



Waukesha, Wisconsin

22nd ANNUAL

**CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIP
SHOOT**
and GET-TOGETHER

APRIL 15-16, 1961

This Shoot Commemorates
the
SILVER ANNIVERSARY
of the
Founding of the
WAUKESHA GUN CLUB

INTRODUCTION

It is with great pleasure and with considerable pride that we send you this commemorative program on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the club. It is indeed fitting that the date of this club championship shoot coincides almost exactly with the anniversary date, as this shoot in one day exemplifies what we have worked for during the last twenty-five years. It gives us fellowship with our shooter friends; it gives us competition on a fair and equitable basis; it rewards our fleeting triumphs with suitable trophies; it gives us good clean recreation in the open air and amid pleasant surroundings; it restores our confidence in the honesty and sportsmanship of our fellows.

This program booklet was prepared to remind our old members of their labors and achievements and to start some "way back when" reminiscences. It was prepared to give our new members an insight into the background and spirit of the club. It was prepared to inspire present members to continue their cooperative efforts to keep the club on its present high plane and even improve it. It was prepared with the thought that perhaps elsewhere it might inspire some other group to similar efforts and thus promote this sport we love so well.

Our Committee has attempted over the years to put into effect the wishes of our membership — testing and tempering the suggestions offered, and has tried to steer a course that would serve the best interests of the most over the longest stretch of time. History will be the sole judge of the success of our efforts in your and our own behalf.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Saturday SKEET Apr. 15, 1961

1:00 P.M.

.410 GAUGE (2½ in.) 25 TARGETS 3 LEWIS CLASSES

Entry incl. targets, trophies\$1.75

Trophies

Champion
Class Winners
High Non-Member (if 6)

HANDICAP 25 TARGETS 0-12 YARDS

Entry incl. targets, trophies\$1.75

Trophies

First Four Places
Lady
High Non-Member (if 6)

The .410 event will be run on Field 2; the Handicap on Field 1 simultaneously. Please avoid conflicts.

The Club will be open for practice at 12:00 noon on Saturday, April 15. Skeet practice will stop at 1:00 P.M. when the events begin and resume after they are over. Trap practice all afternoon. No practice of any kind on Sunday, April 16.

CURRENT OFFICERS

Tom Bloom	President
Carl Koeffler	Vice President
Vic Reinders	Secretary
A. J. Larsen	Treasurer
Sam Tagart	Field Captain
Percy Clemans	Director
Tom Schmitt	Director
Paul Kozlowski	Director

Shoot Program Committee

Vic Reinders, General Chairman

Trap Section

Gene Durant, Chr.
Bob Sommerfeld
Harry Wisniewski
Tom Lobdell
Oscar Jeskewitz
Sam Tagart
Harold Malkow

Skeet Section

Ed Scherer, Chr.
John Matchette
Walter Fortmann
Neal Hartwell
Carl Berndt
Jack Glock
Paul Grossman

Sunday TRAP Apr. 16, 1961
9:00 A.M.

SINGLES 50 TARGETS 5 CLASSES
Entry incl. targets, trophies\$3.00

Trophies

Trap Champion
First, Second, Third in Each Class
Fourth, Fifth in Classes C, D, E
Non-member — One Lewis class each 10 entries.

HANDICAP 25 TARGETS 16-25 YARDS
Entry incl. targets, trophies\$1.50

Trophies

First Five Places
Lady
Each Yard — (20-21) (22-25) as one.
Non-member — One place each 10 entries.

DOUBLES 12 PAIR 5 LEWIS CLASSES
Entry incl. targets, trophies\$1.50

Trophies

Champion
Class Winners
High Non-member (if 6)

Classification

- A — 92% and up
- B — 87 to 92%
- C — 80 to 87%
- D — 70 to 80%
- E — Under 70%

Shooting Schedule — No practice shooting today.

75 entries in trap and 15 in skeet will shoot per hour. Come early, especially if you plan on shooting the whole program or most of it. **See note under shooting schedule.**

Lunch — Free barbecued buffalo sandwiches prepared by Bill Johnson of Remington, coffee, soft drinks, served beginning about 11:30 a.m.

Eligibility — Anyone who was a member on March 1, 1961, his wife, and children under 18, is eligible for all members awards. Dues for 1961-62 need not be paid to be eligible. Dues may be paid at shell counter. Members who joined after March 1, 1961 will shoot as non-members for this year.

