

## **New Pioneer Gun Club Scholastic Clay Target Program – Spring 2007**

### **Purpose**

The New Pioneer Gun Club Scholastic Clay Target Program (NPGC SCTP) is a clay target shooting sports team organized under the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP). SCTP is a youth development program sponsored by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), and the national governing bodies (NGB) of the clay target sports (National Sporting Clays Association, National Skeet Shooting Association and Amateur Trapshooting Association). The program goals of SCTP are as follows:

- Safe and Responsible Handling and Storage of Firearms
- Character and Citizenship Development through Teamwork
- Introduction to a Lifetime Sport that Families can Enjoy Together

NPGC SCTP participants will also have the opportunity to compete in state and national-level competitions in sporting clays, skeet and trap.

### **Eligibility and Registration**

NPGC SCTP is open to boys and girls in grades 5-12 who are enrolled in Iowa schools. Registration is free and all participants will receive a free SCTP hat. All participants must complete the SCTP consent waiver, NPGC SCTP Participation Agreement and medical history form prior to participation in team practices or shoots. In addition, all NPGC SCTP participants must take mandatory safety training (conducted by the coaching staff) prior to participation.

Participation in the SCTP state shoots requires membership to the respective national governing body for the specific shooting discipline (NSCA, NSSA or ATA). These NGB memberships are available at a discount to SCTP participants and membership applications are available online at [www.AAshooting.com/sctp.asp](http://www.AAshooting.com/sctp.asp).

### **Safety**

The primary focus of all NPGC SCTP activities will be safety. All participants are required to receive mandatory safety training prior to practicing or competing with the team. In addition, thorough safety briefings will be conducted at each practice and competition.

### **Coaching**

The NPGC SCTP head coach is Ben Berka. Coach Berka is a shooting instructor who holds certifications from the National Sporting Clays Association, National Skeet Shooting Association, Amateur Trapshooting Association and the National Rifle Association. Randy Cook, Brian Hood and Guy Thomas are also NRA or 4H certified coaches who will be assisting with the program throughout the season.

### **NPGC SCTP Dress and Conduct Code**

All participants of NPGC SCTP must be students in good standing and must conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen at all times. Participants may not wear open-toed shoes (sandals, flip-flops, etc.) or shorts shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Shirts with sleeves must be worn at all times and cut-off shorts are not permitted.

## **Required Equipment**

All participants must furnish their own shotguns, ammunition and accessories. Required equipment is as follows. For more information on equipment selections, please refer to the documentation furnished on [www.AAshooting.com/sctp.asp](http://www.AAshooting.com/sctp.asp):

- 12, 20 or 28 gauge shotgun in good, working condition. Guns with external hammers and/or double triggers will not be allowed in NPGC SCTP
- Eye and ear protection
- Shooting vest or shell pouch (no nail aprons)
- Shooting bag to hold ammunition and accessories
- Shooting journal (will be available from coaching staff)

## **Practice Schedule**

The spring shooting season for 2007 will run from March 10 through June 9. Practices will be conducted on Saturday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 at the New Pioneer Gun Club in Waukee.

SCTP participants must attend at least 80% of the regular, scheduled practice sessions to be eligible to shoot on a NPGC SCTP team in the state shoots. Participants will be expected to shoot a minimum of 50 targets at each practice session. New Pioneer Gun Club is offering 25 round punch cards (25 targets per round) to NPGC SCTP members at the special SCTP rate of \$75.00 (tax included). Participants must furnish their own ammunition for practices (factory loads are strongly encouraged).

## **Competition**

While competition is not the primary focus of NPGC SCTP, the team will participate intra-state competition and will have the opportunity to compete at the national level. Competitive squads consist of 3 shooters/squad for sporting clay and skeet and 5 shooters per squad for trap. All NPGC SCTP members in good standing will be eligible to shoot in competition.

Squads are divided by age level as follows:

- Rookie Division – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Intermediate Division – 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Jr. Varsity and Varsity Division – 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade (please note, all NPGC SCTP participants in grades 9-12 will shoot in the Jr. Varsity Division)

## **Additional Information**

For more information on the NPGC SCTP program, please contact Coach Ben Berka at 515-201-8395 or [Ben.Berka@AAshooting.com](mailto:Ben.Berka@AAshooting.com).

You can also visit [www.AAshooting.com/SCTP.asp](http://www.AAshooting.com/SCTP.asp) for information on NPGC SCTP and youth clay target shooting.

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