

# Silver Dollar Sportsmen's Club opens 5-stand trap shooting pyramid



The new 5-Stand Shooting Pyramid at the Silver Dollar Sportsmen's Club in Wooster stands 32 feet high and is 70 feet long. Each of the five shooters have a menu of nine traps, tossing a program of 25 targets to shoot at. Shooters rotate to all five stations, shooting five clay targets at each station.

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WOOSTER — Dana Finley minces no words when talking about the Silver Dollar Sportsmen's Club's latest addition.

“This is a 5-stand on steroids. This is going to be hot stuff,” said Finley, who is in charge of the shooting sports at the Wooster-area club.

Finley and cohort Rex Messner have been working on getting the pyramid built for some time now, and they decided to go big, or go home when they took on the project.

“When we took over the traps six years ago, Rex said, ‘What do we need to do next?’ I’ve been pushing this for six years. We convinced the board, and now we’ve finally done it.”

The club's new 5-stand shooting pyramid stands 32 feet high at the peak and spreads out a total of 70 feet. On each end is ground shooting station, then two platforms 8 feet off the ground, and the middle station sits 16 feet in the air.

“We built this to promote our sport,” said Finley. “We want to bring young people into the shooting sports, and we think this will bring new people to our club, not to mention pay for itself.”

While the Silver Dollar Sportsmen's Club paid for the materials, the labor was all donated, headed up by club members Bill Smith (Bill Smith Builders) and Tom Snyder.

Saturday, June 2 was the official opening for the pyramid, and before that, Finley and Messner had a group of Boy Scouts try it out.

And while the club has just got the pyramid up and running, word has spread fast.

“We had information online about it, and we’ve already heard from people from Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky,” said Finley. “Last Saturday we had a father and son come down from Strongsville and they couldn’t stop talking about it. They said they’d be back.”

The five shooters each shoot five clay targets from each position, rotating after each round. They shoot singles, doubles, report pairs and true pairs at each station, with a menu of options flung from nine different traps.

“It takes 20 minutes to run a group through,” said Finley. “The good thing about it is you don’t need a special trap gun, you can break any of the targets with a 20-gauge shotgun that you hunt with, put a skeet choke on it and No. 8 shot. Bring your field gun and go out and have fun.”

And, that’s really what the Silver Dollar Sportsmen’s Club wants — those who come to take on the pyramid shooting challenge, to have fun.

“I want to see them break targets,” said Finley. “They paid for them, they can break them

“If they’re having trouble, we’ll offer help, we’ll work with them. We always say, ‘wood on wood (check on stock), bead on bird, and keep swinging.’”

While the 5-stand pyramid looks cool, not to mention unique, in reality, it’s another tool to help the hunter get ready for hunting season.

“If you’re a bird hunter, it simulates realistic hunting conditions,” said Finley.

The club plans on varying the trap machines rotation to keep the shooters on their toes. The cost is \$8.50 for members for 25 clays and \$10 for non-members.

Finley and Messner also are looking to start up a 5-stand league (potentially Wednesday nights) as early as July and August, and are looking for teams to compete. If interested, call Finley at 419-651-1281.

And if there’s a wait for the 5-stand, the club also has three trap ranges and an archery range to the left and right of the pyramid.

The Silver Dollar Sportsmen’s Club is located at 5040 Secrest Road in Wooster. The club also has a covered pistol range and dog trial fields. Trap leagues are held in the spring and fall. Currently there is a series of Women Only events at the club.

Keep up to date on events and schedules at the club by visiting their Facebook page or website: [www.silverdollarsportsmensclub.org](http://www.silverdollarsportsmensclub.org), along with information concerning membership.