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Officers are elected to serve a one-year term and Directors for three years. Officers and Directors are installed at the annual Banquet in January.

## President's Message

### Season's Greetings

Happy Holidays to all our valued members. I wish all of you a joyous time together with friends and family as 2005 comes to a close. As we enter this holiday season I would like you all to step back a moment and appreciate all that you have.



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**NO JANUARY MEETING! BANQUET INFO BELOW!**

**Save This Date!!!!**

**February 11, 2005**

**Saint Charles Sportsmen's Club Banquet**  
**Saint Charles Place, Saint Charles.**

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## November Meeting Highlights

### No Meeting In January!!!

#### Trap

Trap is doing very well. Spring Trap League will start the 3rd week of April.

#### Skeet

Everything working well.

#### Sporting Clays

January/February starts a new sporting clays league. Check back for details.

#### Machine Maintenance

Check out the newly remodeled skeet clubhouse.

#### Wobble Trap

Working on 2006 schedule.

#### Sportsmen's Activities

Youth hunt day on November 12th was very successful. Bird hunting is up and running. There is nice cover and nice area. Need water in lake. Very low.

#### Rifle Pistol Range

No news to report.

#### Building/Grounds

Next Work Day - December 17, 2005, 8:00AM

Work project - Relocate sporting clays stations and manufacture new ones.

#### Membership

See page 6. New member Orientation - December 21st. Next one in February. Details TBA

#### ATA

ATA shoot program is over for 2005. New season starting in 2006. Thanks to all volunteers for hard work.

#### Old Business

Service Club shoot - 30 people showed up from Fire Department, Ambulance, American Legion, Lion's Club. Targets and ammo were free and lunch was provided.

#### New Business

New dates for Recobs. They will be coming to the club on the 3rd Saturday in March and will continue every 3rd Saturday every other month.



## Rifle/Pistol Range Update/Policy

### Reminder!!

Members ONLY are allowed to use the Rifle/Pistol Range. Exception: **NEW Policy Change!** Only one guest accompanied by a member on **Saturdays** and Sundays is allowed.

#### Bowling Pin Shoots

Second Saturday of the Month

#### Action Shoots

Every other month

Shoots are over for 2005 and will resume in Spring 2006

#### Rules/Regulations

Registration will be from 8:30AM to 9:00 AM

Mandatory Safety Meeting at 9AM. If you do not attend the safety meeting you will not be able to shoot.

Contact Jeff Johansen at 630-293-3581.

#### New Rules!

#### Calibers Allowed on Rifle/Pistol Range

The following types and calibers are currently allowed. Remember, only standard velocity or target loads are allowed.

**NO CENTERFIRE RIFLES**

**NO MAGNUM LOADS OR CALIBERS!**

**THE NEW .17 CALIBERS ARE NOT ALLOWED!**

**MUZZLELOADING RIFLES WILL NO LONGER BE**

**ALLOWED!**

#### Rifle allowed

.22 rimfire - standard velocity or target loads

Shotgun slugs

#### Pistol allowed

.22 rimfire- standard velocity or target loads

.25 auto .32

.32-20 .380 auto

.38 9mm

.40 Smith&Wesson .44 Smith&Wesson special

.44-40 Winchester .45 GAP

.45 Auto .45 Colt

...Jeff Johansen

Rifle/Pistol Chairman



## Public Shooting Hours

Beginning March 1, 2005 thru November 1, 2005

Saint Charles Sportsmen's Club Public Hours

Tuesday 6:00PM - 10:00PM

Thursday 6:00PM - 10:00PM

Saturday 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Sunday 9:00AM - 2:00PM

## From The Skeet Chair

### Thank You!

A special thanks go out to some great members who, without their help, the newly re-vamped skeet clubhouse would never have happened. They put in some hard work and long hours to make this a skeet house to be proud of. I know I am!

If you haven't seen it yet, make a point to stop in and take a look. Special thanks again to the following members: Ron Pierce, Mark Crcedon, Bud Bocker, Kent Burns, Cindy Gaffney, Ziggy and friend Rambo (Eric). I also want to thank all the members who supplied food for all the workers. Without them giving us fuel to continue this job would have taken much longer.

Again, thanks to all of you for making this happen!

Sincerely,  
...Frank Kubica  
Co-chair Skeet

## Newsletter Update

**Deadline** for articles for the December newsletter is **December 16th**. Send items or photos of interest to [news@saintcharles-sc.org](mailto:news@saintcharles-sc.org).

