

THE *OTHER* BENEFITS OF TRAPSHOOTING

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SHOOTERS FOR HOOTERS

EASTERN MONROE WYEVILLE ROD AND GUN CLUB

You might be wondering what I am going to lead you into with this introduction. What benefit might you get from this article that has sparked my interest? Think of all of the benefits we get from trapshooting and organizations that also benefit from us shooting. Your benefit might include shooting a high score for the day or hanging out with your friends shooting the bull. But the other benefit for the day will be your support for a cause.

Take for instance the benefit held at a members club called Eastern Monroe County Rod and Gun Club located outside of Wyeville, Wisconsin on October 1st. This event for the day not only benefited the trap club with 65

shooters shooting 100 rounds, but the shooters also enjoyed local donations and walk-around raffles to win prizes. A delicious donated lunch was also served by the Treasured Chest.

If you did not get there early, around 10am you had to wait until later afternoon to shoot as posts fill up fast at this event. While waiting to shoot you had the chance to spend and donate money to the Shooters for Hooters, with all proceeds going to the Treasured Chests, Inc. located in Tomah, Wisconsin. The Treasured Chest's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of those affected by breast cancer by supporting those in need through

fundraisers and breast cancer awareness. Local donations ranging from \$100 to \$10,000 have helped to provide meals to hospital cancer treatment patients. It really is a great cause and the donations help these patients to have one less concern to worry about.

Sunshine was abundant for the day shining on the all green targets that headed for the fall green, red and gold colored trees. You would think that the all green targets flying to the trees would be hard to pick out. But, it was just the opposite, most of the time. Some of the lime green targets liked to play peek-a-boo for the 65 shooters flying into the trees. Sure, hitting all of the targets was the goal but having another mission for the benefit made it even better.



One of my squadmates, Bob Sylla, was the only shooter to score a perfect 100x100 on the Singles line next to me. Five of us came close to his score with 99s for the event that was shot on two trap houses and run by volunteers of the club.

EMC WYEVILLE BREAST CANCER SHOOT



WESTON PATRIOTS SHOOT VOLUNTEERS





This annual event is hosted in the first week of October, so plan on

attending and shooting for those Hooters to stay healthy.

HELPING OUR HEROES TRAPSHOOT

WESTON HIT AND MISS TRAP CLUB

Another Annual Benefit was held at Weston Hit and Miss Trap Club, Weston, Wisconsin that you can add to your calendar for 2023 is the HELPING OUR HEROES TRAPSHOOT. This event is also held in October and brings in shooters from all over the state.

When you drive into the parking lot you will see Harleys and bikers in leather. But don't let that change your mind on what the event will be about for the day.

The term *bikers* is used in many ways and these *bikers* are part of a group called the Patriots for

Warriors. Sure the leather looks great on them while they are volunteering, loading the trap houses, scoring and running the shoot. Their time for this event is donated to help the local Military Veterans.

All of the proceeds they collected at this trap shoot will benefit the group Patriots For Warriors, a 501c3 Military Veteran support group helping local veterans.

I have attended this event for

several years at the Weston Trap Club and as usual the weather is a factor, but that did not stop me or the other shooters wanting to show support. Shooters could sign up as many times as they wanted to shoot 25 targets from 16 yards & 25 targets from Handicap yardage. Lunch and drinks were available to purchase or if you were a veteran you received a complimentary meal. Raffles and silent auctions were held to help raise money.

Kyle Wojoe Wojcicechowski, President of the organization, strives to make sure their mission is upheld, "Our mission is to help all veterans with a true need. To give them a hand up, not a hand out". All members are volunteers working to provide assistance like helping veterans to pay for heat, new roof, medical bills, snow shoveling, food for the month, etc.

Now you understand the heading, The Benefits of Trapshooting. Trapshooters are a community with lots of members and the members are willing givers with other intentions just like the Patriots For Warriors and The Treasured Chest, Inc. Perhaps your club has a good benefit to donate to, if not, give it a try. ■

