap houses, etc. Many hands make short work, and all club members should make it a priority to attend so we can get ready for the season. As a thank you, the LTC Board will provide lunch for all those helping with the Club Work Day. We will also have a work days on *June 20* and *August 29*, which are the days prior to our ATA Registered shoots.

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

May 20	5pm	First open practice day
May 30	9am	Club Work Day (lunch provided)
June 3	5pm	First week of league First half of membership/league fees due
June 20	9am	Club Work day (lunch provided)
June 21	8am	ATA Registered shoot-L.O. Beman Memorial Shoot
July 1		Second half of membership/league fees due
Aug 5	5pm	Last night of league League Party and Awards Night
Aug 29	9am	Club Work Day (lunch provided)
Aug 30	8am	ATA Registered Shoot-BH Contracting Trophy Shoot
Sept 26	8am	ATA Registered Shoot- 1 st day of Over-the-Hill Shoot in Cheyenne
Sept 27	8am	ATA Registered Shoot - Snowy Range Buckle Shootout and 2 nd day of the Over the Hill Shoot in Laramie