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Officers are elected to serve one-year terms and Directors for three years. Officers/Directors are installed at annual Banquet in February.

President's Message

Have you sent yours in yet? Just mailed mine. I'm talking about my dues for 2008. Please try to get them in as soon as you can. 2008 will prove to be a challenging year for our club because of the changes in our membership. It is the most significant change for our club since it was formed many years ago. Our club has never been closed to the public and my hope is that it will remain open to the public. It would go against every ideal we have had all these years. I will be talking more about this in the upcoming months. Your continued support is very important to the success of our club so please get your renewals in as soon as you can.



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December Meeting Highlights

NO MEETING IN JANUARY!

Trap - Numbers are down due to bad weather.

Skeet - New Assistant Skeet Chairman Tim Theimer was appointed. Machines are working well. Security lights were installed.

Sporting Clays - League starts end of January. Machines working well.

Machine Maintenance - Everything up and running.

Rifle/Pistol - Nothing much going on. Bowling pin shoot to start up again in March.

Sportsmen's Activities

Elburn Food Pantry says thanks for the turkey donations

Hunter Safety is tentatively scheduled in April.

Annual Banquet date and place to be announced.

Newsletter - Board voted to change newsletter to bimonthly issues.

Building and Grounds - Work day scheduled for December 15th

Membership - see page 3.

ATA Shoots - ATA season is over. ATA program contributed \$7k to club. We are preparing for the 2008 season and will be hosting the Northern Zone Shoot on September 13 & 14. Need lots of volunteers through the whole series of shoots.

Jack Rabbit is being planned. 1st shoot is at Sycamore on January 6.

Wobble - no report

Lake - no report

Archery - no report

Old Business -

Cub Scouts Pack 136. No one was available to address the issue.

Motion to approve bid to epoxy floor in the clubhouse was approved.

New Business

Elections were held. Board and officers voted in:

Robert Scherf - President

Cle Rector - Vice President

Kurt Schroeder - Secretary

Tom Berry - Treasurer

Board members - Cheryl Baber, Barry Bourdage, Chuck Dobra, Jeff Johansen, Ted Roncoli

Yes Vote for Change in Membership Options

NO MEETING IN JANUARY!



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

March? TBA

Action Shoots

TBA

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.

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!

NO INLINE STYLE MUZZLE LOADING RIFLES

Rifles allowed

Air Rifles Shotgun slugs

.22 rimfire - standard velocity or target loads

Caplock and Flintlock type black powder rifles and pistols, firing round ball projectiles.

Pistol allowed

.22 rimfire- standard velocity or target loads

Caplock or flintlock type black powder pistols

.25 auto .32 Air Rifles

.32-20 .380 auto .38

9mm .45 Auto .45 Colt

.40 Smith&Wesson .44 Smith&Wesson special

.44-40 Winchester .45 GAP

EYE AND EAR PROTECTION ARE MANDATORY!

Junior members must be accompanied by a sponsor or an adult member.

...Jeff Johansen

Rifle/Pistol Chairman

Public Shooting Hours

Beginning January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008

Saint Charles Sportsmen's Club Public Hours

Tuesday 6:00PM - 10:00PM after March 6th, 2008

Thursday 6:00PM - 10:00PM

Saturday 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Sunday 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Membership Update

For information about your membership please contact membership at
 SCSC Membership
 P.O. Box 325
 St. Charles, IL 60174

New Members Voted In

Sharon O'Bryan
 Rudy Berger
 Michael Nenni
 David Ninow

New Probationary Members

No probationary members.
 Good shooting everyone!

...*Andrea Ema, Director & Membership Chair*
Carol Vosecky, Asst. Membership Chair



President's Message *continued*

And remember, if you have any questions about your dues or work hours, you can always call or email and it will be looked into.

As I look back on this last year there are many people who I would like to thank. So many of you work behind the scenes and who are never seen but who do a great job and there are those you see all the time. At any rate, thank you all for another great year. Without you it just would not happen. Since I have asked all of you to please attend the membership meetings your attendance has been outstanding. Again I thank you, your input is always needed and appreciated. Our staff also needs a big thank you for they do an outstanding job as well. We are truly fortunate to have such a fine group of employees.

Several months ago I spoke of the word "loyalty" and just how important it is to our club and our everyday lives. The other day I was reminded of another word described as an old adage. The word is "civility". It is something that I believe we have lost in our society. It's a great word with even greater meaning. It doesn't hurt to be more civil in our everyday dealings with people and situations.

Please allow me to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Good health, happiness, success, and good shooting.

Target Bits and Pieces

The club will be closed on Tuesday nights starting in December. All other hours remain the same.

