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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

Hunting Heritage

December 25, 1953 was a day that I will always remember. It was the day I received my first shotgun. It was a Winchester Model 37 Single Shot 20 gauge. Oh, how I loved that gun. You see, my whole family were hunters. My dad, grandfather, and uncles and all the other males in the family were hunters. I grew up with a hunting heritage. And I can honestly say that almost every year since then I have hunted somewhere.



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August Meeting Highlights

Trap

Fall Trap League starts August 17.

Skeet

2nd week of September reserved to rebuild skeet houses

Sporting Clays

End of September is start of Sporting Clays league

Machine Maintenance

All machines are up and running

Wobble Trap

State Wobble shoot held on 8/13. Only had 9 shooters

Sportsmen's Activities

September 17 is annual Club Shoot. Members can preshoot Trap, Doubles, Skeet.

Hunter Safety Class scheduled for August 21, 23, 28, 30 from 7-10PM. There are 11 on the waiting list

AIM is sponsoring Frank Hoppe Clinic in October. 8 students/day. Price includes lunch and targets.

Hunting/Fishing Days on September 23 and 24 at Silver Springs State Park, Yorkville. Everything is free. Need volunteers to help out. Members can fulfill their work hours by volunteering. See ad in newsletter for contact info.

Lake: Restocking decision is delayed till September

NRA Banquet is coming up. Will be held at Gaslight Manor.

Rifle Pistol Range

19 shooters at the last bowling pin shoot. Action shoot coming up.

Building/Grounds

Next work day is August 26th. Staining of 2 towers is scheduled. Need lots of help. 2 work days in September

Membership

See page 3.

ATA

Cle is at the Grand. Northern Illinois Zone Shoot is Sept. 9-10. Need lots of help for 2 day September shoot. Get work hours by volunteering. Ladies and novice shoot results were listed in August issue of Trap and Field.

Old Business

Excavating firm to excavate in front of Practice, Trap 1, 2, 3 & 4 and install drainage tiles to alleviate flooding problems. Motion was passed.

New Business

Request was made to use unused tower for archery. Tower has already been appropriated for other purposes.

Retirement of Karen and Ed Spearing from Saint Charles was announced.

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!

MUZZLELOADING RIFLES WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED!

NO INLINE STYLE BLACK POWDER GUNS

Rifle allowed

.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

.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 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 - September 6, 7PM.

New Members Voted In

Norm Dohe	Mark Ferraro
Steve Grebner	Tom Hale
Robert Howicz	David Lien
Philip Losurdo	William Pearn
Rich Rundle	Craig Schnur
Bryan Schoewe	James Stephens

New Probationary Members

William Ferron
John Kennedy
Miroslaw Pieronek
David Wahl
David Gotsch
Good shooting everyone!

...Andrea Ema, Director & Membership Chair



OSTOJA Tournament

Polish American Hunting Club

On Sunday, August 20th, the Polish American Hunting Club OSTOJA hosted its annual Sporting Clays Tournament. Eighty two shooters participated in a 10 station course. A picnic featuring home cooked Polish meats followed. Prizes were awarded in the various classes including an open men's and women's class for non-Polish shooters as well. Many Thanks go to club president **Miroslaw Pieronek** and vice-president **Mark Garbarz** for both organizing and graciously hosting this wonderful event.

...Frank Kubica
Sporting Clays Chair

President's Message *continued...*

As most of you know, I love to hunt upland birds. Some of you may prefer other game. But for all of us it is our heritage and it is something we do and enjoy. However, we have been coming under attack from all sorts of people for all sorts of reasons. Regardless of their efforts, we still hunt. But we have lost a lot of our hunting lands to development and other sources, so we seek to belong to a hunting preserve or hunting club so that we may still hunt. Long gone are the days where we could park the car, ask permission to hunt and have a day to remember.

So what is my reason for all of this? Well, I want to remind you that every September the DNR sponsors a National Hunting and Fishing Days at the Silver Springs State Park in Yorkville. Our club will have a table with information about the club, and we will be reminding folks about the hunting and target shooting and the good sportsmanship that have been passed down over the years and that we are proud to be part of that. Some of you know that for many years our club has donated all the targets that are used at Hunting and Fishing Days in Yorkville. There is a sign that says targets are donated by the club. I'm asking all of you to please attend this event so that you may enjoy your heritage while supporting your club. What could be easier?

