



**From the president
Rick's Ramblings**

WLRSC 2nd Annual News Letter January 2021

Newsletter: The newsletter contains club information, contact & location information and human interest stories. Read how our first President's needs led to the best public shooting facility in the state. Also, how shooting on the WWTC league helped make one high school student a better deer hunter! We hope you enjoy the read. As always, we welcome any feedback or questions about the newsletter or any other aspect of the organization / range. Feel free to contact me or any of the board members. Thank you and See you at the Range!

Range Hours: The WLRSC is open 24/7/365. Any scheduled closures will be listed on our web page (www.wlrsc.net). A yearly exception is during the Firearms Rifle Season, where the range hours are between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm daily only! This is a courtesy to local hunters. The trap range is only open for WLRSC sponsored events. Sporting clays is by appointment only.

2020 Recap: Thanks to Stephen Symes and Justin D. Brantingham, for resurrecting the handgun shoots. 2020 showed low turnouts but tremendous opportunities for fun and reality training! Try it out in 2021. Thanks to Doug Lindner for keeping the Sporting Clays course ready and available. It's a great way to make sure you're ready for fall hunting! Contact him at 218-689-9100 if you'd like to bring a group (5 minimum) out to shoot the course.

Due to Covid, the trap range sat idle until the WWTC was finally able to have their fall league. It turned into a record setting fall for them with 35 shooters!

Thank you to our current board members for their dedication in a turbulent year. A special thank you to Doug & Terri for their years of commitment! They've decided to step aside so we can bring some new blood to the board. We appreciate all they've done for the WLRSC and hope they'll remain active in our organization!

On the project side, we removed trees from the south side of the clubhouse for easier snow removal for the WWTC Spring League. We hauled gravel to fill the tree holes but will eventually add granite. We filled the backstops with gravel, widened the 100 & 200 yd backstops and stockpiled gravel by each bunker.

2021 Plans: We will level and resurface the main road with granite this spring. We'll also be replacing target uprights. We need to remove all the trees from the Event Center so, if you need firewood, contact me for details.

Pet Peeves: If you're hanging targets and the 2x4s are broken, replace them! There should be replacements either beside or behind the bunkers. If not, call me. When stapling targets, place the bullseye BETWEEN the 2x4s so they'll last longer. 2x4s are expensive. PLEASE clean up after yourself. Do not leave targets, cardboard, empties, etc! If you bring it, take it home! We're all volunteers and the volunteerism is dwindling. We will probably need to start hiring someone for the cleanup tasks and, if we do that, we'll need to raise dues to help defray the cost. TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR RANGE!

Support: We have a lot of businesses that support us through advertising, sponsorships, donations, discounts, etc. We wouldn't have this awesome range if not for them! Lists are included in the newsletter. SUPPORT THEM and THANK THEM because THEY'RE SUPPORTING YOU AND YOUR PASSION!

Membership: Our membership form is attached. We've also added a PayPal payment option for memberships and donations on our website, www.wlrsc.net. If you're a continuing member, Thank You for your support! If you're not a member or donor and use the range more than a couple times a year, do your part and join! Support your Passion!

Please send in your membership / sponsorship as soon as possible. We have a large budget for this year and need to know where we're at before starting to plan. Thank you!

Our Mission

WLRSC is a nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to providing a safe, family friendly facility for members and guests to enjoy the shooting sports.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Public is invited to WLRSC events

Monthly Meetings:

March—December on the 2nd Tuesday of the month
6pm @ Warroad Public Safety Bldg at 802 Cherne Dr
NW in Warroad.