Sunday SKEET Apr. 16, 1961
8:30 A.M.

50 TARGETS 5 CLASSES
Entry incl. targets, trophies\$3.50

Trophies

Skeet Champion
First and Second in Each Class
Third in Class E
Non-member (if 6)
Classification: Same scale as used for trap.

Special Trophies

Lady Champion	High Over All — 199 Tgts.
Lady Runner-up	Trap All-around — 99 Tgts.
Junior (under 18)	Skeet All-around—100 Tgts.
Sub-junior (under 15)	Panetti Trophy — 16 Yd. & Handicap
Cub (under 13)	
Family Champions	Fuller Trophy — Trap Handicap

The above titles may be shot on either trap or skeet.

Brassards

Brassards to Champions, Class Champions, Handicap, Doubles, .410, Skeet Handicap, Lady, Junior, Sub-Junior, Cub, Family, High Over All, Trap All-around, Skeet All-around. Ties for brassard places shoot off, other ties by reverse score, then lot.

SHOOTING SCHEDULE

This schedule must be followed to prevent conflicts.

Skeet starts at 8:30 A.M. and is shot continuously until finished. About 15 shooters shoot per hour.

Trap singles start at 9:00 A.M. Six traps will be used so 75 shooters start per hour — three squads at a time. Should finish about noon. Handicap starts immediately after singles, using 5 traps so 5 squads start at a time. Doubles immediately after handicap on four traps. Shootoffs started during doubles.

IF YOU ARE SHOOTING THE WHOLE PROGRAM do it one of these ways:

1. Get in one of the first 6 skeet squads (reserved for this purpose) and then enter trap after you finish your skeet.
2. Get in one of the first 12 trap squads and in skeet squads 7 to 11. Enter handicap **after** you shoot skeet.
3. Pay no attention to either of the above and foul up the shoot but good.

If in spite of all efforts there is still a conflict you will be scratched from skeet because you can get back in there later, but not in trap when the event is over. Don't start skeet if you are up in trap within 45 minutes as it takes that long to finish skeet.

Figure one skeet squad to start every 20 minutes. Three trap squads start every 12 minutes. Five handicap squads start every 12 minutes. Watch it — certainly the entry taker can't watch 200 people. An approximate schedule is posted.

Now read all of the above again.

NOTES

Trophies — A shooter may win as many trophies as he is capable of winning but may not win a place and yardage trophy in the handicap or a championship and class trophy in the same event.

Family Teams — May consist of husband-wife or parent-child teams only. Children over 18 must be members to qualify.

Classification — Based on last 10 scores on Club average books and known ability. Last year's class winners probably raised. Decision of the seven man committee is final. Those with less than 10 scores will be treated as fairly as possible but must remember that they have not yet conclusively demonstrated their true ability.

Trap Handicap — Not necessarily same as ATA yardage. Usually Class E shooters will be 16 yards, Class D shooters 17 yards.

Rules — Disputes will be settled by ATA and NSSA rules, Club posted rules, Exec. Comm. ruling following custom.

Fuller Trophy — The perpetual trophy will go to the winner of the handicap for one year. Bob Tiff is the present holder. The winner also receives a permanent trophy.

Panetti Trophy — The perpetual trophy goes to high on singles and handicap combined and he holds it for one year. Frank Gehringer is present holder.

Shells — Buy shells separately at the counter. \$2.15 per box; certain factory loads \$1.75. This will speed up the cashier line. If you do not get your shells too soon they will not get lost.

INFORMATION

Again we are proud to send you the program for our annual Club Championship Shoot. Last year the entries were: singles — 228, skeet — 107, handicap — 201, doubles — 128. No other club in the U.S. can even touch that.

This is the one shoot of the year expressly designed for our members — who made the club. It will be run under tournament conditions so it will be a good warm-up for the tournament shooters. However, it is made to order for our new shooters as we have five classes in both trap and skeet. Classes C, D and E are the biggest classes so we have added more trophies in those classes.

Make a day of it. Fine lunch too, to tide you over noon. You'll be proud of the fine trophy you may take home. And you won't miss the shoot the next year either.

