



# The Juneau Gun Club

## Trap Shooting News & Events



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### Message From the President

Hello Shooters  
We've kicked off another great year of

shooting with the winter trap league well underway with much more to come.

First, I would like to start by welcoming the new **Board of Directors** who were elected at our annual meeting in November. They are **Craig Dahl, Mal Menzies, Steve Bennett, Wayne Bertholl and Tammy Kramer**. The new board met and elected officers for the 2007-2008 year: *Craig Dahl, Vice President; Mal Menzies, Secretary; Steve Bennett, Treasurer; Tammy Kramer, President*. Past president Brian Buck will also serve on the board.

I don't think it's too late to make those New Year resolutions and mine are for the gun club to increase membership and involve more members in the club's activities. To do this I need the help of each of you. I would like to challenge each of you

to invite one new person out to the club sometime during the next few months, show them the club, have them shoot a round and encourage them to become a member. Bring in a new member and receive **two free** rounds of targets. My goal is to grow membership to 275. During the upcoming year we will be planning membership activities please watch our website ([www.juneaugunclub.com](http://www.juneaugunclub.com)) and your email for schedules.

The first member activity was actually held back in December with the decorating of the clubhouse and our Annual Holiday Open House. The next membership activity will be a **cleanup day** planned for sometime in March when most of the snow has left! (Watch for details).

In keeping with my goal to involve more members we have set up two new committees to assist with the operations of the club and are now looking for members to volunteer to help in each of these areas.. I believe that the committees will not only help

spread the work around to get more done for the benefit of all members, it will also help each of us understand what an awesome club this is. We have formed a **"Grounds Committee"** and **"Trap Committee"**, so if any of you are interested in helping in these areas please let me know as soon as possible. A few hours of your time will really help with important project intended to improve the club.

The club has received the order of components. We now have in stock: 7 1/2's & 8 Shot, Winchester primers, Down Range wads, Duster wads, Green Dot powder & Clays powder. Please see Scott or our website for pricing. We currently have Juneau Gun Club patches in stock and will soon be stocking imprinted hats.

As always, I hope each of you enjoys your time out at the Club. If you ever have a question or comment please feel free to contact myself or one of your club officers.

Good Shooting  
*Tammy*

### Important Notice

**The Juneau Gun Club will be closed for open shooting on Sunday April 13th because of the spring two-day competitive shoot. (See flier insert)**

### Voice Release Equipment—According to the New Testament

In the beginning man called "pull" to have a human throw clay targets and it was good. But with all things human there were those pesky slow or no pulls. So man created the wired voice releases. Their cost was great but their use greatly diminished the number of pesky slow pulls. Man saw that this was good. But with all things human improper handling led to problems with birds failing to be flung as connectors and wires were tweaked, stretched, knotted and twisted all while microphones and control boxes were dropped and abused. Spare components and repair parts were purchased at great expense and installed to keep them working. Man saw that this was bad so he invented the wireless voice release. Man saw that having no wires and connectors was good and stood back to admire his ingenuity. As with all things human a new problem was created. Wireless microphones are more sensitive to rough handling than the wired ones and parts and replacements are even more expensive. So what does man do now?

Thou shalt not roughly handle any voice release components, wired or wireless.  
Thou shalt not tweak, stretch, knot or twist any of the wires or connectors.  
Thou shalt not leave them exposed to the weather when not in use.

Observing these simple commandments should please the trap gods, keep your scores improving, "no pulls" to a minimum, reduce repair and replacement expenditures and help to minimize increases in the cost of a round of trap. Man will see that as good.

Amen

### 2007-08 Juneau Gun Club Board of Directors

President <i>Tammy Kramer</i>	Past President <i>Brian Buck</i>	Vice President <i>Craig Dahl</i>	Secretary <i>Malcolm Menzies</i>	Treasurer <i>Steve Bennett</i>	Director <i>Wayne Bertholl</i>
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## Something's Missing ! Finally !

One of the less noticeable changes inside the club is the removal and disposal of an older refrigerator that was no longer in use. This opened space to add two multi-shelf storage racks for member's gun



cases or other items during our winter league events. This has freed up space at the tables for member use.

Outside, the large "metal safe" that has shadowed the barbecue pit for several years is also missing. For those that don't know the history of the safe, it was simply one of those great ideas that never quite worked. The idea was that the large safe would make a great 'gun safe". All we had to do was get it inside the building. The donated safe waited patiently protected from the elements by a tarp. Eventually the concrete pad it was sitting on started to settle and the weather took its toll on hinges and locks. It was clear the safe wasn't destined for club use.

The safe couldn't simply be scrapped because the insulation within this safe contained material restricting the safe's disposal as "scrap metal". So in order to give it away as a working safe we had to be able to work the combination and open/



close the doors. Doaks Lock & Key went to work to clear the moisture & oxidization inside the actual combination dial as well as the rust on hinges. The carefully-saved combination actually worked once it was all cleaned and the safe is now in possession of a new owner.