WWTC Spring League & Open Trap

March 28—May 23, 2021

Sunday: Open shooting 2:30—3:45pm

WWTC League Shooting 4—6pm

Monday: Open shooting 4—4:45pm

WWTC League shooting 5—6pm

WWTC Fall League & Open Trap: (Sept & Oct)

Sunday: Open shooting 2:30—3:45pm

WWTC League Shooting 4—6pm

SUMMER HS Trap School: TBA

Hometown Challenge: TBA

Defensive Handgun: (April—Sept)

3rd Saturday each month in 2021

Summer Sporting Clays: By appointment/request

Gracie Woods Memorial: TBA

Gun Safety Classes: Continuous

Sight in Day: October/November TBA

Our calendar of events can be found on our website: www.wlrsc.net

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WARROAD WARRIORS TRAP CLUB (WWTC)

Submitted by: Doug Lindner

I would like to start this article with a brief history of how trap shooting got started in the Warroad High School. The MN CLAY TARGET organization was organized in 2009 with 5 athletes and one school. Jim Sable from MN is given credit for the idea and making it happen. Dick Meyers, Jeremy Sissler and I went to the Warroad School Board in 2013 with a proposal and it was accepted. We started our first spring league in 2014 at the old trap range that was located east of Warroad. We held the spring and fall league at this location until we were able to build a new trap range at the Warroad Lost River Sportsmen Complex (WLRSC) NW of Warroad. On the state and national level, the sport has grown to be second only to football in high school sports. Today there are over 30,000 students in the spring league high school shooting sports, 1200 plus high schools involved and 30 plus states. It has also expanded to the college level with over 40 colleges and some offering full ride scholarships for participating in the shooting sports. The umbrella organization for all the states is called USA CLAY TARGET LEAGUE. Check it out on the internet. They now offer trap, skeet, sporting clays and 5 stand leagues.

In Warroad we offer a spring trap league that is a 9 week program. It concludes with a state tournament in Alexandria, MN. (The world's largest trap shooting event). All spring athletes are invited to attend. Every athlete shoots weekly, 50 targets, and their scores are compiled by the MN CLAY LEAGUE. We compete with leagues of the same size. And we also have a 6 week fall league. We conclude the fall league with a pheasant hunt at a local farm. We also have a summer camp that is offered in Warroad at a reduced cost to the athletes because of a generous donation from a community member. It's a great opportunity to hone trap shooting skills or to learn a new sport.

This year was a very challenging year for any sports due to the Corona Virus Pandemic. We did not hold a spring or summer camp this year. We did have a very successful fall league with a record breaking number of athletes. Normally the fall league is a little smaller but this year we had 35 shooters and we concluded it also with a pheasant hunt. We also held a Hometown Challenge that was very successful and were able to contribute to our WWTC foundation. We plan for this event to be an annual event. High School trap shooting is open to both girls and boys, 6th thru 12th grade at any skill level. The WWTC is managed by a board of directors that include Brian Johnston, vice president, secretary and head coach, Kathy Lovelace, treasurer and Doug Lindner, President. We started a WWTC foundation several years ago and now are able to use the funds to lower fees for the students.

The shooting sports are an activity that can be a life-time of enjoyment. All athletes are equal and participate at the same level. It is the safest sport in high school and the fastest growing sport. Registration for the spring league will open in February. The spring league runs in April and May. Questions: warrroad-warriorstrapclub@gmail.com Like us on Facebook.



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A BIG THANK YOU to all the people who have been loyal members, sponsors, advertisers, donors & volunteers. And a special thank you to past and present board members. The income the WLRSC receives from memberships, sponsors, advertisers, shotgun sports, pistol and rifle shoots, does not always cover the annual maintenance. When we have the shortfalls & necessary improvements, we have done raffles to create the cash flow necessary to maintain the range. We have also created a WLRSC Foundation thru the NW MN Foundation, (the donations are tax deductible). In 2019 we voted that the lifetime memberships and any rounding up donations we receive from memberships would help grow the foundation.



HOW CAN YOU HELP? Start by attending the monthly meetings the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Renew your membership or if not a member, become one. Consider a Life Time membership, become an advertiser, become a sponsor, (several levels available), donate to our foundation, (information available on our web site). Volunteering at our shooting events or with maintenance of the range would be a great place to start.

Defensive Handgun Events

Submitted by Stephen Symes

You're up next. A last second brush of your hands to your sides confirms what you already knew: that you've got a holstered handgun on your strong side and two loaded mags on the other. This is not a time to be caught without either.

You've had time to look over the stage. You've got an understanding of where the targets are and how many holes you'll have to put into each. You step into the starting position.

