



# Broken Clays

## Improvements Continue, the Usual Suspects Held Suspect

Some years back, David Mahmet wrote and directed a modern film noir entitled, "The Usual Suspects. In it, a crime is committed and the police are stymied as to who may have done the deed, so to appear busy, the order goes out for the beat cops to round up the "usual suspects."

For those of you who occasionally wander into the FSC and notice that things are continually improving around here, a small group of usual suspects, headed up by Mike Russell, can be held accountable. With the exception of those who occasionally stand and watch as progress continues, none of the usual suspects are wanted by the police nor have warrants been issued for their having done too much work without assistance from others.

The most notable and easily observed changes can be seen in the clubhouse itself, which was stripped of old and unused ductwork, scraped, spackled, primed and painted. Paint for the job was graciously donated by **Certa Pro Painters** of New Lenox. Kudos and thanks! Those suspected of assisting in the actual work include Ted Puch, Thurlow Haskell, Ed Hirsch, Bob Brudd, Charlie Obecnny, Rich Lovell, Derrald Taylor, Jack Hoessler, Dan Tompkins, and the aforementioned ringleader who also hung the wallpaper border and most of the signs, pictures and animal trophies. It should be noted that there has been another group of "usuals," namely the usual critics. They were, of course, offered an opportunity to pitch in, but as usual they opted to decline their services.

The next alteration to the interior was the complete renovation of the ladies bathroom, which involved completely gutting the room, moving the toilet, installing an instant hot water heater that now services both bathrooms, new tile, lighting, piping, walls and insulation, and art work for the walls. The plumbing work was donated by Steve Sembach and the overall project manager was Rich Lovell. Rather than list those who assisted, refer back to the previous list of usual suspects.

Now that the infamous coffee wars have concluded, there's a new, professional dual burner coffee pot in the kitchen area. So far, it seems to meet with everyone's approval.

Moving outside, it was deemed necessary to completely re-construct part of the east wall of the clubhouse due to significant damage to the integrity of the structure. In this case, both the materials, which included lumber and siding, and work were donated by the father and son team of Jerry and Dave Crandall. Again, there have been critics who have suggested that one wall was not enough, and once again, when offered an opportunity to donate some work time, the critics vanished into thin air.

Another improvement made to the club's exterior has been the donation and installation of a security system by Charlie Obecnny. We now have cameras posted around the club recording possible malfeasance. For some reason, even this improvement aroused the ire of one of the usual critics who took our beleaguered presi-

dent to task over the issue. When offered the post of volunteer night watchman, however, this critic was suddenly nowhere to be seen.

An ongoing project involves the painting to the wood structures that comprise the skeet and five stand fields. The bulk of this project has been carried out by Mike Russell with assistance from Bob Franklin and the occasional usual suspect. Again, there have been critics who have declined the opportunity to pitch in.

Yet another ongoing project involved the sealing of our three trap fields this past Labor Day weekend. As we were taking a break from the sun and 90 degree heat, Sean Cryan asked, "Hey, how come whenever I see guys working their butts off here, it's the same small group of officers and directors?" We all kind of chuckled, but no one was able to offer a solid response. Mike Russell shared with us that earlier in the afternoon, a carload of new members drove up to the five stand area and, as they were getting out of their vehicle, asked him a question. After responding, he mentioned that a work party to sealcoat the trap lanes was about to begin and offered them a chance to participate. They got back into their cars and drove away.

### NOTE:

**For those of you who don't actually like to read the newsletter, there are pictures of the club's recent improvements on the next page.**

# Club Improvement Pictures



Mike Russell and Ed Hirsch get tips from Roger Hall on how to adjust the club's traps in order to throw targets that are in compliance with ATA standards. Mr. Hall helps keep the traps at an Izaak Walton facility in Indiana in registration. Interestingly, one of the things learned during this instructional session is

that White Flyer targets are no longer made with a chamfer or the traditional dimples. The elimination of these two steps has helped reduce production costs. Ironically, special runs of targets for the Grand retain both features.



The trap fields, which were laid roughly one year ago, have been seal-

coated and re-stripped. Those responsible



are shown above posing with the tools of their trade. Pictured are Thurlow Haskell, Bob Brudd, Rich Lovell, Ted Puch, Mike Russell, and Sean Cryan (kneeling).

## More Improvements, More Photos



Ted Puch paints new numbers on trap two. All three fields have been sealed and striped; however, the walkways have yet to be covered. This project, it was decided at the September board meeting, will be completed by a commercial company. It should also be noted that the tapcon screws that were an

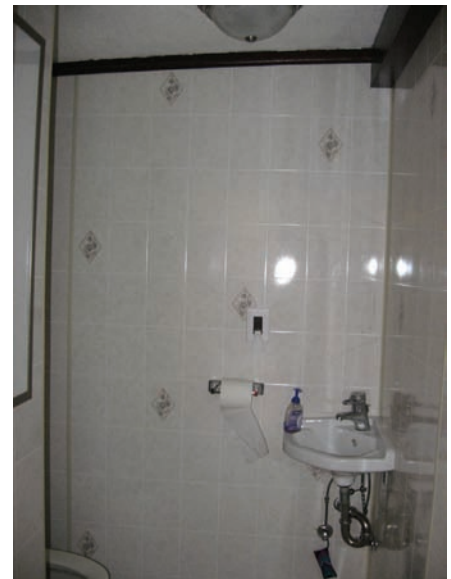
occasional nuisance for shooters who stepped over the line (a foul in registered trap events) have been removed, having now served their purpose.