1960 WINNERS

TRAP

Harold Malkow	Champion	48
John F. Kurth	Class A 1st	47 & 24, 22
Gene Schmitt, Sr.	2nd	47 & 24, 21
Frank Gehringer	3rd	47 & 20
Paul Kozlowski	Class B 1st	47 & 24
Andy Patoka	2nd	47 & 23
Don Forbes	3rd	47 & 22
Nita Sommer	Class C 1st	47
Harold Keller	2nd	46
Bill Gehringer	3rd	46
Barry Thiel	Class D 1st	43 & 21
Frank Rossetto	2nd	43 & 19
Les Raymond, Jr.	3rd	42
Harold Held	Class E 1st	46
Ed Mock	2nd	43
Iver Jorgensen	3rd	40

SKEET

Gene Durant	Champion	50
John Ernst	Class A 1st	49 & 24, 25
John Matchette	2nd	49 & 24, 24
Bob Hine	Class B 1st	49
August Kammerer	2nd	48
Paul Grossman	Class C 1st	48
Carl Berndt	2nd	47
Bill Schlesner	Class D 1st	46
Ted Bachhuber	2nd	45
Frank Mancuso	Class E 1st	47
Richard Matchette	2nd	46

OTHER CHAMPIONS

Nita Sommer	Lady Champion	47
Julie Deckert	Lady Runner-up	44
Richard Matchette	Junior Champion	46
Bill Gehringer	Sub-Jr. Champion	46
Richy Robertson	Cub Champion	32
John Ernst	High Over All	135 & 24
Carl Koeffler	Trap All Around	90
John & Richard Matchette	Family	95

HANDICAP

1st — Bob Tiff, 24 yds.	24 & 24
2nd — Frank Gehringer, 22 yds.	24 & 21
3rd — Tony Steiner, 18 yds.	24 & 20
Lady — Nancy Kieckhefer, 18 yds.	22
16 yd. — Ed Mock	21
17 yd. — Cliff Andrae	22
18 yd. — Nancy Kieckhefer	22
19 yd. — Tom Lobdell	22
20-21 yd. — Frank Mazanet	23
22-25 yd. — Sam Tagart	23

DOUBLES

Champion — Gene Durant	22
Class A — Jack Borisch	21
Class B — Carl Berndt	16
Class C — Bob Woodard	14
Class D — John Kaminski	13
Class E — Harry Buchholz	11

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF HISTORY

Early in 1936 A.M. (Mack) Gigous, D.W. (Dick) Marsh and L. S. (Larry) Walker got the idea of starting a gun club. Gigous and Marsh had run a couple of shoots over a trap set up just southwest of town the fall before. They contacted Vic Reinders who had done a little shooting in Milwaukee and Madison the previous couple of years. Together with Harry Dunham, the Remington professional, these four men decided it had possibilities and a preliminary meeting was held on March 12th at the Wisconsin Hotel in Waukesha. While others were present the only other name mentioned in those minutes is that of Carl Schweder who was appointed to see Joe Heinzelman in regard to leasing land at our present site. Dues were set at \$5.00, which eventually came to cover the first two years. Even at that early date a shoot was proposed for the last half of April.

At the second meeting on March 23rd committees were appointed to arrange a lease and to secure building materials. It was decided by a vote of 11 to 0 to also install a skeet field. So at least eleven prospects attended this meeting. The Club joined the Guy V. Dering League and set September 20th as our first registered shoot. A used Western trap was purchased for \$30.00 and another bought later at the same price. A week later a Remington Wonder skeet outfit was ordered at a cost of \$90.00. The opening shoot was set for April 19th. The April 6th meeting was largely devoted to getting organized for the first shoot.

The actual organizational meeting of the Club was on April 21st at which time a Constitution and By-Laws were adopted. The Club was soon incorporated as a non-profit corporation. The men who had been chosen as temporary officers at the first meeting were now elected as the first permanent officers. They are listed elsewhere in this program. There were 15 members present although all 28 who had paid dues at or before the April 21st meeting were considered charter members. They are listed elsewhere also.

The first shoot was held on April 19, 1936. No count of shooters is available but 4,485 targets were thrown. D. C. Hayward of Weyauwega was high in trap with 45. Frank Mazanet of Madison was high in skeet with 48 and Herb Wolfram of Lake Mills won the handicap with 22. A goodly crowd did attend, however, largely rounded up by Harry Dunham. We had two traps and one skeet field.