"Shooter understand the course of fire?" You nod. "Go ahead and make ready then." You unholster the gun and load it with a mag from your pocket, this is division capacity and the weight feels good as it balances the handgun. Satisfied the gun is loaded and ready for action, you reholster it and get into the start position.

"Does the shooter understand the course of fire?" The course of fire flashes through your mind. You've made a plan. There's nothing left but to execute that plan. "Shooter Ready?" You give a slight nod. "Standby..." It seems like an eternity, but finally the sound pierces across the shooting bay. The buzzer. *BEEP!!!*

At that sound your concealment is thrown to the side, your strong hand punches down and fully grips the holstered handgun. It comes up and out in one motion. The sights line up on the first target and your trigger finger begins to squeeze. Before you realize it you've gotten to the end of the stage. All the targets are hit. You've had to move and take cover from different positions. This stage had hostages. You know you didn't hit any, but it's good to check again. Those extra points hurt!

"If the shooter is done, unload and show clear." You drop the mag, clear the weapon, and show an empty chamber. "Slide forward and hammer down, then holster." You release the slide and pull the trigger. This is one of the few times shooters will much rather hear a click than a bang. Once the click is heard, you holster the weapon and the range officer gives the all clear. He calls out a time, scores the targets, and sets up for the next shooter. This is only one stage of the day there's still four more to do!

This scene plays out at least once a month in the warmer seasons at WLRSC. These are the defensive handgun events. If you want to take your training to another level, if you want to gain experience, if you want to test your gear or your own mettle, if you enjoy Jason Bourne and want to be like John Wick, or you just want to have fun at the shooting range, then please join us. You can get your name on the list to be notified by contacting WLRSPewPew@gmail.com. We hope to see you out there from April to September this year. Stay safe and watch your six!



Photo by Stephen Symes



A view from a WLRSC member and the impact it has on the Warroad High School Trap Team



The Friday after Thanksgiving

This is my favorite time of year, feeling thankful for a good time and wonderful food with family yesterday and looking forward to the Christmas season coming up. The Christmas tree boxes and decorations are out and in play today.

This is also my favorite time of year to think about the past year and look forward to the year ahead. What did I do right? What new plans and improvements do I want to make for 2021?

Our family enjoys the Lost River Range, a safe, fun and enjoyable place to shoot. The Warroad Warriors Trap shooting season is something we have focused on for the last seven years with our youngest son. Trap shooting was new for our family as it was not a school sport option for our older children. Deer hunting, on the other hand, is something that all of our children participated in. There have been some changes over the years. Some started youth deer hunting with a .243 paired to a red-dot scope, which worked amazing well. Grandpa said, "She shoots bucks (plural), just like I do!" A 7.62 x 39 was easy to shoot with low recoil, but was not as productive for us and resulted in seasons with lost game. Special low recoil .270 rounds were ordered from The Woods Outdoor/Sporting Goods (FKA Streiff Sporting Goods) and effectiveness improved.

But, something magical happened with deer hunting for our youngest son after shooting at 400-500 clay targets in a Fall season. He discovered that a .270 really doesn't kick when there are horns in the scope. The gun comes up on target fast and the trigger is pulled even faster. Was Dad even going to shoot a gun this year before his tag was filled?

Warroad Warriors Trap is an amazing sport and something to put on your list for 2021.

Steve Fisher



WLRSC is always looking for great human interest stories. If you have something to share, please contact us at wlrsc1@gmail.com. You may be featured in our next issue of the annual WLRSC newsletter, due to come out in January 2022.

A Year In Review 2020

Submitted by: Terri Grill



The year 2020 will definitely be a year that will forever be engraved in all of our minds. A year where nothing was normal. Having to visit loved ones behind patio doors and glass window panes, virtual work meetings and school classes, parade like graduations, postponing weddings, funerals and other family gatherings, and so much more. And WLRSC was not immune to the pandemic either.

