

Laramie Trap Club

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To: All shooters interested in membership for 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 2025 shooting season and hope to see everyone at the club this summer.

As we did last year, the board is attempting to do everything possible to keep the cost of leagues and membership as low as possible; even though the cost of targets, utilities, taxes and wages have gone up significantly in the last two years. This has been possible due to the hard work of board members applying for grants. Because of one of these grant, we are keeping membership and league costs the same this year.

We are always looking for feedback from our membership on additional ways to improve the club. If any of you have recommendations on projects we should consider or grant opportunities we should apply for, please let us know.

MAJOR CHANGE TO LEAGUES: There has been a lot of discussion over the years among the membership on how to make the handicap event more equitable. Therefore, this year everyone will be shooting handicap from the 23 yard line all year long. If a team chooses to shoot further back, that is entirely acceptable. We hope this change will bring some equality to the handicap event.

Annual Membership Meeting:

This year's annual membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7th at 6:00 PM 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!

Gun Raffle on Party/Awards Night!

In an effort to keep costs down and hopefully keep price increases to our membership to a minimum, we are going to be raffling several guns away on Party/Awards Night. There will be a chance to win at least four different prizes. The exact guns that will be raffled will be announced at the annual meeting on May 7th. Tickets will be \$10/ticket or five for \$40.

Summer Trap League:

Leagues will begin on May 27th/28th and run through July 29th/30th, with any weather cancellations made up at the end of the season as needed. Note that **there will** be league shooting and practice hours during the week of July 4th. League Party/Award Night will tentatively be held the week following the conclusion of League on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>August 5th</u>.

As we have done for the last several years, 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 7:30 pm), 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 <u>four times</u> 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 through the first 3 weeks of actual shooting, minus two targets for singles and handicap that week (i.e. you will NOT receive a "zero" score if you are unable to shoot targets for that week). If you do take an adjusted 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/9bic3gRvnHCynyjL6. 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 \$115 each. The first payment must be paid to LTC on or before your first night of league shooting on May 27th/28th, with the second payment paid to the club no later than June 24th/25th. The assessed fees are as follows:

League fees:\$170.00Membership fee:\$60.00Total:\$230.00

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 needs to be completed in its entirety so that we have acknowledgement of the club's current policies, phone number, and email address for all our members.

The Laramie Trap Club will use email and Facebook posts to communicate with our membership. 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 (\$85) and a free membership</u>. We will be presenting an award for high overall youth shooter on party night. Please help us to recruit for the future of our sport by encouraging youth shooters to join the league.

Ammunition Availability:

Shells will be available.

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 on 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 how to denote that on your scorecard.

Practice/Public Hours:

Practice round tokens may be purchased for \$7/round (25 clays) for members and \$9.00/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 at any time during business hours. Ten (10) round punch cards for trap/skeet are also available for members only at a discount price of \$63.00.

Laramie Trap Club hours – May 10th through May 25th and Aug 2nd to Aug 31st (Unless otherwise posted):

Wednesday 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm (no new shooters after 7:30 pm)

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

Laramie Trap Club practice hours - May 28th through August 2nd (Unless otherwise posted):

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

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). Hosting regular ATA shoots maintains our eligibility to host the Wyoming State Trap shoot 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 have never been an 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 meet some very talented individuals!

Club Workdays:

To help maintain the club and make the club as presentable as possible, we are asking for your help on several Club Workdays this summer. Workdays 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 workday will be on *Saturday May 17th* to get the club ready for the start of the league. We will also have another planned workday on *June 14^{th.}* Additional workdays may be scheduled to work on special projects out at the club. 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, we encourage you to be involved. Volunteering as a board member is one way to do that!

Calendar of Events

Wed	May 7th	Annual Membership and League Meeting (6:00 pm)
Sat	May 10th	1 st day Club open for practice
Sat	May 17 th	Club Workday (9:00 am)
Tue/Wed	May 27 th /28th	First week of league shooting First half of membership/league fees are due
Sat	June 14 th	Club Workday (9:00 am)
Sun	June 15 th	ATA Registered shoot – Butch Beman Memorial Shoot– Second day of the
		Morton Pass shoot with Wheatland /Sponsor to be determined
Sun	July 20th	ATA Registered Shoot/Sponsored by BH Contracting Services
Tue/Wed	June 24 th /25th	Second half of membership/league fees due
Tue/Wed	July 29 th /30th	Last night of league shooting
Tue	Aug 5th	League Party/Awards Night
Sun	Aug 23rd	ATA Registered Shoot – Snowy Range Shootout & first day of Over-the-Hill Shoot w/ Cheyenne Trap Club Sponsored by Dave and Bonnie Athey
Wed	Aug 31st	Last Day the Club is open for practice for Summer 2025