



# 2019/2020 MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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**OVERVIEW:** 2019 was a great year for our Club!

- Our annual membership level continues to increase. Welcome to all of our new members!
- Our new website went live at the start of 2019 and includes a calendar of events, event fliers, documents and other useful Club information. Visit us at [strgc.org](http://strgc.org)
- Our facility saw a significant expansion this year as our newest shooting range was constructed and opened to member use and competitive events. Thanks to Chemung County Soil & Water, GST BOCES, and various local Highway Departments for helping us construct this first class range!
- To help fund some of our longer range plans for improvements to our clubhouse and shooter's shack, the membership recently voted to increase our annual membership dues to \$50 per year. This is still a bargain compared to other clubs in the region and for the activities we provide!

**CLUB EVENTS:** Several successful events were hosted by STR&GC over this past year:

**FLAT LEAGUE** - The winter Finger Lakes Area Trap League continues to draw Trap shooters from our region. The February 2019 event hosted by STR&GC was a great success. For 2020, this public League starts in January and runs into March with 8 different participating clubs hosting events. STR&G will host over 200 FLAT League shooters on February 1 & 2. We can use all the member support we can get on this weekend, whether it is working the kitchen, registration, scoring or loading the trap machines!

**NYSHSCTL** - STR&GC had the honor of hosting the Elmira City School District's inaugural season in the New York State High School Clay Target League. Several of our members assisted the League, serving as coaches, safety officers and scorers for youth shooters competing in both Trap and Skeet. Our kids had a great Spring season with 3 different local shooters finishing in the top ten in their respective divisions at the State Tournament! The NYSHSCTL returned to STR&GC in the Fall for several more weeks of Trap shooting. The program's future for 2020 is still uncertain, but if it returns to STR&GC, we will be here to serve them.

**CAMERON LEAGUE** - This Trap League is open to the public and runs from late April thru June with 8 weeks of shoots followed by a shoot-off and steak dinner. The 2019 League was well attended and lots of fun. The Cameron League will continue in 2020.

**ANNUAL ROSSI SHOOT** - This successful annual event always draws talented registered Skeet shooters from across the region. In 2019, we had a great 2-day shoot in June, and were lucky to host an additional 1-day shoot in August. The annual event will return in 2020 on June 13 & 14. Save the date, as we will need all the Club volunteers we can get to help in the kitchen, at the barbeque pit and loading the skeet houses!

**BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE** - Once again, in 2019, STR&GC and our neighbors at the White Tail Buck Hunters club hosted Scouts from around our region for a spring Camporee. This is a busy weekend with over 100 youths attending. Over the course of the weekend, the kids get to develop their skills in shooting shotgun, rifle and laser pistol, as well as air rifle & archery. STR&GC has a number of qualified instructors and safety officers who assist with this great event. STR&G and the White Tail Buck Hunters will host another

Camporee in 2020 on May 15th through 17th. Volunteers are needed to assist the instructors and help at the barbeque pit and in the kitchen!

**PISTOL SHOOT** - From Spring through Fall, STR&G puts on a series of monthly competitive pistol shoots. These shoots are open to the public and are NRA-sanctioned Special Tournaments allowing out of State shooters to come into NY State & compete. We held 6 events in 2019, including shoots for bullseye, action pistol, steel plate rack, lucky draw and an awesome October Halloween monster shoot complete with Dracula and exploding pumpkins! These monthly shoots will continue for 2020, starting in April. Stay tuned as we continue to add challenging event elements to change things up!

**HUNTER SAFETY & NRA BASIC PISTOL CLASSES** - During 2019, STR&GC held two DEC Hunter Safety Classes and two NRA Basic Pistol Courses. Having certified instructors among our members helps make STR&GC a regional destination for firearms safety and use training. In 2020, we will continue to provide this important community service. NRA Basic Pistol Courses will be scheduled for the Spring and Fall. Likewise, two DEC Hunter Safety Classes for firearms will be held in the Spring and the Fall. We are also working on providing the DEC Hunter Safety Course for Archery along with a couple of different Defensive Pistol Classes, hopefully in 2020. Stay tuned!

**LUCKY DRAW SHOOT** - In June of 2019, we held our second annual Lucky Draw Shoot. This public event was very well attended and included shooting events in Trap, Skeet and Pistol. Shooters young and old had a great time. Prizes were not based upon skill level, but on luck of the draw among the participants allowing anyone to become a winner. We are planning to hold this family friendly event again in 2020.

**TURKEY SHOOT** - In November of 2019, we held our second annual Turkey Shoot. This public event included events in Trap, Pie Plate and Long Distance Rifle as well as a lucky scatter board. It was a nice, low key event with a number of shooters walking away with turkey prizes. For 2020, we are pleased to announce that the membership has voted to rename this event hereafter as the "Annual David Fleming Memorial Turkey Shoot". Sadly, we lost Dave in June of 2019, and felt this was a great way to honor the memory of such beloved active Club member and instructor.

**SUNDAY BREAKFASTS & CHICKEN BARBEQUES** - The Club continues to raise funds by holding Sunday Breakfasts for the general public from October through April. And our summertime barbeques featuring "Richie's Awesome Chicken" continue to be a big hit with the local public. We would like to continue these money-making events into 2020, but we need the help and participation of our membership. Preparing these great meals has fallen on a small core group of members, and some of us are getting weary. We are asking all members to consider joining in and helping put these events on. It's not hard work, and you get to meet and hang out with a lot of great people!

We at Sullivan Trail Rod & Gun Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our active members for all you do to make this Club a success. From administration, event planning, coordinating & execution, registration, scoring, instructing, moving clays, cooking, facility maintenance, and so on ...

We could not do what we do without you!!!

Best wishes to all for Merry Christmas and prosperous and healthy New Year!!!