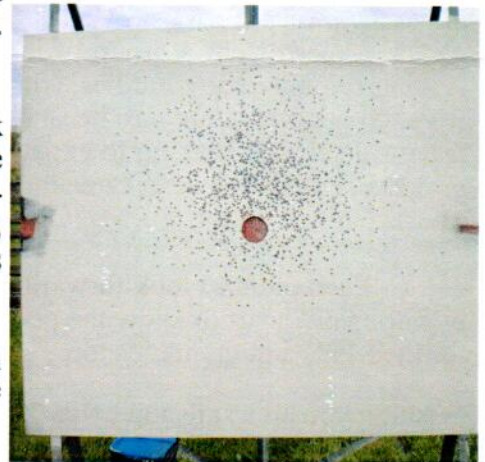
Following the governor's order about public gatherings, WLRSC cancelled the April monthly meeting. We did continue on with the monthly meetings again in May, but followed the 6 foot distance guidelines for all the meetings. It was also in April that we learned that the Warroad High School Trap Team would be canceling their spring league. This was as heartbreaking for WLRSC as much as it was for the Trap team. We always had adults join the WWTC athletes in shooting during their practice time. And for those of us who volunteered their time every Sunday, it was a great feeling seeing the excitement in the athletes eyes when they broke those clays!

We also did not run a summer trap season like the one we introduced in 2019. It was a huge success then and we had looked forward to seeing what another season could produce. We did though, help host the annual Gracie Woods fundraiser.

I'm happy to announce that we DID have the Defensive Handgun events once a month from June to September (October event had to be cancelled). Our newly elected board member in December 2019, Stephen Symes as a Director, took over the reins on this popular event. He introduced a few new things and improvements needed to make the event run a bit more efficiently. If you missed out on this in 2020, please contact him for info about the 2021 season. You can send him an email at wlrscpewpew@gmail.com.

The Warroad Warriors Trap Club did have a shortened five week fall season, normally six weeks long, in September & October. Athlete participation set a record for fall league with 35 athletes registered. During the last shoot, on October 18th, WWTC hosted a Hometown shoot, sponsored by Midway USA. There was a impressive turnout and plans for future shoots are in the making.

A new patterning board was put up this year. It is for shotgun (lead shot) use only and is located on the east side of the trap range. We encourage all members to use it!



Projected Budget for 2021

During the December 8th, 2020 monthly meeting, President Rick Corneliusen went over some of the projected budget for the range for 2021. Mentioned was the need for hauling and leveling granite to resurface the main entrance road. Also needed is the hauling and leveling of granite on the south side of the clubhouse. Several trees will also need to be removed from the event center. Total expenses for 2021 are projected at \$30,056.00, which includes, but not limited to the yearly operating & maintenance expenses, event needs, club promos and clay pigeon purchases for 2021.

Dave Larson - The Man with the Plan



Dave's interest in the outdoors came from his Grandpa John and Grandpa Joe. They both loved being in the woods and passed that passion to Dave! Grandpa Joe bought a train cook car and put it on an acre in the Fourtown area for a hunting shack. Dave eventually bought that acre, built a new shack and put it there. It has since been passed down to our kids, Joe and Annette, who both love hunting and the outdoors.

