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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

Dues Are Due

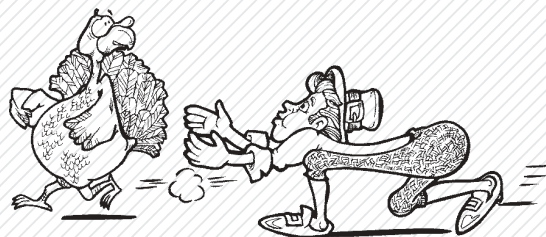
Can you believe it? It's November already. We have seen another great year and, as they say, "It ain't over yet". The new Skeet houses continue to be built. Two new Sporting Clays machines have been ordered and are on the club grounds. I do not have the final count yet but I would say that it was another record year for targets. The lake has been stocked with trout. The Pheasant program is well on its way to a very successful year.



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October Meeting Highlights

Trap

Trap league is over. There is still 2 weeks of makeup and the banquet is on 10/28/2006

Skeet

Operating OK.

Sporting Clays

League is open. Start date was delayed by one week.

Machine Maintenance

Board approved purchase of two new machines. One teal and one Pat Trap.

Wobble Trap

No report.

Sportsmen's Activities

AIM Duck shoot on 10/8 and AIM Turkey shoot on November 12..

Lake: Pond is stocked with trout. Limit two trout per family. Need inland trout stamp and fishing license. Blue gills are looking healthy and crappies will be added in the spring.

Dog training: new property in Norway. Do we want to get a game breeders permit? Dog training permit is valid for this property.

Rifle Pistol Range

3 gun action shoot is scheduled for 10/21. Slug gun sight in Day open to the public and is scheduled for October 28.

Building/Grounds

Next work day is 10/28.

Membership

See page 3.

ATA

See schedule for 2007 on page 5.

Final closeout for 2006 turned over 12k to club treasury. For next year Cle is looking for 2 members willing to work from home on promotional items. Also looking for someone who has woodworking skills.

Old Business

Parts were delivered for new skeet houses. Installation scheduled for 10/28.

Drainage tile was installed in front of trap houses to alleviate freezing of trap machines when water collects in trap houses.

New Business

Work hours/Dues Notices to be mailed and received by members by November 15th.

New trap machines were approved by the board for purchase not to exceed 12k. One new 12 volt machine and one teal thrower.



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

1st Saturday of the Month

Action Shoots

Every other month

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!

NO INLINE STYLE MUZZLE LOADING RIFLES

Rifles allowed

Air Rifles

.22 rimfire - standard velocity or target loads

Shotgun slugs

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

.40 Smith&Wesson .44 Smith&Wesson special

.44-40 Winchester .45 GAP

.45 Auto .45 Colt

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, 2006 thru December 31, 2006

Saint Charles Sportsmen's Club Public Hours

Tuesday 6:00PM - 10:00PM after March 1st, 2006

Thursday 6:00PM - 10:00PM

Saturday 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Sunday 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Membership Update

2006 renewal stickers (to be placed on your ID badge) are at the front desk.

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 - December 9, 2PM.

New Members Voted In

Vito DiPietra

Norm Dohe

New Probationary Members

Keith R. Schauer

Kris J. Krohn

Good shooting everyone!

...*Andrea Ema, Director & Membership Chair*



Lake News

Trout Stocked

Trout have been stocked in the lake along with 27 pounds of minnows to help them through the winter. The limit is 2 per member and artificial bait is recommended (spinners, flies, small spoons) it makes for easy release if you do not want to keep them.

Valid Illinois Fishing license and Inland trout stamp is required to catch trout.

In the spring we should have great trout fishing.

...*Ed Wachholder*
Lake Activities

President's Message *continued...*

And life is good, at least for me. Some folks, though, seem to be able to find fault with just about everything. I will assume that maybe some have been misinformed or don't know what they are talking about. It seems that some folks can get really worked up about some things that they don't know anything about. If they want the facts they can ask me or any officer or director of the club. Is that easy, or what? And by the way, they can get first hand information at the members meeting every second Monday of the month.

The Board of Directors has directed that your dues notices be mailed by November 15th, so please keep a watch for the notice in the mail. My hope is that all of you pay your dues in a timely fashion because it can and does affect the revenue stream of the club. Our hope is that by sending out the dues notices in a timely manner, all of you will have sufficient time to pay your 2007 dues. As always, if you should have any questions regarding the notices please give Andrea or me a call and your questions and/or concerns will be addressed.

I hope to see you at the club but if I don't I want to wish all of you a very happy Thanksgiving. Let us not lose sight of how blessed we are. Remember to share your sport and God Bless America!

...*Bob Scherf*
President



SCSC Hunting Program Update

2006/2007

A letter of interest from Brian and the Pheasant committee.

Hunters Must Also Observe Unwritten Laws

October 15, 2006 - Posted at 12:00 a.m.

