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President's Corner





Marc Poleon Hello all,

Yet another month flies by. Might seem like it went faster because some of us were at the club more often. Friday night fish during lent was wonderful and a big thanks to all our staff and board members that made it happen. The board is actively working on a plan to see if it will be a sustainable long-term option to be open regularly on Fridays. In the meantime, we have a calendar full of events, and yes you guessed it, a bunch will be happening on Fridays.

In other club news I would like to formally welcome Kurt Saccone to the board. And let me tell you he has hit the ground running. Kurt brings another legal point of view to the board as well as working on the engagement committee, and how best to get our members using our club. I know strange thing to need an engagement committee, right? But the truth is a very small percentage of our member use or club for more than just a range. Which in all honesty is why I joined TSC. It's the cheapest range in town, but I stayed at our club for the club aspects I have grown to love. I know I and many others have said it before, are we a club or are we a business?

The problem being we truly can't operate as both, typically when we take a loss, we write it off as "well we're a club" and it's part of providing the experience and atmosphere to our members. On the other hand, when we talk numbers and operational cost it's buckle down and run it like a business. What hangs in the balance, you might be asking, well just our dues, and here's why. As a club we support of operational cost with yearly dues, but that doesn't cover everything. So, the additional costs are covered by raffles, events, profits from the bar/kitchen, and shooting cost/range fees. Which brings us to why we can't operate as both.

Strictly from a business side we would have to adjust dues to a point to cover operational cost just being the cheapest place to shoot. Now if we try and run as a club with limited active members, it ends up the same small percentage are the ones going to these events that balance the spreadsheet. Putting a large cost on a small fraction of our members.

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 <u>Club Hours</u>

Shoot Room Trap & Skeet

- Wed 5:30 pm 9:00 pm
- Last call 8:30 pm
- Sat & Sun: 10 am 4:00 pm
- Last call 3:30 pm

Sporting Clays

Sat & Sun: 10 am – 4:00 pm • Last call 2:30 pm

Indoor Pistol Range 8 am – 9:45 pm daily

Outdoor Pistol & Outdoor Rifle Ranges

Mon – Fri: 9 am – 8:59 pm or dark (whichever is first)

Sat & Sun: 10 am – 8:59 pm or dark (whichever is first)

Kitchen & Bar

Wed: 5 pm - 9 pm
Last call 8:45 pm
Sat & Sun: 9 am - 4 pm
Last call 3:30 pm
Rentals: dates and times on Range Calendar



No General Members Meeting this Month

Trappers Needed

Part-Time – 16 yrs. + \$15.00/hr.

Must be available to work: Wednesday 5 pm - 9 pm Saturday 10 am - 4 pm Sunday 10 am - 4 pm See Jake for info

NRA AT TSC

Did you know you can join the NRA through TSC?

You can join the NRA through TSC and get a "Club Discount"

Just go to our website...

(www.TonSportsClub.com) and click on the NRA Logo on our Home Page.. It will give you all the current "Club Rates and discounts" even for Life Membership. You can pay via c.c. or PayPal.

If you cannot join via the website, you can sign up by contacting Rick Wood at <u>rwood1050@aol.com</u>

Trap/Skeet/Sporting Clays New Pricing

No one likes it when costs go up, but inflation is all we hear about now. Our costs for clay targets, supplies, and labor continue to rise. Beginning May 1st our new pricing is as follows:

Trap/Skeet - Members \$6.00 / Non-members \$9.00 per round Sporting Clays – Members \$17.00 / Non-members \$22.00

Also, future purchases by the club for clay birds will be the solid orange style as our shooters prefer these targets over those with the black stripe.

Thank You

A big thank you goes out to Buffalo Roofing Company. They successfully repaired the vent that was leaking water into our clubhouse. They also made repairs to the area near the chimney.

TSC Shotgun Ammo

TSC will be receiving the following ammunition:

RIO 12 gauge 1 1/8 oz. #7.5 shot 1200 fps

Nobel Sport 12 gauge 1 1/8 oz. #8 shot 1145 fps

Nobel Sport 20 gauge 7/8 oz. #8 shot 1275 fps

This will be in addition to the 28 & 16 gauge already available. A \$2.50 NICS check fee will be charged for each transaction.

