

# ***Welcome to 2016 Elkhorn Trap Team***

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## ***Links:***

Facebook Page: Elkhorn Trap Team  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/elkhorntrapteam/>  
Twitter Page: @ElkhornTrapTeam

Elkhorn Trap Team website—a new site is now available (<http://elkhorntrap.com/>)

Eastern Cornhusker Trapshooting Conference - <http://www.shootectc.org/>  
Elkhorn Trap is proud to be a member of the North Division of the Eastern Cornhusker Trapshooting Conference. You will find information including: rules, history, schedules, weekly stats & season averages. Consider sending this link to friends and family so that they can follow your shooters progress!

Elkhorn Trap is a club sport and is not sanctioned or recognized by the Elkhorn Public Schools. It's open to any 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade male or female active student who is enrolled in school at time of participation. Trap is unique in that it is a gender equal sport meaning girls compete against boys on an even playing field. Elkhorn Trap is a program designed to teach firearm safety, develop teamwork, sportsmanship and responsibility while developing positive life skills. The Elkhorn Trap Team participates in the North Division of the Eastern Cornhusker Trap Conference concluding with the Cornhusker State Shoot at Doniphan, NE each year. Our student athletes also participate in the American Trapshooting Association(ATA), Nebraska Trap Association(NTA), WASP-B and other independent events as well. Although Elkhorn trap is not recognized by the schools we do follow their academic requirements for participation. Participants are also expected to meet or exceed the EPS district activity and discipline codes.

### **Fall Trap Fundamental Session:**

Fall practice sessions begin in September and are geared toward the new shooters but not limited to them. These 6 weeks are designed to teach basic trap fundamentals while the weather is more cooperative. These are once a week for about 6 weeks or as long as mother nature allows(dates and times to be determined).

### **Winter Practice and Trap Competitions:**

Practices are typically on Sunday mornings and will begin end of January. Once the competitions begin we will switch over to Monday practices beginning March 14<sup>th</sup>. Trap season consists of 6 regular competitions starting in Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> and will finish April 28<sup>th</sup> for Juniors and April 29-30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for Seniors with the Cornhusker State shoot in Doniphan NE.

### **What do I need to participate:**

- Hunter Safety ID#
- Gun—12 gauge or 20 gauge(12 gauge preferred) w/ a modified to a full choke(improved modify typically works best for Seniors and a modified choke for Juniors)
- Either a Vest or shell bag—to hold empties(embroidered items are available for sale)
- Eye protection
- Ear protection—molded earplugs with headphones for music will not be allowed.
- Weather appropriate clothing

## **Gun Safety**

**There is Zero Tolerance for guns or ammunition at or near any school or school property, ever. Leave the guns and ammunition at home. Once again, there can be absolutely NO suggestion of any gun or ammunition at or near school grounds.**

All participating members of the Elkhorn trap team and ECTC are required to successfully complete a Firearm Safety Training Course recognized by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Hunter Education numbers must be provided to the Conference prior to participating in any Conference sanctioned shoots.

As a student of Elkhorn Schools, and a member of the Elkhorn trap team, you are expected to conduct yourselves in a mature and responsible manner both on and off the line.

### **DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE**

Members may not consume alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs, e-cigarettes or smoke or chew tobacco before or during live firing or on the premises. Anyone in violation of this rule will be removed from the team immediately.

### **SAFETY**

- Muzzles must be pointed in a safe direction at all times. (When transporting firearms to and from the line, muzzles shall point in a safe direction at the ground)
- Guns should be unloaded and stored away or on gun racks when not at the line
- Fingers must be off the trigger and outside the trigger guard, until the gun is mounted to the shoulder and ready to fire
- The action of the shotgun must be open and the firearm unloaded until ready to use. On a trap range, this means that the shooter is on the line and it is their turn to fire.
- Shooters may never load their gun prior to changing positions. When shooters are rotating from post 5 to post 1 they must turn to the right to avoid bumping guns with the shooter coming from post 4. When moving from post 5 to post 1, shooters must always walk behind the other shooters with their action open and the muzzle pointed at the ground.
- Shooters shall load only one shell at a time for all ECTC events. If a delay occurs, all shooters in the squad must remove the shell from the chamber.
- Shoulder carry with the muzzle pointing behind is not allowed at anytime on the line or in adjacent areas of the shooting facility.
- Participants are permitted to use only shotguns and ammunition gauges and loads deemed acceptable by the Shooting Range Management.

