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Waiting on a chance!

Photo by: Ed Hirsch

Happy 60th Birthday FSC!

Club Profile

The Frankfort Sportsman Club (FSC) was founded on February 20, 1947 and is dedicated to the sportsman, promoting shotgun sports and the safe use of firearms. We are affiliated with the National Rifle Association (NRA), the Amateur Trapshooting Association, the Illinois Trap shooters Association, and the National Sporting Clay Association (NSCA). Our facility is equipped with 5 trap fields, 1 wobble trap field, 1 skeet field, and a 5-stand field.

FRANKFORT SPORTSMAN CLUB

"Promoting shotgun sports and the safe use of firearms"

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Letter from the President

Due to President Svoboda being on vacation for two weeks there will be no "letter from the president" in this issue

The February board meeting

The meeting was cancelled due to the severe snowstorm and was postponed until March.

Final Notice

It's Your Club – Support it at the Corporate Level
Deadline March 25, 2007 – All current members must renew by this deadline, or face a \$5.00 per month late fee.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE



OUR CLUB DEPENDS ON IT!

CLUB NEWS:

St Patrick's Day

Vince has established the date for this year's corned beef and cabbage dinner, which will be Sunday, March 18th. This annual culinary feast will be free to corporate members (another benefit of fully supporting the club financially) and \$8 for all others. Dinner will be served between 12 and 1 o'clock.

General Membership Meeting

Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 27th, at 7:30 p.m. Vince will be preparing two sloppy Joe sandwiches and chips for \$5, so bring an appetite! There will also be a 50-50 split the pot and a raffle of items donated by some of our local sporting good suppliers. Besides club related topics, we will also discuss the new Cook County Assault Weapons Ban and the IGOLD event in Springfield. More on this further on in the newsletter.

ID Cards

Ed Hirsch is working out the final kinks of getting the new ID cards worked out. Some time in March, you'll be photographed and get a color coded id card, the color to be determined by your level of membership. Once ID cards are distributed, Frankfort will operate like all other clubs in the area, Downers and aurora in particular, in that you will NOT be able to shoot or use the facilities UNLESS you are wearing your identification.

Hunter Safety Classes Announced

Mike Russell has announced two sets of dates for these mandatory classes for new hunters. Presented by Bill Brady, master class instructor, instruction will take place on the weekends of October 6 & 7, and October 20 & 21. **RESERVATIONS ONLY**
Call 708-302-2052 for a spot.

Credit Cards:

The board is contemplating the acceptance of credit cards for purchases of \$10 and up. We would need to run a second phone line to the outside box and acquire a swipe device. Fortunately, one of our members has offered to donate this piece of equipment, which will print out receipts, etc., for both the club and purchaser. At his point we're thinking of accepting visa and master card only. If you have any thoughts or contributions to make, share them with an officer/board member.

New Trap Lanes

Just a reminder that spring is coming, especially with this year's earlier "spring ahead" date for setting the clocks forward. FYI, the board passed a motion this past winter to replace the footing on traps two and three with concrete.

New Long Bird Competition

Starting Friday evening, March 2nd, Frankfort will sponsor a new shooting challenge, the "long bird." The initial pot will start off with \$100 in it. Would-be participants who want to take a chance can get into the event by purchasing a ticket for \$1. Of course you can increase your odds by buying more than one and you can get 7, yes that's 7, tickets for ONLY \$5. This money will also go into the pot. After the purchased tickets are put into a hat or jar or whatever, three lucky winners will be pulled from whatever container is being used.

They will then be given a shell (it keeps everything fair that way) and escorted to the 27 yard line of trap one and stand at position one. Each shooter will then get a chance to break a bird thrown from trap three, which is roughly 85 yards away. If anyone breaks their bird, they will get 70% of the pot. 20% will go to the club and 10% will go to cover the cost of shells, etc. Of course, if no one breaks their bird, the pot rolls over until next time.

Dealer Showcase: Midwest Sports in Lyons, IL, will host its annual dealer event on Saturday, March 17th. Numerous manufacturing reps from such companies as Ruger, Benelli, Beretta, Smith & Wesson, as well as a gunsmith will be on hand

to pass out literature, answer questions, etc. Mike Russell and others will man the Frankfort Sportsman Club table that Midwest has generously allotted us. The turnout usually runs well over 1000 visitors.

Shooting School

If you've ever watched Mike Russell, Mel Peterson and Ed Hirsch during the warmer months, you know that they spend a lot of time down on trap one with newbie shooters. To better facilitate the instruction of new shooters, a special shooting school will be offered on Saturday, March 24th. The charge will be \$10 per person + the cost of targets.

10 Cents/Bullet Ordnance Rejected

Some of you may have heard on the news that the Cook County Board was planning to tax bullets. Luckily this absurd proposal failed; however, the ordinance that was passed last November is STILL on the books.

IGOLD (Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day

On March 14th, every gun owner in the state of Illinois should make arrangements to make it down to Springfield to lobby legislators re: his/her 2nd amendment rights.
For

more information, go to the Illinois State Rifle Association web site, www.isra.org. ISRA, along with Illinois firearm manufacturers and some of the larger gun clubs are sponsoring buses that will leave from various locations. The closest site for most of us will be the Joliet Gander Mountain parking lot. To reserve a seat, which will cost \$20, call 815-635-3198, or go online at the ISRA site. This will be a long day, but if you look at the bills that are coming up VERY SOON in the legislature you may be motivated to speak up. These bills have a greater chance of passing this time because of shifts that took place in the power structure after last year's elections. The organizers ask that you dress nicely (no camo). Meet the bus at 7:30 a.m.