Unfortunately, we must be ever mindful that our heritage and right to hunt is under constant attack by those who feel that it is wrong. But my bigger fear is that the threat is within. That there are people who feel that they know what is best for us and who say we must meet certain criteria before we can go afield. So let us stand our ground and speak out about our rights. We must be ever mindful of those who feel that they know what it is we need and what is best for us. Therefore, we must never lose our self in our efforts to comply with those few who believe they and only they know what is best for us. Let us guard our hunting heritage well because it is as fragile as the environment.

Good hunting and enjoy your sport.
God Bless America.

...Bob Scherf
President



Bowling Pin Shoot

August 5th Shoot Results

Thanks to everyone who came out and participated in the pin shoot. Below are the results from the match. I'd like to thank everyone who helped set up, run the match, and tear down.

Main event

- 1st Clark C.
- 2nd Chris S.
- 3rd Michael C.
- 4th Bill F.
- 5th Jeff J.

Finalists in the .22 caliber event

- 1st Clark C.
- 2nd Michael C.
- 3rd Eugene D.
- 4th Chuck D.
- 5th Jeff J.

We had 19 people turn out for the Bowling Pin Shoot. 5 shooters competed in the .22 event.

Clark Chrisman won both events. He was unbeatable and even had to borrow Eugene's gun to finish the main event because his rear sight broke.

Our next Bowling pin shoot is scheduled for September 2nd. The main event will be for centerfire pistols (no Magnums) and the second event will be for revolvers only.

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

For more info please call Jeff Johansen at 630-293-3581

*...Jeff Johansen
Director & Rifle/Pistol Chair*



Action Shoot

Results from the August 19th 3-gun action match

Jeff J.	111.34 seconds
Eugene D.	122.83
Roumel R.	133.67
Charles S.	171.37
John L.	179.29
Chuck S.	186.84
Chuck D.	199.25
Bryan C.	211.45
David N.	244.24
Norb T.	371.53

*...Jeff Johansen
Rifle/Pistol Range Chair*

Bowling Pin Shoot Pics

August 2006



Five Finalists



Jeff with Bowling Pins

*(Small one is for .22 caliber.
Larger is for centerfire)*



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Pheasant Program

SCSC Hunting Program Update

2006/2007

Andrea Ema and Laura Andersen, Assistant Treasurer and Administrator respectively, report that 72 SCSC members have registered and attended orientation sessions for the 2006/2007 hunting season. A work date has been scheduled for September 16th at the Norway property and will be led by Building & Grounds Committee Chair, Matt Gulisano.

The following day, September 17th, Andrea Ema and Andy Keil, Treasurer, will be available at the SCSC Club House to collect hunting privilege fees and to sell bird tags for this season. Hunting fees can also be sent by mail to Andrea Ema and bird tags can be purchased through the Club cashier during the hunting season. Hunters are reminded that they must purchase a minimum of 5 bird tags during the upcoming season and tags will be sold for \$10/each.

Beyond respecting the hunting laws of the state of IL, the hunting program will focus on 4 producing key results this year:

1. **A SAFE HUNT FOR EVERYONE**
2. Documenting our hunting activity to preserve our hunting privilege
3. Respecting our landowner, his assets and his neighbors
4. **HAVING A FUN AND PRODUCTIVE HUNT !!!**

Birds will be arriving on Club property soon and our season opens October 1st, 2006. Best of luck to this year's hunters !!!

...Brian Flannigan
SCSC Member



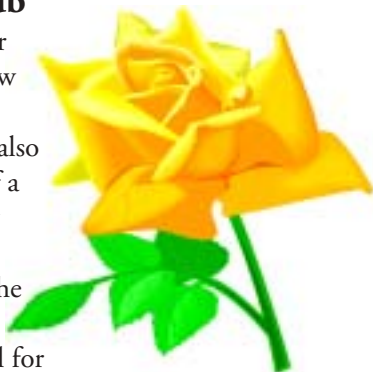
Thank You

Donations To The Club

Thanks to Cheryl Baber for the donation of the brand new curtains that now grace our clubhouse windows. Thanks also to Cheryl for the donation of a chain saw. Most of you know Cheryl as the lovely lady who always brings cookies when she comes to shoot at the club.

