

Dear Twin City Rod & Gun Club Members:

The last two years have presented us all with challenges we have never faced before. These challenges have affected you at home, the grocery store, the gas pump, and everywhere else. The cost of goods and utilities - ammo included - has increased at such a rate that we are still trying to catch up.

We have tried very hard not to let that impact Twin City Rod & Gun Club Members. Meanwhile, the Clubs' operating costs have continued to rise. We have been extremely diligent about controlling our spending during this time. Thankfully, members have donated some much-needed materials, hours, and labor to keep the facilities running in good shape. We cannot thank our volunteers enough.

Even still, the Club has had to make some difficult decisions to sustain operations at the current level. On January 1<sup>st</sup>, Sporting Clays implemented a \$2/round increase to cover the rising cost of our clay targets. Trap rounds are increasing by \$1 per round, youth shooter fees are increasing by 50 cents per round, and leagues fees are increasing by \$5 per team. Archery has raised food prices and is evaluating increasing 3D registration fees to accommodate the rising cost of targets.

We have also imposed a \$2 shooting fee per membership per day at the Main Range. The board voted on this and brought it to the Membership in March. It will take effect starting May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the first day open for our "summer" hours. I would like you to know that we do not take this lightly, and we are not doing it to increase profits or pay for anything above and beyond our true expenses. There is a daily operating cost when the range is open, and we simply must account for that cost and find a solution to offset it. The alternative solution is to have the range open less.

We hope this will allow us to keep the range open and continue to provide excellent facilities to our shooters. We will continually review this decision, and we hope it does not remain long-term.

The Board of Directors and I will continue to look for cost reduction measures we can take and explore other ways to increase revenue for the Club. We are a club owned by the Membership, and we need your support to ensure that we can continue to operate and maintain our goal of preserving and passing along shooting sports in all formats.

Regards,

Kevin Winkler – Club President