HELENA
TRAP
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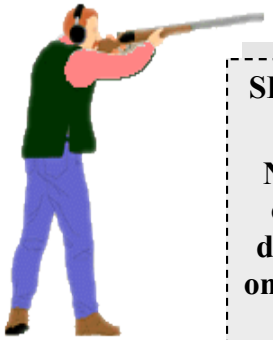
WELCOME TO THE
HELENA TRAP CLUB

The Helena Trap Club is a member operated trapshooting club, and operates under the rules and traditions of the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA).



SHOTGUNS ONLY

No rifles or pistols or other shooting devices can be used on the club property.

Address: 5505 N. Montana Avenue, Helena, MT—(Located 2.5 miles north of Helena city limits.)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4158, Helena, MT 59604

Phone Number: 406-458-9920

Email: htcsecretary@helenatrapclub.com
Website: www.helenatrapclub.com

ONE ROUND OF SHOOTING

(25 TARGETS):

Member Cost: $4.00

Non-Member Cost: $5.00

MEMBERSHIP COST:

$50.00/year

(Includes spouse and family members under the age of 18.)

ADDITIONAL SAVINGS AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS:

Shooting cards 12 rounds: $40.00

A savings of approximately $.67 per round.

We accept cash, checks, as well as Visa and Mastercard credit/debit cards.

The Club also sells:

- **Boxes of shell,**
- **Eye and ear protection.**
- **Reloading components (Members only)**

Prices are posted inside the clubhouse. Beverages and candy bars are also available.

During registered shoots and league events the club's kitchen will be in operation serving hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.

HOURS OF OPERATION

SUMMER HOURS:

Saturdays **12:00 noon to 4:00 pm-ish**
(until shooters are done)

Wednesdays **4:00 p.m.—Dusk**
(begins after Spring League starts—April)

WINTER HOURS:

Saturdays 12:00 noon to 4:00pm ish
(depending on weather)

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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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REMEMBER SAFETY FIRST

Safety will be of primary concern throughout all aspects and activities of this shoot. It is each person's responsibility to conduct him/herself in a safe manner at all times, and not endanger anyone else. This includes shooters, workers, and spectators; and covers gun handling, driving, equipment use and maintenance, and any other potentially dangerous activity. **Alcohol and gunpowder do not mix.** Let's help each other keep trapshooting a safe sport by correcting any unsafe condition that may arise.

OPEN OR OUT !

All guns must be unloaded, with action open, at all times, ***EXCEPT*** on the firing line or in a gun rack. Non-compliance will result in dismissal from the grounds.

DO IT NOW—LATER

MAY BE TOO LATE.

SHOOTING ETIQUETTE

Helena Trap Club adheres to the ATA Official Rules as part of their daily operations.

- Make sure you understand where your assigned trap field is located. Be sure you are behind the field well in advance of your turn to shoot.
- Be ready to shoot when your squad is called, and when it's your turn to shoot in the squad.
- Do not lean over each time to pick a shell out of a box on the ground or to pick up empties. Have your shells where you don't have to stoop to get them.
- Do not raise your gun until the shooter ahead of you fires.
- Remain on your post, standing facing the trap quietly, until the fifth person has fired their fifth shot, and then move to the next post. At the end of the round, remain still on your post facing the trap until the last person has fired the last shot. If you are leadoff, do not fire until you have checked and ensured that all members of the squad are on their posts and ready.
- Never load your gun before changing positions. When going from post 5 to post 1 turn to the right to avoid bumping guns with the shooter coming from post 4. When moving from post 5 to post 1, always walk behind the other shooters.
- Load only one shell at a time, except when shooting doubles. If a delay occurs, remove the shell(s) from the chamber. Close your gun only when you are on the post and facing the trap. Close it only when you are preparing to shoot, and avoid disturbing other shooters when doing so.
- Do not allow ejected shells from your gun to hit or annoy other shooters.
- Do no unnecessary talking on the line, keep your voice down when you are around other squads who are shooting.
- Time your shooting to establish a rhythm in the squad. Call for your target in a clear voice; do not call in such a loud voice so as to trip the voice release on the adjacent fields. Likewise, do not call with such a quiet voice so that the release does not trip.
- Be a sportsman at all times. If you are shooting well, others will be aware of it. You don't need to brag unnecessarily. By the same token, if you are having a bad day, accept it without complaint or displays of anger.
- Observe all safety rules. Ear and eye protection are mandatory. Do not point your gun at another person, even if you think it's unloaded. Always keep your gun pointed toward the ground or the trap house. Off the firing line keep your action open at all times.
- Shooters are almost always happy to have you look at their gun if you ask permission first. Do not pick up another shooter's gun from the rack and handle it without asking
- Place your shooting bag on the ground. Benches are for bodies.
- Read the ATA Rule Book and be familiar with the regulations.
- **Above all, BE SAFE and HAVE FUN!!!**

The Club is always looking for volunteers!