One flat per transaction. Pricing will be posted. Please be patient as this is a work in progress.

Annual Membership Dues

It's that time again. In order to make it easier the renewal forms are posted on the TSC Website. You can find them by typing this link into your web browser: https://tonsportsclub.com/2024-25-membership-dues-renewal/

Or just visit the main page at Tonsportsclub.com and click on the link.

As a special incentive to encourage existing members renewals, an "Early Bird" dues discount of \$10.00 is available. If you renew and pay before close of business May 17th you can receive the discount.

The club will be open Friday, May 17th from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm to accept membership dues. In addition, a Trap Shooting clinic will be available starting at 6:00 pm for anyone interested. Free hotdogs will be served as well.

So, plan to stop in, pay your dues, and get a \$10.00 discount along with your free hotdog. You can't really beat this offer now can you? See you there.

See additional details below on Upcoming Events.

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But don't worry, the answer is simple, the more we get people to use the club, like come and shoot at your favorite range and then stick around and have a burger and beer. Come out to some events, yes you have to pay for them but they are enjoyable. Don't want to go to a meat raffle because you're a hunter? Come to the gun raffle and win a new rifle to hunt with. There's a simple answer for everything and in our case it all comes back to participation.

Let me give you the last example to really send some numbers home. We have about 875 plus or minus a few members giving the season. To change a bylaw, to vote for the board and officers, to even have a quorum for a general meeting, we only required 55 people. So, if 15 board members all tell two friends to show up and vote for something there is 45 or 55 right there. Little scary if you think about what percentage of people it takes to affect everyone. Just some food for thought.

As always, I hope to see you all at the club. Be safe and take care of each other, that's part of operating as a club not a business. As always it is a privilege to call myself your president.



Your chance to WIN a 2-year paid membership

with The Tonawandas Sportsmen's Club! \$650 value!

\$5 per entry

Only 400 tickets available! Winner to be drawn when 400 tickets have been sold.

Not a current member? For only \$5 per entry, here's your chance to win a full 2-year paid membership with The Tonawandas Sportsmen's Club. (*Membership subject to application approval by the Board of Directors and applicant's initiation fee paid in full.*)

Current member? Yearly dues of \$325 is due on June 1, 2024. Enter now, and for only \$5 per entry here's your chance to win a 2-year paid membership! Winner will have no more dues payments until 2026!

Current LIFE, LIFE ELITE and 5C LIFE MEMBERS: Thank you for your years of service and dedication to The Tonawandas Sportsmen's' Club. Winner has the option of taking a \$500 cash prize.

Get your green ticket today, available at the Club's bar!





Saturday, June 15, 2024

Doors open at 5 PM - First spin at 6 PM

The Tonawandas Sportsmen's Club 5657 Killian Road • North Tonawanda, NY 14120



Pre-Sale Tickets Available at Club's Bar or



http:// TonSportsClub.Eventbrite.Com



\$15 Admission Ticket (pre-sale) \$20 at the door

or







Includes:

- One (1) Admission Ticket
- 4 Grand Prize Raffle Entries
- 4 Numbers for all spins in all rounds (including grand finale spins)

Admission ticket includes food, draft beer, & soda fountain drinks

Over 1,100 pounds of meat to be won!

82 winners in 7 Rounds (plus \$1 grand finale spins) At least 10 pounds of meat per winner in Rounds 1-7

\$2 to \$5 per entry

Grand Prize

\$5 donation per entry



Tickets Available at Club's Bar or

http:// 2024MeatRaffle.Eventbrite.com

PBX Pit Barrel Cooker w/ Accessory Package (\$800 value)

Choose whether you want to cook 16-20 racks of ribs, 4 pork butts or shoulders, 4 full packer briskets, 12-16 chicken halves, 60+ party wings or 4 turkeys.

Winner to be drawn at the Meat Raffle Saturday, June 15, 2024 (Need not be present to win. Meat Raffle admission ticket sold separately.)





