



# 2021/2022 MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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## **OVERVIEW:**

Our annual membership dues will be \$50 for the coming year. This remains a bargain compared to other clubs in the region and for the activities we provide! Welcome to all of our new members!

Our facility saw more improvements this year. The trap range received stone up around the scoring shacks to help control ice and mud build up in this area. The Town of Elmira re-graded the road up above the trap fields to help mitigate hillside run-off and the subsequent flooding of our fields that occurred over the past year. Thanks to an ambitious group of volunteers, a new fence was erected separating the trap and skeet fields. The Clubhouse was updated with cost-effective, long-lasting LED lighting. Future plans include ATV trails, a new shooters' shack, and Clubhouse upgrades.

## **CLUB EVENTS:**

**FLAT LEAGUE** - The regional Finger Lakes Area Trap (FLAT) League was cancelled for 2021. We are happy to report that that the FLAT League will be held once again in 2022, with all eight clubs participating. The League starts on January 8 & 9 at Millport and continues through the shoot-off on March 13 at Dryden. Sullivan Trail's date for this event is February 19 & 20. As always, we will need all the help we can get from our membership as we host nearly 200 shooters from around the region.

**WINTER TRAP LEAGUE** - As a substitute for the cancelled 2021 FLAT League, STR&G hosted our own 8-week Winter Trap League. This League was a successful and profitable replacement for the FLAT league, and drew over 30 shooters to our facility on a weekly basis. Thanks to all members who volunteered in the kitchen, registration, scoring and loading the trap machines, helping to make this League a success!

**CAMERON LEAGUE** - This Trap League is open to the public and normally runs from late April thru June, with 8 weeks of Wednesday shoots followed by a shoot-off and steak dinner. The 2021 League ran as scheduled, and was well attended. A schedule for the 2022 Cameron League will be announced soon.

**ANNUAL ROSSI SHOOT** - This successful annual national N SSA event always draws talented registered Skeet shooters from across the region. For 2021, a scheduling conflict pushed our event out to late August, and low registrant numbers resulted in the event's cancellation. The Rossi Shoot will return in 2022, on July 2 & 3. Save the dates, 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!

**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 five events in 2021, including shoots for action pistol, steel plate rack, and our popular Halloween monster shoot complete with exploding pumpkins! These monthly shoots will continue for 2022, 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 and 2021 in person training for DEC Hunter Safety was cancelled, and all training was moved to on-line classes handled by the state. We are hearing rumors that in person training may return in the near future, and we will keep the public notified if and when classes return to our Club.

**NRA BASIC PISTOL COURSES** - During 2021, we held one very successful training class with a big turnout. For 2022, 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 2021, 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 2022, on the first Sunday in November.

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST TRAP LEAGUE** - On November 14th, we started a Sunday morning Trap League to coincide with our offering of Sunday breakfasts at the Club. It's a small league and open to the public. The League runs to January 2nd 2022, and is a nice tune-up for the upcoming FLAT League. If successful, we may offer the League again in Fall 2022.

**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 2022, 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!

**MONTHLY MEETINGS** - Our monthly membership meetings take place on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 PM. It is your opportunity to participate in the decision-making and direction of YOUR Club!

**CLUB APPAREL:** - As usual, STR&G has apparel available for sale. Apparel sales include hats, T-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, and vests. Contact Club President Richie Rice for price and availability.

**SUMMER GUN RAFFLE** - We still have tickets remaining for this year's gun raffle for 3 different 22LR rifles. Drawings will be held when all tickets for each rifle are sold. Tickets are \$2 for one, \$5 for three, mix and match. See Club President Richie Rice to buy your tickets

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 grounds keeping, and so on ... We could not do what we do without you!!!

***Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and prosperous and healthy 2022 New Year to all of our members and your families!!!***