### **EYE AND EAR PROTECTION**

Every participant must have eye and ear protection during live fire, scoring, pulling, and shooting.

## **TOE TABS**

The use of toe tabs for resting of muzzles is **not** permitted by the ECTC. Participants shall not rest muzzles on the top of their foot or any other part of their body.

## **TRAPSHOOTING ETIQUETTE AND RULES**

- Shooters must be ready to shoot when their squad is called, and when it's their turn to shoot in the squad.
- A time limit of 30 minutes per squad for Senior Division shooters will be enforced—this includes both single and handicap 50 target programs. A stop watch will be in operation at each trap field. The stop watch will stop in the event of a gun malfunction or equipment failure. If 30 min. time limit is reached prior to each squad member shooting its 50 target program, the shooters will only be credited for the total number of dead targets at that time.
- The shooter assigned to post 1 shall be considered squad leader and shall visually and verbally ensure all shooters and scorers are ready prior to commencing shooting and the beginning of shooting as well as after each position rotation. The squad leader has the right to request a target be thrown prior to commencement of shooting. Gun cannot be shouldered at this time, nor any target tracked while in the air unless you are the one shooting at the target.
- All shooters are required to have either a shell pouch or shooting vest for empties. All empty shells go into the trash after your round if you don't want to keep them.
- Do not allow shells to be ejected from your gun onto the ground or to hit and annoy other shooters. Team members shooting semiautomatics must use a shell catcher.
- Shooters must not raise their gun until the shooter ahead of them has fired.
- All members of a squad shall remain on their post, standing facing the trap quietly, until the fifth person has fired their *5th shot*, prior to moving to the next post. At the end of the round, shooters must remain still on their post facing the trap until the last person has fired the last shot.
- All shooters should not unnecessarily talk on the line; voices should be kept down when you are around other squads who are shooting.
- Shooters should time their shooting to establish a rhythm within the squad. Targets should be called for 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.
- If you encounter a gun or ammo malfunction on the line, stop and raise your hand for a coach or range personnel to help you. Keep your muzzle pointed down range at all times until help arrives.
- 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.
- Place your shooting bag on the ground while shooting or waiting to shoot. Benches are for bodies.
- 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.

## **PRACTICES**

During most practices, we will be focusing on each individual shooter's fundamentals, technique, and gun safety. "Safety will be number one for every shooter." We plan on helping each shooter by providing informative training sessions, one-on-one instruction, simulation drills, as well as live practices. We will try to sharpen your skills and keep your mind focused on what it will take to become a successful trap shooter.

In order to get everything you can out of a practice..."Make Every Shot Count"...

Your coaches are there to make suggestions to help your shooting ability. Please respect what they are trying to pass onto you and use that information to benefit from it.

"To put it all together over the trap house, you have to put it all together in your head first."

## **ATTENDANCE AT PRACTICES**

Once at practice, you are a member of a "TEAM," which means we all help out. At no time should you assume that you can show up, shoot at 50 or 100 targets, and go home. We will all do our part by loading trap houses, pulling, scoring, and picking up boxes and empty shells.

Just as any other team sport, we practice to improve. You need to come to practice with a good attitude, keep that attitude, and learn from your mistakes or successes. We will not tolerate team members who are just here to basically hear the gun go "Boom!" Meaning, you could care less whether you are hitting targets or not. "Don't waste Your Time, Your Money, and Our Time and Our efforts."

### **What do I need to bring to every practice?**

- Gun
- Vest or shell bag(with 2 extra shells)
- Shells            Juniors: 2 boxes (minimum) of shells  
                         Seniors: 3 boxes (minimum) of shells
- Eye protection
- Ear protection
- Weather appropriate attire

### **What to expect at practices:**

- All practices are held at Valley Trap Range(276<sup>th</sup> & Hwy 36)
- Juniors and Seniors will shoot on separate traps.
- When you arrive, there may be a brief speech from the coach. You will then need to sign up on a score sheet to shoot.
- Be prepared to help set up voice callers before practice and wrap them up after practice. Also expect to load the trap houses as needed.
- Two or three boxes of shells are to be shot; make sure everyone else has had a chance to shoot one box before you sign up for your second box.
- At least 1 parent must be on each trap to score in order for you to shoot.

