



2020/2021 MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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OVERVIEW: In spite of the lousy 2020 we all just had, our Club still has some good things to report:

- Our annual membership level continues to increase. Welcome to all of our new members!
- Our facility saw more improvements this year. The trap range received new concrete shooting pads, new trap house paint, along with scoring shacks and some drainage improvements. Thanks to some generous members, both the trap and skeet fields received four nice sitting benches. The rifle range got a new gong rack, with a 32" steel gong out at 200 yards. Various tables and gun racks were refurbished. And, our kitchen got a much needed "new" stainless steel 3-basin sink.
- Despite the slow year and loss of event income, the Club has decided to maintain our annual membership dues at \$50 for the coming year. This remains a bargain compared to other clubs in the region and for the activities we provide!

CLUB EVENTS: The pandemic slowed things down a bit for sure, but we still had a lot of safe activities for our members to enjoy over the past year. While some events were cancelled and others postponed, others went on as scheduled, Here's a summary of what did and didn't happen:

FLAT LEAGUE - The winter Finger Lakes Area Trap League continues to draw top Trap shooters from our region. The February 2020 event hosted by STR&GC was a great success. Sadly, for 2021, this public League has been cancelled due to continuing Covid-19 fears.

WINTER TRAP LEAGUE - As an alternative to the cancelled FLAT League, STR&G will host our own Winter Trap League. This open weekly 50 clay shoot runs from January 3rd through February 21st with a shoot off on March 7th with a cash payout. The League shoots are held every Sunday with registration from 9 AM until 1 PM. Volunteers will be needed to help with this league, so, whether it is working the kitchen, registration, scoring or loading the trap machines, let us know if you would like to participate!

NYSHSCTL - Back in 2019, STR&GC had the honor of hosting the Elmira City School District's inaugural spring and fall seasons in the New York State High School Clay Target League. Due to Covid-19, the local trap league was cancelled for 2020. The program's future and our Club's participation for 2021 is still uncertain.

CAMERON LEAGUE - This Trap League is open to the public and normally runs from late April thru June, with 8 weeks of shoots followed by a shoot-off and steak dinner. Due to Covid-19, the 2020 League was postponed for a few weeks, but we ultimately and safely got the season in, and it was well attended. For 2021, we expect this league to continue as scheduled, beginning in late April.

ANNUAL ROSSI SHOOT - This successful annual national N SSA event always draws talented registered Skeet shooters from across the region. In 2020, this event was cancelled due to Covid-19 fears. This annual event will return in 2021 on June 26 & 27. 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 - In 2020, this popular scouting event at our facility was cancelled due to Covid-19 fears. Plans for future Camporee events at our facility have yet to be determined.

PISTOL SHOOTs - 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 2020, including shoots for 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 2021, running from April through October. Stay tuned as we continue to add challenging event elements to change things up!

HUNTER SAFETY & NRA BASIC PISTOL CLASSES - Due to Covid-19, all 2020 in person training for DEC Hunter Safety was cancelled, and all training was moved to on-line classes handled by the state. Training will continue on-line in 2021. It is unknown if and when in person Hunter Safety Training may continue.

During 2020, STR&G held one NRA Basic Pistol Courses. Two other scheduled classes were cancelled due to Covid-19 fears. In 2021, we will continue to provide this important community service. NRA Basic Pistol Courses will be announced soon for the Spring and Fall.

TURKEY SHOOT - In November of 2020, we held our annual Dave Fleming 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 cash prizes. This event will be held again in 2021, on the first Sunday in November.

FALL NIGHT TRAP SHOOTING - A few weeks back, we started a casual Wednesday evening trap shoot that has been a lot of fun. Shooting under the lights adds a whole new dimension to this fun sport!

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 2021, 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!

CLUB APPAREL: STR&G has arranged with a local business to take over the manufacture and sales of Sullivan Trail Rod & Gun Club branded apparel for our members or anyone else wishing to wear our logo. Apparel sales will include hats, T-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, and vests. A portion of the proceeds in apparel sales comes back to help operate the Club. An internet website where our apparel can be ordered will be announced soon.

We at Sullivan Trail Rod & Gun Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our active participating 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 for a Merry Christmas and prosperous and healthy 2021 New Year to all of our members and your families!!!