Cheryl, we are very grateful for your generosity and adding some class to our club.

...Rosemary Vendras
Newsletter Editor



SCSC Junior Member News

Note to Junior Members

The annual club championship will be taking place on Sunday 9/17. It is a great opportunity to get out and try every activity that the club has to offer. There will be awards for best parent / child team so bring along one of your parents to enjoy the fun with you.

Don't forget that in order to shoot on the skeet field, only **shot size 9** is permissible for all gun gauges. They may not have this available to purchase at the club, so pick up your ammunition before hand.

I hope that everyone makes it out to enjoy the fun!

Our next junior meeting is going to be held on Wednesday September 27th. The meeting will run from 7 – 8 PM. Please try to arrive and be ready to start right at 7 PM. During this hour we will be instructing on as well as shooting skeet. Anyone will be welcome to stay after 8 PM and continue shooting.

Here is what you will need for the next meeting:

- Eye and ear protection
- Your gun
- **# 9 shot only**
- \$2.50 per round of skeet (you can also buy junior skeet tickets at the club house on public days.)

If enough junior members show up we will also open up one of the trap fields and break into two separate groups. Don't forget the weather is changing so dress appropriately.

If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call. Mobile # 847-840-4238

...Chris Toohy
Chairman SCSC Junior Member Program



Remember September 11, 2001

AIM Sponsored Shooting Clinic

A FRANK HOPPE CLINIC



Frank Hoppe
2002 Clay Target
Champion
2005 Hall of Fame
Inductee

Where: St. Charles Sportsmen's Club

When: October 14 and 15, 2006 (Sat & Sun)

Frank begins with a discussion that covers fundamentals, gun control, mind control, where to look for the target, follow through, stance, dominant eye, the mount, your attitude and more. After this discussion and answer period, shooters work on the 16 yard line.

Frank watches and guides each shooter through each target. He helps the shooter analyze why they miss a target, if that should happen. Frank helps shooters with special problems and gives them a remedy for that problem.

After a working lunch break, shooters work on handicap and end with doubles. In between each shooting session, there is a question and answer period. Class ends around 6:00, or when everyone is satisfied, usually with 225-300 targets shot.

Cost: \$275 per day (includes targets and lunch)

A \$110 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your place.

Contact: Laura Andersen (630) 587-3085

HELP WANTED

Earn Club Work Hours

**Member(s) Needed For
Projects**

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

**Contact:
Dan Vosecky**



A.I.M News

Fun Duck Shoot

AIM is having a Fun Duck Shoot on October 8th. The

event will include
75 fun simulated

Waterfowl hunting

targets with props. Some sets of targets require 3 shots so shooters will need an autoloader or pump shotgun. Lunch is included. Cost is \$30 per shooter. There will be prizes and awards for attendees.

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

2006 Important Dates

New Member Orientation	9/6/2006
Northern Illinois Zone Shoot	9/9/2006
Northern Illinois Zone Shoot	9/10/2006
SCSC Directors/Members Meeting	9/11/2006
Club Shoot	9/17/2006
Recob's Target Shop	9/23/2006
Hunting/Fishing Days - Silver Springs	9/23/2006
Hunting/Fishing Days - Silver Springs	9/24/2006
SCSC Directors/Members Meeting	10/9/2006
Frank Hoppe Clinic	10/14/2006
Frank Hoppe Clinic	10/15/2006
Elburn Service Shoot	10/15/2006
Elburn Service Shoot (Rain Date)	10/22/2006
SCSC Directors/Members Meeting	11/13/2006

HELP WANTED

Earn Club Work Hours

**Member(s) Needed To
Help At Silver Springs
Hunting and Fishing Days
Yorkville
September 23 and 24, 2006**

**Contact:
Bob**

630-915-1418

HELP WANTED

Earn Club Work Hours

**Member(s) Needed To
Help At Rifle/Pistol Range
During The Club Shoot
September 17, 2006**

**Contact:
Jeff Johansen
630-293-3581**

Fall Trap League News

The Trap League Moves Into The 21st Century!

