

New Member Welcome Booklet



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Club Hours

Cashier's Office

Tuesday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thursday: 4-8 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.—1 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m.—1 p.m.

12 gauge shells available to
Purchase during these hours.

Self-Serve Kiosk

(Sporting Clays & Trap Targets)
Tuesday—Sunday: 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

Trap

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Thursday: 5-8 p.m.

5-Stand

Consult our Website for hours
of operation

Sporting Clays

Tuesday—Sunday: 10 a.m.—Dusk
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

West Penn is open to the public for trap shooting on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings. Our Sporting Clays and automated Trap system are open to members only. Members must purchase countdown cards to utilize the automated systems.

Member and Guest Policies for Sporting Clays and Wireless Trap System

- ALL members MUST confirm that they have read the course **Rules and Safety Guidelines**. Members can print the form and drop it off at the club OR sign the roster in the clubhouse, next to the kiosk, acknowledging that you have read the rules. Please pay particular attention to Rule #16 as it pertains to shot size and velocity. It is imperative that shot not leave the boundary of the Club property!
- Members are limited to three (3) guests per visit and all must shoot together with the member in one squad.
- Guests are limited to TWO (2) visits on a member's card. Afterward they must become a member or shoot at the non-member rate.
- ALL guests MUST sign a Waiver and Release Agreement and sign the Guest Registry prior to shooting. Both documents are at the kiosk station in the clubhouse.
- Membership information and application can be downloaded from our website at WPSCclays.org.

Please help us maintain the course by picking up spent shells and disposing in the trash cans at each station.

Who to Contact

Sporting Clays:

If there is a problem with a trap on the Sporting Clays course, do not try to correct the problem, contact:

RJ McMahan— 724-420-3785
Rino Miglioretti—412-292-8656
Mike Ammerman— 412-779-8943

If there is a problem with the KIOSK, contact:
Mike Ammerman or RJ McMahan

Wireless Trap System:

If there is a problem with the trap, contact: - RJ McMahan
If there is a problem with the card reader or microphone, contact: -
Mike Ammerman

Trap

Singles, handicap, doubles, and wobble trap are available on our lighted trap course.

Leagues shoot year round.

Casual (non-league) shooters are welcome during regular hours.

A fully automated trap release system has been installed on Trap Field 3. It is available for **members only** to shoot trap Tuesday—Sunday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and dusk. A countdown card, similar to our sporting clays course, is required.

HOURS

Open to the Public

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Thursdays, 5:00—8:00 p.m.

Available Leagues

Summer League: May—September

Winter League: October—April

All Sportsmen's Trap League (ASTL): April—August

Five-Stand

Our 5-stand venue offers a variety of targets from the fast crossing shot to the bounding rabbit. Our newly updated system offers multiple levels of challenge with new combinations of target-pairs.

The course features a heated clubhouse to afford comfortable shooting conditions year-round regardless of weather.

HOURS

Closed between March and September.

October—April

Thursdays 5:00—8:00 p.m.

Sundays: By appointment only and must have at least three (3) shooters.

Sporting Clays

Our 15 station Sporting Clays course travels along the natural terrain of the club's grounds, featuring 30 different clay target presentations that simulate field shooting of game.

The fully automated course utilizes the Long Range TAG system to allow user-friendly convenience.

(The sporting clays course is open to MEMBERS ONLY and their guests.)

Hours of Operation

(Member must have a Countdown Card)

Tuesdays—Sundays

10:00 a.m.—Dusk

The course is CLOSED on MONDAYS (Except Holidays)

The course may also be closed for special events or because of weather conditions. Closures will be posted on our website.

PRICING

One Round—100 targets (includes an additional 20 targets for show pairs and broken targets).

- Member with Countdown Card—\$30

Countdown Card -

- Member—\$25 (includes access to the course Tuesday—Sunday)

Payments Accepted: Cash/Credit/Debit (We DO NOT accept American Express)

GOLF CART RENTAL

A limited number of golf carts are available to rent.

- Members—\$10/cart (Payment is on the honor system. Golf cart keys are located at the clubhouse cashiers window and rental money can be left on the counter.)
 - Members may bring their own cart or ATV, but must provide proof of liability coverage.

Automated (Wireless) Trap Field

The automated trap field is now open for use by club MEMBERS and their guests ONLY!

Stop in during the club's regular office hours to purchase a Countdown Card for the system and get trained on how to use the system safely. Once you have completed the mandatory training you can purchase rounds of trap and use the system.

