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

President's Message

What Is Membership?

Membership is a lot of things to a lot of people. Basically it is a fellowship or association of like-minded individuals who join together to share their passion and cooperate/work together toward a common goal. Membership can and does infer certain responsibilities, status, and perks depending on the association or organization. Some memberships are part of a not-for-profit organization and others are for-profit. Memberships must also be dynamic and not static. An organization or association cannot survive if it does not continually bring in new members with new ideas and contributions. It must stay young to be viable.



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June Meeting Highlights

Trap

Trap League Week 8 is over. Makeups are next. League Banquet is June 23.

Skeet

No report

Sporting Clays

Banquet is July 1st starting at 2PM.

Machine Maintenance

Everything working.

Wobble Trap

See dates for wobble trap on page 3

Sportsmen's Activities

18 people are signed up for AIM shotgun clinic.

Boy Scouts will be out at club this weekend earning fly fishing merit badge. There will be newspaper coverage.

There will be a Gun show at Grundy County Fairgrounds on June 23 -24. \$5 fee.

Lake - Phil Dunn caught a bass from the lake and received a plaque and has pictures to prove it.

Rifle Pistol Range

22 participants at the last Bowling pin shoot. Next action shoot on June 16 and August 18.

Building/Grounds

Club work day on June 30. Need help with staining and cutting new trap doors & trap chairs. Lots of work. Need weed whacker. Need to paint markers in trap fields

Membership

Three new probationary member applied. See page 3.

ATA

The shoot went well despite lots of problems and hazards. There was a medical incident. Weather was troublesome. Two traps went down. 86 shooters signed up for 183 event entries. Need lots of help for the Illini Indian Northern Zone Championship shoot on July 15.

Wobble

June 9 is next wobble shoot. 100 target event. There were 8 shooters in May

Old Business

No report.

New Business

Not for profit review. Discussion was held regarding new membership levels. Pros and cons.

A motion was made to spend money for another porta-potty to be placed between rifle/pistol range and archery range. Approved

A member made suggestion about using slow release citronella beads along sporting clays path for mosquito control. We already spray every week.

Gander is having a Sportsmen's Expo on August 18 & 19. SCSC can have a promotional table.

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

April 7
May 5
June 2
July 7

August 4
September 1
October 6
November 3

Action Shoots

April 21
June 16 (3 gun shoot)
August 18
October 20

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, 2007 thru December 31, 2007

Saint Charles Sportsmen's Club Public Hours

Tuesday 6:00PM - 10:00PM after March 6th, 2007

Thursday 6:00PM - 10:00PM

Saturday 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Sunday 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Membership Update

2007 renewal stickers (to be placed on your ID badge) have been mailed. If you have not received your sticker or need a new member card please contact membership at

SCSC Membership
P.O. Box 325
St. Charles, IL 60174

Please spread the word that the newsletter and important information is now only being sent by email. We do not use your email address for anything else and do not distribute your email to anyone.

Next new member orientation - TBA

There were no new members voted in.

New Probationary Members

Mark Becker
Perry Frost
Sharon K. O'Bryan
Good shooting everyone!

...Andrea Ema, Director & Membership Chair

Carol Vorecky, Asst. Membership Chair



President's Message *continued...*

Saint Charles Sportsmen's Club consists of members old and young who enjoy target shooting, hunting and a general love of the outdoors and nature. As members we have a special status that allows us to use the club and its amenities whenever we want and we enjoy special perks such as the Club Shoot where we can spend one day out of the year shooting targets for free. This special status also comes with responsibility to our club and its operation. The dues that we pay and the volunteer hours that we put in go toward the upkeep of the club. If we only had dues to pay we would have to hire outside people to come in and maintain our club. This would result in much higher dues and special assessments which could put it out of reach of many of our current members. Wouldn't you say this is a much better alternative? A few hours of our time spent maintaining and improving the clubhouse and grounds gives us a payback that is immeasurable.

As members we also share a responsibility in protecting our club from careless or clueless newcomers or people who feel they are above the rules and regulations that we have set down. We are our brother's keeper in that we must keep a watchful eye out for careless or destructive behavior that can hurt our club as a whole. Our goal is to have fun and enjoy our club and all it has to offer but we must never take it for granted.

Remember to share your sport and bring a friend to the club. God bless America. Hope to see you all shooting.

...Bob Scherf
President

Bowling Pin Match

Match Results

Here are the results from the June 2nd Bowling pin match. There were 22 shooters competing and the 2 matches were a lot of fun.

Main Event

1st place Clark Chrisman
2nd Place Mike Harmon
3rd Place Mike Chivers
4th Place Eugene Doetsch
5th Place Jeff Townsley and Larry Heintz

.22 Event

1st Place Clark Chrisman
2nd Place Dave Tibbals
3rd Place Eugene Doetsch
4th Place Chuck Sizer and Barry Bourdage



Action Shoot

The June 10th action shoot had 9 participants. Eugene Doetsch and Chris Peeler made up some very challenging self defense scenarios that tested the skills of all the participants.