Includes:

22.5" Porcelain Coated Steel Drum 3-Point Barrel Stand Custom Fit Cover Standard Grill Grate Hinged Grate Ultimate Hook Tool Wooden Hook Remover 24 Stainless Steel Hooks 1 Corn Hanger 1 Sausage/Hot Dog/Brat Hanger 4 Stainless-Steel Poultry Hangers Porcelain Coated Charcoal Basket 4 - 10" Hanging Skewers 2 - 15" Hanging Skewers 1 All-Purpose Basket Chimney Starter 2.5 lbs. All-Purpose Pit Rub 2.5 lbs. Beef & Game Pit Rub Pit Rub Shaker Set Ultimate Spatula 2 Ultimate Tongs Heat Resistant Gloves Ash Pan





2023-2024 WINTER LEAGUE

FINAL STANDINGS

1 st Place Team #6	Jack's Pack
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- 2nd Place Team #3 Team Rexford
- <u>3rd Place</u> Team's
 - Team #2 Steve's Paint & Body
 - Team #4 F-Troop 1
 - Team #5 Trap Brats
- 4th Place Team #7 Non-Members
- 5th Place Team #9 TB Shooters
- 6th Place Team #1 Pigeon Preservation

Society

7th Place Team #8 F-Troop 2

TSC SUMMER LEAGUES June 15th-Sept. 15th .410 Skeet & Wobble Trap



Wed. 5:30-9:00 Sat. & Sun. 10:00-3:00 Two person teams Blind draw

Sign-up at the League scoreboard

Join us for a "Wacky Wednesday" fun shoot this summer. Field 4 fun on hump-day!

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Food specials & CCB's (Cool, cool beverages)

Upcoming Events

TSC Trap & Skeet





HOORAY HOORAY THE 1ST OF MAY

STARTS TODAY!

JOIN US FOR A FUN 25 BIRD SHOOT ON THE TRAP & SKEET FIELDS WITH A NEW SET OF TARGET PRESENTATIONS

Check your E-Blast for the Wednesday Night Special!





Free Hot Dogs!

- 1. Learn to shoot trap at the Trap Training Clinic
- 2. Pay your 2024-2025 membership dues by 9 PM for a **\$10 discount**
- 3. Buy a raffle ticket for \$5 per entry for a chance to win a **2-year PAID membership**
- 4. Tickets on sale for **June 15 Meat Raffle**



TSC Winter League Cookout

Saturday May 18th 12:00-3:00

Prize money will be distributed





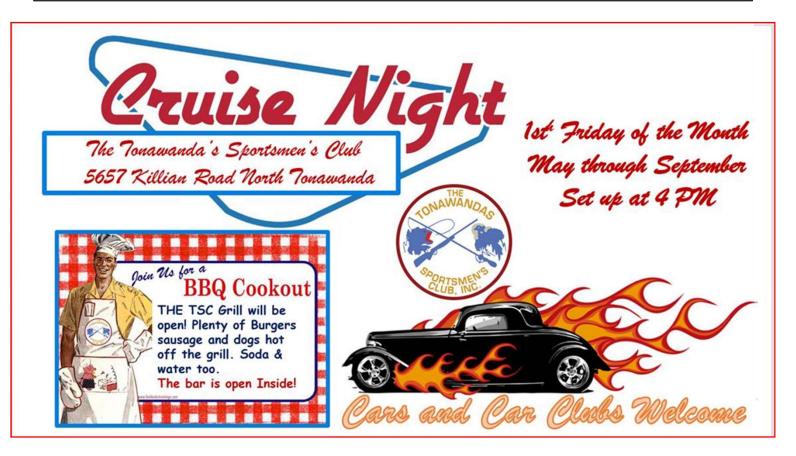
Please sign up to ensure we have enough for all.