Mike Ammerman or RJ McMahan can issue you a Countdown Card (TAG) and will have you read the instructions on how to open and close the wireless trap field. You will then sign a document signifying you have read the instructions. Someone will then demonstrate the procedure for opening and closing the wireless trap field.

Guidelines

- Must purchase a Countdown Card (one-time purchase).
- Price of the Countdown Card—\$30.00
- New cards include four (4) rounds of trap.
- Trap is available Tuesday - Sunday.
- Shooting hours: 10:00 a.m. — dusk. No lights will be turned on to support the wireless trap field outside of regular Thursday night hours.
- During the Winter months, trap fields are lighted on Thursday evenings only until 8:00 p.m.
- Countdown cards can be loaded with rounds of trap at the self-serve kiosk using a credit card.
- Rounds of trap can be also be purchased with cash during regular office hours.
- Office Hours:
 - Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
 - Thursdays 4:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
 - Saturdays 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. (We suggest you call to confirm the availability of staff).
 - Sundays 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. (We suggest you call to confirm the availability of staff).

Directions for Opening the Wireless Trap System

1. Remove the charging cords from the microphones located in the clubhouse.
2. Move the microphone(s) to the trap position(s).
3. Open the trap house doors and prop them open.

You must stand to the side of the Trap House and clear of the trap prior to performing the following operation! Commercial Traps are extremely powerful and will cause significant harm or death if struck by the mechanism or the clay target! Never stand in front of the Trap House or enter the Trap House when the trap is energized.

4. Turn on (up position) the switch mounted on the trap house left inside wall (as you face the trap house). This will energize the wireless system.
5. Turn on the door mounted rotary switch. This will energize the trap.
6. When everyone is ready to shoot, each person will insert his/her TAG card in the reader and depress the yellow button once. **NOTE:** The total number of targets/credits will be displayed.
7. Proceed to the firing line and turn on the microphones by depressing the power button for 5 seconds. The green led should be solid and not flashing.
8. When the round is complete, turn off the microphones by depressing the power button.
9. To shoot another round of trap, repeat steps 6, 7, and 8.

Instructions for Closing the Trap House

1. Make sure all microphones are turned off.

Before performing the next step—Turning off power to the trap will throw a loaded target. This is why you must stand as far left as possible before turning off the trap. Never stand in front of the Trap House or enter the Trap House when the trap is energized.

2. Proceed to the trap house and turn off the door mounted switch. This will launch a clay target and turn off the trap.
3. Turn off the switch inside the trap house. This will turn off the wireless system.
4. Refill the trap carousel with targets from cases inside the trap house.
5. Close the trap house doors.
6. Return the microphones to the club house and insert the charging cords.

Instructions on how to load targets onto your Countdown (TAG) Card

The Target Tag Kiosk software makes it easy for you to add targets to your TAG card, even if it is your first time using it. The process starts by placing your Target Tag card on the reader. The screen will prompt you through the required steps.

Note: The display screen is a “Touch Screen.”



Step 1: Place your countdown card (TAG Target card) on the TAG Card Reader. The screen will automatically advance to the “Add Targets” screen.

Step 2: Using the keypad, enter the number of targets you would like to add to your card. **The minimum number of targets is 100 for \$30.00 for Sporting Clays and six (6) rounds for \$30.00 for Trap.**

Step 3: When you have selected the number of targets you wish to add, touch the “Add to Card” button on the screen.

Step 4: Review the information you have entered and then swipe your credit card to continue.

Step 5: When the screen displays your information, touch “Pay Now” to complete the transaction.

Step 6: Once the transaction is complete, the system will tell you when to remove your card from the reader. In some cases, the screen will go back to the original “Welcome” screen. If it does, remove your card and then place it on the reader again to verify your targets were loaded.

REMINDER: When using your Sporting Clays card, you are entering the number of targets you require. When using your Trap card, you are entering rounds of trap. The minimum is \$30/100 targets for Sporting Clays targets at \$0.30/target and \$30/6 rounds of trap at \$5.00/round.

Volunteering

During the course of the year, the club hosts events and other club commitments that require volunteers to aid in a successful outcome.

Some events like scheduled ATA (Amateur Trapshooting Association) shoots and NSCA (National Sporting Clays Association) shoots, require volunteers to help score the shoot and/or load traps during the event. If you have been shooting trap or sporting clays, score keeping is a very simple task. All that is required is the ability to recognize when a clay target is broken or not and recording it as such. In addition to scoring, you may be required to reload a trap when needed. Sometimes, the scorer will reload the trap but if we have enough volunteers, other people will be designated for this task.

