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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

Autumn Is In The Air

Fall is a great time of year. At least it is my favorite. Having just returned from Michigan grouse and woodcock hunting in the North woods I can assure you that it is just beautiful.



I have arrived at that place in my life where I really don't need to shoot something to enjoy the moment.

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Save This Date!!!!

February 11, 2006

Saint Charles Sportsmen's Club Banquet

Saint Charles Place, Saint Charles.

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October Meeting Highlights

Trap

52 teams signed up for Trap League. Banquet is scheduled for October 29th. Trap is doing very well.

Skeet

Skeet league starts November 5th. Cost is \$6.00/round and will run for 6 weeks.

Sporting Clays

Sporting Clays league is over and was the best league so far. See page 4 for new info.

Machine Maintenance

All machines up and running.

Wobble Trap

Season over. Working on 2006 schedule.

Sportsmen's Activities

Lake water level very low. May not be enough to sustain fish over the winter.

Rifle Pistol Range

Slug Gun Sight-in scheduled for October 30 from 9-2PM. Cost - \$7.00. Targets provided.

Building/Grounds

Next Work Day - November 19, 2005, 8:00AM

Membership

See page 6. New member Orientation - October 22nd at 2pm. Next one is in December

ATA

September 18th Trophy shoot had 80 shooters. October 8th Target only shoot had 12 shooters

Old Business

Chris Toohey is taking over the Junior membership.

December 24 - Club closed to public. Open to members only. December 25 - Club closed to all.

December 31 & January 1 - Club closed to public. Open to members only.

New Business

Club elections coming up. Kurt Schroeder is the nominating committee.



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

Long Time Member Dies

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that I write this about my friend, and if you knew him, your friend as well, Bob Sommers. Bob died on Friday the 21st of October at the age of 70.

Bob was a personal friend of mine, and he will be greatly missed. Just this last year he donated our new patterning board, but then he was always a very giving man. Bob was a true Sportsman. I have never seen him angry or raise his voice to anyone no matter what had happened. He was always a Gentleman. He was so well liked that I am proud to say that even the Trap help have taken up a collection in his name. That says a lot about Bob as a person.

As I said, he will be greatly missed, and I wish God's Grace to his whole family. If you would like to remember him with a donation, there is a Memorial in Bob's name at the church. It is Sharing Christ's Gifts Campaign c/o St. Peter Damian Church, 109 S. Crest Ave., Bartlett, IL 60103.

Bob always had a smile on his face and his hand out to shake. I just hope that when my time comes all will remember me in such a positive way.

...Bob Scherf
President



President's Message *continued...*

Just being out in the woods on a cool and sunny day is in itself a great day. So get out there and enjoy it while you are hunting/walking/playing/whatever.

With autumn comes the slowing down of shooting events at the club. We are nearing the end of the year and what a great year it has been for the club. We continue to enjoy success and have had a record year.

I continue to see new faces at the club meetings which is a good thing. It means that there continues to be interest in becoming a member. And I have been seeing more and more members at the club meetings! This is even more exciting to me because all of you, as members, should be attending meetings and sharing your input. It is your club that we are making decisions about and we need to know what you think and want.

I look forward to seeing a lot of you at the November 14th meeting at which time the slate of officers and directors will be presented for the year 2006.

Remember, share your sport and your passion for the shooting sports. I hope to see all of you enjoying your club.

...Bob Scherf
President

Trap League Banquet Pics



President & Vice President



Kitchen Cleanup Crew?



Leather & Lace Gang

Armored Wolves

Ambushed!

Like hungry wolves in the night, the Soviet-made T72 tanks waited for their prey to get closer. The Iraqi crews would annihilate the approaching American infidels on this April day in 2003 ... or so they thought. But the Apache troop from the Army's 7th Cavalry, commanded by Captain Clay Lyle, had already been given data on the enemy by our Air Force. He knew there were 22 Iraqi tanks dug in and waiting for him. As Capt. Lyle's force of tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles headed for their enemies, our fighter pilots pounded the Iraqi tanks from the air. What Capt. Lyle and our Air Force did not see yet was the other battalion of Iraqi tanks hidden between them and their original targets. Outnumbered two to one, Capt. Lyle's force now had no choice but to fire every big gun they had as fast as they could. With turrets swinging left, right, left again, dead ahead, right ... the fusillade of American firepower was deafening, and very effective. The intense battle that seemed so long was over in about 10 minutes. The score: US Army: 20 pieces of Iraqi armor; the Iraqi Army: zero!

