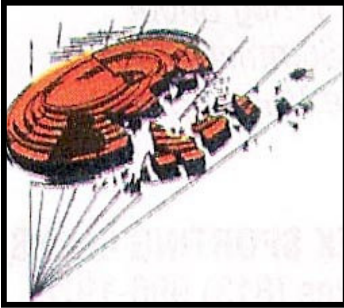


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## ***Wisconsin State Trapshoot***

I wanted to give you all an update regarding this years Wisconsin State Trapshoot. The shoot is fast approaching and plans are now in the final stages so that hopefully everything goes smoothly and all the shooters attending have a great time.

I'll try to give you a through update as to the complete plans and hopefully some answers to some of the questions that are out there.

First is the target price this year and option purses. We have tried to make all the option purses uniform for all the events. The target price was based solely on the costs to run the shoot. The biggest problem we face is all the fixed costs for the shoot. Many of the support items for the shoot, (porta pottys, dumpsters, tents, tables / chairs) are required to make the shoot successful. They are also costs that are paid regardless of the weather (PRAY FOR NO RAIN !!!) or attendance. Plus the manpower / labor needed to run the shoot is extremely extensive and costly. Despite all this, our goal is to keep the cost s that are past on to our shooters as low as possible.

All the support items have been confirmed and final preparations regarding the labor is being done. We have joined forces this year with 4 schools and some great kids. Milwaukee Lutheran, Kettle Moraine, Brookfield Central, and Waukesha North will be providing the labor this year. I have had several training sessions with each school, in fact too many to count. What I would ask is that please remember many of these men and women have never worked a shoot or been to a gun club before. Please be patient especially Tuesday and Wednesday as they get their feet wet. They truly want to do a great job for us. We did have a few issues last year and those have been addressed with each school, including some new rules for the schools that have some pretty stiff financial ramifications if broken.

That being said, I would also like to remind the shooters and our guests for the week that the WTA does have a "Zero Tolerance" policy, located at bottom of page one of this years program and will be strictly enforced, no exceptions!

One conclusion I have determined while trying to set this shoot up, is how difficult it is to get the needed number of employees to run this shoot. All our employees this year have gone through some form of training. We are doing everything in our power to ensure we have employees ready for the shoot. This year, there are many changes, it will require a learning curve for all of us, WTA personal as well as the shooters and guests. So please be aware of the “Zero Tolerance” policy and understand why it is in place and will be strictly enforced at this years shoot.

Next brings us to probably the biggest change this year. The WTA has purchased several new computers and we are going to be using the 3S system. Many are familiar with this system as several clubs have gone to it as well. There are certain things you must do. First, you **MUST** be classified before you do anything else. This is regardless of how long the lines may be. If you go out of order, the system will not let you proceed and you’ll just be sent back to the area you tried to skip. As you go through the process, have your plastic ATA card with you. We have card scanners on all our keyboards and it will make the process faster for you.

With the use of the computers, there are no more paper entry cards. So when you come to be squadded, if squadding for that days events, you **WILL BE REQUIRED** to take first available squad and position. (you may get a few options when squadding for future events). Also if you are getting squads for your friends and yourself, you must have your friends present with you or have in your possession their plastic ATA card. Since you can not see what is available, you will have to trust your WTA employees. They will not be flipping computers around for you to see the screen, so trust what they are saying to you regarding what is available.

Cashiering this year is where you will see a screen for each event you have entered including all the options that are available. After you select your options, you will be asked if your choices are correct. Check the screen. You may be asked several times before the final entry is finalized. This is to ensure it is accurate and make it better for you.

This is new for all of us this year, please plan accordingly. We have earlier times to when the office is open this year. Please be expected of some longer lines. Plan accordingly so you don’t cut your self short on time and miss your squad (that could get costly to you!!).

Please arrive to your trap on time to shoot. We do not announce squads over the PA system. This is very important first thing in the morning if you are on one of the first squads out. We will not wait for you, and the shooters that are there will be directed to start shooting. (there is no way to check how many are on a particular squad out on the line) If you miss your squad, you may miss one sub event only and will have to make it up on the practice trap under the direction of a WTA director. If you miss more than one sub event, you must be re-squadded at a cost of \$20.

Next is shoot-offs. Remember shoot-offs are an extension of the event and as such if you are to be in a shoot-off you must not consume any alcohol. If you do you will be disqualified! In

Addition, should you leave the grounds prior to shoot-off and not return, that disqualifies you and we will not call you to return.

If we have a combination of the two together, (exp. One shooter is gone, one reports for shoot-off drinking a beer) it will be treated as if both are disqualified, and we will do a coin flip to determine the winner.

Lastly a few thoughts. While it has been a tremendous amount of time and work, it has been a joy to try to set up this years shoot. I'm hopeful everything will go smoothly, and that we will have great weather and attendance for this years shoot. I hope you all have a great time this year, shoot some great scores, see some old friends, make some new ones, My only goal is for you to attend and have a great time.

I would like to thank the Waukesha Gun Club. While they are not hosting the shoot this year, they have worked closely with us to make this years shoot a huge success. The grounds are looking great, final preparations are under way, and all should be ready for you to arrive at the WGC for this years shoot and have a great time.

So on behalf of your President, Bruce Stiteley, the entire Board of Directors, the Waukesha Gun Club, we hope you have a great Wisconsin State Shoot this year and we look forward to seeing everyone out at the WGC the week of July 14th through the 19th.

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