Deer season is upon us and hunters will be taking to the fields in pursuit of their favorite game. Some will be with friends; others will take their sons and daughters to continue a legacy that was initiated by their fathers or grandfathers.

While in the field, we will be put through many different situations that require decisions that as hunters could affect hunting and the image of hunting.

There are two different kinds of laws that we must follow. One is the written law that is enforced by the state game wardens. The other is the unwritten law. It is the ethical code that all hunters should live by.

Ethics In The Field

Today, hunters who go afield to harvest animals take with them much more than just a firearm and ammunition, they take the responsibility of personal choice.

Ethics is personal choice that is defined as the "involving or expressing moral and professional standards of conduct" or what is accepted as good rather than bad and right than wrong.

The idea of ethics is not new but has changed over time as much as hunting. So, because of every one's upbringing, past experiences, personal beliefs and values, what is ethical to one might not be ethical to another. Each person will develop their own ethical standards, but it is the collective decisions and behaviors of all hunters that will dictate how hunting is viewed.

Unethical versus Illegal

There is nothing illegal about shooting at a running deer or shooting at an animal with a bow and arrow out of effective range, but it is certainly unethical and most unethical behavior can become illegal acts.

Picture this scenario: It is the last day of your weekend hunt and you have seen a lot of good bucks but passed on them waiting for the big one. Just when you thought all hope was lost, you finally see the buck of your dreams. The only problem is that he is in thick brush and it is getting late. Do you take the shot and take a chance at wounding him or do you let him go to be hunted another day?

We as hunters should set standards for our conduct and follow the unwritten law of ethics:

Respect our natural resources. Adhere to fair chase, strive for a quick and clean kill, and know your capabilities.

Respect other hunters and follow the 10 commandments of firearm safety.

Respect landowners by following the rules, picking up after yourself, and asking for permission.

Respect to the non-hunter by transporting game discretely, maintain a presentable appearance - no bloody or dirty clothing - and refrain from graphic pictures or stories while in the public.

An ethical hunter acts as a goodwill ambassador for the sport and for all hunters.

A person who takes pride in hunting and in themselves is one who always hunts in such a way that neither he or she is never shamed and treats the game with respect both before and after the shot. An ethical hunter is one who gives back by introducing a new hunter to the sport or sharing the game that is taken.

Young hunters today should be taught the importance of being ethical and our responsibility to portray a professional image, to respect the animals as well as the environment.

As a Texas Parks and Wildlife hunter education instructor, I teach students that to be a true sportsman, they must adopt and adhere to their own code of ethics by asking themselves:

- 1) Is what I am doing morally and ethically correct?
- 2) Is this legal?
- 3) And is this safe?

As I was taught these same values as a young hunter by my father, I look forward to passing these same values on to my daughter and to other hunters so they may enjoy the great outdoors for years to come.

Good luck this season, but remember, hunting is a privilege, so we need to act responsibly, follow safety rules and the fundamentals of ethical hunting; fair and good rather than unjust and bad must be kept in the forefront of all of minds to ensure the future for our hunting heritage.

James Bartay is the hunting safety columnist for the Advocate. Contact him at 361-574-1206 or sports@vicad.com, or comment on this story at www.VictoriaAdvocate.com <<http://www.victoriaadvocate.com/>> .

*submitted by Brian Flannigan
Pheasant Committee*



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HELP WANTED

Earn Club Work Hours

**Member(s) Needed For
Projects**

**Club Work Day
See club calendar
Time 8AM - 12PM**

**Contact:
Dan Vosecky**



2006 Important Dates

AIM Turkey Shoot	11/12/2006
SCSC Directors/Members Meeting	11/13/2006
Thanksgiving Day (Club Closed)	12/23/2006
New Member Orientation	12/9/2006
SCSC Directors/Members Meeting	12/13/2006
Christmas Day (Club Closed)	12/25/2006
New Year's Day	1/1/2007
Annual SCSC Banquet (TBA)	2/??/2007
SCSC Directors/Members Meeting	2/13/2007

A.I.M News

Turkey Shoot

AIM is having a Turkey shoot on November 12th.

The cost is \$5 for 10 shots. Prizes will be frozen turkeys or gift cards. Don't miss this fun event!



We will be contributing a portion of our proceeds to charity. Please help us make a difference. Check website for details at www.girlswithguns.net.