Come out for some grilled delights along with some shooting games

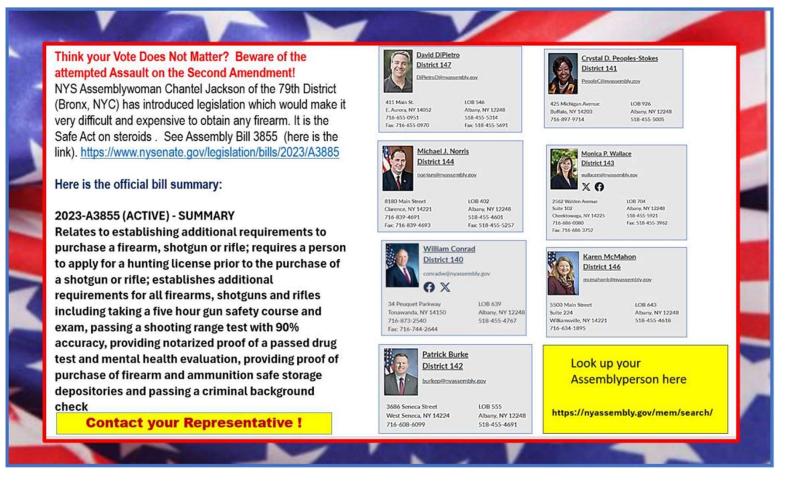
Signup sheet posted on the League score board

Miss & out, Annie Oakley, mabe a surprise or two!

Upcoming Events



Special News Item



Member Info

2023-2024 Tonawanda's Sportsmen's Club Membership Report

Current membership Active: (963)

- General Member: (819)
- ✤ Life Elites: (50)
- ✤ Life: (44)
- ✤ 5C Life: (13)
- Young Adult: (37)

Any questions please contact Joe Kopec at <u>Membership@tonsportsclub.com</u>



League Updates



WNYPPL A Zone / IPSC

Practice is every Thursday from 4-7 pm, currently outdoors until October
See <u>https://practiscore.com/</u> and signup for scheduled matches.

Anyone interested in WNYPPL/IPSC information can contact Joe Kopec at <u>jlko57@outlook.com</u>

TSC Suburban Pistol League	TSC Shotgun News				
This season the SPL decided teams will resume traveling to matches within a 30-minute drive.	The 2023-2024 TSC Winter League				
First relay begins at 7:30 PM (or earlier if the first line is ready)	Five (5) scores must be posted Sunday December 3rd.				
If you're interested or have any questions about bullseye pistol shooting contact Chris Metro at	Eight (8) scores must be posted by Sunday January 7th.				
<u>cmetro@gmail.com</u> TSC 900 League Matches:	The following Lewis Class Scoring fun events are scheduled as follows:				
Contact Bob Metro for practice and match schedule.	Monday January 1st-Annual "Hangover" Sporting Clays Shoot				
	Saturday February 17th – Trap-Palooza				
	Doubles Trap, Wobble Trap & 27 Yard Trap (100 birds total)				
SASS Cowboy League Matches Next April will resume	Sunday March 17th – The Irish Ironman Shoot				
Contact Rick Wood for more information at rwood1050@aol.com	Sporting Clays, Wobble Trap & Skeet (100 birds total)				
Steel Challenge League Matches Next April will resume.	Saturday April 13th – TSC Club championship. (100) bird shoot; Trap, Skeet & Wobble Trap				
Contact Dave Wilde for more information at <u>davis.wilde@outlook.com</u>					
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Safety at TSC

It is each members responsibility for shooting safely. If you see something, say something. If you're hunting, merely stating "safety on?" after someone shoots, is good common sense.

Correcting a newcomer at any range will create safer surroundings for all. Be nice, we all were new to shooting sports at one time. Helping another shooter practice safe firearm procedures is win-win.

This is OUR Club, therefore ALL members need to be aware of their surroundings, whether eating, shooting or walking to their vehicle. If you're new to firearms, please ask for assistance, someone is always happy to help. Remember, there is no "ego" in safety. A smart shooter is always learning. A "know it all" is usually the one to do something stupid, with a lame excuse that can never undo an unsafe act.

We are all human and we will make mistakes, but if we watch out for each other, we can prevent mistakes from happening.

Safety never sleeps. The Board

Club Resources Stop here for Club Rules and Stop here to catch-up on what Stop here to see what is in the Club Library, Policies is happening at your Club Borrow a book or Contribute a book TSC Library RULES Increase your knowledge! Borrow a book from our **a** policies library located near the shoot room door. Our free library has valuable and entertaining information about shooting sports, gun safety, maintenance, hunting, collecting and everything relating to the outdoors. The shoot room is always accepting books which you may wish to donate. Much thanks to our librarian Greg Metzger.

