

# BROKEN CLAYS



NEWSLETTER OF THE FRANKFORT SPORTSMAN CLUB

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## OPEN HOUSE JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup>



Exec. Secretary Jim Stancart signs up Matt White

On June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> the Membership Committee conducted an Open House to familiarize potential members with FSC and the shotgun sports. Attendance was brisk with a total of ten new members signed up during the weekend.

Visitors had an opportunity to try out our facilities and to learn more about FSC. One such visitor mentioned that he was looking at several clubs, but the others were not as “fancy” as ours.

**Special membership rates were introduced as part of the Open House, and continue to be available through the month of June on a one-time basis.** Former members who left FSC in good standing will be welcomed back with only a \$150 stipend. New members will be accepted at a discounted 2011 rate of \$87.50 plus initiation fee of \$150 for a total of \$237.50. Legacy members and members who were active in 2010 will be invited in at a fee of \$87.50.

## FOR SALE

Beretta AL391 Teknys Gold Trap Semi Auto, 12ga, 32” bbl, LOP reduced to 13 ¾ inches, adjustable comb, five chokes, hard case. Original price was \$1,981. Yours for \$1,000. Contact Luke at 708-280-0909

## WHEN IT GETS TOO HOT



THINK COOL LIKE BILL SEYDLITZ ON A DIFFERENT DAY

## TRAP RANGE OPENS ON THURSDAYS



Mike Turner takes the first Thursday shot.

FSC introduced a test of daylight weekday shooting on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unlike the previous Thursday, which had been a weather disaster, this Thursday was a great day for trap. Eleven members participated and shot a total of 38 rounds of trap.

Trap number two was used so participating members could all get a feel for pulling, scoring, and loading clays (for those able to do so). The day was wrapped up at 2PM, and was scored a success by all involved.

At least initially, shoot cards are required for payment and the program is therefore limited to members. This may be revised as more experience is gained.

Special thanks are extended to Clarence for donating his time to make sure things ran smoothly and that all rounds were properly reported.

Other FSC members involved were Ed Haley, Jack Hoessler, Derrald Taylor, Luke McGuire, Jim Zimmer, Ed Jung, Jack Falica (from the 5-stand dark side), Don Guinta, and Mike Turner who recorded the first shot taken on a Thursday. Did Mike break that first bird? Sorry, we are sworn to secrecy.

## 5 STAND LEAGUE AND CLASS

5 Stand Committee chairman Al Braner reports that the Monday night league is in full swing with 15 to 17 members. If you’re in the neighborhood, Al invites you to stop by to see the action.

The 5 Stand Committee now has “class”, or will have one, on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9AM. Attendees will be charged \$45 for the class which will include instruction and targets.

Proceeds will be earmarked for further improvements to the 5 Stand range. It will be necessary to pre-register with Al Braner on the web at [elitecustomgunstocks@gmail.com](mailto:elitecustomgunstocks@gmail.com) or by his cell phone which is 815-955-2074

## FSC MEMBERS BECOME INSTRUCTORS

The Basic Instructor Training & Shotgun Instructor Course was held at the club on May 14 & 21 with 5 Frankfort Sportsman's Club members attending. The BIT covered the competence, integrity and professional responsibilities that are expected of a NRA Trainer. The NRA trains the Trainers to be leaders with the attitude necessary to instruct students in the practice of safe handling of a firearm and the fundamentals to become familiar with the basics of shotgun shooting.

I enjoyed The Shotgun Instructor's Course tremendously. It gave me an opportunity to expand my knowledge on the basics of shooting and will give me the ability to improve myself. Hopefully, I will be able to get a perfect score soon and enjoy additional shotgun games.

My husband Jeff and I took this course looking to the future; we enjoy shooting and would like to take what we have learned to teach others, so that they may take as much interest as we do.

John Decker, Don Guinta, Howie Ludwig, Jeff, and myself made up the class with our instructor, Hank Washburn.

I would like to take time to thank all of them for passing on their individual knowledge to the girl who is still learning. I am hoping I can make other new members that are new to the sport more comfortable learning the basics of shotgun safety and shooting guidelines set by the NRA.

Pam Hobson  
NRA Certified Instructor, Shotgun

## CONDOLENCES

The members and staff join in expressing our most sincere sympathies to trap boy Nick Gorczynski and his family on the tragic and sudden loss of his sister, Julie.

## HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION

In a continued effort to expand the knowledge of FSC members about alternative shooting ranges we have taken you to Florida and Nevada. This month we bring you the Rend Lake Shooting Complex in southern Illinois. Jim Stanearth was kind enough to supply the picture below of the alternative trap house construction used at that facility



The sliding roof in the above photo allows trap personnel to load clay targets without climbing into a deep hole. Could this be implemented at FSC?

## 2011 EVENTS

CLUB PICNIC & SHOOT – AUGUST 21  
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (6 DAYS)–  
SEPTEMBER 23, 25, 26 &  
SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 2 & 3  
TURKEY SHOOT – NOVEMBER 20  
CHRISTMAS PARTY AND SHOOT  
– DECEMBER 11

## SECOND CCW CLASS A SUCCESS

The Frankfort Sportsman Club clubhouse was the site of a second CCW class on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The class was open to nonmembers, and drew a total of fifteen participants. Four of the attendees were FSC members, and President Sean Cryan noted that one of the nonmembers joined the club after the class. There is another such class scheduled for Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 10AM.

For more information, contact Sean at 708-932-8124 or at his e-mail address which is crynosaurus@hotmail.com.



## ACCORDING TO CLAY FOR BRAINS

If you're assigned to trap three with wireless callers you may find initially that they are not responsive to your call. Please keep in mind that these callers shut off after two minutes of inactivity to preserve battery life. You will find a "master" controller hanging from a hook on the caller at station number one. This controller has a switch marked "Power". Depressing that switch and holding it momentarily will turn on power to all of the throwers.

Then you will be able to shoot your round and continue to complain about how much you hate wireless throwers and internal combustion engines, electric lights, and cell phones.