Members did all of the work of laying out the trap and skeet fields and of building the houses — out of second hand lumber. Most of it was done by Mack Gigous and Dick Marsh who would go out there at 4:00 A.M. and work until they had to go to their jobs. We had no clubhouse or other shelter. The member in

charge of the shooting each Sunday operated out of his car and brought back the shells left over. A small 5 x 8 building was built that summer and served as "office". Later it proved useful for a shell house and was used until about 1946.

A 16 x 24 frame clubhouse was built in 1937 and served us well until the crowd hit us in 1946 after the war.

In 1938 or '39 we put another trap in the center of the skeet field — this was a Black Diamond. We also built a fourth trap house to the left but it was empty except when we needed more traps for a big shoot like the Hunters Special. Then we took out the skeet traps, put one in this house and another in a take-down house at the other end of the line and thus had five traps to use as early as 1939.

In 1939 the Hunters Specials started in the state. The first one was in Milwaukee but it was run largely by a crew from Waukesha. There were 228 entries. We ran our first one that fall and had 160 entries in it along with a regular registered shoot. The next was in the fall of 1940. After that we ran two a year, except for the war years, as we do at present. We have had 34 now. Our largest was in September 1947 with 214 entries. These shoots have been an outstanding part of our club activities.

In 1939 we held our first annual club championship shoot on April 16th. There were so few members then that to achieve any kind of competition at all we had to run the trap event as a sliding handicap with shooters moving up or back every five shots. George Wileden won it with 44. In skeet there were even less so we used an added target handicap. Vic Reinders had 48 plus 1 added. A total of but 18 shooters competed in either event.

In 1940 the club trap championship was changed to four classes. Wileden won again on 46 and George Shrake won the skeet championship with 45 plus 5 added. There were 24 shooters in all. In 1941 skeet was changed to two classes. A rule was instituted about this time that no person could win both championships. This affected Reinders in 1942 and 1948 and Walter Grell in 1947, each of them being high or tied in both. The rule was discarded again about 1958 when the shoot had become so big that no one person could dominate both events. Handicap and doubles were added to the championship program in 1941.

In 1940 we planned to buy and move to a place off Highway 59 west of Waukesha but ran into difficulty on a zoning ordinance. That year we replaced our traps with three new Western hand pulled traps at a cost of about \$200.

We went into the war years with a goodly supply

of shells and targets, even selling some targets to the Milwaukee Gun Club for the state shoot. Shooting was carried on about as usual through 1942. In 1943 shooting was conducted only the first Sunday of each month. In 1944 the only shooting was the annual club championship shoot. No shooting was done at all in 1945 but it returned with a bang in 1946, although shells were pretty scarce. We did a lot of shooting with army surplus shells and with some 3 1/4 1 1/8 8 loads we picked up.

Early in 1946 we took the bull by the horns and bought the land we had been on for ten years. The 30 acres cost us \$6,000.00. At the time our resources consisted of three traps, a skeet outfit, a 16 x 24 clubhouse and \$2,300.00. We kept the cash for operating purposes, raised about half the purchase price through life memberships at \$50.00 and the rest through four year loans, mostly without interest. Inor Frederickson and Pete Emslie ramrodded the deal and did a considerable amount of the work that followed, together with Pete Stude.

As soon as the land was purchased we tore out everything but the clubhouse and went to work leveling with a bulldozer. We bought out Jim Clark's whole equipment, resold parts of it, and moved over some skeet houses and skeet traps. We set up two skeet fields and built three concrete trap houses, our present numbers 3, 4 and 5. We also started 6, 7 and 8, finished them in 1947, and also built 1 and 2 in time to use them for a shoot in July. This was the first time we ever ran eight traps and we did it to demonstrate that we could handle the state trap shoot, which we intended to bid for the next year. Almost all of this labor was done ourselves, with the exception of the laying of the blocks. We also installed electric controls on the skeet fields in 1947 in preparation for the state skeet shoot which we held for the first time that year.

The original dues were \$2.00 per year. In 1947 we changed it to \$3.00. In 1957 we made it \$5.00.

The clubhouse got too small in the winter of '47-'48 so we added a 24 x 24 extension and covered the outside with log siding the next summer, again doing all the work ourselves. We also acquired a fine well that year. Both of these things were partly in preparation for the state trap shoot which we held for the first time.

In 1949 we built another 20 x 24 building to use for lunch purposes at big shoots and as a shell house, and as a storage space the rest of the year. We also put handicap walks on the remaining four traps. A practice trap was built in 1950 — and practically paid for itself at the state shoot that year. We bought a Cub tractor for mowing, snow plowing and hauling and then built a 20 x 24 garage to house it and our other tools and equipment.

