

Dear New Pioneer Gun Club SCTP Parents and Participants,

I hope everyone is staying warm this winter and looking forward to heating up the shotgun barrels once again this spring for the 2<sup>nd</sup> season of the Scholastic Clay Target Program at New Pioneer Gun Club. I am looking forward to having all of you back this year and also looking forward to seeing some new faces! Please let all of your friends know what a great time you had last season and invite them out with you this year!!

Attached are all of the registration materials and the tentative practice and shoot schedule for the season. The team is once again open to boys and girls from 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This year's season will run from March 10 through June 9 and most practices and shoots will take place on Saturdays (with the exception of the SCTP state trap shoot which will take place on Friday, May 4). Regular practices will be on Saturday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00PM.

The first meeting will be March 10 and will be a mandatory meeting with complete safety orientation. This meeting is open to parents as well. Parents are also encouraged to participate in practices or other club activities such as fundraising, photography, scrapbooking, coordinating travel to shoots, etc., etc. Just let me know if you are interested in helping out!

Our earlier spring schedule will help us align with the ongoing tradition of the high-school trapshooting programs in the state so all members will get the chance to compete in a large-scale youth competition. As previously mentioned, the SCTP state trapshoot will take place on **Friday, May 4** at the Cedar Falls gun club. **Please be sure to make arrangements now to get this time off of school if possible.** Just like last year, all participants are expected to be students in good standing to shoot on the team.

I'll be verifying round card costs with the club board of directors this week, but expect the cost to be close to the same \$75/25 rounds we were paying last year. The rest of the season's equipment requirements are attached. I also have seven cases of 12 gauge ammo donated by the Iowa State Skeet Association that we will be using for skeet practice/competition.

Lastly, we have three additional certified coaches that will be assisting with the team. Randy Cook, Brian Hood and Guy Thomas are all NRA or 4H certified instructors. I look forward to their help and welcome the skills and talents they bring to the coaching staff!!

See you all on March 10!

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## **2007 New Pioneer Gun Club SCTP Schedule**

**March 10 – First Practice and Safety Orientation 1:00 to 4:00**

**March 17 – Practice 1:00 to 4:00**

**March 22 – Optional/Makeup Practice 4:00 to 6:00**

**March 24 – Trap and skeet shoot at Ames Izaak Walton League, 10:00AM**

**March 31 – Practice 1:00 to 4:00**

**April 5 - Optional/Makeup Practice 4:00 to 6:00**

**April 7 – Practice 1:00 to 4:00**

**April 14 – Trapshoot at Warren County Izaak Walton, 10:00AM**

**April 19 - Optional/Makeup Practice 4:00 to 6:00**

**April 21 – Trapshoot at Warren County Izaak Walton, 10:00AM**

**April 28 – High School State Trapshoot: Cedar Falls (8<sup>th</sup> grade and older only)**

**May 4 (Friday) – SCTP State Trapshoot: Cedar Falls**

**May 5 – No Practice**

**May 10 - Optional/Makeup Practice 4:00 to 6:00**

**May 12 – SCTP State Sporting Clays: Rudd**

**May 19 – Practice 1:00 to 4:00 – Tentative, depending on coach availability**

**May 24 - Optional/Makeup Practice 4:00 to 6:0**

**May 26 – No Practice, Happy Memorial Day Weekend**

**June 2 – Practice 1:00 to 4:00**

**June 7 - Optional/Makeup Practice 4:00 to 6:00**

**June 9 – SCTP State Skeet Shoot at NPGC**

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