

WALLA WALLA GUN CLUB



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Editor

NEW WEBSITE @WWGC

Have you checked out the Club's new website? (Hint: it's online at <http://wallawallagunclub.com>).

Note that we have a new URL, too. It's "dot com," rather than the old "dot org."

The new website is the love-labor of **Bradley and Christopher Price**. Chris and Brad worked on the website for a long time, and have come up with a real winner. It took yours truly, the inimitable webmaster, a little while to get all the good stuff up to the server, but it's all posted now, and you can be proud that our Club is finally well websited.

I should say that Brad and Chris are also hosting our website for free. That means that they have donated space on their server to us, and are allowing our website files to reside there. Previously, we were using the Washington State Trapshooting Association's website that was hosted by a commercial company.

You might want to go out to the site next time you sit down at your computer—oh, I forgot, you probably ARE sitting down at your computer as you read this.

When you do, you'll notice some neat new features. First, the new site is easier to navigate around in. All the pages are tabbed now, on the left hand side of the welcome page, and all subsequent pages.

Go to the "Shooting Events Calendar" page by clicking the tab of that name on the left of the screen. We're using Google Calendar, so it's easy to add, modify and delete events, which means it's more likely that the calendar will be up to date whenever you go have a look at it.

You probably will also notice right away that the directions to the Club use Google Maps, which is familiar to most computer users, and thus should make it a little easier for out of towners to find us.

Have a look at the "Club Photos" page, and scroll down to the bottom of the page and find the picture of Club member **John Neel** shooting his black powder 12 ga sided by side down at the skeet range. OK, now left-click on that picture. Presto! It's a video, and you can watch the whole thing go down, cloud of black smoke and all. You'll want to listen carefully to the banter between John and the other shooters. Who says we don't have fun on the skeet range?

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THREE BIG SHOOTS HIGHLIGHT SPRING

- CAMAS PRAIRIE MARCH 21-23
- ATA REGISTERED SHOOT APRIL 6
- SCTP YOUTH SHOOT APRIL 19

Now's the time to make your plans to attend at least one of WWGC's family-friendly shooting events this coming Spring.

First on the list is the **Camas Prairie Handicap, March 21-23**. The folks at CPTA have arranged for an 800 target program of singles, handicap and doubles over three days, all ATA registered, and we'll have Craig and Lisa Uptain back in the kitchen to make your breakfast and lunch time wishes come true. This is always the highlight of the year at WWGC, and we hope lots of WWGC shooters will take in at least a part of this legendary trapshooting event.



Club members Cody and Shara Hindman were big winners at last year's WWGC Old Fashioned 1-Day Trapshoot. This shoot features 100 singles, 100 handicap, and 50 pair of doubles targets. Look for this shoot again on April 6, 2014.

For the second straight year, the first weekend in April will find us throwing our own **1-Day ATA registered shoot**. On **April 6 (Sunday)**, we will serve up 100 16-yd singles targets, 100 handicap targets, and 50 pair of doubles targets.

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The “Shoot Programs” page is where you will go if you want to look at any of our shoot programs. Right now, there are three of them up there, the Camas Prairie program, the SCTP Youth Trapshoot program, and our yearly WWGC comprehensive shoot program, which doesn’t exist in printed form just yet. You should see a hard copy of that program by March first, but you can have a sneak peak right now on the website.

If you or your kid(s) is(are) a member of our SCTP Youth Team, you will find all the latest information and printouts on the SCTP page.

In the future, we are going to get a Club Member roster up on the website. It will have password protection so that only members of WWGC can access your personal address and phone information. I get a lot of calls from members asking if I have another members’ phone number or e-mail. This should make this process a little easier, without compromising your information to those who might not be trustworthy.

•• We are getting an upgrade down at the skeet field. Last summer, your intrepid editor heard from **Seattle Skeet and Trap Club’s Mike Musga** that they were trading out their older Beomat skeet throwers for new ones, and they were offering the old ones for a very modest \$3,500 a pair. Naturally, being a shooter, I thanked Mike very much, but suggested that \$2,500 for a pair would be a more comfortable figure.

