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PALATKA SKEET CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PLEASE remember to check the club website at www.palatkaskeet.com for current news updates and especially for pending club events and projected component order opportunities.

CITY OF PALATKA LEASE: Over the past year your officers have held several meetings with the Palatka City Manager and his staff in an attempt to work out a new lease. This was extremely important since our present lease had expired and the zoning was not in line with our present land use. We are pleased to report that we have finally executed what amounts to an extension of our present twenty-year lease.

KITCHEN ADDITION/RENOVATION: Thanks primarily to our member Terry French, we are well into a major renovation and upgrade project of our club kitchen. With help from Steve & Kathy Johnstone, Bill & Kathy Evans, Joe Solsona, Art Starr, Bruce Beede, Lee Ann French and Robby, we are expanding the kitchen to twice its' present size and installing all new restaurant grade commercial appliances along with total renovation of the plumbing and interior. We have also installed a commercial ice machine in our equipment room. When the project is completed we will be able to more comfortably and efficiently feed large groups of competitors and also host larger club and member events.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: As part of our on-going interface and support to the community, we have been providing the club facilities to the Boy Scouts for merit badge qualification and also to Georgia Pacific for their annual Family Day. If you know of any other community organization that may desire the use of our facility please contact any of our Directors.

NEW HIGH HOUSE STEPS: Field #2 is complete and we are currently in the process of installing new steps, rails, pads and shot barriers on all of our high houses to make access safer and more convenient. During this project we may have to close down individual fields for short durations. We want to thank Tucker Industries of Leesburg and our members Charles and Winnie Tucker for the design and fabrication associated with this major upgrade.

CLUBHOUSE USE: As a reminder, one of your membership benefits is the use of the clubhouse for private events. Your request should be made to the Directors not later than the monthly meeting prior to your desired event

MEMBER LOSSES: It is with deep regret that we take note of the recent passing of two of our past club presidents, Al Becker and Jack Darden, and long time supporter and benefactor “Mr. Fred” Bozard. Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to all three families.

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DAY: Once again your club will be hosting a Membership Day on September 26th. Mark it on your calendar and watch for further information on the club website. Membership renewal forms will be mailed Sept. 1st.

NATIONAL SKEET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION AWARD: For the third consecutive year and the fifth time in the past six years, the Palatka Skeet Club has been recognized as an Outstanding Intermediate Club (3-7 fields) of the Year by the NSSA. This prestigious award will once again be presented to our club at the World Skeet Shooting Championships in San Antonio this October.

REGISTERED SKEET SHOOTING: We would like to encourage you to participate in our registered skeet shooting program with NSSA since this is one of the criteria used by NSSA to select its’ “outstanding clubs”. We have an event almost every month and it is handicapped so you don’t have to be a top-notch shooter to enjoy the competition. By joining NSSA you will also receive an excellent monthly publication and be able to enjoy many other benefits afforded to all members.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are the lifeblood of our club and we are always in need of members to help with general maintenance and upgrade projects. You don’t have to be a tradesman, just someone willing to give a little time and energy to help contain costs and enable the club to operate. Remember, your annual dues and cost to shoot are directly related to volunteer labor to maintain our club.

GENERAL OPERATIONS: *Please*, fill and turn off the machines, release the arms, secure the field (including trap windows) and place the empty target boxes in the utility trailer adjacent to trash enclosure by the front gate before you depart. Do not assume other members will be shooting on the field unless they are actually physically waiting to shoot. If you have a problem with a machine or cord, please annotate it in the payment book and place a tag on the machine or cord so that prompt repairs can be made and we do not waste targets. We also request that you carefully and legibly fill out the tally sheet and payment envelopes, and place the proper amount (including any extra targets) in the Field Three wall security box before you depart. All of our machines have target counters and we are reconciling the number thrown against those accounted for.

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING: We hold our monthly meeting in the Clubhouse on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM, except on major holidays, and would like to have you attend. Come out and have your questions answered and see how your club is run, how finances are handled, and how your club operates.