Please note. We have discontinued printing and mailing the newsletter to members because of the high cost of printing and stamps. Members may access the newsletter by getting the on-line version from the SCSC website or there will be a limited number of copies available for pickup at the club. Members who have provided an e-mail address to the Membership Chair will be sent an e-mail with a link directly to the newsletter. It will be in a pdf file format that can be opened if the member has the free version of Adobe Acrobat Reader.

...Rosemary Jendras  
Newsletter Editor



## President's Message *continued...*

For many of us the holiday season is a time that can and does stress us out because of the many demands of parties and shopping and planning in addition to the normal stress of everyday life. We sometimes forget to enjoy the season for the opportunity to be with family and friends. We should also realize that this Christmas season there will be a lot of people who are living in tents and trailers, who have no homes because of the hurricanes down south and and who have lost loved ones in the war in Iraq. It will be a tough holiday season for them. But they will persevere because that is what the human spirit does. So we should remember that although the holidays may be stressful to us, we are stressed because we have so much. We have many freedoms and privileges as well as too many possessions. Let's appreciate these gifts and also share "wealth" and ourselves through donations and volunteerism not just during the holidays but all year round.

Finally, remember to share your sport and your passion for the shooting sports. Happy Holidays!

...Bob Scherf  
President

## From The Sporting Clays Chair

### Join the Sporting Clays League

St. Charles Sportsmen's Club holds two Sporting Clays Leagues each year. This is an excellent way for anyone interested in shooting sporting clays to experience this exciting shooting sport. Leagues usually run eight (8) weeks and can be shot on any club open day. Please check the club website for upcoming league dates. Leagues are open to members and non-members alike.

...Frank Kubica, Director  
Sporting Clay Chair

## Winter Jack Rabbit 2006

### Schedule

Jack Rabbit is scheduled to be held at these clubs.

Jan 8 - Sycamore  
Jan 15 - McHenry  
Jan 22 - St. Charles  
Jan 29 - Glen Ridge  
Feb 5 - Northbrook  
Feb 12 - Sycamore  
Feb 19 - McHenry  
Feb 26 - Glen Ridge  
Mar 5 - Northbrook  
Mar 12 - St. Charles

## The Match of the Century

### A Little Bit Of History

It is fitting that the World Shooting Complex is being constructed in Illinois, and that it will host the Amateur Trapshooting Association's Grand American event in 2006. Over 100,000 people are expected to attend that annual event next year in Sparta. Not many people know that over 100 years ago, two men from Illinois, who also happened to be the best shotgun shooters in the country, went shoulder-to-shoulder in a series of trapshooting matches that had everyone in the world of outdoor sports buzzing. Captain Adam Bogardus, who lived many years in Illinois, was renowned for his skill with a shotgun. He held a record of hitting 6000 two-inch glass balls with 6013 shots. He also manufactured his own line of glass ball targets. Capt. Bogardus had quite a following of loyal fans. His challenger was a younger, mountain of a man named Doc Carver. Born in Winslow, Illinois, Doc Carver earned his fame as a crack rifle shot and a market hunter.

Because he was at the top of the trapshooting sport in the USA, and because he had nothing to gain, Capt. Bogardus put off the challenge made by Doc Carver for six years. Then, finally, he agreed to a match with Doc. But could this young challenger really expect to upstage the old master wing shooter? The whole country was eager to find out. Their first match was held in Louisville, Ky. on February 22, 1883. It seemed like side bets were being made everywhere by everyone. As that first match progressed, the old master, Capt. Bogardus, faltered, and the young challenger, Doc Carver, came on strong. After 100 live pigeons were released for each shooter, the final score was 83 for Doc Carver and 82 for Capt. Bogardus.

Was that first match a fluke? Is Doc really that good? Has Capt. Bogardus lost his edge? Many such thoughts swarmed through the minds of sportsmen after that first match. Capt. Bogardus then challenged Doc Carver to another match. The challenge was accepted, and the two star trap shooters were off to Chicago for their second match. Once again, 100 live pigeons were released for each shooter, and Doc Carver knocked down 82 of his while Capt. Bogardus got 79 of his targets. After this main event, they shot an extra match using some new fangled targets made by Gregory Ligowsky of Cincinnati, Ohio. Some called these new targets "mud saucers" because they were made entirely out of clay. Doc won that match, too, beating Capt. Bogardus by a score of 72 to 63.

Capt. Bogardus was humiliated by his 0-3 record against his younger challenger, and he was equally determined to redeem himself. Recognizing this moment in trapshooting history was a golden opportunity to promote his new clay targets, Greg Ligowsky then made an offer to Doc Carver and Capt. Bogardus they could not refuse.

