

BROKEN CLAYS



NEWSLETTER OF THE FRANKFORT SPORTSMAN CLUB

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2010 EVENTS

PHEASANTS FOREVER FAMILY PICNIC/SHOOT – JUNE 24

6PM – 10PM

DISTRICT 1 SHOOT – JUNE 26

9AM TIL

CLUB PICNIC – SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12,

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13,

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

CHICAGO FIREFIGHTERS DISTRICT 5 SHOOT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

RAIN DATE OCTOBER 9

TURKEY SHOOT – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

CHRISTMAS PARTY/HAM SHOOT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

POLAR BEAR SHOOT – SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

HELP NEEDED!

You may have noticed that several new income-generating events have been added to the above schedule. The club needs at least eight helpers for each of the events that will be taking place on 6/24, 6/26, and 9/18. Help will be needed on loading clays, pulling, scoring, and hosting the squads. Will train. Contact Brian Svoboda to volunteer.

PHOTO OP

Members who have not had the opportunity to have their photo taken for their photo id can do so on Sundays between 11AM and 1PM according to Mark Jossart. Mark intends to be available with camera in hand for that purpose starting May 23rd.

SEE YOU ON THE LINE!

I'd like to publicly thank the fifteen members who gave their Saturday time to come out for our recent work party. They accomplished quite a bit, but you will notice that there's plenty more to be done. There's table painting and replacement of the siding on the northwest side of the clubhouse, just to mention a few projects. Special thanks to Ed Hirsch for all of his work in repairing the trap machines, and to Ed Militech for his grass cutting efforts! You may have noticed several events added to the schedule above. At least eight members are needed to help with each of these events.

Brian Svoboda, President

BLUE ISLAND FIREFIGHTERS DAY AT FSC

The weather once again made itself a factor in an FSC event as "reverse global warming" reared its ugly head for the Blue Island Firefighters first annual shoot on May 8th. With temperatures in the high forties and strong winds from the west and northwest, it was hard to imagine that it was actually the Saturday before Mother's Day. The Firefighter's union was obviously disappointed with a turnout of 18 shooters, but the FSC members in attendance did their very best to make the day a solid base for future efforts. Providing topnotch assistance to our guests were members Brian Svoboda, Mike Russell, Ed Hirsch, Mike Wrobel, Kevin Wrobel, Charley Obecnny, Ted Puch, Luke McGuire, and Trap Manager Clarence Puchalski.

The Firefighters participated in a 100 target day, with a round of 16 yard trap, a round of 16 yard doubles, and a round of skeet. Winners were FSC's own Firefighter Greg Monnett in first place, Mark Misicka in second, and Pat Faragoi in third.



Mark, Greg, Pat



B. I. Firefighters look to better weather and crowd next year.

VINCE PICCIOLA ON THE MEND

Our Cook and Board of Directors member Vince Picciola suffered a mild stroke on April 26th. After recovering at Palos Hospital, Vince was transferred to Christ Hospital for therapy. He's attacked his therapy very aggressively, and was released from the hospital on May 26th. In a related development, several FSC members are complaining of shrinking waistlines and an overall lack of stamina. Scores are falling as some shooters lack the strength to hold up their firearms. Could it be the lack of pork chop sandwiches? Keep up the recovery, Vince, and hurry back!

WEEKDAY SHOOTING?

Input having been requested twice on the above topic and responses having been received from a total of four interested members in the course of two months, the issue may be considered dead on arrival. Thanks to the four responders for their efforts.

STRAIGHT SHOOTERS

Trap Manager Clarence Puchalski reports the following scores of 25 or more straight targets broken during recent months.