The largest project was the removal of the old aluminum trailer near the entrance to the Gun Club. The metal enclosed 20' Fruehauf trailer with an unknown history, has been an eyesore in the alders for many years. Channel Construction, Inc agreed to take the trailer as part of a scrap metal haul scheduled for spring of '08.

Member Hank Masters deserves a big round of applause for the construction and installation of the new gun and case rack that lines the front wall of the club. As everyone knows who has participated in winter league in years past, the guns and gun cases took over the tables and couches. The quality constructed rack accommodates virtually all the guns in use at any given time, and the shelf space, along with the new shelves mentioned above, have all but eliminated the random stacks of cases and shooting gear, allowing members to sit, stand and visit without tripping over someone's "stuff". Say thanks to Hank next time you see him.

## Scorers Benches to get Overhaul

Several years ago, Russ Shivers and the crew at T&S welding constructed and donated the four aluminum scorers benches that have served members well. However, time, use and weather have taken their toll on the benches and most need some TLC. One of the benches did get some minor repairs before league, but the goal is to have all four benches fully restored during 2008. Bracing, straightening of structural members, replacing tires, and replacing the roofs all need to be done this year.

## Upcoming Events

### **The Annual Legislative 3-Gun Shoot - Saturday March 15, 2008 9:00 am-3:00 pm**

This event, sponsored by *The Alaska Correctional Officers Association*, involves legislators, staff and guests fielding 3 person teams to compete in trap, .22 rifle and center fire pistol. This year the new indoor range facility will be used for the pistol event and perhaps the rifle event depending on weather.

Breakfast will be served to early arriving teams and lunch for the later arrivals. The club will be closed for member practice all day, but members are welcome to stop by and watch or volunteer to help with the various activities. The Alaska Correctional Officers Association provides most of the supplies and clubhouse staff but we always need more volunteers on the range. If you can help with this event please call 789-9844 and let us know. This event is a great way to showcase the JGC and the indoor range while being good hosts to the people that make Juneau their home for the legislative session.

### **Two Day PITA Registered Trap shoot - April 12 and 13**

This multi-day shoot is an 800-target event, which will include 250 pair of doubles, 100 singles and 200 handicap over the two days. Food will be served during the day including an evening BBQ. Invitations have gone out to many of the Alaska and Yukon PITA and ATA members and we're hoping for some to make the trip to join the Juneau shooters. Hotel space is limited because of the Folk Festival, which is the same weekend; so if any of you would be willing to host a visiting shooter or provide rides to those without rental cars, please let us know by calling 789-9844.

The event brochure has been included in the newsletter and is also on the JGC website.

### **Monthly Registered Shoots (Alternating ATA & PITA) - Second Saturday of each month**

Schedule of shoots is avail on the website at [www.juneaugunclub.com](http://www.juneaugunclub.com)

### Club Projects for 2008

**Parking Lot to be paved in the spring.** Bids for the paving of the parking lot have been received, but were too late in the season to get the work done before freezing and snow. Work should begin as soon as spring arrives and the parking lot free of winter frost. The project will result in all parking areas receiving a layer of asphalt.

**The front porch to the clubhouse** will also be repaired this spring. The sagging roof currently held up by temporary beam, and rotted joists under the deck will be repaired or replaced.

**The inside of the clubhouse** will see a significant change when the office will be relocated to the space currently used for storing shooting supplies. This will open up more floor space for member activities and give the office better access to supplies.

**At the back of the clubhouse** two large shipping vans will be permanently placed this spring. The vans will be positioned such that a roof can be constructed on top of them with the vans serving as secure dry storage on the sides with covered storage in between. This will allow for more secure storage of club assets, more room to store shooting supplies, and provide for covered work space year around.

**The entrance to the club property** will be the focus of a work party this spring to clear trees and rocks and create a more landscaped appearance, in keeping with the improvements done by the new indoor shooting range.

### A Better Place . . . . .

Former (very) active shot gunner, hunter, fisher and general outdoorsman Schuyler J. Stevens passed on to a better place on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 while recovering from surgery in Phoenix, Arizona. Schuyler was retired from the Alaska Department of Transportation and lived part time in Arizona City, AZ (P.O. Box 2747---85233) and Juneau where he worked at R & M Engineering. Schuyler lived with his charming wife Margie and left in this world Mark (a Phoenix engineer), David ( a Juneau assistant engineer), Linda ( a retired Anchorage state employee). He will join in a better world his son Richard who was the victim of an Alaskan fishing accident in the mid 1980's.



For those that may not remember, Schuyler picked the site for the present **Juneau Gun Club**. He and Malcolm Menzies conducted the surveys, soils and civil engineering design of this grand facility. Schuyler oversaw all the initial construction.

