

Sauk Prairie Trap & Skeet
ANNUAL MEETING – Jan. 17, 2026

2025 SKEET REPORT

The Club hosted multiple skeet competitions during the 2025 shooting season, including winter skeet fun shoots, summer registered NSSA shoots, and youth SCTP skeet shoots. These competitions included the larger Wisconsin SCTP Youth Skeet Championships (nonregistered) and three National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA) shoots (registered). The Club threw a total of 11,500 registered targets at NSSA competitions and 12,500 winter fun shoot targets.

2025 Skeet Competitions

Registered shoots: **McPike Memorial** – 5x50 - April 2025 (14 shooters, 2,750 targets)
Bald Eaglet – 5x50 - May 2025 (9 shooters, 1,850 targets)
Bald Eagle – 5x100 – July 2025 (18 shooters, 6,800 targets)

Non-registered shoots: **SCTP Youth Wisconsin State Championships** – June 7 (286 juniors shot 28,600 targets). **SPTS Youth Invitational Trap/Skeet Shoot** – April 10-11

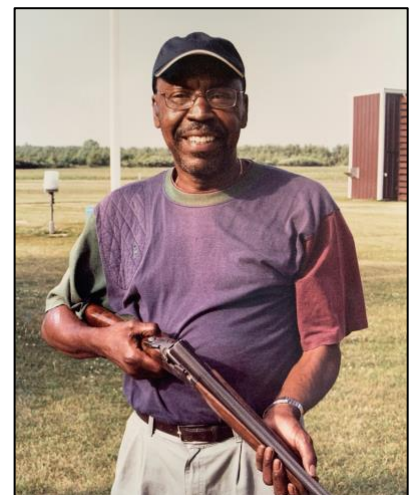
Winter Skeet Fun Shoots: there were 4 Saturday competitions - Jan., Feb., Mar., Nov., Dec. (104 shooters total, 12,500 total targets). Lewis class purses were awarded.

***** This winter fun shoot tradition at SPT&S goes back more than 20 years.

News:

- 1) The **2026 Wisconsin State Skeet Championships** will be hosted by our Club – August 28, 29, 30. The Club will host about 50 skeet competitors for three days.
- 2) The following Club members were elected to the **2025 Wisconsin State Skeet Team:**

Paul Friesen – 1st team – Open (2025)
- 3) Paul Friesen was also inducted into the **Wisconsin State Skeet Hall of Fame** at the 2025 WI State Skeet Championships (held in Green Bay). The Club has 4 members in the Wisconsin State Skeet Hall of Fame, including Mark Reichow (2002), Gary Wehlage (2004), Gary Wipperfurth (2018), and Paul Friesen (2025).
- 4) The Wisconsin skeet community mourns the passing of Club member **Lee Thomas** last year (June 29, 2025). Lee was a military veteran, who also served as the Wisconsin Skeet Association's President for 4 years. In 2020, he was given the WSSA Bill Spear Award for Outstanding Contributions to Wisconsin Skeet. Lee helped run dozens of Sauk skeet competitions, including the WI State Championships, the U.S. Open, and Zone 5 Skeet Championships. He was a skilled fundraiser. As Principals at Madison East High, Lee and Milt McPike hosted their Outdoors Pursuit Class at the Club for many years. Their students learned firearm safety, shooting skills, and a love of the outdoors. Lee is dearly missed by his friends at SPTS and North Bristol Sportsman's Club. He was a regular skeet shooter at both clubs and a good friend to all.



Upcoming Events:

Winter Skeet Fun Shoots: On Saturdays (10 AM) **** - February, March (to be announced).
Registered Skeet Shoots: 5x50 McPike (April), 5x50 Bald Eaglet (May), 5x100 State Championships (August).

Summer Skeet League: The Club has not offered a summer skeet league for several years (since COVID). If you are interested in helping organize an 8-week summer league (May, June, or July), with shooting scheduled once per week on Wednesdays, contact Paul Friesen (pfriesen@wisc.edu).

In Appreciation:

The Club's skeet shooters thank the **SPTS Board of Directors** for supporting the skeet program. These activities include 1) ordering targets and maintaining the skeet houses, 2) maintaining the Club's website for shoot advertising, 3) maintaining and repairing the skeet machines, 4) range cleanup, 5) mowing and fertilizing the grounds, and 6) especially the newly renovated fields. Frequent compliments from visiting shooters were received concerning the Club's hospitality, its shooting facilities, skeet targets, food, and grounds.

A special thank you to Club President Al Lathrop for preparing and serving meals at all of our skeet shoots. Also, thank you to **Club Director Tim Thiede** who maintained the skeet machines all season long. Thank you to **Club Treasurer Gary Wipperfurth** for his financial work.

The Club's Skeet Program also **thanks** multiple individuals who have volunteered to support our skeet competitions this past year: Al Lathrop, Gary Wipperfurth, Tim Thiede, Bob St. Clair, Keith Waier, Steve Vance, Andrew Henson, Austin Wildman, Doug Stebbins, Jim Moody, and others.

Paul Friesen
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