4/9 – Wally Killion – 25
4/11 – Jim Juban – 25
4/16 – Bob Franklin – 25
4/21 – Derrald Taylor – 25
5/14 – Mike Smrz – 25

MEMORIAL DAY SHOOT

May 16, the date of our Memorial Day Shoot, was an unusual day in many respects. The temperature was close to what should be expected for mid-May, which is unusual in itself for this year. The wind, of course, continued to make things challenging with occasional gusts on top of a steady strong breeze from the east. While attendance at the club was decent, participation in club-sponsored special events was lagging. A special “slider” was enjoyed by a single squad, with Jim Juban winning cash and a ham. There was also a fifty target event with twenty five targets from the sixteen and another twenty five from the twenty five yard mark. This event was won by Mark Jossart. There were also three cakes raffled off during the event. Cakes, as usual, were donated by Mary Jane Wrobel at The Cake Walk, official bakery of the Frankfort Sportsman Club. Thanks again, Mary Jane, regardless of who wins those great confections!

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The above “score” indicates the number of members in FSC and the number who attended the first work party of the year. You are welcome to be the judge of this first effort turnout.

The members who did make the effort accomplished a great deal. Tables were scraped. The high house was painted. Frames were put up for our coming safety signs. The skeet/five stand infield was cleaned up. And, of course, there was a lot of wad raking going on. Members who made the effort for all of us were Brian Svoboda, John Falica, Andrew Sova, Tom Ollenburger, John Decker, Robert Juskiewicz, Jack Hoessler, Marcin Frankiewicz, Gordon Johnson, Jim Scheffke, Brian Sura, Luke McGuire, Mike Turner, Ed Hirsch, and Mike Russel.



CLUB CLASSIFIEDS (FROM THE FSC BULLETIN BOARDS)

FOR SALE: Franchi Raptor 12ga 30” bbl. beaut. wood - \$700
Jim Juban @ 815-955-1001

FOR SALE: MEC 12ga Hydraulic Grabber - \$425
John @ 708-598-0796

FOR SALE: Remington 870 Classic Trap (Near N.I.B.) - \$800
Call Ed @ 708-429-0151

FOR SALE: Browning BT99 with case (4 chokes) - \$1200
Jim D. @ 708-259-5513

THREE GUNS FOR SALE:

Winchester Model 61 .22 pump rifle w/tubular mag
S.L. or L.R. – excellent condition – asking \$600

Remington 28 GA Auto Model 11-48 26” ribbed full
choke – good condition – asking \$350

Remington 870 Competition 12GA 30” full choke
Excellent condition – asking \$550

Call Ms. Sandy Roberts @ 708-425-4704

FOR SALE : Winchester Select Energy Sporting 12 GA 32”
With 3 chokes - \$1300 With 9 chokes - \$1500
Jim D. @ 708-259-5513

LOT REPAVED

Late news! The parking lot has been repaved, thanks to the efforts of member Greg Zenere & family. More in the next issue. Now to control the turnaround traffic that tears through constantly!

COMMON SENSE (FSC SAFETY RULES)

1. Action open until you are ready to shoot.
2. Muzzle pointed in safe direction at all times.
3. Load shell and close action ONLY when it is your turn to shoot.
4. Shoot at your target only. Back-up shooting is only allowed on club sanctioned events.
5. No shooting at any wildlife, at any time.
6. No shooting cross fields.
7. Proper eye and hearing protection required.
8. Dogs are welcome; however they must be leashed and are not allowed inside the clubhouse.
9. Obey Range Safety Officer/Club Officials.
10. Cell phones must be off at the line.

“Violation of any safety rules will result in the immediate suspension of your shooting privileges and/or forfeiture of any fees paid.”

Who’s responsible for enforcement? Every member signs a pledge on the back of his or her club identification card to follow all of these rules. **We are each responsible for the education of our guests and visitors. If we notice an unsafe situation we must each address the issue immediately. Being bashful or polite at the expense of safety can have disastrous results. Hurt feelings or dirty looks are hardly as costly as the effect of an ounce of lead shot going where it’s not supposed to.** Let’s make it another year without an accident! (Editor)