



Coeur d'Alene Skeet & Trap Club Newsletter Vol. 3

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CONGRATULATIONS!
Winners!

PERIOD 2 WINNERS!!!!

- **Skeet:** The Clean-Up Crew
- **Trap:** Annihilators
- **5-Stand:** The Clean-Up Crew

Congratulations Everyone on a Job Well Done!



SUMMER IS COMING!

The biting cold of winter has finally started to soften; there are starting

to be more pleasant days, the sun is feeling warmer, brave gardeners are starting to till and plant their plots, and the days are steadily becoming longer. This can mean only one thing: summer is coming! This year, our team has been hard at work coming up with some new ideas for everyone to enjoy this beautiful season and have a new summer **FUN**-league! Among some of the ideas are:

- Lewis Format Shoots
- .410 Shoots
- Pump Gun Shoots
- Wobble and 5-Stand Shoots
- Exploding Targets Shoots
- Traditional Skeet and Trap Leagues

But we need **YOUR** input to make any of these things happen! We have an ongoing Interest List of these and other fun potential events. Please stop by and sign your name next to all the events that interest you so we know what direction **YOU**, our wonderful members, want us to take the Club in this summer for a brand-new **FUN**-league.



Ever thought about shooting Skeet in something big like the **US Open**? Now's your chance!! It is being held remotely for the second year in a row and Missoula Skeet Club is one of the sites. Go to nssausopen.com for all the info. It's June 24-26.



This is a special call-out to our Volunteer of the Month for March: Mike Z! He is an incredibly important asset to our Club, arriving before opening, staying past closing, always up for any task thrown at him, and always with a smile on his face. Thank you Mike! Enjoy your designated parking spot for the month, and accept our HUGE thanks!



RELOADING SUPPLIES RAFFLE!!!

We are holding a special raffle to help us pay for parking lot renovations. We will be raffling off primers, powder, hulls and other reloading supplies. You can purchase tickets in the Clubhouse for \$10 a piece, or get 3 for \$20. The drawing will be held on March 19th. So stop on by, and help out the Club and potentially get some fun, and hard to come by, supplies for your reloading needs!



- Annual Board Meeting: March 9th and 5:30 pm with Introduction of new Board members
- Idaho State Youth Championship: May 6-7, 2022
- Governors Cup Scholastic Scholarship Fund Raiser: September 8-10, 2022

SPECIAL THANKS

- Thank you to all our incredible winter league volunteers that have stepped up and kept this fun, but busy, season running smoothly
- Thank you to John Moore who donated funds for gravel for the Club
- Thank you to Pat Alf for the awesome stew/chili she's provided on Sundays. There's nothing better than eating something piping hot after spending a chilly afternoon out shooting!
- Thank you to Bill Alf for harvesting the venison for these awesome meals
- Volunteers are the backbone of our Club and we are always in need of more people. We could especially use help with scoring as the end of Winter League approaches. So, if you love our special shooting facility as much as we do, talk to Kory Wagner or Morgan John about volunteering today!



FEBRUARY ROUNDS SHOT

SKEET: 899 rounds

TRAP: 721 rounds

5-STAND: 426 rounds

WOBBLE SKEET: 73 rounds
TOTAL: 2,119 rounds



"Warming Up; Chandelle Distress" by Don Currie

"I have a lot of trouble with chandelles. Every time I encounter one in competition, I get nervous to the point where I'm not sure what I'm doing. How should I approach a chandelle?"

A chandelle differs from other presentation in two ways: 1) its trajectory has an arc and an apex, and 2) it's showing more belly or more dome than most other target presentations. This presents us with a couple of challenges as well as an opportunity.

Arcing targets are, by definition, transitioning. In other words, the trajectory of this presentation does not follow or maintain a line. As such, if we follow the line with our gun barrel (aka "rainbowing") we will likely occlude the target with our barrel. Given its large profile, it also appears to be traveling much slower than it actually is. Both of these factors can cause us to miss behind this target.

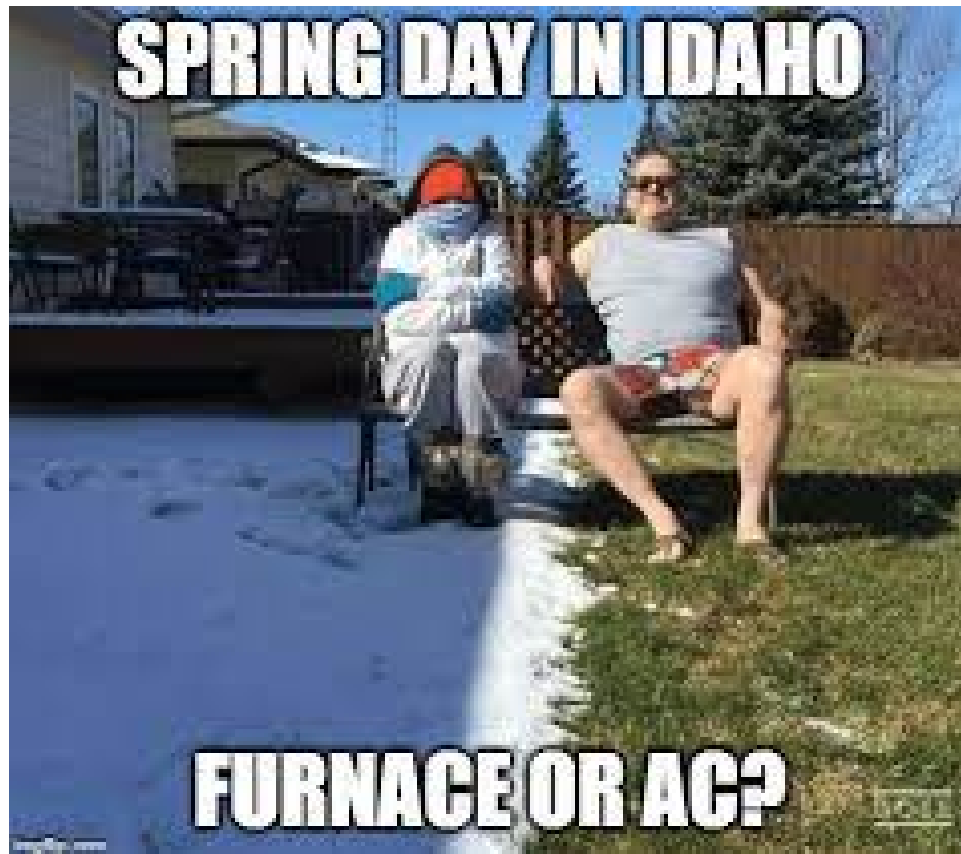
On the other hand, since a chandelle reaches an apex at the top of the arc, we can use the apex as a reference point with which to establish our hold point. Let's call the apex 12 o'clock. Establish your hold point below the apex, about one-third of the distance from the apex to the ground. Our break point will always be at a spot immediately after the apex. For a left-to-right chandelle, our break point will be at 1 o'clock for a steeper-angled chandelle and 2 o'clock for a flatter trajectory chandelle. We start our straight-line move from our hold point which, again, is one-third of the way down from the apex and in the center of the arc. We start our move to 1 or 2 o'clock just as the target reaches 10 or 11 o'clock. For a right-to-left chandelle, our break point will be at 10 or 11 o'clock and we will initiate our move when the target approaches 1 or 2 o'clock.

Whether the target comes from the right or the left, you are

essentially executing a collapse, making sure you start your move early enough to arrive at the break point just before the target, such that the target speed is greater than the muzzle speed at the break point-- dead bird.

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