



# 2022/2023 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 a significant improvement this year with the replacement of our aging Shooters Shack. The old building was demolished and the concrete floor was removed from below the building and pavilion. New concrete was poured in both areas, and the drainage was improved around the site. A new wood stud-wall, fully-insulated structure was built, with the exterior finished in steel siding and steel roofing. The interior was finished with drywall and the floor received a beautiful epoxy finish. The lighting has been upgraded to energy efficient LEDs. Some new cabinetry and stone countertop has been added. Heat will once again be provided via woodstove, and our current stove has been completely refurbished to handle the job. This new building is notably larger than the old structure, and when fully completed, will have a narrow observation deck running along the front overlooking the Skeet Fields below.



Our Clubhouse also got a notable improvement with the addition of a new chlorine injection system for our Club's water supply. Other future improvement plans include adding ATV trails through our woods, and significant Clubhouse upgrades.

## CLUB EVENTS:

**FLAT LEAGUE** - The regional Finger Lakes Area Trap (FLAT) League returned this past year, with all 8 Clubs participating. For 2022, our Club took sixth place overall. We hosted 111 shooters at our facility on our weekend in February. The FLAT League will be held once again in 2023. The League starts on January 7 & 8, 2023 at Interlaken and continues through the shoot-off on March 12, again at Interlaken. Sullivan Trail's date to host this event is February 18 & 19, 2023. As always, we will need all the help we can get from our membership on that weekend as we could potentially see up to 200 Trap shooters from around the region.

**CAMERON LEAGUE** - This Trap League is open to the public and normally runs from April into June, with 8 weeks of Wednesday afternoon shoots followed by a shoot-off and steak dinner. The 2022 League ran as scheduled, and was well attended. The schedule for the 2023 Cameron League will be announced soon.

**ANNUAL ROSSI SHOOT** - This successful annual national NSSA event always draws talented registered Skeet shooters from across the region. For the past 3 years, our Rossi shoot had to be cancelled due to the covid

pandemic and scheduling conflicts. This coming year, we are pleased to announce that our 30th Annual Rossi Shoot will return, on its original date slot of June 24 & 25, 2023. Save these 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 three events in 2022, including shoots for long range pistol target, steel plate rack, and our popular Halloween monster shoot with exploding pumpkins! These monthly shoots will continue for 2023, as interest continues, running from April through October.

**DEC HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES** - There were no DEC Hunter Safety Courses held at the Club in 2022. We hope to resume them in the future, perhaps in 2023, as we know demand has been high for these courses.

**NRA BASIC PISTOL COURSES** - During 2022, we held one training class with a nice turnout. For 2023, we will continue to provide this important community service. NRA Basic Pistol Courses will be announced soon for the Spring and Fall. We are also working on an NRA Basic Shotgun Course. Details to come soon.

**TURKEY SHOOT** - In November of 2022, 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. Our 4th Annual Dave Fleming Turkey Shoot will be held this coming year, on Sunday, November 5th, 2023.

**BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE** - There is a Boy Scout weekend event in the works for our Club for May of 2024. It is important to start planning now as we will need range instructors and safety officers for this event.

**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 did 4 Chicken barbeques in 2022. We plan on continuing these money-making events into 2023, but we need the help and participation of our membership to make them a success!

**MONTHLY MEETINGS** - Our monthly membership meetings take place on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 PM. Many of these meetings offer a meal beforehand, beginning at 6:00 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 and T-shirts. We also plan on doing a special order for sweatshirts, hoodies, and vests soon. Contact Club President Richie Rice for price and availability.

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 construction crews, administration, event planning, coordinating & execution, registration, scoring, instructing, moving clay birds, cooking, facility maintenance and grounds keeping, and so on ... We could not do what we do without your efforts!!!

***Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and prosperous and healthy 2023 New Year to all of our members and your families!!!***