The winter Jack Rabbit trap league will start January 6th, 2008. Think about giving it a try if you haven't already. It can be cold but you will have fun. Details to follow.

Did you know that our Pheasant Hunting season runs until the end of March? It's a great program.

Remember to share your sport, and God Bless America.

...*Bob Scherf*
President



Website News

Calendar Updates/Listings

We do the best we can when updating the website but we need your help. If you have an event that needs to be listed or updated on the website calendar please send the info to webmaster@scsconline.org. Please don't shoot the webmaster! If we don't know about it we can't list it.

Thanks!

...*Barry Bourdage*
Webmaster



Annual Banquet

February 16th, 2008

Join us at the Saint Charles Sportsmen's Club Annual Banquet scheduled for February 16, 2008. Reserve the date! All are welcome. New/re-elected officers and board members are installed at the banquet. We have a delicious dinner and entertainment. Check the website for further details as they become available.

...*Chuck Dobra*
Club Attorney



ST. CHARLES SPORTSMEN'S CLUB ATA REGISTERED SHOOT SCHEDULE

2008 SHOOT DATES



May 10th	Sat.	Targets Only
June 7th	Sat.	Targets Only
June 22nd	Sun.	Bob Sommers Shoot
July 6th	Sun.	Firecracker 300 Shoot
August 3rd	Sun.	Pre-Grand Illini Indian Shoot
September 13th & 14th	Sat. & Sun.	Northern Zone Shoot

Volunteers are needed for all shoots!

2008 WINTER JACK RABBIT

Schedule

Jan 6	Sycamore Sportsmen's Club
Jan 13	St. Charles Sportsmen's Club
Jan 20	Glen Ridge Sportsmen's Club
Jan 27	McHenry Sportsmen's Club
Feb 3	Maywood Sportsmen's Club
Feb 10	St. Charles Sportsmen's Club
Feb 17	Glen Ridge Sportsmen's Club
Feb 24	McHenry Sportsmen's Club
Mar 2	Sycamore Sports Club
Mar 9	Maywood Sportsmen's Club -- SPECIAL EVENT

see page 4 for more info and directions to clubs

DAILY FEE - \$20.00

25 Singles, 25 Handicap
Open by 9:30AM, Event starts at 10AM
Entries close at 12PM
4-5 Lewis Classes (Ties divide)
2 Team Lewis Classes (Ties divide)
High Gun (Ties divide)

SPECIAL EVENT - March 9

Carry Over - \$1 per entry per week goes in the pot.
You must shoot 6 of the first 9 events to qualify.
5 Carry Over Lewis Classes
Calcutta - \$10 buy-in
High Gun Shoot Off
Traveling Team Trophy for Club Winning the Most
Events (Second place team trophy also)

Saint Charles Sportmen's Club 2007-08 Hunting Program

Hunting & Financial Summary
September 1, 2007 through April 15th, 2008
December 10, 2007
(Board Presentation)

Revenues:

	Projection @ 9/10/2007	Actual YTD @10/08/2007
(A)Hunting Dues/Registration (58 Hunters @ \$150 Annual Fee)	\$8,700	\$7,650
(B)Corporate Membership (\$1,400 net of bird tags included in Projected Bird Tag Sales)	440	1,400
(C)Projected Bird Tag Sales (1,000 birds purchased @ 60% harvest) 600 Tags x \$15ea.	9,000	5,850
Guest Fees & Tags	-0-	550
Other	-0-	330
(D)Club Contribution (Approved Oct. 8, 2007)	-0-	600
	<u>\$18,140</u>	<u>\$16,380</u>

Expenditures:

(E)1000 Birds plus feed	\$10,500	2,870
(F)Lease, annual	5,850	5,850
(G)Material & Supplies (Pen)	1,500	1,175
(H)Youth Hunt	300	-0-
(I)Shootout	300	-0-
(J)Maintenance & Plowing	250	200
(K)Electric	350	-0-
(L)Porta-potty	500	-0-
Misc. (DNR, admin., printing, bird tags, etc.)	250	100
	<u>19,800</u>	<u>\$10,195</u>

Net Revenue Projection:	<\$1,660 >	\$6,185
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Hunting Program *continued from page 5* 2007-08 Hunting Program Update

Sept. 1, 2007 through April 15, 2008

PROJECTION

December 10, 2007

Legend:

- (A) As of 12/10/2007, 51 of 59 scheduled hunters have attended orientation and \$7,650 in revenues have been collected.
- (B) As of this date, one corporate membership has been sold and \$1,400 collected.
- (C) As of this date, 390 tags have been sold at \$15.
- (D) Club contribution approved October 8, 2007 for purpose of supporting special events in the amount of \$600.
- (E) Our commitment is for 1000 birds purchased from Macfarlane on the year. To date 50 birds have been received.
- (F) Annual land lease expires at April 15, 2010 (2009/2010 hunt season end).
- (G) Material and supplies totaling approximately \$1,175 were expended for new pen infrastructure as of this date.
- (H) Special Event Hunts yet to determine dates.
- (I) Shoot-out yet to be determined (tentative date April 6, 2008).
- (J) Maintenance performed by land owner approximates previous years' expenditure.
- (K) Estimated annual cost of electric.
- (L) Estimated cost at \$75/mo. For 6 months (duration of lease).