His proposal to them was to conduct a series of 25 matches of 100 targets each to be held in cities throughout the country. Ligowsky would pay the winner of each match \$300. Not only did the two men eagerly agree, they also decided that whoever won the most matches would keep the entire \$7500 in prize money. So, off they went to St. Louis, Omaha, Pittsburgh, Boston, Philadelphia, Indianapolis, and 18 other cities. When it was all over, Doc Carver won by shooting 93 percent of his targets compared to 87 percent for Capt. Bogardus. It was a fascinating time for trapshooting in America, and we can expect some fascinating stories to unfold from the new World Shooting Complex in Sparta, Illinois in the future.

(For more information on trapshooting history, see the trapshooting hall of fame website at: [www.traphof.org](http://www.traphof.org))

(This article was provided by the Illinois State Rifle Association. [www.isra.org](http://www.isra.org))

...submitted by Rosemary Jendras  
Newsletter Editor

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# HELP WANTED

Earn Club Work Hours

**Member(s) Needed For  
Projects  
Club Work Day  
December 17, 2005  
Time 8AM - 12PM**

**Contact:  
Dan Vosecky**

# 2005 Important Dates

New Member Orientation	12/7/2005
SCSC Directors/Members Meeting	12/12/2005
Club Work Day	12/17/2005
Christmas Eve (Closed to Public)	12/24/2005
Christmas Day (Closed to ALL)	12/25/2005
New Year's Eve (Closed to Public)	12/31/2005
New Year's Day (Closed to Public)	1/1/2006
<b>No Meeting In January! Attend your club banquet!</b>	
SCSC Annual Club Banquet	2/11/2006
Recob's Target Shop	3/18/2006

## A.I.M. News

### Here Turkey, Turkey, Turkey...



Allied Illinois Markswomen had its annual Turkey Shoot on November 6th, 2005. Participants enjoyed it immensely. Frozen turkeys were awarded to



winner of the turkey shoot and raffle prizes including a gun were also given out. Support AIM and you help support our charity, Dystonia Medical Research Foundation!

...Rosemary Jendras  
Newsletter Editor

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## Membership Update

Membership- October 31st was the last day to get your hours in the work book and approved by a board member. The committee will be working on membership renewals and getting them out to members by the end of November.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR RENEWAL SHEET CAREFULLY. You might need to update your mailing information, email or have to send a copy of your FOID card. All renewals for pheasant/bow hunting program are due by December 1st.

Everyone else's renewals are due by January 31st. Please follow the directions and return your renewal to the address listed on the renewal sheet.

Thank you!

Next orientation meeting - December 21st, 7PM.

### New Members Voted In

Ron Haas  
Bill Askwith  
Michael Pierceall  
Allen Saflarski  
Charles Sizer  
Christopher Toohey  
Jeffrey Wilson

### New Probationary Members

James Gehringer  
Paul Martin  
Alicia Ragni  
Jeffrey Wilson

Thanks and Good Shooting,

...*Laura Andersen, Director & Membership Chair*  
*Andrea Ema, Assistant Membership Chair*

## SCSC Youth Hunt – 2005

Ten young aspiring hunters signed up for the 2005 SCSC sponsored youth hunt. The hunt was open to children, grandchildren and nieces and nephews ( under the age of 19 ) of SCSC members. All youngsters needed to have passed the hunter safety program and have a valid hunting license to participate in the youth hunt.

The program began on the Sunday before the hunt with some practice shooting at the SCSC trap range. Some of the top shooters showed up to guide the young hunters with their shooting skills. Mark Zapoy, Cle Rector, Karen Spearing and Laura Andersen helped the youngsters develop good shotgun mounting and shooting techniques, simulating pheasant hunting conditions. Karen Spearing gave the group a refresher on gun safety.

The day of the hunt started at 8:30 a.m. with registration, while bird planters were gathering birds, dog handlers were tending to their pointers, and Laura Andersen gave a very interactive gun safety review. While the bird planters were busy planting birds, Larry Nemecc conducted a dog demonstration so the youngsters could see how the dogs work in the field and how to safely flush and shoot with dogs in the field. Emphasis was placed on never shooting on the ground or at low flying birds when dogs are in the field. Two birds were pointed, shot and retrieved to hand giving the group a good idea of how to hunt with dogs. Laura and Chris Andersen's professionally trained dog did a great job of pointing, holding the point and retrieving the bird to hand.

