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Lakes Area Shooting Sports

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2025 Club Highlights

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and happy as we go into 2026.

The sales of the Lakes Area Shooting Sports 2026 Calendar are going great, we should easily sell out before the end of this year. The money raised from the calendars will provide clays for Brainerd and Pillager High School Trap teams as well as the Central Lakes Trap team. These teams will use our facility starting in April. As these young people improve their shooting skills they also continually work on gun safety.

I want to give a heads up to two of our young members that have been able to use their shooting skills to acquire scholarships; **Lexi Sealy** is shooting for Concordia College. Two years ago she took 2nd place nationally. **Andy Grell** is a junior at Midland University. Andy holds many titles. State Junior Champion, Junior HAA, Junior HOA to name a few.

I want to apologize that I haven’t been very good at keeping you updated on our club’s growth and improvements. We closed out 2025 with 700 members. We purchased a storage shed for shooting range supplies and placed it near the hand gun range. We also had a pergola built for the hand gun range.

Your Board of Directors are currently working on several projects to improve the hand gun range, as well as the skeet and trap ranges. We hope to host more competitive events and more special events for our members. If you find you have extra time on your hands, please consider volunteering. We could use help with landscaping, facility maintenance, cook outs and assisting folks new to the sport.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Respectfully, Tom Longanecker - 2025 Board President

REEDS GUN FAIR  
RAFFLE WINNERS:

TJ Richards, Stan Dobosenski,  
Ryan Sarvie, Mark Campbell  
and Bart McNabb.

2025 SCHOLARSHIP  
WINNERS:

Arlo Biermaier, Cowen Cremers,  
Autumn Schiller, Alexis Seeley  
and Samantha Wirtz

Each will receive \$1,000 to put  
towards their higher education.

PISTOL LEAGUES:

All are welcome to join this  
weekly competitive shoot next  
summer.

EMAILS

Make sure you are getting email  
updates from the club. Contact  
Penny for help, or to update  
your address.

CENTRAL  
LAKES  
COLLEGE

CLC completed its 3rd fall season as a varsity sport on Oct 21st. The past year has been a rollercoaster of emotions for the team and staff with the loss of longtime assistant coach and youth shooting sports advocate Steven Weagel. His presence was missed by all. The final day of the season was intense with wind gusts up to 70mph, the Raiders did the best they could, as a team breaking 410 out of 500 targets, good enough for a second-place finish to North Dakota School of College and Science in a field of 14 schools. Team scores are calculated using the top five shooters, CLC fielded a team of 18 shooters on that day, NDSCS had 47. Our top five shooters were: Lance Klersy - Monticello (93), Terran Bursch - Foley (84), Holden Truax - Parkers Prairie (80), Benjermin Hagenson - St. Cloud (77), Joseph Kreuser - Princeton (76) and Caden Sale - St. Michael Albertville (76). Lance Klersy was high gun overall on the day, with Isabel Gilberts (60) taking 2nd high gun in the Female JV division and Kailey Klema (53) 1st high gun in the Female novice division.

The regular season the Raiders won the largest division with the smallest roster against similar competitions (NDSCS, Alexandria, Northland, Ridgewater). 17 of 19 shooters shot varsity at some point throughout the year.), Terran Bursch and Benjermin Hagenson tied for 3rd high gun. CLC had two other shooters with a 24.2 average, tie breaker came down to the competitors reserve week score, in which case both Terran and Ben had perfect 50’s in the reserve week. The women on the team had a great showing as well with Della Keop - Parkers Prairie winning high female and Allie Tryggeseth getting 3rd high gun. It was a phenomenal year with our team taking home 9 of the possible 12 awards for the year and all the athletes and coaches are proud to call LASS our home! Thank you for the support, see you at the youth dinner in March!



BRAINERD HIGH SCHOOL

The Warriors had 47 Team members, 40 on Trap, 7 on Skeet, 19 new team members, 13 Seniors, 21 Juniors, 4 Sophomores, and 10 Freshman. 15 females and 32 males. Season Awards: Trap Finished 2nd Overall in Class 6A-Conference 1. Skeet Finished 3rd Overall in Class 1A-Conference 2.

MN Shooting Championship: Trap, finishing 37th overall out of more than 350 teams. Skeet, 7 shooters, finishing 7th.

Thanks to the families and friends that have followed us through the season and continue to support us. Thanks to Lakes Area Shooting Sports for hosting and supporting us. Thanks to the coaches for all the dedication and support. Thanks to the athletes, the Warriors. You made it a safe, fun, and a great season. Seniors, good luck in your future. We will miss you and wish you the best. One last time, What color do we Bleed – BLUE, Who are We – WARRIORS. Thanks again and we will see you next year.

PILLAGER HIGH SCHOOL

It was an exciting season for the Pillager Huskies Clay Target Team. The growth of our athletes both on and off the field was incredible with each of our athletes seeing personal bests! The team competes in the spring and the fall league each year and many of the athletes shoot multiple disciplines. The various volunteer opportunities and events the team participated in showed teamwork and strengthened bonds.

We are thankful for the families that encourage our athletes, our coaching staff and the many businesses and individuals that donate and sponsor athletes each year.

We are incredibly blessed to call Lakes Area Shooting Sports home and are so thankful for their support and dedication to youth shooting sports! One of the athletes said it best last spring at the first practice: “It’s good to be here, it’s like coming home”.

