



KEYSTONE SHOOTING PARK

A 21ST CENTURY RANGE

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A new Olympic Trap venue opened on the east coast this spring. The Keystone Shooting Park (KSP), and is located in Northumberland County, Pa., about 45 minutes north of Harrisburg. KSP has plans for two fully covered fields with the possible inclusion of more in the future. The range is also conveniently located close to both a regional airport (Harrisburg International Airport) as well as a major international airport (Philadelphia International Airport) to better serve shooters. The range opened May 1 and will be operational 365 days a year, weather permitting. KSP will be the first fully automated Olympic shotgun range in the entire world. Operated on a smart-key card system, this benefit allows athletes to train at a time and frequency to meet their schedule. For the first time ever, Olympic shooting athletes and enthusiasts from all over the United States will have the opportunity to train in an uninhibited and constructive environment at a range complex that will offer unequalled access.

KSP has entered into an agreement with Perazzi to host the Perazzi USA Grand Prix in Olympic Trap, which will be held July 8 to 10. This Grand Prix will be an annual event and will showcase the Perazzi product line and integrates both innovative and competitor friendly features into the match. On-site gunsmithing will be offered by Dan Lokker of Giacomo Sporting USA. State Junior Olympic Championships as well as Olympic Camps will highlight the commitment of KSP to promoting Olympic shotgun sports in the United States. To that end, KSP has established special



A view of the newly installed Mattarelli Trap machines at KSP.

rates for juniors and both National and Developmental Team athletes in order to give them an affordable training experience at a World Class facility.

KSP's management-designed venue incorporates the latest innovative features such as a kiosk that contains a keyless digital locking mechanism, auto on-off switches for the trap machines, remote control hydraulic door assists, on-range flat screen scoring monitors as well as a

smart card reader for training use. Another feature that competitors will enjoy is the score tracking system, which instantly updates all scores electronically during firing. Segmented results are shown on a large wall mounted flat screen television in the club house and live on the KSP website. KSP is also the first Olympic Trap venue in North America to incorporate a concrete tunnel system which offers protection for maintenance staff as well as provides a true in-house target storage capability of up to 200,000 clay targets.

The bunkers at KSP are European style "Flush" bunkers which face north-northeast for optimum training conditions. The range is equipped with Mattarelli Traps and Elfipa electronics, which have proven to be a winning team of durability and proven excellence at other venues. Designed from the ground up by shooters, KSP will be a breed apart. For more information call (717-903-9009). The KSP website address is www.keystoneshootingpark.com.

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