

BROKEN CLAYS



NEWSLETTER OF THE FRANKFORT SPORTSMAN CLUB

MARCH 2010

WILL CO SPORTSMAN'S CLUB OUR AFFILIATE?

Most FSC members are unaware that we have an affiliate club in Wilmington, IL. Since 1947 FSC has been a charter member of the Will County Sportsman's Club, located about 33 miles SW of our Club. WCSC offers fishing, hunting, camping, swimming, trap, a rifle and pistol range, and an elevated archery range for members and their guests. There are also over 100 lots for trailers and plenty of spaces for tent camping.

Moe Cray and Mel Peterson have been on the board at WCSC for many years, ensuring that our affiliation remained intact. They gave eleven Monday nights a year to represent FSC's interests in the affiliation. Recently, they decided to step down, and were replaced by Jim Coffey and Sean Cryan on the board.

If you are interested in becoming a member of WCSC, and strengthening the FSC presence, please contact Jim (708-691-1478) or Sean (crynosaurus@hotmail.com) for additional information. In past years there has been a one to two year waiting list to join, but the recent economy has reduced that time frame. (Thanks to Jim Coffey for this information.)

2010 ID'S AVAILABLE

IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOR 2010
ARE NOW BEING PRINTED.

CHECK WITH CLARENCE TO SEE IF YOURS IS READY!

MIDWEST SPORTING GOODS EVENT

Help is needed to man the FSC booth at the March 20th event, which runs from 9AM to 6PM for one day only. Midwest is located at 8565 Plainfield Rd, in Lyons. Please contact Luke McGuire at 708-280-0909 to add your name to those who are helping out with a few hours of their time.

2010 EVENTS EXPANDED

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

MIDWEST SPORTING GOODS OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, MARCH 20

EASTER HAM SHOOT – SUNDAY, MARCH 28

CHICAGO FIREFIGHTER LOCAL 2 SHOOT
SATURDAY, APRIL 24

BLUE ISLAND FIREFIGHTER LOCAL 3547 SHOOT
SATURDAY, MAY 8 (JUNE 19 RAIN RATE)

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

TOBOLA ILLNESS

Long-time member Frank Tobola suffered a stroke while on vacation in Arizona, and is in recovery. He is at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center, 1111 East McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85006. The phone number there is 602-239-4944.

WINTER OPERATIONS

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY OPERATIONS UNCHANGED

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

TINLEY SHOW

Executive VP Jim Staneart headed up an all star team of FSC Board Members in representing our club at the Tinley Park Fishing and Outdoors Show on February 13th and 14th. Jim was supported by President Brian Svoboda, Vice President Sean Cryan, Recording Secretary Brian Sura, and Directors Mike Wrobel, Mel Peterson, and Luke McGuire.

Things were done a little differently this year. Like last year, clay targets with the club logo were offered to very serious prospects. The clays included an offer of a free round of trap. A coupon was also offered to very interested, but inexperienced, prospects which entitled them to a lesson in trap shooting by Staneart. Jim, though a five stand enthusiast, professes enough experience in trap to fake it.

The major difference this year was that 30 day memberships were not offered for free. Instead, a raffle was conducted with chances at \$1 each for a free one year shooting membership. Jim reports that a total of 172 chances were taken. Al Huber was the winner of the membership, and we look forward to welcoming Al as a member at FSC!

The show provided a steady stream of prospects during both days, and time will now tell how successful the team effort will be. Thanks to all who supported the event!

ST. PATRICK'S SHOOT AND DINNER UPCOMING

Sunday, March 14th, will be the date of our St. Pat's event. Vince will be preparing corned beef with all the trimmings for dinner at 1PM, and we will have trap, five-stand, and splatter board shoots. The dinner will be free-of-charge to Sportsman members and their families, and a modest \$10 for others. A signup sheet will be available at the club to allow Vince to plan for the food. Please sign up or have someone do so for you.

The trap event will be 50 birds, half from 16 and half from 23. The five-stand shoot will also be 50 birds, with half at Intermediate and half at Expert. The entry fee for both events will be \$12 per shooter. Admission for the splatter board will be \$2.00 per person. Prizes will be awarded in each event.

Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this event and, thereby, to support your Club.

FIREFIGHTER OUTINGS WIN/WIN

Our Club will again host Firefighter outings as we have in the past. This year, however, we will have two groups coming out to enjoy trap shooting and a day at our facility. Both groups will utilize the facility on a Saturday, which will not interfere with the normal operations of the FSC. Furthermore, FSC President Brian Svoboda reports that the groups pay a fee for each participant and they provide their own food and beverages. Volunteers are needed to act as trap boys and to generally instruct the participants in range procedures and safety. Contact Brian Svoboda to volunteer.

SOMEBODY YOU SHOULD KNOW

Vince Picciola came to the US from Calabria, Italy with his father when he was 15 years of age. You might be surprised that Vince spoke no English at the time. He originally settled in Chicago, as did many other Italian immigrants, and eventually moved to his current home in Homer Glen. In August Vince will celebrate forty-five years of marriage to his wife, Diane. They have four children, Lisa, David, Vinnie, and Nick, and three grandchildren, Dominic, 7 years of age, Joe, 4, and Olivia, 2. All have settled in the southern suburbs.

After arriving in Chicago, Vince worked for the railroad for nine years. He then entered the army, where he served as a cook for two years, experience that serves him well today as the cook at the Frankfort Sportsman Club. Vince has been our cook now for over twenty years. After the army, Vince opened Custom Cleaners and Shoe Repair which continues today at 10457 S. Kedzie Ave. In addition to being our cook, Vince serves on the Board as a Director.

OPENINGS FOR SPRING LEAGUE

Openings remain for a Spring Trap League currently scheduled to begin on April 5th. The league will shoot weekly for twelve weeks, with two lowest weekly scores tossed out. Each week's action will consist of one hundred birds. There will be two rounds of sixteen yard trap and either two rounds of handicap or one round of doubles from sixteen. Lewis rules will be used, so everyone has an opportunity to win something. Tuesday action is possible this year. The total fee for this league is \$250, and advance payment will be required for all participants. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the clubhouse. Contact Mel with any questions at 708-207-6379