We have expanded our club "library".

Please feel free to donate any books or informational resources you have on .hunting, fishing, firearms and conservation. Hard cover and/or softcover books accepted.

HUNTING ON TSC PROPERTY

All hunting on TSC property is for members only. No guests are allowed to hunt - Deer, Turkey, Rabbit, Goose, Duck, etc. You can hunt anywhere on TSC property – marked in "RED" on the TSC map. For permission for a youth hunter to join you, contact the Board of Directors.

Exception: Pheasant hunting (during morning hunt hours on Saturday and Sunday only – if you are a guest of a "351" member and has the permission of the "351" coordinator), this is allowed due to the additional fees involved in Pheasant hunting.

Many of our maps are broken into "Zones" (for Pheasant hunting purposes). Some old maps show a Zone #10 (right / east of the Zone #9 fields which previously was leased) which is not TSC property.

** See latest map on TSC Website **

Notes:

- Members are NOT allowed to use personal ATV's or Snow Mobiles on TSC property.
- "351" will not release Pheasants in Zones 6 & 7 (North of the Railroad Bed) during Deer Bow and Shot Gun season (so minimal Pheasant Hunters will be in those fields throughout the Deer Bow and Shot Gun season thus leaving it more pleasurable to Deer Hunt in that area).
- You MUST be a Member of TSC & the "351" Pheasant program to hunt Pheasants on our property.

Deer hunting/tree stand policy

All tree stands must be manufactured. No homemade or wood constructed stands allowed. Stands cannot be installed until **Sept 1st** and must be removed by **Jan 5th** each season.

A safety harness MUST be used in/on all stands (ladder, hang on & climbers), no exceptions. Members must have their name & phone number attached to any stands installed on Club property.

Proper shooting locations for all Guns at TSC

Shot Gun Patterning Board (Shotguns ONLY)

The Shotgun Pattering Board is located to the left of Field #1. The Patterning board can help Trap or Skeet Shooters find their guns "point of impact".

This is important in finding where your gun's shot pattern is relative to the clay target. You should grease the steel plate face and then place a spent (used) shotgun shell on the center peg to aim at. There is grease and a roller for your use located behind the board.

Stand approximately even with the back side of Skeet house #1. Shoot 2 or 3 rounds at the spent shell. If your pattern is high or low or too far left or right, you can adjust the comb or vent rib, and retry your shot. Hopefully, this will result in more shot reaching the clay target. Please remember to use short brass with 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9 shot size and lead shot only.

No Steel Shot, Deer Slugs, Rifles or Pistols are allowed

Shot Gun Home Defense Gun Board

Permanently Removed

The Outdoor Pistol Range Stations 1 & 2 can be used for Shotgun. All members that have completed the Outdoor Pistol Range training can use these stations for shotgun.



Outdoor Rifle Range

- All Shooting must take place from the bench under the shelter at fixed distances with no portable stands. Shoot only at targets in your lane. Cross-lane shooting prohibited.
 - (10) Rifle Stations: Only long guns and Carbines can be shot on these stations. Shotguns with deer slugs only.
 - (2) Pistol Stations: Only Pistol Calibers and Rimfire can be used on these stations.

Indoor Pistol Range

- Access to range is granted only after attending the indoor range safety course
- All rules of the indoor range will be covered in the safety course, all attendees are required to fire and hit a 12' target 5 out of 5 times at 20'.

Outdoor Pistol Range

- Shooters using the target frames must be on the same line.
- Bring 24" x 18" to 24" cardboard with you, down to the frames to staple or tape your target onto and place into the target frame.
- If you wish to have a table to set equipment on, bring your own.
- Only Pistol Calibers and Rimfire can be used on this Range. See rule book for specifics.

Please see complete list of all rules posted inside club near the shoot room.

Trap/Skeet & Sporting Clay Course

 Field/Sporting shotguns only with 7 ½ to 9 shot size.