From 1951 to 1956 we kept improving the appearance of the grounds and adding refinements here and there. Things were in the offing, however, so we appointed a long range planning committee in 1955 to

establish needs and priorities for various items. At the Executive Committee meeting May 12, 1955 we committed ourselves to a new clubhouse. Plans were worked on all that year and early '56. Tom Carpenter headed up the building committee and he and Earl Marsh did most of the directing on the building. We moved the old clubhouse out of the way to the west for temporary use and then sold it. The new one was built on the old site and was completed in time to be used for the state shoot in July.

The clubhouse is T shaped with the top of the T being 24 x 72 for the main lobby. The side toward the traps is all windows. The leg of the T is 40 x 26 and houses the office, furnace room, toilets, trophy room and a wide corridor to the lobby from the parking lot. It is constructed of concrete block faced with lannon stone. All trim, inside and out, is redwood.

The building was financed out of our cash reserve, 60 more life memberships, 60 or 70 prepayments of dues, and a few thousand in loans from members. We were in the black again by the end of the year.

In 1959 the skeet houses were replaced with larger steel houses, designed and built largely by Tom Bloom. Four automatic loading traps were purchased and installed. At the same time electric cables were laid along the trap line and nine Western electric traps purchased and installed. An enlarged parking lot was provided by filling the slough by the road and surfacing with stone.

Originally the club was open all day on Sundays but this was quickly cut to mornings only, when it was found that it spread the shooting too much and shooters lost interest. In 1957 Saturday afternoon shooting was started and proved very successful. Only practice is held Saturdays with special events being usually featured on Sundays. We have only been stopped by weather twice, by blizzards in '47 and '59. We threw a quarter million targets for the first time in 1947, a half million in 1957, and three-quarters million in 1960. In the whole 25 years we have thrown 5,914,000 targets — it will be over 6,000,000 by the anniversary date.

Our most outstanding program is probably our weekly competition shoots all winter, culminated by our club championship shoot in April. These programs create shooters who go on to other types of competition. Our club championship shoot, which had 271 entries last year, is an event unmatched anywhere in the country.

So here you have a not-too-brief summary of what makes us tick and has kept us ticking for 25 years. With like effort we will continue to be the most active and well-rounded shotgun club in the world. Those of us associated with the club in the past are proud of it; what happens to it in the next 25 years is in your hands.

CLUB CHAMPIONS

Year	Trap	Skeet
1939	George Wileden 44 s	Vic Reinders 48 a
1940	George Wileden 46	George Shrake .. 45 b
1941	Vic Reinders 47	Vic Reinders 46
1942	Dick Marsh 45	Vic Reinders 48
1943	Art Niles 47	none
1944	Jack Strass 44	none
1945	No Shoot Held	
1946	Jack Strass 49	Mike Teskey 45
1947	Walter Grell 46	Fred Goldenstedt 49
1948	Sam Tagart 50	Vic Reinders 49
1949	Jim Rasmussen .. 50	Tom Carpenter .. 49
1950	Sam Tagart 50	Vic Reinders 48
1951	Merlin Davis 48	Vic Reinders 49
1952	Clarence Mohr .. 49	Walter Grell 49
1953	Vic Reinders 49	Ed Scherer 50
1954	Claude Olney 49	Bill Kieckhefer .. 49
1955	Jim Rasmussen .. 50	Ed Scherer 49
1956	Bob McCurdy 48	Walter Grell 49
1957	Gene Durant, Sr. 47	Ed Scherer 50
1958	Frank Gehringer 50	Ed Scherer 49
1959	Bob Sommer 50	Jim Settlage 49
1960	Harold Malkow .. 48	Gene Durant, Sr. 50

s — sliding handicap a — add. tgt. h'cap, had 48 plus 1
b — had 45 plus 5

Kohler Sportsmanship Award

This award was set up by Vic Kohler in memory of his teen-age son Joe who died suddenly of polio. It is awarded, upon recommendation of a special committee, to the person judged to have best exhibited the traits of sportsmanship during the previous year. Past awardees are:

1949	"Tommy" Reinders	1955	Vic Reinders
1950	Tom Bloom	1956	Tom Carpenter
1951	"Pop" Gigous	1957	Helen Carpenter
1952	George Wileden	1958	Percy Clemans
1953	Kay Lewis	1959	Bill Johnson
1954	Earl Marsh	1960	A. J. Larsen

Original Officers and Charter Members

*d	A. M. Gigous	President
*	D. W. Marsh	Vice President
*	L. S. Walker	Secretary
*	Carl Schweder	Treasurer
*d	Wilford Fieldhack	Field Captain
*	Vic Reinders	Director
*	Francis Perry	Director
*	Les Winzenried	Director
	Mike Adams	Fred Krumhaus
	Chet Blott	Otto Oestreich
	Harold Bluhm	d Bill Phipps
d	Henry Friz	*d A. J. Saeger
*d	Merrit Gigous	T. P. Schmitt
*	Wayne Hallgarth	* Victor Thiel
*	Leo Hicks	*d Clarence Underberg
	Ed Hoffman	* T. G. Wilder
	C. M. Ihrig	A. D. Wilson
	Dr. David Jarvis	Fred Zickerick

* — Attended meeting April 21, 1936
d — Deceased

Past Presidents

A. M. Gigous	1936-38
Vic Reinders	1938-42
George Wileden	1942-57
Tom Carpenter	1957-59
Tom Bloom	1959-

A NOTE

In gathering all of the information from which to compile the history and other records of the club for the past 25 years I spent a couple of days digging through my diary, clippings in my scrap book and also one kept by the club for a couple of years, all the minutes of meetings, the annual financial statements, the treasurer's books, newspaper files, shoot records I maintain for statistical control of the club, and a few other miscellaneous records and correspondence I came across. In all of this I encountered numerous items that properly should not be included as history but might still be of interest to many people. Even if the names mean nothing to the newcomer the things mentioned well indicate the thought, sweat, humor and even blood that went into making this club the outstanding club in the country.

These items follow no special order and may have no rhyme or reason to them. Maybe they are just ramblings of one who was there.

— VIC REINDERS

CHIPS, DUSTED TARGETS, FLINCHES AND MISFIRES

Of the original 28 charter members only two have maintained continuous membership — Ed Hoffmann and Vic Reinders.

We think we are active now. But in '39 and '40 only 4 or 5 members did not shoot at all. Seven-eighths of our members shot registered targets in 1941.

The original shooting rate for trap was \$1.15 per round, including shells. That went to \$1.20 in '42, got up to \$1.75 in '47, \$2.50 in '51, and to the present rate of \$2.90 in '56. Shell cost went from 70¢ to \$2.20 in the meantime and targets from 0.4¢ to 1.4¢.

Our first registered shoot on September 20, 1936 had all of nine shooters and we threw 2750 targets. The one last September had 156 shooters, not counting those in the Hunters Special. We threw 34,000 targets, which was more than we threw all year in 1936.

Our second registered trap shoot had 24 shooters. That is the day Reinders missed 17 consecutive skeet targets — and then found that Walker had made some aluminum targets and painted them.

Did you know that skeet targets from one house used to go directly over the opposite house? They "bent" them out in the summer of 1936 and we had to change our houses and traps a bit.

Lots of fun at the Old Timers Shoot in September 1937. One of the old timers (who were shooting 25 years before), Frank Fuller, broke 60 x 60 to win over all, including the youngsters. Paul Kimball won the black powder event with 10 straight. Four members

of the local team that won the Five Man Team Championships in 1914 and 1916 were there: Fuller, Kimball, Fred Dreyfuss and Otto Eisner. The fifth, Milo Mucklestone, was dead. Decatur Merrill, 90, and John Land, 86, were present but did not shoot.

In 1940 all of the members of the three predecessor gun clubs in this area were given honorary life memberships in our club.

In the winters of '38 and '39 we had a lot of skeet and trap team shoots with Madison, Green Bay, Sussex, Sturtevant, Jim Clark's, Kenosha, Cudahy, Racine and Milwaukee.

Found an item of \$1.70 for cutting corn from in front of the No. 4 trap for our 1940 shoot in September.

Gene Schmitt, George Shrake, George Wileden, Bill Isetts, Andy Patoka, Tommy Reinders and several others shot their first registered targets at the first Hunters Special in 1939. Kurt Gustafson won the September '39 shoot with 49. Tom Bloom won the May '42 shoot with another 49.

Our first shell order was for 14½ cases. A couple of years ago we received 300 cases in one shipment.