... Andy Keil
Pheasant Committee Head



Wobble Trap

Results of Championship Shoot

Results of the 2007 Illinois wobble shoot championship are as follows:

Champion: Matt Erion 184x200

Runner up: John Mueller 179x200

B winner: Larry Johnson 176x200

C winner: Rosemary Jendras 167x200

D winner: Dave Baugher 166x200

Also participating:

Andrea Ema 155x200

Sarah Garbarz 145x200

Lucky number winner was Rosemary Jendras. Thanks to all for participating. We'll see you in 2008!

...Matt Erion
Wobble Trap Chair

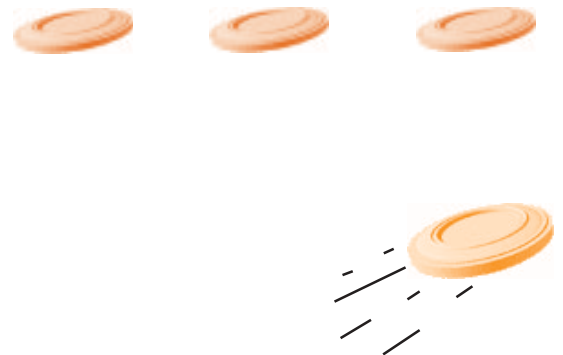


Photo Corner



Trap league winners at the October banquet 2007. From left to right(when looking at picture) Matthew Zipoy, Josh Dieckman(in back), Zach Marsh and Jacob Dieckman.

**Memo from Frank Kubica
Polish Alliance Shoot**

A December 30th Sporting Clays shoot was scheduled by the Polish Alliance to benefit kids. 100+ shooters were expected.

Sporting Clays League

The Winter Sporting Clays League starts the end of January. Check the website for details. www.scsconline.org.

Cut Cords

Frank states that someone is still cutting cords to the trap machines on the sporting clays course. Anyone with information regarding this crime is encouraged to come forward. Any person caught cutting cords or doing any other property damage will be arrested.

*...Frank Kubica
Sporting Clays Chair*



Pheasant pen under construction at hunting property before the start of the hunting season.



Is it Spring yet????

2008 WINTER JACK RABBIT

Program Description

The Northern Illinois Winter Jack Rabbit Program has been going on for over 30 years. The participating clubs compete for a traveling trophy. This trophy is presented to the club that wins the most Sunday shoots. Each participating club hosts two Program events at their club. The team score is determined by taking the five highest club member's scores shot on that day. The highest team total wins that Sunday.

This is a great opportunity to join your other club members and visit some of the local clubs. Participating clubs in 2008 are: McHenry Sportsmen's Club, St. Charles Sportsmen's Club, Northbrook Sports Club, Glen Ridge Sportsmen's Club, Sycamore Sportsmen's Club, and Maywood Sportsmen's Club

Shooters must be members of the club they are shooting for and can only shoot for ONE CLUB PER YEAR.

JACK RABBIT PROGRAM FORMAT

50 targets are shot at each Program Event – 25 Singles and 25 Handicap (yardage based on Singles Score between 20 and 25 yards). The hosting club will squad shooters and act as Event judges. If there are weather problems, the weekly hosting club will make a decision regarding the shoot. Cancelled shoots will not be made up.

Cost for the Program each week is \$20.00. This is distributed as follows: \$9.00 to the hosting club; \$6.00 to the Daily Lewis; \$3.00 to the Team Lewis; \$1.00 for High Gun; and \$1.00 for the Carry Over Pot.

The event starts at 10AM. Entries close at 12PM. The hosting club is to be open between 9:00 and 9:30 to allow for sign-up and practice. Jack Rabbit participants are allowed to shoot at the host club's member rates on the day the Jack Rabbit is held.

There is a club buy-in of \$25.00 for each club payable on the first day the club hosts the Jack Rabbit. This money is added to the Carry Over Pot/50 Straight Fund.

DAILY LEWIS

Every entry will play a Daily Lewis (no exceptions). This money will be paid out using a standard Lewis calculation for 4 or 5 classes – One Money – Ties Divide. 40 or fewer shooters will use 4 classes. More than 40 shooters will use 5 classes.

