

**PALATKA SKEET CLUB, INC.
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Dear Member,

Our annual election and membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 in the clubhouse at 7:00 PM to elect those who will govern and guide the Palatka Skeet Club during the coming year.

Our application to become a 501c(3) Non-Profit Corporation was approved and now provides us additional tax advantages and the ability to provide individuals and business entities with the means to claim a tax deduction for any donations to the club.

Our utility, insurance and operational costs have continued to rise, and our target costs have increased 10 percent this past year. Your Board of Directors has reluctantly made the decision to raise membership dues rather than the per round cost as the most effective way to hold your cost to shoot at present levels. We have absorbed the last two target increases along with continued operational costs to the point where we must generate additional revenue to operate and maintain our club.

We are constantly challenged to maintain and improve our club with a very small volunteer labor force and desperately need help to maintain the club and help contain costs. We especially need your continued participation to help keep the club viable.

We have determined that target breakage is primarily the result of dropping targets while loading them into the machine carousels. Pieces of targets are also falling into the low houses through the floors causing additional breakage. We will cover the floors with plywood to prevent this migration, but ask that you GENTLY lower targets into the machines rather than dropping them.

In June the club once again hosted a Youth Camp for aspiring young shooters. We filled the camp with 48 young shooters thanks to certified instructors who volunteered their time and expertise to make it a success. Our club has been

selected to once again host the State Championships in April and we encourage you to participate and possibly help prepare the club for this event.

The club was broken into two times this past year, and we invested in security bars on all windows and doors, a closed circuit security system and security system upgrades in an attempt to better secure the club. If you see any intruders on club property we ask you to immediately contact local authorities at the phone numbers listed on the front door and posted throughout the club.

Once again we request that you properly secure the entrance gate to allow any of the three locks to enable entry by club members, Palatka Water Department personnel and Florida Power and Light crews. Please load, turn off and remember to release the machine arms, and secure the houses when you have finished shooting.

As a member you have benefits not available to the general public, such as the ability to purchase components and ammunition at dealer prices, and the use of the clubhouse for private social events. Our RV camping area is also available for use by you and your guests.

Enclosed you will find your annual Membership Renewal Form, which must be returned by December 31st, if you are to remain a member in good standing. Even if you are a "Life Member", please fill out the form in its entirety and return it since we use this information to keep you updated and informed throughout the shooting year. *Why wait and possibly forget the December deadline - - - please consider filling it out and mailing it with your check today!*

Please visit our updated website frequently at: www.palatkaskeet.org for all of the latest club news, and show your support by renewing your membership and attending our general membership and election meeting.

Yours in shooting,

David (Robby) K. Robson, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer

Encl: Membership Renewal Form