

Frankfort Sportsman's Club

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The Long Hard Winter

One would be hard pressed not to agree with the headline above. This has been the longest and hardest winter that I can remember in a very long time. But having said that, it didn't stop a group of 32 Polish Hunt and Fish Club members from enjoying the blizzard like conditions on February 8 from shooting for prizes.

Members that helping to make sure this shoot was successful included:

Hank & Wesley Frietag
Ted Militech
Don Guinta
Ray Hommes
Derrald Taylor
Jeff Hobson
Thurlow Haskell
Mike Gaynor
Trap Assistant – Joey Apps
& me

Thanks to all that helped



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2013 Club Improvements

If you have been to the club in a while we had many improvements implemented at FSC this past year. The following is a brief summary of some of those improvements.

- Purchased and utilized the new wad rake machine. This has greatly reduced the amount of time and the need for large amounts of club member time to accomplish.
- Interior (north side) porch renovated. The previous dingy porch is now a bright and shiny environment.
- Computer Kiosk added and is available to all members. Videos will be installed soon for new member orientations
- Clubhouse has been sided and is really looking good and is much warmer than last year.
- Archery has been introduced, but has lacked in participation. Plans are to grow this venue, but only if it's shown that members utilize it.

Spring Trap League Organizing

This years trap league will begin on April 7th at 6pm. On the 1st night, two rounds will be shot from the 16yd line to determine your handicap yardage for the next weeks shoot.

The league will be an 8 week league and will have a \$25 entry fee to cover end of league prizes. Weekly costs will be normal shoot fee's (shoot cards only). Sign-up sheet will be posted at the club or send

and email to Don Guinta at dguinta@frankfortsportsmanclub.com

Additional Leagues

Skeet and 5 stand leagues are also in the works, however we'd like to find out how many shooter would like to participate.

As we are all away of, they would have to be on separate days because of the shared field. If you are interested in either please let us know, and soon.

Interested in a traveling Sporting Clays League?

Over the past couple of years several of us have been involved in what we like to call the "Road Trip Sporting Clays" group. We started with 5 or 6 of us just going out to shoot something different. The word has gotten around and others have expressed an interest. One of the outings last year had 2 squads



Right now thoughts are to arrange a monthly shoot at one of the local sporting clay facilities and maintain averages, but if there's anything other idea's, just let us know.

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If you're interested and would like to get on an email list to get future emails and scheduling, please let me know and I'll put you on our list and hopefully we can start getting out around the March / April timeframe to start.

Thanks, Mike

Current FSC Calendar Events – 2014

March 9th --- St. Patricks Day Shoot
April 6th --- Easter Shoot
May 18th --- Memorial Day Shoot
June --- nothing at this time
July 12th --- German Short Hair Outing
13th --- Club Picnic
20th --- Club Picnic Rain Date
Aug 24th --- Labor Day Shoot
Sept 6th --- Fireman Shoot
25th --- Club Championship 1st day
27th --- Club Championship 2nd day
Oct --- nothing at this time
Nov 9th --- Veterans Day / Turkey Shoot
Dec 14th --- Christmas Shoot
Jan 1st --- Polar Bear Shoot

Additional club events to be added when scheduled

NRA Training Schedule

Jeff and Pam Hobson have scheduled their 2014 training sessions to be held at FSC. It is as follows:

RSO

February 15th @ 8am (done)
May 20th & 22nd @ 6pm
Aug 23rd @ 8am
Dec 6th @ 8am

Basic Shotgun

March 22nd @ 8am
June 17th & 19th @ 6pm
Oct 18th @ 8pm

To see more information and to register go to:
www.wetrainsome.com

Member Profile

Name: Derrald Taylor



When did you start shooting? By age 10 I was shooting .22 rifle and a .410 shotgun shooting at varmints and nuisances around the farm where we lived in northwest Iowa. In high school I had a Remington 70 in .243 with a 6X scope for jackrabbits that would attack the emerging crops.

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When did you start shooting clay targets?

While in the active Naval Reserve at Boston Naval Hospital, in late 60's some of the chiefs built a skeet range on base near the river. We could even spend a lunch hour there it was so close to the hospital where we worked.

What gun do you typically shoot? I shoot my Kolar TA trap gun mostly, but use a Browning XT for doubles or five stand. For skeet I use the Browning XT if shooting 12 gauge, but have a Charles Daley skeet 20 gauge and a Browning Citori .410 with tubes.

What do you like about shooting at FSC?

Friendly atmosphere. We can compete with each other but keep civil about it and it is close to home. Just a good group of people who enjoy shooting and improving the grounds.

What was the most memorable shooting experience that you have had? I hit a pheasant on the fly with a .22 when I was 10. Dumb luck no doubt but you remember those things. I just wanted to carry a gun pheasant hunting so my dad gave me that one because it was lighter.

What discipline in clay shooting is your favorite? I mostly do trap in its different forms, but I enjoy sporting clays, skeet and our five stand.

Finally

With the weather potentially starting to warm up and little shooting has probably not been in your routine, I've thought why not get people in to the game of trap from a professionals perspective.

The following youtube link is an excellent way for many new FSC shooters to look at before starting the season. Many of us have taken time to watch these videos and have learned how to improve our shooting, so here it is, take some time and watch these very informative 10 videos to possibly help you to improve your scoring. If it doesn't connect when you click below, just cut and paste into your browser.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDWCFIJ0XZs&list=PLB6870DF00AEF0454>