When we first leased our land we paid \$50.00 a year, then \$65.00, and finally \$100.00. Our personal property tax was \$3.42 in 1943. This year it was \$247.00 and our total taxes over \$700.00.

The original skeet field, traps and all, cost us less than \$150.00. Last year we built and equipped two fields for \$4,500.00.

As late as '47 our club championship trophies cost only \$75.00. Last year we gave \$1,000.00 worth of silver.

In 1951-52 we salvaged 41 tons of shot. Over 110 tons have been put there since. Our first trees were planted in 1947, being 6 to 8 footers and an inch thick. Heavy fertilizing (ask the guy with callouses who did it) made some of them a foot thick now.

Steve Schaeffer masterminded the collection for a flag pole and the making and erecting of it in '48.

Many remember the fun we had evenings working on the interior of the clubhouse addition in the winter of '47-'48. The assembly line making the 24 shooters' benches one night was hilarious — 52 screws per bench and everybody trying to hurry in order to blame somebody else for holding up the line. Gene Durant held the same brush full of varnish all one evening.

George Shrake put in a busy day in '46 when he spent all day feeding the bulldozer operator sand-

wiches and beer so he wouldn't get off the "cat" and stop work.

During '55 and '56 we had a "volunteer" helping take entries each Sunday. Some of them found life wasn't so simple after all. And we have cured a few grippers by putting them on the handicap committee to find out what it is all about.

Bill Johnson, Remington-Peters pro, and his buffalo sandwiches have become a fixture at the Club Championships. We hope neither becomes extinct.

Only two 25's have been broken in the club championship handicap in the last ten years. There have been over 1,000 entries since the last one was broken.

Class E was originally for those under 60%, was raised to 65% in '50 and finally to 70%.

Reloads were approved for sale at the club in '55. Everybody and his brother has been "rolling his own" since then. Sorting and selling our empties to members has prevented hogging and fighting over them and has paid our taxes besides.

Attendance at the annual meeting was 22% in '46 but only 9% last year.

Even blood makes this column. Steve Schaeffer almost lost a finger when making the flag pole and Earl Marsh tested a buzz saw with one of his when he, Carl Koeffler, Percy Clemans and Vic Reinders built all of the cabinets, etc. in the clubhouse.

We remember "Pop" Gigous, the oldest trap boy in America, who loaded skeet for us until he was over 80. We still call the east skeet house "Pop's" house.

Some of our old trap boys have gotten along. We've got at least three doctors: Subitch, Graf and Rasmussen. A couple of them did all right shooting too — Rasmussen tied for the Grand with 99 in '48 and Everts won the Junior Doubles in '60 with 95.

The man or boy behind the counter is important too. Almost got to be a family affair. Jack Cook, now a captain in the airborne engineers, held it down for several years. He was followed by brothers Jim for a year and Jerry for a couple more. Both are now sergeants in the army. Then "Squeak" Gulla, with the phenomenal memory for names, took over for about six years and is still boss man when he isn't tied up with his regular job. His assistant is the last of the Cooks, Joe, who just recently started and who is a junior in high school. When every penny counted for the club right after the war Tommy and Vic Reinders took most of the entries for a couple of years.

Our first trap boys were Dean and Bryce Gigous, Mack's boys, who were hardly big enough to cock a skeet trap at that time. Now they are excavating con-

tractors. We wish Mack could have lived for this 25th anniversary to see his dreams for the club come true.

Some of our members have done all right in tournaments too. Most outstanding probably was "Waukesha Day" at the '58 Grand when Vic Reinders won the Clay Target Championship with 200, Nita Sommer won the Ladies' Championship with 195, and Gene Durant, Jr. finished second in the Junior Clay Target event with 196, all on the same day. Reinders was ATA president at the time. John Kurth was High-Over-All at the Grand in 1959 and Durant, Jr., second, while Reinders won the Doubles. Dolly Isetts and Julie Deckert won the Ladies' Champion of Champions race in 1951 and 1960, respectively.

Ed Scherer, who is on the NSSA Executive Committee, has won the National 20 ga. skeet championship twice, as well as numerous other titles here and there.

The Club has held the state skeet shoot six times, in '47, '50, '51, '52, '53 and '55, and the state trap shoot eleven times, in '48-53, '56-60, and is scheduled for it again in 1961. We're now the only club in Wisconsin that can handle it and it is getting tight for us too. We threw 165,000 targets in three days at the state shoot in 1960.