Other times that need volunteers is prior to a NSCA shoot. To host a NSCA shoot, the traps on the course are required to be adjusted for different target presentations for the registered shooters. Some manual labor is involved by moving traps to different locations and adjusting them for the target presentation for that particular station. Once the trap is in position, the trap needs to be filled and the location “back stocked” with cases of targets to get ready for the shoot. This usually takes two days to complete. Help with either one or two days is always appreciated.

Outside of the two events just mentioned, the club has an ongoing responsibility to keep the sporting clays traps loaded and back stocked. This occurs every Monday morning between 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

In addition to ongoing club events, Thursday evenings are league nights, both Winter and Summer, which require score keepers. Also during the Summer months, the ASTL (All Sportmen’s Trap League) shoots every third Monday evening at the club. This, too, requires score keepers.

The club also requires regular maintenance tasks to be performed to keep the club operating and looking the best it can be for our members and guests.

All volunteers are required to sign a waiver form prior to performing any task in case of an accident, agreeing not to hold the club or officers liable.

Any volunteer work performed at the club will be rewarded with free targets added to your Sporting Clays or Trap TAG cards. If you do not have a TAG card, other arrangements can be made. The amount of free targets added depends on the task performed.

If you would like to help, please contact any officer or Board member.

Thank you for helping to make Western Pennsylvania Sportsmen’s Club the best it can be.

Rules & Safety Guidelines for both Trap & Sporting Clays

1. Safety is EVERYONE'S responsibility.
2. ALWAYS keep the gun's muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
3. Actions must remain open at all times except when you are on station and ready to call for a target from the designated shooter's position. Break action shotguns may be closed in the station's gun rack, but must remain unloaded.
4. A MAXIMUM of TWO (2) rounds may be loaded in any shotgun on station at any time. (Sporting Clays only).
5. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
6. Eye and ear protection are required for all persons on the course at all times.
7. NO ONE is permitted to handle a firearm after consuming alcohol or drugs. NO alcohol or drugs are permitted on the course at any time.
8. All shooting must be from the designated stations.
9. Only one shooter at a time is permitted. Only designated shooter may shoot at the target. No one may shoot at a target that was thrown for someone else.
10. No one under the age of 18 will be permitted on the course unsupervised. They must have adult supervision. A waiver and release agreement must be signed by a parent, guardian, or custodian prior to entering this venue. 12 years old is the minimum age of a shooter or spectator.
11. Misfires are the shooter's responsibility, and must be disposed of properly off of club property.
12. Dispose of all empty shell casings in containers provided at each station or trap field. Never try to retrieve any item including hulls in front of a shooting station.
13. Do not attempt to correct a problem with a trap. Serious injury or death may occur. Please contact the club's office if there is a problem with a trap. Phone number—724-327-9918.
14. Golf carts and ATV's are permitted on the course. They can only be operated by a person with a valid state driver's license. A valid driver's license and current insurance coverage must be provided for all personal vehicles. You must stay on the course road at all times. No more than the maximum number of passengers specified by the manufacturer may ride and must be seated.
15. Only one squad at a time may occupy and shoot at a station. Please wait until the squad in front of you has departed from the station before entering.

Rules & Safety Guidelines for both Trap & Sporting Clays

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16. Only shotguns 12 Gauge or smaller, containing a maximum #7.5 shot size at a velocity of 1300 fps is permitted on this course.
17. Shooting at anything other than the designated target(s) is not permitted.
18. The shooter must fire with his/her gun shouldered for all targets.
19. Maximum squad size is five (5) people. That includes spectators. All spectators must sign a WAIVER & RELEASE AGREEMENT.
20. Pets are permitted but must be controlled and on a leash at all times.
21. Restrictions for members with guests:
 - a. Guests are limited to two (2) visits on a member's card. After that, the guest either becomes a member or pays the non-member price.
 - b. A member is limited to three (3) guests per visit and all must shoot together as one squad.
 - c. All guests must sign the "Waiver & Release Agreement" and be signed into the "Guest Registry" prior to shooting.
22. Both Trap and Sporting Clays are open to members only, Tuesday through Sunday and on certain Mondays when it is a holiday. Shooting times start at 10:00 a.m. and continue to sunset as listed for that day.

ANYONE VIOLATING THESE RULES OR PERFORMING AN UNSAFE ACT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL FROM CLUB GROUNDS AND FURTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.