

BROKENCLAYS



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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE STAFF OF "BROKEN CLAYS" AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FSC!

MORE CONSIGNED TO DUMPSTER!



If anything, the windows on the north wall of our clubhouse have always insured fresh air. The liberal use of duct tape provided a very attractive appearance, but also did not insure that rain and wind were stopped. Security was also no problem as shown when the windows were lifted out to allow thieves to take off with a cash register without the need to break any glass. The acquisition and eventual installation of new central heat and A/C will require that we conserve our heat and cool rather than attempt to provide the service to Mokena.



On November 25th the installation of fourteen new windows on the north and west walls of the "porch" was completed. The vendor in this effort was Thermal Saver Inc., a Tinley Park company. After the completion of the window installation and extensive carpentry required, the interior frames of the windows were given two coats of primer and a top coat of gloss paint by Mike Turner, Ed Haley, Luke McGuire, and John Decker. Funny how the same names pop up so often!

NEW TRAP MACHINE IN TRAP 3

Trap Committee Chairman Mike Turner is most pleased to report that a new Pattrap machine was installed in Trap #3 on 12/5/11 and is in operation. The new machine was purchased from Quality Replacement Parts, an Ohio company that Mike has been dealing with regularly. That company will also refurbish the old machine to be reserved as a backup. The old machine was leaking fluids steadily and constantly. Based on his engineering background Mike estimates that the machine threw at least the 60,000 targets that registered on the counter when it broke, up to one to three million. But who needs to be accurate?

In the meantime the new machine provides all of the options that we have with Trap #2, including wobble trap and doubles. It was also determined that the machine in #2 throws wobble low birds way **higher** and **slower** than the new machine.

The new machine was installed by Mike Turner with the assistance of Don Guinta, John Decker, and Lou Englesman.



Nice day to work out-of doors! Mike Turner is shown in trap #3 with the new machine.



Don and Mike at work. The interior of the trap house had to be thoroughly cleaned, a new 1" platform fabricated, and the old machine replaced – all in one afternoon. Meanwhile Lou was taking pictures when not working and John always seemed to have his back to the camera.

Great job guys! This was considered impossible just a few months ago. Just shows what can be done!

SANTA'S LIST FOR 2011

Throughout 2011 "Broken Clays" has reported to you on work that your fellow members have accomplished on a volunteer basis for the benefit of all of us. Just so Santa gets it right, here is a compilation of all those efforts. Up front, we're apologizing in advance if we slight you in any way. God knows the list is enormous.

- We start with **Mike Russell** and **Al Braner** who worked together with the Board to make tremendous improvements in the Five Stand venue. Al kept going into the introduction of classes and the five stand league.

-**Ted Puch** and **Sean Cryan** were instrumental in entertaining the Polar Bear Shoot loonies. Ted's biscuits and gravy are not to be missed!

- **Ted Miletich** spent his summer cutting the grass and helping in many ways when the electrical system began to deteriorate.

- The entertainment committee has been mentioned repeatedly for the fine job done so often for us. **John Decker, Vince Picciola, Bennie Nelson, Mark Jossart, Mike Wrobel, and Mel Peterson** are to be complimented. In addition, we must recognize frequent donations from **Mary Jane Wrobel** that helped FSC earn income.

- **Don Dzedzina** featured FSC on his show and blog. Thanks Don!

- **Jim Stanart and Thurlow Haskell** ran the open house that brought 14 new members to FSC.

- **Mike Turner, Mike Russell, Greg Zenere, and Ed Hirsch** were recognized for removing the drifts of the 2011 blizzard.

- **Bob Brudd** was instrumental in acquiring our plazma TV and the wireless callers for trap 3. Bob also was a moving force with **Tom McInerney** in running the Plinkster raffle.

- While we were snoozing on many Saturday mornings, **Mark Jossart** was opening FSC for the CCW classes.

- **Ted Puch** and **Ted Miletich** provided a super-fast installation of the new grille.

- **Lou Scatena, Ed Hirsch, Jim Dobson, and Jack Hoessler** were recognized for efforts in support of the kitchen at the St. Pat's shoot.

-**Mike Turner, Lou Englesman, and Ed Haley** manned the shovels when sweat equity was called for in the trenches.

- **Mike Turner, John Decker, and Ed Haley** put the muscle into moving the office stuff around for the window installation.

- **Mike Turner** grabbed a paint brush to put primer and gloss on the interior window frames.

-**Pam and Jeff Hobson** set up and managed the ladies' trap league.

- Add to the list **Jim Spiller, Rich Layman, Jack Hoessler, and Joe Miksek** who supported the single work detail of the year in addition to many of the already listed above.

- **Oscar Carrillo** provided the Bobcat that was used to remove the unused and obsolete trap houses in the five stand field.

- We cannot overlook the contributions of **Russ Gullickson** and **Jeff Flaws** when accepting the challenge of modernizing the electrical system at FSC. Their project will be the largest modernization of our club in this year, and they are accepting no payment for their efforts

And let's not forget the wives who stand waiting at the door while their husbands are out working for FSC!