TEAM LEWIS

Every entry will play a Team Lewis. This money will be paid out to the winning teams using a standard Lewis calculation for 2 classes – One Money – Ties Divide. Team score is determined by the total of the five highest scores for that club. The money should be placed in an envelope with the winning team name and a list of the team shooters with the five highest scores and ties. (Let the teams decide who gets paid.)

Directions to Host Clubs

Glen Ridge Sportsmen's Club

Take IL-60 to Fremont Center Road. Turn south for about 1.5 miles to 28527 N. Fremont Center Rd, Mundelein. Club is on the east side of the road. Club phone 847-949-8810.

McHenry Sportsmen's Club

From the intersection of IL-31 and IL-120 in McHenry go east on IL-120, over the Fox River and turn north (left) on Chapel Hill Road (Shell station on the corner).. Turn east (right) on Bay Road then north (left) on Weingart Road. Turn east (right) on Rolling Lane Road. Club is first driveway on the left. Phone – 815.385.9896

Maywood Sportsmen's Club

700 N. Countyline Rd., Elmhurst, IL. Southbound on Int-290 exit to North Ave. Eastbound. Go under 290 and 294. First light turn left on Northwest Ave. Immediately (about 20 feet) turn left on Lake Ave. Go under 294 and immediately turn right on Countyline. Club is on the left (west) side of County Line Rd. Phone – (630) 530-9882

St. Charles Sportsmen's Club

Take IL-47 south from Elburn to Keslinger Road. Turn west on Keslinger. Club is about 1/2 mile from intersection on south side of the road. Phone – 630.365.9881

Sycamore Sportsmen's Club

From the intersection of IL-23 and IL-64 (in Sycamore go west on IL-64 to W. Motel Road. Turn North to 1773 W. Motel Road. Club driveway is on west side of road opposite Sunflower Road. Phone -- 815.895.5776

Contact **Chuck Sandlin -- 815.477.0706** for information.

See page 4 for schedule.



NOTICE!

IT HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CLUB ATTORNEY THAT CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY HAS OCCURRED ON THE SPORTING CLAYS RANGE. IT APPEARS THAT AN INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS HAVE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION CUT THE CORDS THAT RUN TO OUR TRAP MACHINES.

IF ANYONE HAS INFORMATION WHICH WOULD LEAD TO THE ARREST AND PROSECUTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS CRIME OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, YOU MAY REPORT THIS TO ME AT THE ADDRESS APPEARING BELOW.

Charles Wm. Dobra

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2008 Important Dates

Happy New Year	1/1/2008
Jack Rabbit Trap League Begins	1/6/2008
Sporting Clays League	TBA
SCSC Board/Member Meeting	2/11/2008
SCSC Board/Member Meeting	3/10/2008
Spring Trap League Begins	TBA

See calendar in Clubhouse or check website for events not listed here. Go to www.scsconline.org

SCSC

Sportsman's Show Opportunity

Do you have lightly used hunting & fishing equipment that you have either grown out of or replaced with something new? How about infrequently used shooting accessories, reloading equipment or maybe just a extra supply of spent hulls? Finally, do you have a firearm that is gathering layers of dust that you would like to turn into cash to buy something more useful? The Pioneer Valley Sportsman's Association has invited SCSC members to participate in their April 2008 Sportsman's Show held at the Dupage fairgrounds in Wheaton, IL. PVSA sponsors a Sportsman's Show the first Sunday of the month from September through May each year. A typical show features over 100 dealers of sporting equipment and collectibles and attracts 600-800 show-goers.

PVSA has offered to SCSC the opportunity to purchase dealer table space at a discount and to provide a discount to SCSC members attending the show. PVSA is hoping that SCSC members would "team up" to purchase dealer tables at \$23/table (the table cost also includes the show cover charge). The normal cover charge for a show is \$5 but any SCSC member that produces their SCSC photo ID will be allowed to enter for \$3.

Illinois law governing the sale and transfer of firearms between individuals can be complicated. To ease this concern, transfer service from a FFL will be made available to any SCSC member wishing for assistance at a minimal charge.

We need to provide PVSA with some idea of SCSC level of interest before the end of 2007. Please contact Brian Flannigan at (630)258-8010 or hbflann@comcast.net if you would like to reserve a table or learn more about the event.

...Brian Flannigan





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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! Only handgun calibers on the posted list (NO MAGNUM LOADS). Caplock and Flintlock type black powder rifles and pistols, firing round ball projectiles and rimfire .22 rifles are allowed. (NO Inline style back powder guns are allowed because of their higher velocity.) 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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