Superior Firepower from Illinois

One of the most amazing discoveries made in this battle was that the Bradleys could take out a heavily armored enemy tank with their depleted uranium ammo. In fact, one Bradley took out two tanks, and another Bradley took out three tanks! The good folks in Illinois may have had an indirect hand in this battle because much of the ammunition used in the Bradley fighting vehicles is produced at the General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems plant located near Marion, Illinois. This General Dynamics facility produces several types of medium caliber ammunition for our military forces, including 20 mm, 25 mm, and 30 mm ammunition. The 20 mm ammo is used in many fighter planes including the F14, F15, F16 and F18. The 25 mm ammo is used in the Bradley fighting vehicles and other light armored units. The 30 mm ammo is used in the Air Force's awesome A10 Warthog anti-tank plane.

When Teddy Roosevelt told Americans a century ago we should "walk softly and carry a big stick" he could not have imagined the "big stick" that is now at the disposal of the USA to help keep our nation and our allies free. The civilians in Illinois who work to provide our military with the best equipment in the world should be proud of their vital role in maintaining our nation's security.

(some information for this story came from www.cnn.com)

(This article was provided by the Illinois State Rifle Association.

www.isra.org)

*...submitted by Rosemary Jendras
Newsletter Editor*



From The Sporting Clays Chair

A Special Thanks to Kent Burns, Cindy Gaffney, Bob Mata, Dean Gamalski, and the Cook, John Allen. The Sporting Clays League Banquet and Fun Shoot was a Big Hit!

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.

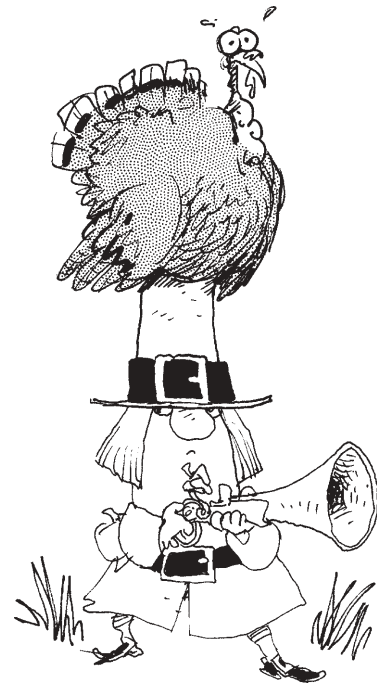
*...Frank Kubica, Director
Sporting Clay Chair*

Save This Date!!!!

February 11, 2006

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

Target 'toon



Here Turkey Turkey...

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

SHOTSHELL LIMITATIONS

on

ST. CHARLES SPORTSMEN'S CLUB PROPERTY

Because of the limited physical area occupied by the Club, the "density of use" we make of our property, and the need to contain all fired shot (and bullets) **on our own property**, the Club rules have always specified maximum limits on the type of shotshells that may be used on the Club property. Over the past few months hulls left behind on the trap fields make it clear that the long standing limits on the type of acceptable shotshells are being continuously violated. Discussions of the problem with both members and non-members have indicated that there is a good deal of misunderstanding as to what constitutes shotshells acceptable for use on the Club property.

The rules are simple and they include **limits on BOTH shot size and loading and POWDER LOADING**. On the trap fields, only shells containing 1 1/8 ounce of shot or less of size 7 _ or smaller, and three (3) dram equivalent of powder or less are acceptable. The dram equivalent of most shells is clearly printed on both the shell box and on each shell in the box. If that number is greater than "3" the shells cannot be used on the trap fields. This limitation to 3 dram maximum loads applies even if the shot size is acceptable.

For those unfamiliar with the meaning of "dram equivalent" it is an expression of the amount of powder loaded in the shell and thus an indicator of the fired shot's speed, energy (power) and flight distance (range). The maximum acceptable "3 dram load" will have a speed of 1,200 feet per second for a 1 1/8 ounce loading and approximately 1,250 fps for a 1 ounce load. Shot speeds greater than these indicate that the shell is more than a 3 dram load and is not allowed on the trap fields. It should be noted that some of the gray Winchester AA Sporting Clays shells have velocities in the range of 1,350 fps. While these are classified as "target loads" they are not allowed on the Club's trap fields.