The new ladies bathroom has been improved on both the outside and inside. The photo below shows the newly applied siding.



As mentioned on page one, improvements were also made to the interior of the ladies room as well. It would be a nice gesture on the part of the membership to actually thank on of the listed volunteers for their donation of time, skills and effort. As volunteers,

they don't get paid—they usually get ignored, hassled or even insulted by the folks who benefit.



New paneling, a new sink and lights, a new instant hot water heater, refurbished electric, and totally replaced tile in the new ladies facility.

# 2nd Amendment Rally a Success

The weather gods smiled on supporters of the recent Supreme Court second amendment decision as hundreds gathered at the Thompson Center to hear a variety of speakers address gun rights in Illinois. The rally was co-sponsored by the Illinois State Rifle Association (ISRA) and Illinois Carry, an organization that promotes concealed carry privileges for Illinois gun owners. Members of other firearms organizations, including the NRA, the Second Amendment Sisters, and the Pink Pistols were also represented both in the audience and on the podium.

First to speak was Valinda Rowe, a firearms instructor, who is also active in both ISRA and Illinois Carry. A long time advocate of concealed carry, especially for women, she praised the recent Heller decision by the Supreme Court. She was followed by Mike Weisman, ISRA vice president, who introduced the featured speaker of the day, Dr. Suzanna Hupp, a Texas state representative. In 1991, she and her parents were dining at Luby's Cafeteria, a well known Houston eatery, when a gunman drove his vehicle through a plate glass picture window. He then got out of his car, produced a handgun, and started executing a total of twenty-three diners one by one.

Dr. Rupp described how her father, always a man of principle, attempted to rush the shooter and was shot down. She then reached for her purse, which usually contained a handgun, but realized that it was in her car's glove box because of a local ordinance stipulating that firearms



were illegal in restaurants. As the shooter continued to execute the occupants, someone broke out another of the restaurant's windows and many of the patrons started to escape. Ms. Rupp grabbed her mother's hand and made a run for it. However, when she emerged safely outside, her mother was nowhere to be found. Tragically, she learned that instead of escaping, her mother had run to her father as he was bleeding to death and cradled him in her lap. Her mother was that last victim to be shot before the police arrived. The gunman ran to the restroom and committed suicide. She poignantly pointed out that had the laws of Texas been different, so would the outcome of that tragic day. This is the incident that motivated her to become a state representative.

Other speakers included Doug Krick of the Pink Pistols, a gay and lesbian gun rights organization, Dr. Paula Bratlich of the Second Amendment Sisters, a group that advocates concealed carry, particularly for women, Doug Mayhall, an ISRA vice

president who filled in for an absent Rich Pearson, and Tony Peraica who is running on the Republican ticket this fall for the office of State's Attorney. He gave a particularly fiery speech in which he attacked Mayor Daley, Governor Blagoyovich and his Democratic opponent. The final guests of the day were the four plaintiffs who filed suit against the Chicago firearms ordinance and their attorney. Speaking for the group was Colleen Lawson, who was home alone when three men attempted to break into her house. She too spoke on behalf of all women and mothers who, without the right to protect themselves in their own homes, are totally defenseless against criminals.

The Frankfort Sportsman Club was represented by Mike Russell, Bob Brudd, George, and, Keith Ogle, who provided the sound equipment for all of the rally's speakers.



## Three FSC Members Support Ronald McDonald

Three Frankfort shooters recently sojourned northwards to participate in the annual Ronald McDonald Shoot which is held at the Northbrook Sportsman Club.

Heading up the threesome was Brian Svoboda, who took top honors in the veteran class (shooters age 55-64) with a score of 82/100.

Accompanying him Benny Nelson and his daughter Tami, who is pictured at the right. Congrats, Brian!



### IN MEMORIAM

**Long time member, William Prendergast, recently passed away from complications associated with liver cancer. He was a senior corporate member.**

# Women's Shooting Class Draws Appreciative Group

On July 26th, 2008, the FSC hosted its first ever shooting school for women only. The idea came about when board member Bob Brudd was asked to be the photographer for a similar event at



the Howell's Shooting Club in Yorkville, Illinois earlier in the year. When their shotgun instructor was forced to cancel at the last minute, Bob was asked to fill in, which he did. Because the Howell's event was so successful, it was mentioned at a board meeting and a similar shooting

school approved for Frankfort.

After posting it on the outdoor sign and distributing flyers, thirteen women of all ages registered. Helping to ensure the school's success were volunteers Brian Sura, Tom Schiller, Ed Hirsch, who loaded two flats of light load 20 gauge shells, Mike Russell, Tom McNerny and others.

The class started out with the essential differences between rifles and shotguns as many of the students were introduced to firearms for the first time in their lives. From there, the class progressed to the different kinds of shotgun configurations, gun safety, shooting technique, maintenance and advice as to how to select and purchase a shotgun.

Afterwards, lunch was served followed by a practicum on traps two and three. For most of the trainees, it was



their first experience shooting a firearm of any kind. Although there was anxiety and even a bit of fear in a few cases, all of the participants succeeded in breaking some clays.

Two of the lady shooters were experienced hunters who came to hone their already substantial skills and to try out the five stand. Mike Russell ended up instructing over half of the students in the finer points of five stand and skeet presentations and a great time was had by all.

Most importantly, learning and the elimination of firearms fear occurred.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**The Next General Membership Meeting  
Will Occur**

**on**

**Tuesday, September 26th**

**The Topic Will Be Mandatory Work Hours**