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News Letter

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With the middle of March upon us, the opening of Elysburg is very near. Spear and Carlette will make their annual trip to Elysburg in a few weeks and the preparation for the 2019 trap shooting season will be underway. It has been a very busy winter preparing for this year and working on the development of the North East shooting complex. I would be remiss if I did not thank Jeff and Kelly Graupp for their hard work on the program. We try and continue to improve it and I think you will be very pleased with the end result this year. The book will be in the mail in early April to all the shooters who participated in Elysburg last year.

I have good news that we will be giving a trap gun away at each shoot this year. There will be a little twist in the gun shoot off at the Keystone and the Westy Hogans. The details will be in the program. I would like to thank Krieghoff, Kolar, Elite Shotguns, Beretta and CZ-USA for their sponsorship of the guns this year. We would also like to thank Rio, Aguila and Federal ammunition for their continued support of our state shoot and welcome aboard Winchester, Remington and Fiocchi. It is with a sincere appreciation that we also say thank you to all the other sponsors of the events this year! Should be an outstanding year and I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

The kick off for the capital campaign of the North East Shooting Complex will occur on May 17th with a reception starting at 5:00 pm for invited guests and everyone else who would like to be part of the festivities. It is our intent, at this event, to get into the details of what we are looking to develop and to also show interested people what the sporting clays area really looks like. I would like to thank the EC and the campaign committee for all their help and efforts since last October to bring us to this point in time. Let me bring you up to date with some information and back ground. Before I do that, I need to thank Mike Schuler for his leadership and willingness to do what it takes to make our vision of the North East Shooting Complex a reality. The PSSA has been a viable association since 1891 and I am certain that we need to move in this direction to guarantee the future of our association for the next 100 years. Two moves that we made were to hire a professional grant writer, Aspire Grant Services LLC in Somerset. They have submitted an Economic Development Grant to Pa and we are working on that at this moment. We also hired a company from Erie, Strategy Solutions, Inc. They are fund raising consultants and are keeping us on track with their expertise. Between the both of these companies we feel that they will help all of us be more effective and efficient in this campaign!

We will soon have a case for support, which is a color brochure detailing our plans and needs to develop this shooting Complex. We are about to embark on a 4 million dollar capital campaign to develop what we know will be the premier shotgun shooting complex in the North East. We need everyone's help and this brochure will be a good item to pass out with little effort or expertise. We will also have naming opportunities for those who wish to participate. Some of the ones we have identified are:

- North East Shooting Complex - \$1,000,000 Donation
- Sporting Clays Club House - \$400,000 Donation
- Sporting Clays Target & Cart Barn - \$150,000 Donation Each
- Sporting Clays Courses - \$100,000 Donation each 3 or 4 Available
- Individual Sporting Clays Stands - \$10,000 Each 54 to 62 Available
- Naming Road from Maintenance Building to Upper Club House - \$100,000

There will also be naming opportunities at our trap club house as we need to paint the inside and outside, install heat and air, along with paving all the parking areas. They are:

- Heat and Air Conditioning - \$50,000 Donation Each
- Target Barn Behind Bank One - \$150,000
- Five Shade Covers on the Trap Line - \$25,000
- Parking lot for Banks 9 & 10 - \$100,000
- Road from Bank 6B to 1D - \$100,000 Street Signs at Both Ends

There will also be other opportunities that we have not yet identified. Please do not misunderstand; we will be accepting and appreciating all donations regardless of size. These particular items provide an opportunity for an individual or a company to have their name displayed for perpetuity!

In closing, I hope I have conveyed the importance and excitement of this new direction. If not, consider this: who would have thought just a short 10 or 20 years ago that Sears would literally be dead by 2019! We do not want to go the way of Sears and need to institute meaningful change that prepares us to be the next Amazon in the shotgun world! Thank you.

Brest Wishes,

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