MANDATORY PISTOL & RIFLE RANGE SAFETY CLASS

In order to use the Indoor/Outdoor Pistol or Rifle Range, you must take the **MANDATORY** Safety Course for that range. Upon completion of the course, you will be issued a **YELLOW** lanyard for the outdoor pistol range, a **BLUE** lanyard for the rifle range or a key fob for the indoor range.

An E-blast will be sent each week with class dates & times for the following week.

The classes WILL NOT be listed on the Sportscaster or Website.

Safety Class Process

- 1. Go to TonSportsClub.com > "Club Procedures, Range Rules & Safety Notices" >
- 2. Pull down and read through the rules for the course you are attending
- 3. Email <u>ranges@tonsportsclub.com</u> with your name and date you will attend the class.
- 3. Take the class, sign the paperwork & receive your lanyard or key fob.

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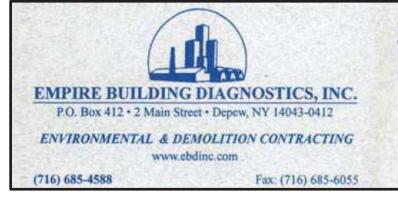
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RANGE RENTALS AT TSC

Range Rentals to Federal Agencies is a part of TSC's income and subsidize a portion of our expenses.

Normally the Agency will not stay all day. Very often they are gone by 1-2 pm. If they are gone the Range is open for Member use.

Range Rental Contact: range.rental@tonsportsclub.com

Range Rental criteria:

 The number of Rental days on the Outdoor Pistol Range to Agencies is currently unlimited. An adjustment is being studied to strike a balance between our funding requirements and the availability of the range for our members. In rare events the Rifle Range maybe also be rented. The allowable number of Rental days is (25) per calendar year on the Rifle Range. Once those are used up, the agency must use an open day on the Pistol Range, or the rental request would be denied.

We try to schedule all rentals on the Pistol Range 1st and the Rifle Range is used as overflow. This allows our members who want to shoot Pistol and Rifle to have an open outdoor range. In these situations, we recommend pistol shooters to leverage the Indoor Pistol Range.

Typically, when you see a rental on the Rifle Range, it will be for several days by the same Federal Agency to do their qualifying all in one week.

	nge Rentals Ranges hours: 9am to 9pm (or d	Sportscaster May	-		Range Renta	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	01	02	03	04
				WNYPPL (O/R) 4 pm - 7 pm		
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
Steel Challenge Match (O/R) 9 am - 3 pm	Steel Challenge (O/R) 4 pm - 7 pm	4-H (I/R) 6:30 pm - 8 pm	TSC 900 Bullseye .22 (O/R) 6 pm - 8 pm	WNYPPL (O/R) 4 pm - 7 pm		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Steel Challenge (O/R) 4 pm - 7 pm		TSC 900 Bullseye cf (O/R) 6 pm - 8 pm	WNYPPL (O/R) 4 pm - 7 pm	Cowboy (O/R) 6 pm - 8 pm	Cowboy Match (O/R) 8 am - 1 pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Steel Challenge (O/R) 4 pm - 7 pm		TSC 900 Bullseye .22 (O/R) 6 pm - 8 pm	WNYPPL (O/R) 4 pm - 7 pm	WNYPPL Setup (O/R) 3 pm - 7 pm	WNYPPL Match (O/R) 8 am - 3 pm
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
	Steel Challenge (O/R) 4 pm - 7 pm		TSC 900 Bullseye cf (O/R) 6 pm - 8 pm	WNYPPL (O/R) 4 pm - 7 pm		

Club Items Sportscaster May 2024 "Club" Calendar Club Items Outdoor Ranges hours: 9am to 9pm (or dark) / Indoor Range hours: 8am to 10pm (Symbols: I/R - Indoor Pistol Range, O/R - Outdoor Rifle Range)							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
28	29	30	01	02	03	04	
				Elite Skeet 10 am - noon		Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays 10 am - 4 pm	
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Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays 10 am - 4 pm		Elite Skeet 10 am - noon	Trap, Skeet 5:30 pm - 9 pm	Elite Skeet 10 am - noon		Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays 10 am - 4 pm	
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