

To the Pelican Rapids School Board and Administration,

August 2014

Our local Pheasants Forever Chapter 690 is proposing the start-up of a Minnesota State High School Clay Target League for students in grades 7 – 12 in March of 2015.

High School League Clay target shooting programming is now the fastest growing sport in the state of Minnesota with the least amount of reported injuries.

Minnesota State High School Clay Target League (MSHCTL) Growth and Facts

1. Beginning Programming 2001-2008 3 Teams, 3 Schools, 30 Athletes
2. Current Programming, 2014 185 Teams, 275 Schools, 6,100 Athletes
3. League Safety Record since 2001: Zero reported injuries and No Gun Free Zone violations by students
4. All females and males, able bodied or with disabilities and possessing a firearms certificate may participate and compete by the same league rules providing the shooting range used is handicap accessible
5. Students may letter in clay target shooting using guidelines established by the school's activities director
6. Teams compete using True Team Scoring and with the Erhard League's permission would use their state approved facility for one day of practice and one day of competition shooting
7. Scores are submitted to the MN Clay Target League within 48 hours of shooting competition
8. State clay target shooting competition is held at Alexandria Minnesota in May of each Spring.
9. There is not a cost for coaches
10. Students may participate in other sports while also being a Team Clay Shooting Member
11. Students provide their own shotgun, ear and eye protection, the school **DOES NOT** purchase or warehouse this equipment
12. All participants, volunteers and coaches are insured through the MN State High School Clay Target League and provided a Catastrophic Insurance Policy at **NO COST** to the participants, coaches and volunteers.
13. There is not a fee charged to the school district for participation in the MN Clay Target League because costs are paid by the student athlete
14. Current annual costs range between \$200-\$300 per athlete
15. There are other avenues that financially support the start-up and continuance of a high school clay target shooting team so that students pay the initial Spring fee, but upon season completion are then reimbursed **the majority** of the original fee
16. MN Clay Target League only requires formal approval from a school official and the ability to use the school mascot name. Approval is completed via internet at MN Clay Target League .com

The following information in this packet is a formal rules and regulations download readily found at www.mnclaytarget.com. Any questions or concerns are clearly addressed at the website address.

Local Chapter 690 Pheasants Forever Banquet Chairperson, Sheri O'Brien and a number of other PF Chapter members will be in attendance at the October 2014 School Board meeting to answer any questions or concerns school board officials or administration may have at that time. We would be pleased to attend either a work session or the formal meeting as requested by the school board and administration. Sheri can be reached at 218-863-2128 (home phone) or 218-863-2911 ext 5807 (school work phone number).

Very Sincerely,

Pheasants Forever Chapter 690

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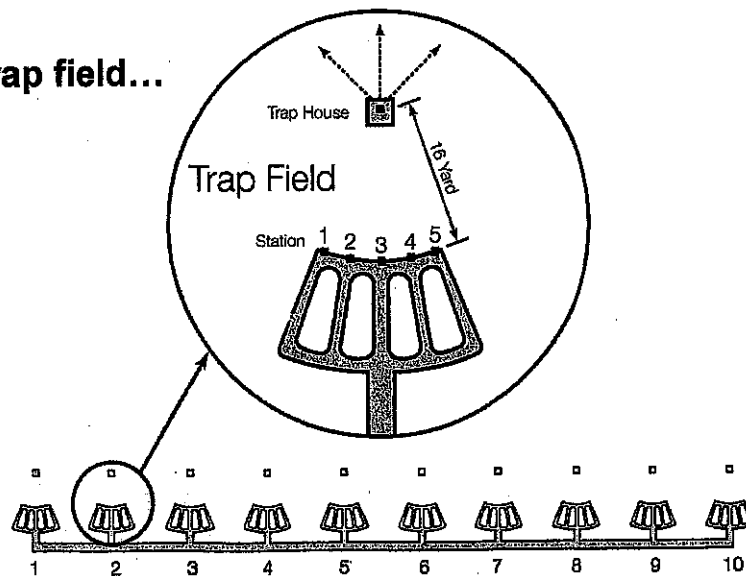
Sheri O'Brien – Banquet Chairperson

Trapshooting basics...

- Shooting ranges feature trap fields for shooters
- Each trap field contains 5 shooting stations (where shooters stand) and one trap house (where targets are thrown)
- Clay targets are thrown in the air at alternating different angles and the participant attempts to hit the target with a shot (multiple "bb's" in a single shell) fired from a shotgun
- Each participant shoots at 5 targets from their first station from the 16-yard line and then rotates to the other 4 stations to complete a round
- A round is complete after 25 shots from each participant
- Competitions consist of a variety of different number of rounds
- A scoring official is assigned to each field to verify targets hit
- The participant who hits the most targets wins



Trap field...



True Team Scoring...

