



2026 MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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OVERVIEW:

At our November 2025 Membership meeting, our members voted to increase our annual dues to take effect on January 1st, 2026. Annual membership dues are now \$65, and \$40 for senior members (aged 70 and over). A new membership application must be submitted with your renewal. This is to make sure we have your most current email on file, so that you continue to receive club communications and updates on events and meetings. Please have your application/renewal turned in by the beginning of March to remain in good standing. Welcome to all of our new members who have joined us this year!

IMPROVEMENTS:

Several Club improvements to note for this past year:

- The burners were replaced on the grill used for the Cameron League food service. This allows the Club to keep offering dinners during league shoots.
- The wall behind the shooter shack wood stove has been tiled and looks great. The stove damper has also been installed, allowing the stove to work more efficiently.
- Wi-Fi is now available at our Club and works in the main Clubhouse as well as down around the shooter shack.
- The Clubhouse siding, soffits and fascia were repaired with new lumber and flashing. An application of paint/stain was added to preserve the new work completed. Thanks to Terry Green and Scott Beach for overseeing the project, and to all the volunteers who assisted.
- Repairs to damaged target backstops on the pistol range have been completed thanks to a donation and volunteer time put into the rebuild.
- A new sign was donated and has been attached to the Club sign at the beginning of Greatsinger Road. The sign informs the public that the Club is open for Sunday breakfast served from October through April.
- New social media options for communicating Club events will be coming this year. If you have pictures, video or an awesome story about your experiences at the Club and would like to share, please speak with a board member about how to help let others know that this is a good place to be.
- A huge thank you to everyone that has offered their time and service this year to various work bees, moving clay targets, providing kitchen service and helping with running our leagues and shoots. Without the help of our volunteers and added donations to the Club we would not be able to provide all the services we have.

CLUB EVENTS:

HUNTING - Our 120 acre Club facilities are popular for hunting and they are available exclusively to our members for use. The first weekend of regular Deer Season is anticipated to begin on November 14th and 15th 2026. No shooting events are scheduled for this weekend, and we ask that our members refrain from using all ranges on these two days. Good luck to our hunting members, and please share the pictures of your harvest with the Club so we can applaud your success and post them on socials by sending it as an attachment to the club email.

FLAT LEAGUE - The regional Finger Lakes Area Trap (FLAT) League is underway for this season running from January 3rd thru March 8th. Sullivan Trail's hosting weekend on January 24 & 25 was the most challenging thus far as shooters endured the first good snow storm of the season, which produced local totals up to 12 inches. 132 shooters came out to brave the single digit temperatures on Saturday and heavy snow on Sunday. The Shoot was wrapped early Sunday as the last registered shooter completed around 10:30 AM as the snow flew. A big thank you to all the volunteers that toughed it out for this 2-day event despite the challenges of mother nature.



SPRING "CAMERON" LEAGUE – Open to the public, our Cameron Trap League will commence this year on Wednesday April 8th and run every Wednesday for 8 weeks. Starting time is 3 PM and runs until the last shooter is done. A shoot-off will be held on June 3rd. Prize money will be awarded at our annual Steak dinner on June 10th. Bring your friends to compete against you for bragging rights, have fun and maybe even win some money. Food will be available for purchase off the grill on League nights.

PISTOL SHOOT – Currently for 2026 there are no scheduled Pistol shoots. Any events scheduled for pistols posted after the release of this newsletter will be posted to our Facebook and Club website, and sent out via email.

ROSSI SKEET SHOOT – The upcoming 33rd year for this NY NSSA registered event will be held on June 20-21st weekend. A Chicken BBQ dinner will be served to shooters and volunteers on Saturday afternoon. Anyone wishing to volunteer their time for this popular event can add their name to the sign-up sheet posted on the fridge in the Clubhouse. Anyone wishing to help sponsor this event, or provide donations or sponsorship for any other leagues or events, please contact Club President Richie Rice.

SUMMER TRAP LEAGUE – Dates TBD so look for updates on Facebook and Club website, or via Club email. This Summer League has run from July into September in years past.

FALL BREAKFAST TRAP LEAGUE – This league event is open to the public and is expected to return this year in October and run for 8 weeks into early December. Shooting starts every Sunday morning at 9 AM, with the exception of the weekend that Regular Deer Season opens.

DEC HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES - There are no DEC Hunter Safety Courses currently scheduled yet. Meetings will be held in early spring to determine when this year's classes will be held.

NRA BASIC PISTOL COURSES – There are no classes scheduled at this time.



Some days, they can be a little hard to see!

SUNDAY BREAKFASTS & CHICKEN BARBEQUES - Breakfast service will continue to run from the beginning of October through the end of April, serving from 7:30 AM to around 10 AM. The ala cart menu has been replaced with a \$10 flat rate breakfast.

Our Chicken BBQ featuring “Richie’s Awesome Chicken” recipe will be returning the 3rd Saturday of every month starting in April and running through the summer. Sign-up sheets for kitchen volunteering is located on the Clubhouse fridge for anyone wishing to donate their time for Breakfast or BBQs. Monetary Donations can also be made to the club during these events.

BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE – There is no Camporee scheduled at Sullivan Trail for 2026

MONTHLY MEETINGS - Monthly membership meetings continue to run the first Wednesday of every month starting at 6PM (through April). Beginning in May, the start time will go back to 7 PM. We encourage all members to attend and be involved with decisions for the Club, and open the floor for suggestions, ideas and other ways to improve our Club's future. Elections are held this year

in December for positions of 2 Board of Directors and all Club officers for the next 2 years. Nominations from the floor for all open positions will be accepted prior to the election vote at the December monthly membership meeting.

OTHER NEWS:

CLUB APPAREL - Hats, Tee Shirts (long & short sleeve), Sweat Shirts, Hoodies, etc. are available by placing an order with Richie Rice or by asking what is available on hand during food service hours.

SKEET MACHINES FOR SALE - As a result of the upgrade of our skeet machines, we now have four Winchester V1574A Skeet Machines for sale at \$300 each, or all four for \$1000 (obo). Contact Scott Beach here at the Club if interested.

CLUB HOUSE EVENT USE: Did you know?

Members can always get together and use the Club facilities for Club-related activities. That's one of the benefits of being a member. That said, the facilities can also be available for other exclusive uses. A regular Member can reserve the Club facilities exclusively for a small private event of 25 or fewer persons (birthday party, graduation, baby shower, etc) for a daily rate of \$75. The Club can



be reserved for larger private parties of 25 or more (outings, reunions, weddings, etc) by a Member for a daily rate of \$150. Consider our space for your next family gathering. Our space has indoor bathrooms, access to a kitchen, BBQ pit, heat for the winter months and now free Wi-Fi. For more details on specific types of bookings, non-member use fees or for-profit event fees please reach out to the Facilities Manager. Events should be scheduled 2-3 weeks in advance to avoid scheduling conflicts and secure your space. As always, the Club should be left in "better than you found it" condition; and all garbage should be removed from the facility.

TRAP & SKEET FIELDS - Practice shooting is available on the fields for \$5 for each round of 25 birds. Field use is available for booked events at the practice rate per person per round. REMEMBER: You must be trained for opening and closing the fields to operate them for your own use.

Looking forward to a great 2026!