

# BROKEN CLAYS



NEWSLETTER OF THE FRANKFORT SPORTSMAN CLUB

JANUARY 2010

## OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2010

The Frankfort Sportsman Club officers elected for 2010 are the following:

President - Brian Svoboda

Vice President – Sean Cryan

Treasurer – Pete Wolf

Recording Secretary – Brian Sura

Executive Secretary – Jim Stanearth

Board of Directors –

Jim Coffey

John Fritz

Thurlow Haskel

Mark Jossart

Jerry Kunzer

Luke McGuire

Ted Miletich

Bennie Nelson

Mel Peterson (previous president)

Vince Picciola

Ted Puch

Mike Wrobel

Lake Will Reps – Jim Coffey & Sean Cryan

## 2010 EVENTS ANNOUNCED

At the January Board meeting, President Brian Svoboda announced the following events scheduled for the New Year:

TINLEY PARK FISHING AND OUTDOOR SHOW -  
FEBRUARY 13 & 14

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SHOOT – SUNDAY, MARCH 14

MIDWEST SPORTING GOODS OPEN HOUSE  
SATURDAY, MARCH 20

EASTER HAM SHOOT – SUNDAY, MARCH 28

MEMORIAL SHOOT – SUNDAY, MAY 16

CLUB PICNIC – SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12,  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13,  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

TURKEY SHOOT – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

CHRISTMAS PARTY/HAM SHOOT  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

POLAR BEAR SHOOT – SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

## WINTER OPERATIONS

SUNDAY HOURS (JAN 24 – MAR 21)

CLUB HOUSE OPEN: 9AM – 4PM

SHOOTING HOURS: 10AM - 4PM

(SHOOTING SUBJECT TO WEATHER)

**WHEN IN DOUBT CALL (815) 469-9887**

## 2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

As brought to the attention of all members by letter, the deadline for renewal is 1/31/2010. If you should miss that deadline, you have an extension to 2/28/2010 to renew, subject to a \$25 late fee. After 2/28, your membership will be considered to have lapsed, and payment of a new initiation fee will be required to renew your membership. It is unfortunate that this is required, but there have been too many instances of severe procrastination. If you are subject to a severe family or health hardship, you are encouraged to appeal in advance to the Membership Committee. Contact any officer.

## SPRING TRAP LEAGUE

Past president Mel Peterson has announced a trap league to begin on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. To those of us in the grip of cabin fever, that certainly has a nice sound to it! There will be twelve weekly shoots, with the two lowest score shoots thrown out of the scoring.

Featured this year will be several options. Each participant will be required to shoot two rounds at sixteen yards. Then the shooters will have a choice of two more rounds at handicap or a round of doubles at sixteen yards. As a matter of fact, participants might even choose to shoot both handicap and doubles at an extra charge, though only one version will be allowed for scoring.

To avoid problems that occurred last year, a minimum of twelve shooters must participate to support the league. The total fee for the league will be \$250, and all participants must submit payment in full in advance. A league signup sheet is posted in the clubhouse. For more specific info, contact Mel at (708) 207-6379.

## SOMEBODY YOU SHOULD KNOW

After many long weeks of operation in 2009 without a trap manager, FSC is pleased to have acquired the services of Clarence Puchalski to fill that critical position. Clarence and his wife Eileen have three children, Emily, 22, Sarah, 19, and Andrew, 14. Clarence earned a bachelor's degree from Daley College and Governor's State University and enjoyed a thirty-one year career as an arborist for the City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District. Unlike his predecessor, Clarence is a shooter, and understands all of the potential excuses for a less-than-ideal score. Clarence has also expressed a desire to help FSC control costs during this winter season, and has been authorized by the Board to make the decision on severe weather operations. He encourages us all to call ahead when the temps get below 25 degrees.

While we all welcome Clarence to FSC, we also need to express our gratitude to past-president Mel Peterson who filled in as manager without charge during the several months that it took to find Clarence.

## 2009 CLUB CHAMPION

The Frankfort Sportsman Club 2009 overall Championship was claimed in September by Mike Smrz. Mike won the Championship with a score of 90 targets broken out of 100 in four events. Second place was taken by Brian Sura, while third place was claimed by Jim Coffey. You might notice that Brian and Jim are both members of the Board of FSC. As a visible indication of Mike's accomplishment, you will find a reserved parking space with his name on it at the five-stand end of the lot (when it gets warm enough to stick it in the ground). Congrats to the winners and to all those who competed!

## POLAR BEAR SHOOT A CHILLER

A hardy group of fifteen members of the Frankfort Sportsman Club congregated at the club on Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> to spit in Old Man Winter's eye, sort of. Temperatures in the mid teens didn't phase this dedicated group, although it was noticed that nobody stood around outside to watch the proceedings. Free passes and boxes of shells were awarded to winners based on the Lewis System of grouping, which gave a better chance for a more diverse group of winners. The high scorer for the event (would you believe it) was Mike Smrz. Second place went to Brian Sura, and third place was shared by John Santefort, Carl Devries, and Sean Cryan. All of the participants were winners in the long run as they were able to partake of Ted Puch's sausage gravy and biscuits to ward off the weather. Thanks again, Ted!

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

The FSC Christmas Party and Ham Shoot was held on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Less than 50 members and spouses or family members were in attendance. Vince Picciola prepared dinner for the attendees, including lasagna, meatballs, Italian sausage, salad, and desserts. To further tempt the sweet tooth, Mary Jane Wrobel (Mrs. Mike) brought pastries from her ever-popular Cake Walk, Inc, still located at 8537 S. Pulaski Rd in Chicago, and still reachable at 773-582-3402. (You might call that a well-deserved plug.) There was plenty of food, so, to those who chose not to attend, our sincere appreciation. Thanks from all the attendees to Vince and Mary Jane for their hard work!

## FROM THE EDITOR

This newsletter is being sent by e-mail wherever possible to reduce costs to the club. If you know members with e-mail, please spread the word. Photos will come in future issues. Thanks, Luke McGuire (lukemcguire@att.net)