The youngsters were broken into three teams and introduced to their dog handler and dog. Laura Andersen and her dog led Team One, Ed Spearing and his dog led Team Two and Steve Terrell and his dog led Team Three. Larry Nemecc and "Kiss Me Kate" were back ups if needed. Each parent was required to walk behind the young hunter and monitor safety conditions. While the youth were scouring the field looking for pheasants, Andy Keil fired up the grill and he and his wife began preparations to feed the hungry hunters when they returned about 1 p.m. Everyone, including the property owners, Larry and his wife, enjoyed the great lunch. The birds were tagged, stories about missed shots were shared and several youngsters went home with a pheasant. Laura Andersen also gave a cleaning demonstration, showing all how to quickly breast out a pheasant.

A good time and safe hunt was had by all. Thanks to the Spearings, Andersons, and Keils, thanks also to Cle Rector who worked with Gander Mountain to support the hunt, Steve Terrell for guiding and thanks to all the parents who made time for their kids to hunt.

If you are interested in having your youngster participate next year, make sure that they pass the hunter safety course before October 1st of 2006.

...*Larry Nemecc*

## 2006 Slate of Officers & Directors

### Slate of Nominees

President	Bob Scherf
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Secretary	Steve Terrell
Past President	Miles Hyde
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Director	Jerry Mathers
Director	Dan Vosecky
Director	Andrea Ema
Director	Laura Andersen

All members are encouraged to attend the December meeting for the election and induction of Officers and Directors.



## ***Special Notice to Members***

### **Illegal Calibers Found**

There have been illegal caliber shells found at the Rifle/Pistol range. This is an ongoing problem which has forced the Board to take action. Any illegal caliber shell that is found at the range in the future shall force the closure of the Rifle/Pistol Range for 30 days. Know the rules! Any caliber handgun (NO MAGNUM LOADS) and only rimfire and black powder rifles are allowed. Members, if you see someone using illegal loads please tell them to stop and/or report the violation to the Board. It takes only one stray bullet that leaves the confines of the club and only one or two people who don't believe in following the rules to take away the privileges of the rest of the responsible members. Please don't let that happen. Be aware of what your neighbor is doing on the range.

...*Bob Scherf*  
President

### **Letter To Members & Non Members**

This Letter is to inform you that any MEMBER or NON-MEMBER found trying to move or fix any of the Trap Machines, will be brought up before the Board. We now have a Maintenance Committee who will take care of any problems. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter!

...*Frank Kubica*  
Director / Machine Maintenance

### **Shooting Time Limit**

Shooting MUST STOP on all ranges by 10:00PM sharp. Anyone caught violating this regulation will be brought before the board. We need to maintain a good neighbor policy with the surrounding development of new housing and neighbors. Right now we voluntarily stop shooting at 10PM as a courtesy. If we start getting too many complaints, the town of Elburn may be forced to mandate that shooting must stop at 10PM which could be the beginning of many more restrictions down the road. We certainly don't want that!

Be a good neighbor!

...*Bob Scherf*  
President

### **Two Shell Rule**

Club Rules states that a maximum of only TWO Shotgun shells are allowed to be used in a shotgun on club property while shooting Sporting Clays, Skeet, or Doubles Trap. Violators will be brought before the Board.

The ONLY exception is during special sanctioned club events.

...*Bob Scherf*  
President

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***Happy  
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## DECEMBER 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <i>Club Open 6-10PM</i>	2	3 <i>Club Open 9-2PM</i>
4 <i>Club Open 9-2PM</i>	5	6 <i>Club Open 6-10PM</i>	7 New Member Orientation <b>Pearl Harbor Day</b>	8 <i>Club Open 6-10PM</i>	9	10 <i>Club Open 9-2PM</i>
11 <i>Club Open 9-2PM</i>	12 <i>SCSC Directors Meeting/SCSC Members Meeting</i>	13 <i>Club Open 6-10PM</i>	14	15 <i>Club Open 6-10PM</i>	16 <b>AIM Members Meeting</b>	17 <b>Club Work Day</b> <i>Club Open 9-2PM</i>
18 <i>Club Open 9-2PM</i>	19	20 <i>Club Open 6-10PM</i>	21	22 <i>Club Open 6-10PM</i>	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> <i>Club Closed to Public</i>
25 <b>Christmas Day</b> <i>Club Closed To All</i>	26	27 <i>Club Open 6-10PM</i>	28	29 <i>Club Open 6-10PM</i>	30	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b> <i>Club Closed to Public</i>
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