## **What to expect at regular season shoots:**

- All shoots will be held on Saturdays(Juniors will be competing at Papillion this year)
- Arrive two hours prior to your squads scheduled shoot time, which will be emailed to you the Thursday prior to each shoot.
- Check in with Kip or Scott as soon as you arrive-look for the Elkhorn banner.
- Pay close attention to when your squad is 'on deck' and at that time, get your gun and everything you need to shoot ready to go. This includes eye and ear protection and appropriate number of boxes of shells and always have 2 extra shells with you in case of a dud or a shot at a broken target. Juniors should bring 4 boxes of shells and Seniors should bring 6 boxes to each shoot. This allows extras in case of various shoot-offs.
- You will shoot all 50 targets each time(5 at each post).
- You may not leave the meet until you have permission from a coach. In the event of a tie, a shoot off may be required. If you leave and are not there for a shoot off, the entire squad forfeits the opportunity for an award.
- Awards are not presented until mid to late afternoon at best.
- These can be very long days. I would encourage families to bring a book, or a laptop for 'down time'. 😊

## **WORK DAYS FOR ALL SHOOTERS-**

We will have a minimum of 2 work days at Valley Trap Range during the summer. These work days are twofold. The volunteer help we provide by loading trap houses and keeping score allows for Valley Trap to run successful ATA(Amateur Trap Association) registered shoots and non-registered shoots. In return, Valley Trap basically charges us cost for targets which helps keep our practice costs down. These work days are broken into 4 hour shifts and all participants are expected to work at least one shift. Dates and times of these events will be announced when available.

## **CLUB FUNDRAISING SHOOT:**

Last September the Club put on a fund raiser with the help of Midway USA. Midway offers various fund raising promotions to assist youth shooting organizations. They "loaned" us a brand new Browning Silver in advance which we raffled off at our Smoke -N- Shoot fundraiser which we sold a spot/squad to parents/family, business people, and friends to shoot trap. In return, Midway requires us to send a minimum amount(\$2500 for the gun) to them after we held our fundraiser. We are planning on doing another raffle/shoot later this year.

## **ELKHORN HOSTING March 26th COMPETITION AT VALLEY-**

Elkhorn will be hosting this event which means we will need all shooters and parents to help run this event. We will be required to score, load trap houses, work the kitchen, operate the scoring program, etc. We are one of two clubs that have this unique opportunity. The Club will benefit from the proceeds.

## **2016 Season Estimated Trap Club Costs - Seniors(Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)**

15 days of practice...75 rounds of targets each day	
45 rounds @ \$3.00	\$135.00
45 boxes of Ammo @ \$5.90	265.50***
6 conference shoots @ \$20.00	120.00
1 All-conference shoot @ \$10.00	10.00
1 State shoot @ \$30.00	Pd by Club
29 boxes of Ammo (for meets) @ \$5.90	<u>171.10***</u>
Total out-of-pocket for season	<u>\$701.60</u>

Total Payable to Elkhorn Trap - \$265.00

*(if you shoot more than 3 boxes at each practice, your cost will be higher)*

\*\*\*Total estimate of ammo YOU need to purchase for season - \$436.60\*\*\*

*(if you shoot more than 3 boxes at each practice, your cost will be higher)*

## **2016 Season Estimated Trap Club Costs – Juniors(Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)**

15 days of practice...50 rounds of targets each day	
30 rounds @ \$3.00	\$90.00
30 boxes of Ammo @ \$5.90	177.00***
6 conference shoots @ \$10.00	60.00
1 All-conference shoot @ \$10.00	10.00
1 State shoot @ \$20.00	Pd by Club
18 boxes of Ammo (for meets) @ \$5.90	<u>106.20***</u>
Total out-of-pocket for season	<u>\$443.20</u>

Total payable to Elkhorn Trap - \$160.00

*(if you shoot more than 2 boxes at each practice, your cost will be higher)*

\*\*\*Total estimate ammo YOU need to purchase for season - \$283.20\*\*\*

*(if you shoot more than 2 boxes at each practice, your cost will be higher)*

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The funds payable to Elkhorn Trap will be placed in your personal account for the season. Your account will be debited according to how many targets you shoot and how many shoots you attend. You may pay the full amount at the beginning of season or make 2 installments. Deanna will let you know when your account is running low.