Hunting or "field loads" greater than the 3 dram limit are likewise not allowed even if they have acceptable shot sizes of 7 or 8. And clearly, shells with shot of size 6, 5, or 4 are absolutely prohibited.

On our Skeet field ONLY shells containing #9 shot are acceptable. The reason for this is simple physics. The smaller the shot size the faster it dissipates (loses) energy. The #9 shot is required because the skeet field is often surrounded by people pursuing other activities.

For the Sporting Clays courses, the requirement that shells contain shot of size 7 _ or smaller also applies. The faster (fps) Sporting Clays loads are acceptable so long as they are clearly labeled as Target Loads. High velocity Field Loads are not acceptable.

The membership of the Club is at an all time high as is the public, non member usage of our Club's facilities. Safety is the most important consideration in every one of the Club's activities and should be foremost in the minds of every member and non-member on the Club property. Following the rules for the type of shotshells that are acceptable for use on the Club property will help all of us have a safer and more enjoyable time while at the Club.

CLE RECTOR

Rifle / Pistol Range

Standard Operating Procedures

Range Limitations and Safety Requirements, live fire shooters will:

- a. Fire at paper targets attached to the existing 25yard, 50 yard, and 100 yard target holders. A portable target holder may be available for closer range shooting.
- b. Targets are to be attached to the horizontal boards and **not** the vertical 4x4 supports.
- c. Fire only authorized firearms and ammunition(see below)
- d. Ensure that all projectiles impact within the dirt backstop on the range.
- e. Do not point firearms at anything other than the authorized targets.
- f. Do not allow the bullets you are firing to cross over the fire of another shooter.
- g. Call "Cease Firing" and make safe all firearms with the action open and magazine or ammunition removed, when a shooter moves forward of the firing line or during any unsafe condition.
- h. Call "Cease Firing" and make safe all firearms with the action open and magazine or ammunition removed, when a shooter wants move forward of the firing line to set up or retrieve targets.
- i. Do not handle any firearm while a person is down range. Firearms should remain on the table unloaded with the action open. Shooters should step back from the table until every one returns to a position behind the firing line.
- j. Use appropriate ear protection.
- k. Wear appropriate eye protection
- l. Shooters will conduct themselves in an orderly and safe manner at all times and will be responsible for any guest that they bring.
- m. All shooters are responsible for their guns and ammunition while on the Range.
- n. Notify a board member or counter personnel of any safety infractions.
- o. Police all brass, paper, and other debris that accumulates on the range. Dispose of them in the containers provided.

Authorized Personnel.

The following persons are allowed to use the range:

- a. Current members of the St. Charles Sportsmen's club.
- b. Personnel approved by the club officers or participants in a sanctioned shoot.
- c. Only 1 guest is allowed per member on Saturday or Sunday during the time the club is open to the public.
- d. Junior members and or children under the legal age to own a firearm must be accompanied by a sponsor or an adult.

Authorized & Prohibited Firearms and Ammunition.

- a. The following types and calibers are currently allowed at the Rifle / Pistol Range
Remember! Only standard velocity or target loads are allowed.

Rifle

Air rifles

.22 rim fire – standard velocity or target loads
Shotgun Slug

Pistol

Air pistols

.22 rim fire - standard velocity or target loads
.25 auto
.32
.32-20
.380 auto
.38
9 mm
.40 Smith & Wesson
.44 Smith & Wesson Special
.44-40 Winchester
.45 GAP
.45 Auto
.45 Colt

- b. **NO Center Fire Rifle**
- c. **NO Magnum Loads Or Calibers**
- d. **The New .17 Calibers Are NOT Allowed**
- e. **Muzzle Loading Rifles Are NOT Allowed**
- f. **Fully Automatic Firearms Are NOT Allowed**
- g. **NO Magnum, Tracer, Ar Armor Piercing Ammunition**



