

# Trap shooting is new sport at Fertile-Beltrami School

Fertile-Beltrami will offer a new spring sport this year. Coach Shawn Ramsey said, "We have been working on getting a high school trap team in Fertile for going on four years and we have finally made it for this spring season. Our shooting range will not be completed for this spring season but is scheduled to be operational for the 2019/2020 season."

The Red Lake Falls trap club has graciously invited us to use their facilities until ours is going. So far over 30 student athletes are interested in participating. His guess that they will end up with 20 to 25 kids joining our team.

The sport is expensive, the costs are going to be around \$375 per shooter to cover entry fees, clay targets, ammunition, and uniforms. Coaching is 100% volunteer.

Fundraising will start soon thru donations as well as a couple of raffles to help families with the costs, their goal is to raise enough money to reduce the costs to 200.00 or less per athlete.

The Minnesota high

school trap league started in the 2007/2008 school year with 3 schools and 30 students, last season in Mn there were 349 school teams and 11,936 students participating.

Safety is the top priority, since the league started there has not been one injury of any kind, no other school sport in Mn has that record.

The season will start April 1st and we will shoot 1 day a week thru may 19th, then they will have a family night the week after and their last time of shooting will be the only time we go to another range and that is one day during the week of June 10th and that will be in Alexandria at the State invitational where every team is invited to shoot one day over the 9 day tournament, spectators are not only welcome but encouraged to come cheer their team on.

Ramsey remarked, "so if a student approaches you trying to sell a raffle ticket it is for a good cause."