**\*\*\*You are responsible for purchasing your own ammunition\*\*\***, ear plugs and eye protection.

## **Where to purchase ammo:**

### **Guns Unlimited**

4325 S. 120<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE - 402-339-0771

One Flat of shells contains 10 boxes (of 25) for total of 250 rounds:

- Winchester AA \$76 + tax
- Winchester Super Targets \$55 + tax

*Jr - Sr. High School Program Discounts on Reloading Supplies & Equipment*

### **Shells:**

- Juniors: 7/8oz to 1oz of 7-1/2 to 8 size shot-target loads  
**Recommended Shells**-1oz #8 shot 1180fps
- Seniors: 1oz to 1-1/8oz of #7-1/2 to #8 size shot-target loads  
**Recommended Shells**-for 16yd-22yd #8 shot 1-1/8oz shot 1145fps  
for handicaps(23-25yd) #7-1/2 shot 1-1/8oz 1200fps
  
- Please note 1290fps in a 1oz load is maximum allowable load for trap and 1250fps in a 1-1/8oz load is maximum allowable load for trap.

## **Lunchtime**

In the past we have utilized Sign-Up Genius for parents to volunteer to provide food, snacks and beverages for all to share at these all day competition events. We also need help in our tent take-down and clean up toward end of that day's competition.

## **Gayle Hanshaw All Conference Shoot – Lincoln T&S Gun Club**

This event differs from the previous shoots, in that you will not be shooting in a squad consisting only of your Elkhorn teammates. You will be placed in a squad based on your individual season average. Awards are given for high individual scores, per class, at this shoot. ECTC requires a participant to compete in 5 of 6 conference shoots in order to qualify. The week before this shoot, an email will be sent out stating which shooters have made the All Central and All Conference teams for the season. This will be based on each individual shooters season average, with the lowest score of the season being dropped. It will also tell you which squad you will be shooting with, what trap you will be shooting on, and what time.

## **State Trap Meet in Doniphan, NE – Early May**

This is the last shoot of the season. The one we have been working so hard for all season! A participant must attend 5 of 6 conference shoots in order to qualify for the State shoot.



The week before this shoot, an email will be sent out with the squad assignments. Sunday, at practice, you will shoot 3 boxes with your State Squad.

Please arrive at least 90 minutes – 2 hours before you are scheduled to shoot so you can get checked in.

Consider bringing chairs, blankets, sunscreen etc. to make the day more enjoyable! There will be several food, gun and accessory vendors at this meet. You will have the opportunity to purchase State Trap apparel, reloading supplies, guns, hunting & trap vests, coats, caps etc. Ducks Unlimited usually hosts some type of raffle as well as opportunities to win .....but you have to sign up for BEFORE you shoot!!

On Thursday, the juniors will shoot 100-16 yard targets in a row, at one trap. After all squads are finished, it will be determined if any shoot offs are required. Once those are completed, awards will be presented.

*\*\*Juniors and their families may want to consider spending Wednesday night in Grand Island or Hastings. See the end of the packet for more information\*\**

On Friday, the seniors will shoot 75-16 yards targets in a row, at one trap.

On Saturday, the seniors will shoot 75 handicap targets.

*\*\*Seniors and their families may want to consider spending Thursday and Friday night in Grand Island or Hastings. Make your reservations now for hotel rooms, space is limited.*

Please make sure to call the school and let them know your son or daughter will not be in school the day(s) that they will be shooting.

**Awards Banquet – date TBD at the end of the season in May.**

**Team Apparel & Window Decals:**

Will be available for you to purchase.

(T-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, towels, caps, shell bags and vests)

**Sponsors**

Since its inception in 2012 Elkhorn Trap has been self-supporting. As the Team continues to grow and in order to provide support towards various teaching tools, team gear, team & individual awards as well as other out of pocket costs by our coaches, we are actively seeking Sponsors for the Team. While the success of the team has been phenomenal, the team needs sponsors in order to continue this trend of excellence. We would encourage you to assist in seeking additional sponsors for the team.

**Gold Medal Sponsors (\$500 or more)**

Midway USA

Miller Properties

Great Southern Bank

Dan Grieb

**Silver Medal Sponsors (\$250-\$499)**

Lyman-Richey Corp  
Builders Supply  
Christensen Lumber

**Bronze Medal Sponsors (\$100-\$249)**

Scheels  
Guns Unlimited  
Mentzer Family

**Wish List Items:**

"Elkhorn Trap" Tear Drop Banner/Flag  
Club Trap Gun(BT-99)