1st Chris Peeler 140.03
2nd Eugene Doetsch
3rd Jeff Johansen
4th Chuck Sizer
5th Dave Tibbals
6th Clark Chrisman
7th Rick Invergo
8th Norb Thornton
9th Dennis Fulton

...Jeff Johansen
Rifle/Pistol Chair



**ST. CHARLES SPORTSMEN'S CLUB
ATA REGISTERED SHOOT SCHEDULE**

2007 SHOOT DATES

- June 3rd Bob Sommers Memorial Shoot
- July 15th Illini Indian Shoot
- October 7th Elburn Fall Classic Money Shoot

ATA Shoot Volunteer Needs

The SCSC ATA Program welcomes and can always utilize volunteer efforts by Club members. We welcome both volunteers who can work a few hours as well as those who want to make a longer term commitment to this successful Club activity.

Over the years we have developed a knowledgeable group of members who work every shoot. We are always interested in new additions to this staff, members who wish to learn and carry out the various functions involved in a registered shoot. Please understand that this effort involves several long days of work and once begun requires training and the development of experience that we are unable to do time and again, thus we need volunteers who can be counted on for a continuing series of shoots.

In addition to longer term volunteers and the work opportunities listed below, a person is needed to handle the work at home distribution of prize payout checks for the 6/3, 7/15, and 10/7 shoots. The ability to pick up materials and deliver the completed work for mailing is necessary for this assignment.

For further information on all of these opportunities please contact Cle Rector at 630 784-9655 or cle.k80@sbcglobal.net.



Day/Date	Shoot	Shift	Skills/Capabilities	Activities
Sunday, July 15th	Illini Indian Shoot	Shift I 7:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Breathing & Mobile	Field Prep
		Shift II 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Breathing & Mobile. Opportunities for those with restricted mobility also available	Field Prep, Clerical & Prize Supervision
		Shift III 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Breathing & Mobile. Opportunities for those with restricted mobility also available	Clerical & Prize Supervision
		Prior Pick Up and Delivery 8:00 AM	Car and ability to “manhandle” 20 pound drinking water coolers	Pick up coolers at Club before the shoot, buy ice, fill coolers at home and delivery to the Club Sunday morning



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Bylaws Change

Club Audit Necessitates Change

Based on a recent club audit report, SCSC will need to make changes to the bylaws regarding membership types/levels in order to meet the IRS requirements of our not for profit status. The following motion (see below) to change the bylaws will be presented at the June membership meeting and again at the July membership meeting. The proposed bylaw change will be voted on without further discussion at the August membership meeting. The proposed change must be approved by 2/3 of members present in a secret ballot. All members are invited to attend these meetings to get clarification on these changes. This information is privy to members only and will not be discussed outside of the meetings. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Article III Membership

Section A:

Any person over 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States of America, of good moral character, and is interested in our ideals will be eligible for Club membership provided he/she is sponsored by three (3) Club members in good standing.

Section B:

Any person under 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States of America, of good moral character, and is interested in our ideals will be eligible for the junior membership provided he/she is sponsored by three (3) Club members in good standing.

Section C:

It shall be the decision of the Board of Directors to open or close the membership if and when they so desire.

Section D:

Junior members, with the exception of shooting members, shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Saint Charles Sportsmen's Club with the exception of voting power and holding office. Shooting members, if and when the Club has this membership available and in force, shall have only the use of the trap and skeet fields and shall have no other privileges of the Club.

Section E:

A prospective member must first submit his/her application to the Secretary of the Club, accompanied by the initiation fee and prorated dues no less than fifty percent (50%) of normal annual dues for the membership classification requested.

The applicant must then appear, with his/her Club member sponsor, at a regular membership meeting. The applicant will be presented to both the membership and Board of Directors so as to begin the probationary period.

All applicants shall be placed on a probation period of six (6) months. All applicants must participate in the Club's work program. All applicants will be voted upon for acceptance or rejection on the sixth (6th) Board of Director's meeting after presentation. Seven (7) no votes will constitute rejection.

Section F:

The services of select Club members may be recognized by granting of a life membership. Life membership includes paid-up dues with retention of all rights, privileges, and obligations of membership in the Club. The purpose attributed to this recognition is the continuous and dedicated service to the objectives of the Club and the Club's improvement. Life membership is granted at the discretion of the Board of Directors, and ceases with the death of the member. Life memberships shall be limited to a maximum of 12 persons within the total membership of the Club. To be considered for life membership, a candidate must:

1. Have been a club member in good standing for the past 20 years
2. have contributed time, effort, skill and/or personal resources in a significant degree to the benefit of the Club.

Section G:

Junior membership shall be a non-Club membership as per Article III, Section D of the by-laws, the Junior Members or the junior membership as a group being at all times under the supervision of a Club member.

Section H:

Junior Members shall be 13 through 17 years of age.

Section I:

Junior Members shall not exceed 50% of the Club membership.

Section J:

Junior Members must have completed an Illinois State Hunter Safety course by their first year of membership.