We largely pulled ourselves up by our boot straps. Many thousands of hours of unpaid and unrecognized work went into our success. Earl Marsh practically lived on the grounds for three months during the building of the clubhouse.

Our membership includes people from all walks of life. We have millionaires and laborers, doctors, contractors, and even a couple of college professors. We had one man whose face is on police "wanted" posters. We always said we had everything but a preacher — now we have a priest as a life member.

All of these people were able to contribute something. Once when our well was held up by lack of casing pipe a few telephone calls and 20 minutes produced it. Sometimes three or four telephone calls produced \$5,000.00 to pick up a good buy on something.

To mention all who helped and worked is impossible. To mention only a few is unjust to the others. But no history, or reminiscences, can be satisfactory without some names. Anyway, the ones most willing to work are generally least concerned about mention for it.

Year	Membership	Club Shoot Attendance	Total Targets For Year
1936	28	30,000
1937	?	40,000(est.)
1938	?	53,000
1939	44	18	50,000(est.)
1940	39 *	24	63,600
1941	53	29	86,375
1942	44	33 ?	79,900
1943	39	30 ?	8,275
1944	41	28	1,575
1945	17	no shooting	
1946	162	70	98,225
1947	166	?	293,375
1948	?	?	310,550
1949	?	109	272,175
1950	208 x	102	308,625
1951	246	109	302,100
1952	265	107	290,450
1953	313	125	285,325
1954	337	162	269,300 z
1955	353	188	234,150 z
1956	427	199	390,575
1957	492	192	504,250
1958	534	214	556,250
1959	608	269	628,025
1960	642	271	757,850
			5,914,350

* Total for year, 1940 thru 1947.
x As of March meeting, 1950 and after.
z State Shoot elsewhere.

1961 SHOOT PROGRAM

We hold a well-rounded program throughout the year, embodying events of various kinds to take care of all classes of shooters. Practice shooting in both trap and skeet is available on all but days of a very few special programs. Prizes are provided in all of these events. Regular shooting days are Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings.

Jan. 8 — 50 Skeet Yardage H'cap.; 25 Skrap.
Jan. 15 — 50 Trap 5 classes; 25 .410 Skeet.
Jan. 22 — 50 Skeet Add. Tgt. H'cap.; 12 pr. Doubles.
Jan. 29 — 50 Trap Add. Tgt. H'cap.; 25 20ga. Skeet.

Feb. 5 — 50 Skeet Add. Tgt. H'cap. 2 Man Team; 25 Trap H'cap.

Feb. 12 — 50 Trap 5 classes; 25 .410 Skeet.
Feb. 19 — Ham, Bacon, Steak Shoot.
Feb. 26 — 50 Skeet 5 classes WSSA reg.; 25 Trap Int'l.

Mar. 5 — 50 Trap Add. Tgt. H'cap.; 25 Skeet Int'l. Rules.

Mar. 12 — 50 Skeet Yardage H'cap.; 12 pr. Doubles.
Mar. 19 — 50 Trap 5 classes; 25 20-ga. Skeet.
Mar. 26 — 50 Skeet Add. Tgt. H'cap.; 25 pr. Doubles.

Apr. 2 — Easter. 12 pr. Doubles; 25 Trap Int'l.; 25 .410 Skeet.

Apr. 9 — 50 Trap 5 classes; 50 Skeet 5 classes.
Apr. 15-16 — CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT.
Apr. 23 — 50 Skeet NSSA reg.; 12 pr. Doubles.
Apr. 30 — 50 Trap Handicap; 25 28-ga. Skeet.

May 7 — Hunters Special and Open Reg. Trap Shoots.
May 30 — Reg. Trap Shoot.

July 2 — Guy V. Dering League Reg. Trap Shoot.
July 4 — Marathon Reg. Trap Shoot.
July 21-23 — STATE TRAP SHOOT.

Sept. 11 — Hunters Special and Open Reg. Trap Shoots.
Sept. 24 — NSSA Reg. Skeet Shoot.

Dec. 3 — Poultry Shoot.
Dec. 17 — Christmas Basket Shoot, 50 Trap 5 classes, 50 Skeet 5 classes.

Shooting Clinics sponsored by Milwaukee Sentinel on Saturday, April 29 and Saturday, September 2.