2011 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES



Dennis Wallace – FSC 2011 Trap Champion

Dennis was born and raised in Oswego, NY. It was there that he started hunting at the age of 12. Dennis credits his father for his passion for shooting and hunting.

Dennis attended college at Iona College outside of New York City, and law school at NYU. He was a finance major in both schools. Dennis lived in NYC for eight years before moving to Chicago for a year before moving to Seattle for his current job. Today Dennis is an attorney in the employment of Amazon.com.

As mentioned, Dennis started shooting at twelve, but only began shooting trap about three years ago. His favorite games are Doubles Trap and Sporting Clays. He uses a Cynergy Classis trap for target games and a Maxus for bird hunting.

Dennis came home for a Bears game, and tossed in the Trap Championship while he was here.

Congratulations Dennis!

NRA CLASS A SUCCESS

FSC produced four new Shotgun Instructors (at their own cost) during 2011. Jeff and Pam Hobson, Don Guinta, and John Decker completed the required NRA class, and were ready to spread the word about our sport.

On Saturday, December 3rd the group of instructors ran their first NRA Shotgun Basics Class. They had seven students, and the class ran from 8AM to about 5PM. Each student got an hour of trap shooting experience on the line, most shooting a box of shells. A thirty day membership was provided to each student and their returns are eagerly awaited.

Jeff commented that the seven students, four men, two women, and one male youth, had very positive responses such as "This is exactly what I was looking for". Jeff also commented on the smiles they were happy to see when students broke their first birds of the day. The group of instructors is looking forward to repeating the class in February, May, August, and October.



OUT OF TOUCH?

Membership renewals for 2012 will be going out during the next month or so. If you are one of the 26 members who either do not have an e-mail address on file or a computer at home, you will not receive e-mail updates on FSC news or a monthly newsletter.

If you would like to have the newsletter mailed to you, we ask that you indicate that desire on your renewal and that you add \$10 to you dues for the year to cover postage, envelopes, and added costs for printing.

LADIES FINISH LEAGUE FOR 2011

Perhaps next year the FSC ladies may opt to start their league earlier, but, judging from their very positive comments on having "a league of their own" we can count on a return of ladies with guns.

The league finish in the balmy end of November and early December, with some really nasty weather on occasion. But you can't expect weakness with a 12 ga shotgun and a pair of six inch stilettos.

The order of finish, with Handicap included, was as follows:

- 1st Place – Pia Gustafson
- 2nd Place – Kate Christenson
- 3rd Place - Pam Hobson
- 4th Place – Mary Jane Wrobel
- 5th Place – Gwen Seydlitz

Gwen Seydlitz, the official mentor of husband Bill, was awarded the title of "Most Improved".

With the initial efforts made and the benefits of this year's experience, FSC can look forward to even more excitement in the 2012 Ladies' League(s).

Special thanks are extended to Pam and Jeff Hobson for taking the lead in organizing the league. Without their initiative the ladies would still be missing the fun.

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Tess Perry – FSC 2011 Ladies Champion

Tess Perry was born in Kankakee, IL, and grew up in the Chicagoland area. Tess has two children, a daughter named Theresa, and a son, Eric, who is well known to most of us as a fellow member. Theresa has two children, a five year old daughter Shayna, and a one year old son, George. Theresa is also expecting child #3, which makes Tess currently what she calls a grandmother of 2 ½.

Tess also has a dog named Oscar.

Tess was a pistol shooting enthusiast who has been turned into a shotgun sports fanatic. She has been shooting shotguns for about a year. She currently shoots a Browning BT99 or a Browning Citori. She prefers Trap, but says she just loves doubles. She has also shot ATA.

Tess is self-employed, with a business called Tess's Asphalt.

SANTA PICCIOLA DELIVERS

On December 11th FSC's own Santa from the North Pole (or the north of Italy) produced his traditional FSC Christmas Luncheon for the membership. Vince served all members in attendance a fine Italian meal. Lunch featured salad, pasta, Italian sausage, and meatballs from fellow member Chris Bartolini's restaurant.

Everyone with pasta sauce on their chins had to agree that this year's luncheon was on a par with the excellent fare that Vince has served up in past years.

Even Dawn Bartolini was there to verify the quality of the meatballs and the fact that everything else was up to par!

WEATHER ALERT FOR THIS YEAR

WEATHER LOOKING UGLY?

DON'T KNOW IF YOU SHOULD GO TO THE CLUB IN THIS NASTY WEATHER?

CALL 815-469-9887 FOR A MESSAGE THAT WILL BE TAPED IF THE CLUB WILL NOT OPEN TONIGHT!

THE SEPTIC SYSTEM HAS NOW BEEN REPAIRED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. IT IS REQUESTED THAT ANYONE WHO HAS DIAGRAMS OF THE SYSTEMS ON THE PROPERTY PLEASE RETURN THEM OR COPIES TO TED PUCH