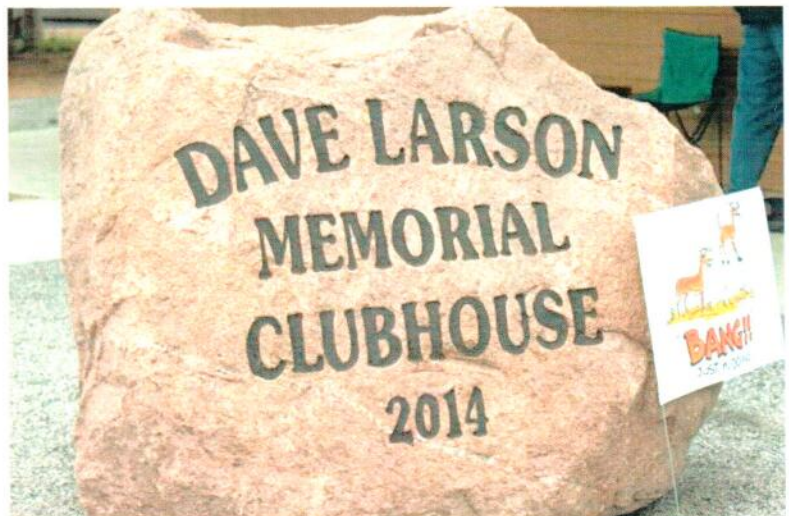
Dave and I moved to Warroad in 1988, finding it a perfect area for raising a family, hunting and fishing! We were fortunate to be hired during a period of growth where the school was looking for a kindergarten teacher and Johnson Chev/Lake Country Chev was looking for a car salesman. Dave began asking local people for any close, safe location to sight in his rifle. We had come from the Red Lake Falls area where there is a nice place to do just that called The Sportsman's Park. Around this same time, we were invited to a Northwest Minnesota Community Action meeting. It was there that we learned about The Blandin Community Leadership program. We filled out an application, listing our community involvement and why we would like to attend the leadership program. A couple of Dave's reasons were "To be involved" and "To help my community grow." The program was held Oct. 2-7, 1994 in Detroit Lakes. Dave came home even more excited about developing a facility for community members, kids, and families to safely site in their guns. The program gave him the tools to move forward with his vision! On December 29, 1994 Dave brought a proposal to the county commissioners to start the process.

Dave loved helping people and finding answers to questions and that made possibilities come true. His outgoing, friendly demeanor helped him make friends and connections who he in turn asked for help to move the project forward. He started creating a new organization and became the first president. He put together a board from a group of individuals ready to tackle the project of creating a shooting range. After leading through many hurdles, (finding a location, DNR lease, concerned neighbors, etc.) the Warroad Lost River Sportsmen Complex became a reality. Using the Red Lake Falls Sportsman's Park as an example, Dave was always looking to expand the WLRSC to attract more members. His vision leading enhancement projects is what helped create "the nicest public shooting range in Minnesota" (per the chief MN DNR Forester).

Each month I look forward to getting an email from the Warroad Lost River Sportsmen's Club. It truly warms my heart to know the people there still love their community and are making it an even better place for their kids and grandkids too.

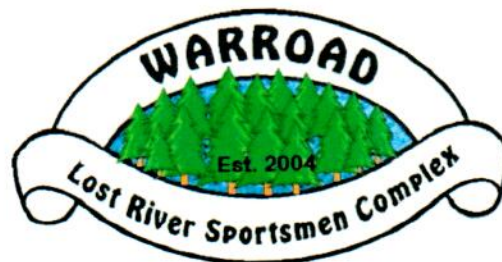
Wishing you all a safe and better 2021

Bernie (Larson) Rosten



Warroad Lost River Sportsmen Complex

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Address: _____

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☐ Renewal ☐ New Membership for Year: _____

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

(Memberships are per calendar year Jan—Dec)

_____ \$40 Annual Membership *(per family)*

_____ \$500 Lifetime Membership
100% goes to WLRSC Foundation

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

(Sponsorships are per calendar year Jan—Dec. and include an annual membership.)

_____ \$250 Gold Sponsor

_____ \$500 Platinum Sponsor

_____ \$1000 or More Diamond Sponsor

ARE YOU AN AVID SPORTSMAN? HERE ARE ADDITIONAL WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE RANGE.

DONATION TO WLRSC

These funds will go directly to help offset the costs of maintaining the range.

DONATION TO WLRSC FOUNDATION

These funds will be added to our WLRSC Foundation funds to be used for future capital projects and maintenance and are 100% Tax Deductible!

Just include your desired donation amount along with your membership fees and designate where you would like it to go. We'll do the rest!

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WHY SHOULD I BECOME A MEMBER??

This beautiful shooting range is run entirely by volunteers and is supported solely through memberships, sponsors, and donations. We currently have annual expenses in excess of \$12,000 to maintain the complex. Some of the expenses include grooming the grounds, insect control, target holders, land lease, insurance, road maintenance, and kids events. This does not include any capital improvements to the facility itself. Memberships help, but only cover approximately 1/3 of the annual maintenance costs.

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