- All athletes shoot at 50 targets
- Top scores (70-80%) are used
- Compared against all other scores in conference
- Example:
 - 40 team members (about 32 scores used)
 - 7 teams in conference
 - 224 points top score (7 x 32)
 - 1 point lowest score
- Add scores to get team score
- Compare team total scores for standing

Event 4: Individual Points Earned Example (5 teams, 6 qualifying participants each)

Team	Shooter	Score	Points	Team Points
Team 5	Shooter 3	48	1	26
Team 3	Shooter 4	48	2	26
Team 2	Shooter 5	47	T3	22.5
Team 2	Shooter 1	47	T3	22.5
Team 1	Shooter 3	46	5	21
Team 1	Shooter 5	46	6	20
Team 4	Shooter 5	43	7	19
Team 4	Shooter 2	42	8	18
Team 3	Shooter 2	42	T8	18
Team 2	Shooter 3	42	T8	18
Team 3	Shooter 5	42	T8	18
Team 5	Shooter 5	40	12	14
Team 4	Shooter 3	39	13	13
Team 2	Shooter 4	39	14	12
Team 5	Shooter 2	37	15	11
Team 5	Shooter 1	35	T13	9.5
Team 2	Shooter 2	33	T16	6.5
Team 1	Shooter 1	31	16	6
Team 1	Shooter 2	30	17	7
Team 3	Shooter 3	29	18	8
Team 5	Shooter 4	26	21	5
Team 1	Shooter 1	22	T22	3.5
Team 1	Shooter 1	22	T22	3.5
Team 3	Shooter 1	21	24	2
Team 4	Shooter 4	19	25	1

Event 4 Results: Total Team Points Earned (add team's earned points)

Team	Team Points Earned	Rank
Team 2	92.5	1
Team 5	64.5	2
Team 3	63	3
Team 1	60.5	4
Team 4	54.5	5

Overall Results: After 4 Events (add team's weekly earned points)

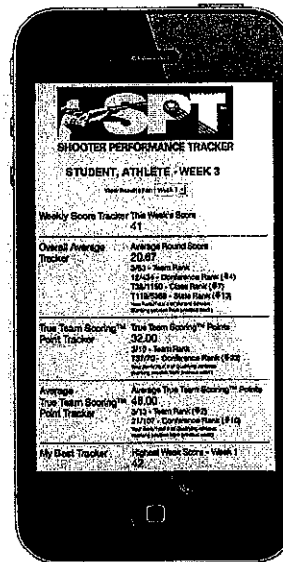
Team	Team Points Earned	Rank
Team 2	284.5	1
Team 1	250	2
Team 3	238.5	3
Team 5	223	4
Team 4	244	5

We're targeting schools to join us.



Shooter Performance Tracker™

- Web-based application
- Private access for athlete and coaches
- Monitor progress from team, conference and state
- Share with family or friends to track favorite athlete
- Set goals
- Updates every Saturday night when scores are posted.



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2014 Minnesota State High School League State Championship



- June 14, 2014
- Minneapolis Gun Club – Prior Lake, MN
- Approved December 2012
- Recognition and support like other high school sports
- Qualifying individuals and teams
- Only state high school athletic association in USA to sanction trapshooting tournament
- Supported by Minnesota superintendent, school board, administrators, principal, and coaches associations

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2015 Schedule

- Now-February: team approval/member recruitment
- January 12 – March 15: online team member registration
- March 1: team commitment to league ends
- March 29: practice begins
- April 12: competition begins
- May 30: spring league ends
- June 5-11: MSHSCTL state tournament
- June 13: MSHSL state tournament
- Fall 2015: 5-week fall league

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Coaching assistance...

- Proprietary Team Management System™ manages team scores, rosters, scoring reports, registration
- 8-person Coach Advisory Council volunteer to assist new coaches with advice and reference materials
- Free liability insurance policy for all volunteers
- Easy online registration process
- Coaches Association to assist with training
- Published Policies & Procedures guide



2014 MSHSCTL Championship

- June 6-10
- Alexandria Shooting Park
- 3,950 participants
- Worlds largest youth shooting sport event
- All participants are invited
- Single-day participation from Class (A-5A) assignment
- Recognize individual and team achievements
- MSHSL State Tournament team qualifier
- \$25/athlete includes t-shirt, grab bag, goodies, targets



Safety is priority #1...

- Athletes must have Firearms Safety Certification
- MN DNR Certified Firearms Hunter Education Instructor volunteer present
- Range safety officer
- Require 1 coach for every 10 athletes
- Most schools conduct coach background checks
- Ear and eye protection required
- Stringent rules
- Unblemished safety record



League safety record since 2001...

- 12 years participation
- 6,000+ participants
- 135,000 events (participants x competitions/practices)
- 5,000,000+ shots fired
- 0 reported injuries
- 0 reported school gun policy violations