For those of you with your ear to the grindstone on the latest trap league happenings, you have probably heard of a few new "computerized" changes. For a while now, computers have helped in the scoring of the trap league. Software like Microsoft Excel allowed us to easily calculate the totals and Lewis pay outs each week, and we could print out the scoreboard for all to see. This is how we got our feet wet while scoring the Spring 2006 league.

Now that we've gained the experience from scoring a league from start to finish, we've had a few ideas and changes that we are beginning to implement. The trap league is now being scored using an online web application we created to make it easier and quicker for league scorers. Instead of manually having to calculate data like the Lewis Pay outs, it is now completely automatic. What this means for future trap league shooters is more timely updating of scores, less errors, and our newest addition to the league, "The Weekly Trap League Summary."

If you are in this season's trap league and have given us your e-mail address, you should have received our email summary of what you shot, Lewis pay outs, make-ups needed by your team, top shooters and top teams. There is even a most improved shooters list with those shooters that did much better this week than last week. Each summary is personalized just to you, but also lists general league statistics. We'd love for you to think we modify and send out each email by hand, but now that the application is created it just goes through all the shooters, calculates the data, and sends an e-mail out to you. So far we've received a really good response, and we hope to get more trap league e-mail addresses so we can send a summary out to all the shooters who have an e-mail address. We believe that the more the shooters are informed, the more we'll have on board to finish the whole season.

We hope you like this addition and we welcome any comments or questions about it. Our goal is to have this system really work for the club, and the best way to do that is to get input from it's membership. So enjoy the league and we'll see you on the trap field!

...Bob Butterworth & Barry Bourdage
League Scorers



Work Hours

To all St. Charles Sportsman's Club members.

Just a reminder that all work hours must be logged in and signed by a director before Oct. 31, 2006 for regular members or you will be billed at \$30.00/un-worked hour. Pheasant Program participants must have their hours worked and/or paid for by Sept.30, 2006.

Volunteer Opportunities

Sept. 23 – 24, Hunting and Fishing Days, Silver Springs State Park, Yorkville IL. Contact Bob Tessarolo at (630) 915-1418 or e-mail LF21bobbyt@aol.com for more detail and to sign up for hours.

Sept. 16, work day at pheasant property Norway ,IL. Contact Matt Guilsano to sign up at (630) 587-1929, cell (630) 327-1889 or tradeamericacorp@aol.com. (Great opportunity to get to know our hunting property.)

Need 12 to15 people. They should bring work gloves and a shovel. Need one person to bring a gas powered rotor tiller if possible.

Jobs:

Cleaning out the bird pens and repairing holes.

Installing 20 "game farm" signs.

Installing no trespass signs along McGrath property.

Need someone to build two or more bird release boxes.

For direction go to Norway go to www.saintcharles-sc.org/hunt <<http://www.saintcharles-sc.org/hunt>>

Sept. 17, Club Shoot. Need help at Rifle/Pistol Range. Noon to 3 or 4 PM. Call Jeff Johansen at 630-293-3581.

Oct. 7 and Oct. 21 (tentative dates) 9:00-4:00

Erect pre-constructed skeet houses. Please call Mark Creedon for details at (630) 460-5743 or e-mail Markcreedon@comcast.net

Oct. 28, 8:00 to noon, Club work day

...Andrea Ema
Membership

Sporting Clays League

Fall League

The sporting clays league will run from September 23rd through November 12th, with the banquet and awards ceremony to held on November 19th. There will be an all new redesigned course for the league. A sign up sheet and league information will be posted in the main club house. Contact Alicia Ragni, Frank Kubica or Mark Creedon for additional information.

...Frank Kubica
Sporting Clays Chair

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

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Newsletter Update

Deadline for articles for the October newsletter is **September 22nd**. Send items or 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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