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HELP WANTED

Earn Club Work Hours

**Member(s) Needed For
Projects
Club Work Day
November 19, 2005
Time 8AM - 12PM**

**Contact:
Dan Vosecky**

2005 Important Dates

Skeet League Starts	11/5/2005
A.I.M. Turkey Shoot	11/6/2005
SCSC Directors/Members Meeting	11/14/2005
A.I.M. Meeting	11/21/2005
Recob's Target Shop	11/17/2005
Thanksgiving Day (Closed to Public)	11/24/2005
SCSC Directors/Members Meeting	12/12/2005
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
SCSC Annual Club Banquet	2/11/2006

A.I.M. Turkey Shoot

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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Saint Charles Place, Saint Charles.**



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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 - TBA

New Members Voted In

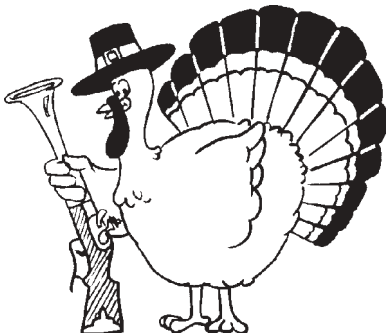
Richard S Abrams
Steve Mandell
Ron Troast
Ron Pierce

New Probationary Members

Dean Akey
Bob Burd
George Carpenter
Norm Korenthal
John Sieminski
John Yanez
Elwood Prihoda
Karol Jarosiewicz

Thanks and Good Shooting,

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



Bowling Pin Shoot

Results - October 8, 2005

Main Event Results

1st Eugene Doetch
2nd Jeff Johansen
3rd Tom Godfrey
4th Chris Duffey



Division 1

Don Fellig 0 wins
Allen Drewes 1 wins
Bill Askwith 2 wins
Tom Godfrey 3 wins

Division 2

Kristen Johansen 1 wins
Chris Duffey 3 wins
Miles Hyde 1 win
Jim Doran 2 wins

Division 3

Eugene D. 3 wins
Bob Sims 0 win
Norb Thornton 1 win
William Ferron 2 wins

Division 4

Bill Gatske 2 wins
Steve Joseph 0 wins
Jeff Johansen 4 wins
Clark Chrisman 2 wins
Linda Joseph 1 win

.22 LR Division

Jeff J 3
Jim 1
Kristen J 4
Chris D 0
Eugene D 3

...submitted by Jeff Johansen
Rifle/Pistol Chairman



Newsletter Update

Deadline for articles for the December newsletter is **November 19th**. Send items or photos of interest to 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 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

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

MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

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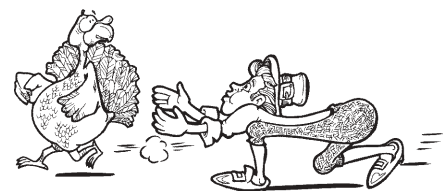
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FOR SALE: Ducks Unlimited Special Edition Super X2 Winchester 12 ga., with chokes. 28" Barrel. Beautiful DU engraving. Excellent Condition. Used once. \$500 o.b.o. Must have F.O.I.D. Call Rosemary at 630-527-0654


Happy Thanksgiving!





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>Club Open 6-10PM</i>	2	3 <i>Club Open 6-10PM</i>	4	⁵ Skeet League Begins <i>Club Open 9-2PM</i>
⁶ AIM Turkey Shoot <i>Club Open 9-2PM</i>	7	8 <i>Club Open 6-10PM</i>	9	10 <i>Club Open 6-10PM</i>	 11 Veteran's Day	12 <i>Club Open 9-2PM</i>
13 <i>Club Open 9-2PM</i>	14 <i>SCSC Directors Meeting/SCSC Members Meeting</i>	15 <i>Club Open 6-10PM</i>	16	¹⁷ Recobs Target Shop <i>Club Open 6-10PM</i>	18	¹⁹ Club Work Day Sweetest Day! <i>Club Open 9-2PM</i>
20 <i>Club Open 9-2PM</i>	AIM Members Meeting	22 <i>Club Open 6-10PM</i>	23	²⁴ Thanksgiving Day <i>Club Open 6-10PM</i>	25	26 <i>Club Open 9-2PM</i>
27 <i>Club Open 9-2PM</i>	28	29 <i>Club Open 6-10PM</i>	30			
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