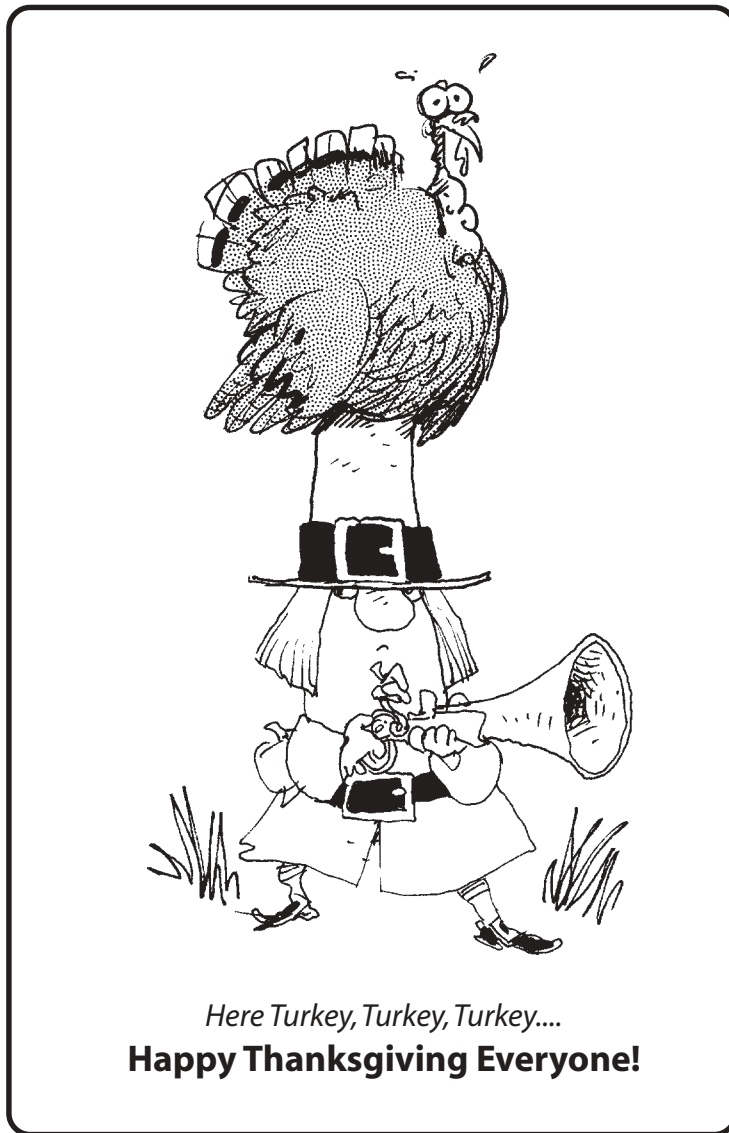
Girls With Guns Belt Buckle

A.I.M. has belt buckles for sale! They look like the bottom of a shotgun shell and have the words "Girls With Guns Have More Fun". See picture below.

...Rosemary Jendras
A.I.M. Member



Cost:
\$30 AIM members
\$45 non-members



Here Turkey, Turkey, Turkey....
Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

October Action Shoot

Results

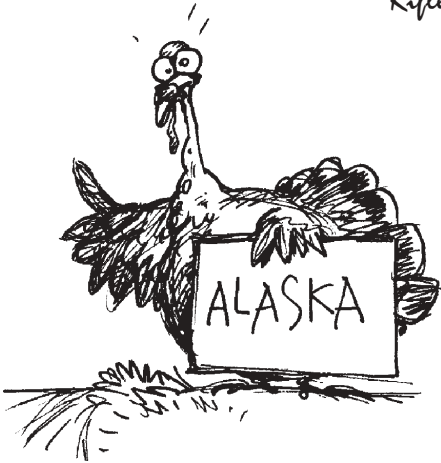
- 1st. Eugene D.
- 2nd. Harry H.
- 3rd. Jeff J.
- 4th. John L.



There were 6 shooters and the weather was chilly and a little wet. We had a halloween theme with targets designated as goblins and warewolves. We also had a pumpkin attached to a zip line that was released as another target was dropped, the pumpkin was then shot with a shotgun as it was moving down the zip line. It was loads of fun.

We are planning another Bowling Pin Shoot on Saturday November 25th.

...Jeff Johansen
Rifle/Pistol Chair



Nominations for Election

November 13, 2006

Nominations for Board of Directors Positions are listed below. This is an incomplete list. Members must attend the November meeting to accept their nominations and additional nominations may be made at the November meeting. Anyone who is interested in a position as director please contact Kurt by the November meeting.

Incumbents

- Silas Jayne (Building/Ground Co-Chair)
- Cle Rector (ATA Chair)
- Rosemary Jendras (Newsletter Chair)
- Dick Matthys
- Frank Kubicka (Equipment Maintenance)

New Nominees

- Rosie Loguidice
- Chris Toohey (Junior Membership)
- Bob Mata
- Rich Miller
- Kent Burns

...Kurt Schroeder
Director & Nominating Committee



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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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Newsletter Update

Deadline for articles for the December issue are due November 21st. Please send photos of interest to news@saintcharles-sc.org.

Members may access the newsletter by getting the on-line version from the SCSC website and there will be a limited number of copies available for pickup at the club. Members must provide an e-mail address to the Membership Chair in order to be sent an e-mail with a link directly to the newsletter.

...Rosemary Jendras
Newsletter Editor



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