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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.

KITCHEN ADDITION/RENOVATION: Thanks primarily to our member Terry French, we have completed a major renovation and upgrade project of our club kitchen. We expanded the kitchen to twice the former size and installed 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 and are now able to more comfortably and efficiently feed large groups of competitors and also host larger club and member events. As a result of this project we have a surplus working refrigerator and propane stove available at no charge to any of our members who might be interested.

NEW HIGH HOUSE STEPS: The first phase of our project to install new steps, rails and shot barriers on all of our fields is now complete with installation on Fields 2-5. During this project we may have to close down individual fields for short durations. Once again we want to thank the employees of Tucker Industries in Leesburg, and our members Charles and Winnie Tucker for the design and fabrication associated with this significant safety upgrade.

NEW WINDOW COVERS: We are in the process of completing a project to replace all of our house window covers with sliding aluminum covers to better protect and secure our machines and targets. Please ensure that you close and secure them when you shut down the field.

2011 FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: Once again our club has been selected by the Florida Skeet Association member clubs to host the 2011 Florida State Championships in April 2011. As the event approaches we hope we can count on our members to assist in preparing the club to host this prestigious event.

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.

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

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.

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DAY: For the fifth year your club plans to host a Membership Day in late September 2010. Mark this fun event on your calendar and watch for further information on our club website.

NATIONAL SKEET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION AWARD: For the third consecutive year and the fifth time in the past six years, the Palatka Skeet Club was recognized as an Outstanding Intermediate Club (3-7 fields) of the Year by the NSSA. This prestigious award was presented to our club at the World Skeet Shooting Championships in San Antonio this past 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. NSSA has a special introductory free membership to get you started.

GENERAL OPERATIONS: *Please*, fill and turn off the machines, release the arms, secure the field (including house windows) and place the empty target boxes in the utility trailer adjacent to the 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.