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ATA Shoot Volunteer Needs *continued from page 4*

Sunday, October 7 th	Elburn Fall Classic Money Shoot	Shift I 7:30 AM – 10:00 AM Shift II 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM Shift III 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Prior Pick Up and Delivery 8:00 AM	Breathing & Mobile Breathing & Mobile. Opportunities for those with restricted mobility also available Breathing & Mobile. Opportunities for those with restricted mobility also available Car and ability to “manhandle” 20 pound drinking water coolers	Field Prep Field Prep, Clerical & Prize Supervision Clerical & Prize Supervision Pick up coolers at Club before the shoot, buy ice, fill coolers at home and delivery to the Club Sunday morning
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Bylaws Change *continued*

Section K:

A Junior Member, in good standing upon January 1st following their 18th birthday, shall be eligible for Club membership if applied for before the following January 1st under the following schedule:

- One year, but less than two years membership = 67% of current initiation fee.
- Two years, but less than three years membership = 50% of current initiation fee.
- Three years, but less than four years membership = 33/3% of current initiation fee.
- Four years, but less than five years membership = 17 % of current initiation fee.
- Five years membership = no initiation fee.

Section L:

If the Club membership is closed, Junior Members on the waiting list will have priority for the next opening into the Club membership list.

Section M:

Junior membership will have their own officers and programs with Club members being the chairman and advisers to the officers and of the programs.

Section N:

Junior Membership will have an initiation fee and annual dues which may be changed from time to time by the Club membership at a meeting called only for that purpose.

Section O: (NEW SECTION)

The Board of Directors with Membership approval shall have the power to expand the types/levels of memberships to the St. Charles Sportsmen's Club. Members shall be provided notice of these proposed changes in the month before the approval vote is called. This shall include dues, fees (shooting and initiation) and work hours and benefits associated with proposed memberships.

...submitted by Ron Duy



Correction

Submission Error

The article entitled “Darrell Scott Testimony” in the June newsletter was incorrectly attributed to Bob Scherf. It should have read that the article was submitted by Mark McSweeney. Mark originally submitted the article to Bob Scherf who forwarded it to me. My apologies to Mark. Thank you to Chris Andersen for pointing out the error.

*...Rosemary Jendras
Editor*

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HELP WANTED

Earn Club Work Hours

Need someone with **patio/driveway paver experience** to coordinate/ramrod a walkway project at the club. Club will pay for all materials and rental equipment and will help recruit workers. Anyone interested in helping and/or learning how to do it (yes, it counts as work hours) please contact **Bill Hardt at 630-420-8799** or whardt000@ameritech.net.

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.

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2007 Important Dates

Independence Day	7/4/2007
Bowling Pin Shoot	7/7/2007
Polish Alliance Sporting Clays Shoot	7/8/2007
SCSC Board/Member Meeting	7/9/2007
Wobble Trap	7/12/2007
Club Work Day	7/14/2007
Illini Indian ATA Shoot	7/15/2007
Trout Unlimited Merit Badge	7/21/2007
Wobble Trap	8/4/2007
Polish Alliance Trap Shoot	8/5/2007
Trout Unlimited Merit Badge	8/11/2007
SCSC Board/Member Meeting	8/13/2007
Club Work Day	8/18/2007
Fall Trap League Begins	8/23/2007
Club Shoot	9/16/2007
Wobble Trap State Championship	9/29/2007
Elburn Fall Classic Money Shoot	10/7/2007

Volunteer Opportunities

Lend A Hand And Get Work Hours

Volunteers needed for the ATA Illini Indian Northern Membership Shoot on July 15th. A large crowd is expected to turn out for this function. Help is needed on the field beginning at 7:00 am. Clerical help is needed beginning at 8:00 am. Since there is little time to train volunteers during the event, please be prepared to give at least a 4 hour block of time. This is an opportunity to see and talk to lots of fellow shooters in a fun atmosphere. Contact Cle Rector at 630-784-9655.

Club house help wanted. We have a new light fixture and large mirror to install in the ladies bathroom. Could someone volunteer to lead this job?

Contact Dan Vosecky at 630-978-8872.

...Cheryl Baber
Director



Happy 4th of July!
Show Your True Colors!

Shotgun Clinic

AIM Event A Success!

On June 24, Allied Illinois Markswomen held an Introductory Shotgun Clinic at SCSC. We were delighted with the response. We had 34 participants; 9 men, 1 youth, and therest were ladies. One of the ladies was Senator Chris Lauzen's wife, Sarah (see photo at right), who was very excited about trying out a shotgun. She had to leave early but reported that it was a very positive experience. We also had a reporter from the Beacon who wrote a short article about the event. All in all, it was a great day. The weather cooperated, the instructors and students connected and the food at lunchtime was excellent. Thanks to Jodi Schoeck for the cooking of the hamburgers and brats (it's always a hot and greasy job but someone has to do it). It was a special day for Jodi also because she shot her first 25 at trap in between all that cooking.

Congratulations to AIM for the excellent instruction, a positive experience for the shooters and a successful event overall.



Sarah Lauzen & Laura Andersen

*...Rosemary Jendras
Editor & AIM member*



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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 Kulica
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

MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

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Deadline for articles for the August issue are due before July 18th. Please send photos of interest to news@scsconline.org.

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...Rosemary Jendras
Newsletter Editor



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