Schuyler was raised in Kentucky where he met and married his high school sweetheart Margie. He was called away from the University of Kentucky to serve in the Korean War. Schuyler served in the Army Infantry, where he was highly decorated and was reported to be the youngest First Sergeant, at the time, serving in the war. He returned to Kentucky where he worked as a highway engineer there and in Florida until 1964 when he moved to Juneau where he spent his remaining career. Schuyler was active in Juneau's Little League, the Juneau Gun Club, the Juneau Fire Department, the Alaska and Arizona National Guard among his many activities. He will be missed.....

### Ever Wonder How It All Gets Done?

The board of directors would like the membership to know a few of the people who have helped out with some of the projects over the past few months. This "really is" a member driven organization:

- To **Scott and Mona Yarnell** for all the "extra" hours they put in on overall club maintenance, extra activities and especially winter league.
- To **Wayne Berthol** for assisting in lighting and grounds maintenance as well as gathering the trash and giving kind words to **Bicknell Inc.** and **Channel Construction** in hauling the truck trailer and safe away.
- To **Doaks** Lock and Key in opening the safe.
- To **Steve Bennett, Tom Boutin, Wendall Wassman** and **Cindy Berthol** in decorating the club house for our holiday open house and "meet-the-directors event."
- To **Scott Billingsley** for climbing the light pole standards, adjusting and changing out the lights to aid all of us in night shooting; and advising, installing and repairing all of the voice releases.
- To **Malcolm Menzies** for designing and **Mal & Pete Hudson** for laying out and **Jay Davis** for field reviews and inspection of traps #1 and #4.
- For **Hank Masters** for designing and constructing our new shotgun racks and gun case selves.
- To **Wayne Berthol** for buying the new plastic gun case shelves.
- To **Judy Bowler** for donating (and making) the door prize earrings at our open house.
- To **Pavitt Fitness** for door prize donations at our open house.
- To **AML** for all their help over the years in shipping and delivery.
- To **Tammy Kramer** and her every helping husband **Kevin** for all the years of service to all of us members

We have probably missed a few (like the newsletter guy and the webmaster **Craig Dahl**...but who's counting?), but we will try to keep acknowledging the people who help out and keep the club running through their volunteer time and resources. Certainly the list is long !

Thank you,  
**JUNEAU GUN CLUB**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### Juneau Gun Club Mission Statement

**Provide the facilities and resources that promote family participation and fellowship within the shooting sports, principally shotgun, with an emphasis on firearms safety, hunter education and competitive shooting.**

### WANT TO BUY/SELL

Want to buy a Browning BT-99 and have a Remington 11-87 to sell. Call George King (907) 523-8951.

## ***What is registered shooting?***

***Registered Trap shooting*** means shooting targets under the auspices of a governing organization, in the United States that means the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) or the Pacific International Trapshooting Association (PITA). The rules governing shooting events are nearly identical in both organizations. The Associations record your scores in an official registry and maintain a database of everyone's accumulated target count and averages in each of the three trapshooting disciplines: Singles, Handicap and Doubles. This registry is then published annually. The Juneau Gun Club shoots under the auspices of both of the Associations.

A typical Registered Trap shoot consists of five events of 100 targets each, held over a two-day weekend. Singles, Handicap and Doubles are generally shot on Saturday, with a second singles and Handicap event held on Sunday. Trophies are awarded to Class and Yardage winners and several combinations of betting "options" are available for those who want to wager on their scores. Shooters are grouped into groups of similar ability bases on their historic averages. Because of the size of The Juneau Gun Club our typical Registered Trap shoot consists of three events of 100 targets each, held on the second Saturday of every month.

Registered shoots are scheduled regularly throughout

the year in every state. Schedules for registered shoots can be obtained from the sponsoring organizations websites. Each state also hosts a State Shoot once a year where monies from the state and daily fees are returned to shooters in the form of added prizes and purses.

JGC sponsors registered shoots on the second Saturday of every month with lunch served (most of the time) for a nominal fee. Our shoots alternate between ATA and PITA with the option to cross register your targets with both organizations. The annual membership cost for ATA is \$20 and PITA is \$18, the target year is 11/1- 10/31. Your membership must be current to participate in the registered shoots. Our current fee for registered targets is \$20 for the 100 targets and \$15 for each additional 100 targets. If you chose to cross register your targets the fee is \$4.00. We welcome all skill levels of shooters to join us, if you aren't sure you want to shoot come out and see what it's all about, we are always looking for score keepers!

For the first time in numerous years JGC will host a PITA two-day shoot on April 12 & 13. The shoot program will consist of 250 pairs of doubles, 100 singles and 200 handicap targets. We are currently looking for score keepers and trap loaders. If anyone is interested in working this shoot please contact Tammy Kramer at [jnuak@gci.net](mailto:jnuak@gci.net) or leave a message at the club. Watch you mail for more details on this upcoming shoot.

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