I knew that our present Western Flyer skeet traps were obsolete, and that parts have been unavailable for many years. We recently installed our last mainspring.


Three or four months went by before the dawn broke, and sure enough, Mike emailed to say they would accept our \$2,500 offer.

So after getting board permission, **Club President Mark Jungmann** and I ventured over there one day last week – it happened to be a warm, bright and sunny day in Ravensdale, WA where their club is located – and shot some skeet with Mike over the traps. Satisfied, Mark and Mike started unbolting them for the ride back to WW in Mark’s truck.

As that process was getting underway, Mike mentioned that their club had three other sets of Beomat skeet throwers they wanted to sell. And naturally, being shooters, and not being afraid to make an on-the-spot executive decision, Mark and I suggested that \$2,000 might be a very good price for us if we were to buy a second set of those traps. After a bit of a pow-wow with other SST board members, Mike agreed. We shook hands, and loaded all four skeet traps onto Mark’s flatbed for the trip to their new home.

Obviously, we have two sets of new (to us) skeet traps, and only one skeet field, so that begs the question, what are we going to do with the second set?

Simple answer – build a new skeet field next to the old one. We’ve needed and wanted a second skeet field for a very long time.

So sometime soon, when weather permits, we’ll replace the old skeet throwers, and build and wire up a new skeet field. Look for a registered skeet event at the Club sometime in the not-too-distant future. 

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We added a third great shoot this Spring, the **SCTP Youth Trapshoot, on Saturday, April 19**. Created especially for middle school and high school shooting team members, this event is actually an “open” event, meaning that anybody can shoot. No affiliation with any shooting organization is required, so anybody of appropriate age is welcome to come and try their hand.

The program consists of 50 16-yd singles targets, 25 22-yd handicap targets, and 25 pair of doubles targets, all for just \$35. There will be prizes for both middle school and high school teams and individuals, making this first youth shoot at WWGC quite a fun opportunity for area youngsters. We hope that Dayton, Waitsburg, Milton-Freewater, Athena-Weston, Pendleton, and Hermiston will each send a team or two, and it’s rumored that teams from much further are interested in attending.

We have a **fun shoot** scheduled just before the Camas Prairie, on **Sunday, March 16**. It’s called the **Applewood Smoked Bacon shoot**, with a \$30 shoot card giving the buyer 6 shoots, and a guaranteed win of some of Albertson’s awesome smoked deli bacon. This was a popular shoot last year, as it’s the first “meat” shoot of the season. It comes while the weather is still cool enough that you can remember the fun you had at the

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bacon shoot last fall. March 16 will also be a make-up day for the Club Shoot, so anyone who has missed shooting a week or more during the “Telegraphic” can make up for lost time.

Club members **Gerry Taylor** and **Dutch Meier** have organized a pair of Washington State Hunter Safety classes, the first at the Gun Club in quite a few years. Number one will commence this coming Tuesday, February 5, while the second will be around the second week in May. Watch the website for news.

We are also planning our popular **Walla Walla Valley Birdshot Challenge**, whereby the great shooters of our Club blast away against the guys and gals of M-F’s East End Club, starting in M-F and finishing in WW. It’s a fun day, with the losing club providing the libation.

The women of **Just Us Girls Sharing (JUGS)** have told me they want to do another **Pink Lady Shoot**, and it has been suggested that it will come along in May, before school is out to be sure. Coincident with that, we will have a women’s and children’s firearms safety and shooting class to acquaint new shooters with the fundamentals of the game before they go to the line for keeps during the Pink Lady shoot.

A great year is coming at WWGC. Don’t miss out!

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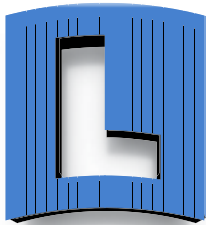
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WOW! 2014 Dues are now payable. Below please find an application form for Club membership or renewal. Please fill it out, and send it along with a check for \$50 to **Walla Walla Gun Club, Box 133, Walla Walla, WA 99362**. You should also send an additional \$30 to renew your NRA membership, or go to the Club's website at <http://wallawallagunclub.com> and click on the NRA link.

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