

A LESSON IN TRAP-SHOOTING

SWHS Trap Team has some new shooters

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Have you heard of Hour trap-shooting team? Don't worry, not a lot of people have either. This year's trapshooting team is full of fresh shooters. We have a lot of people on the team this year, just like every year, who are willing to learn. There has been a lot of improvement in our team so far and it just keeps getting better.

"We have a young team this year with a lot of fresh shooters that have a lot to learn, but we are doing great," said junior trapshooter Ellis Wepler. For most, trapshooting is just for fun, but for Sedro-Woolley High School trapshooters, it is a passion. Ryan Lukehart said, "Trapshooting is a great experience - we have a great coach and a lot of people who volunteer to help us get better."

Trapshooting was developed in England late in the 18th century. The first targets were live pigeons that were released from cages that were called traps. The sport was first introduced in the United States early in the 19th century and was popular by the mid 1900s in many

of areas like Cincinnati, Ohio, and the New York

shooter shoots five times at each station, one at a

pigeons come out, following through with your shot, and leading the trap enough to hit it every time.



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Many students choose to participate in Trap-Shooting just for fun or to improve their skills in shooting.

The objective is to shoot as many targets as you can at each station to achieve as high of a score as possible. Starting 16 yards back from the trap box leaves you shooting the target from 35-40 yards out which makes this sport challenging, which is why you'll find so many skilled shooters shooting traps. Most shooters would encourage everyone to get out and shoot traps to improve

your shot or just for fun. For anyone willing to learn this sport, you will definitely see an improvement in your shot. For some like senior shooter Ryan Lukehart, he has seen a 10 point plus improvement since his freshman year.

areas. The sport is now hosted all over the world and some places are lucky enough to have a high school trapshooting team like SWHS.

Trapshooting is played by five players, and there are five stations, one for each shooter. Each

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player moves down to the next station. At the end, you will have shot 25 times and you are given your score out of 25. Over time, you learn the ways of the game such as the pattern that the clay