Cook County Assault Weapons Ban

The following information has been taken from the ISRA web site:

On November 14th, 2006, the Cook County Board passed an amendment to the Cook County "Assault Weapons" ban. As you may recall, in July of 2006 this amendment was stopped, at that time, the Cook County Board tabled the amendment. On November 14th, 2006 the amendment was removed from the table and voted on. By bringing forth the amendment in this way, only a few insiders could have known that it was coming up and would be voted on. The push for this amendment was spearheaded by Larry Suffredin, a lobbyist for the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence, a local gun control organization with connections to national anti-gun organizations, including the Violence Policy Center and the Brady Campaign.

Effective November 14, 2006, a Cook County gun ban Ordinance criminalizes the otherwise lawful possession of many common firearms and large capacity magazines. The law provides for imprisonment up to 6 months, fines, and confiscation and destruction of the enumerated weapons. Owners of such firearms or large capacity magazines have until February 12, 2007 to either remove the affected guns and remove any large capacity magazines from Cook County or surrender them to the police for destruction.

What firearms and magazines are affected by this county wide ban? Over 60 firearms are specifically listed as being illegal, including the deer rifle popular in many Midwest states, the SKS with a detachable magazine. Popular self defense weapons like the Mossberg 500 pump, and popular target shooting semiautomatic AR-15 are also illegal. In addition, all magazines that can hold more than 10 shells are banned.

The Ordinance specifically bans any semiautomatic shotgun that has a fixed magazine with a capacity in excess of five rounds. Since shotgun shell rounds can be obtained in sizes as short as 2 inches, the ordinance can be construed to ban all common semiautomatic shotguns.

For Cook County residents who possess the specifically listed firearms, until there is a successful court challenge to this ordinance with a published Appellate opinion, the only prudent legal option would be to relocate the banned firearms outside the geographical boundaries of Cook County. The ordinance criminalizes possession of the banned firearms inside of Cook County, not the mere ownership of the banned weapons possessed outside of Cook County. Cook County residents who own semi-automatic shotguns and

rifles that could arguably meet the generic ordinance definition of a banned assault weapon face a dilemma of uncertainty. Until there is a test case taken up on appeal, those residents may be subject to arrest, conviction and have their weapons confiscated and destroyed. A full criminal defense would cost \$10,000 on up with no guarantee of winning the case on appeal. Until the Cook County States Attorney publicly states that under no circumstances will the new ordinance be enforced against owners of ordinary shotguns which could be loaded by more than 5 two-inch long shells, or against owners of long guns with ordinary forearms and stock, those firearm owners would be prudent to also relocate those possibly banned firearms.

Update on the pending legal action against the Cook County Assault Weapons Ban

CHICAGO, Feb. 21

The following was released today by ISRA:

The ISRA announced today that it is seeking injunctive relief against a gun ban recently enacted by the Cook County Board. In filing its complaint with the Cook County Circuit Court, the ISRA is asserting that compliance with the vaguely-worded ordinance would be impossible for most citizens of Cook County and, further, the method by which the ban was passed violated the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

"In light of the circumstances under which this amendment was passed, the ISRA felt it was important that action be taken to halt its implementation," said ISRA Executive Director, Richard Pearson. "We are disappointed that the Cook County Board chose to pass this ordinance without benefit of public debate -- especially when its provisions impact such a large number of Cook County residents. In addition to the questionable procedures under which it was passed, the ordinance is so poorly worded that few, if any, firearm owners in the county would be certain that they were in compliance with its requirements."

"We are confident that the Cook County Circuit Court will recognize the shortcomings of this ordinance and grant the firearm owners of Cook County an injunction against its implementation," continued Pearson. "The ISRA and the firearm owners of Cook County are second to none in their desire to eradicate violent crime. However, we do not believe that law abiding firearm owners should take it on the chin in the process. The ISRA and its members stand ready to provide advice and guidance to the Cook County Board in the development of meaningful legislation that will fight violent crime while preserving the rights of law-abiding citizens who choose to own firearms."

SPECIAL THANKS

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Membership Direct Mailing



Communiqué

If you own a business or service and would like to advertise here, please contact Jim Coffey at 708-532-3876 for details.



Remember our Club Rules!

FSC is a members only club
Gun Safety starts with YOU!



CLUB CALENDAR

March 2, 2007

Inaugural Long Bird Shoot

March 3, 2007

Recob Day (Call in your order beforehand)

March 14, 2007

IGOLD Day

March 17, 2007

Dealer Showcase at Midwest Sports, Lyons, IL

March 18, 2007

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

March 24, 2007

Shooting School for new shooters

April 1, 2007

Ham Shoot

May 5, 2007

Recob Day (Call in your order beforehand)

May 20, 2007

Art Giroux Shoot

June 17, 2007

Club Picnic

September 8, 2007

Recob Day (Call in your order beforehand)

Sept. 9,10,23,24

Club Championship

October 6&7

Hunter Safety Classes (reservations only)

October 20&21

Hunter Safety Classes (Reservations only)

November 18, 2007

Turkey Shoot

December 1, 2007

Recob Day (Call in your order beforehand)

December 9, 2007

Shell Shoot and Christmas Party