

# BROKEN CLAYS



NEWSLETTER OF THE FRANKFORT SPORTSMAN CLUB

MAY 2010

## LEAD MINING TO BEGIN

Some members have noticed a brochure pinned up on the bulletin board at the FSC office recently from an operation called Baker Farms. A perusal of the brochure shows that Baker Farms is just that, a farming operation located in Shipman, IL, about 235 miles south of Mokena, down south of Springfield off of I-55. Dennis and Matt Baker are the principle operators of this farm, and are also ATA members and shooters. As such they are aware of both the problem and potential represented by lead falling to the soil of sportsman clubs. They also have very specialized equipment that will allow them to remove surface soil and separate the spent lead from the soil for reclamation.

Enter the Frankfort Sportsman Club. An interview with FSC President Brian Svoboda produced the following information. With the approval of the Board, FSC has entered an agreement with Baker Farms to remove fallen lead from the soil of the club.

Very recently, Brian was joined by Jim Coffey, Mike Russel, Ed Hirsch and the Baker Farms team in evaluating the extent of the area which will be mined for lead. They determined that an area of approximately four acres will be processed. This acreage includes the property north of the creek that, in the memories of most members, has never been mined. Prior to the initiation of this process, the landlord was informed of FSC intentions, and has heartily endorsed the plan. The surface soil will be removed to a depth of as much as a foot, or deeper if needed to reclaim all of the lead. The soil will then be separated and returned to the original location. Reclaimed lead will be collected in barrels for sale to a processor. FSC will be provided documentation of all lead reclaimed, and will receive a portion of the value.

The mining of the lead will commence as soon as Baker Farms is able to complete their own priority – their own spring planting. As such, we are somewhat at the mercy of Mother Nature, but when aren't we? Once begun, the process will be completed in approximately two weeks. The contractor's equipment will be moved out of the way of normal operations of the club, and thus will not interfere with FSC.

President Svoboda pointed out that there is no investment for FSC with the exception of a need for 80 to 100 55 gallon drums that FSC must procure for the project. They must be of the open head type with lids and snap ring closure. Any member who has a suggestion for the procurement of such drums is asked to contact Brian. Brian also indicated that a portion of the reclaimed lead may be retained by FSC for sale to members. This issue will be addressed as the project approaches.

## HELP WANTED

Member support is needed for the Firefighter outing to be hosted by your club on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed generally, but specially in operating the traps, loading the machines, scoring, and hosting. Contact Brian Svoboda at the club to volunteer at (815) 469-9887!

## 2010 EVENTS

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

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

## SPRING TRAP LEAGUE CANCELLED

Lack of participation has made it impossible to run a trap league this spring. Only seven members signed up, considerably fewer than the dozen required to make the concept practical. Comment is welcome at "Broken Clays".

## OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Each and every FSC member will have the opportunity to get that feeling of camaraderie and accomplishment while at the same time showing his or her support for the club on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. That day has been designated as the first Spring Cleaning Event of 2010!

So grab some paint brushes or rollers, your favorite rake, and your work gloves and head over to the club. There will be someone there to get us organized starting as early as 8:30AM (give them the editor's fondest regards) and there's plenty to do. Also note that this is a great opportunity for new members to get their work commitment hours completed. If each of us could give a few hours on this one day, we could make the place the envy of every other gun club in Mokena!

## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

All members are asked to be considerate of FSC's neighbors passing the club on 191<sup>st</sup> Street. Please do not remove shotguns from their cases until inside or north of the clubhouse. Firearms can unnecessarily remind our neighbors of the nearby Lane Bryant tragedy that remains unsolved.

## DAYTIME WEEKDAY TRAP?

Last month's issue of "Broken Clays" invited comments from the members on the possibility of opening the club on a weekday during this summer season. A grand total of two responses were received. Got an opinion? It can still be shared by contacting Luke McGuire via e-mail at [lukemcguire@att.net](mailto:lukemcguire@att.net), or by cell phone at 708-280-0909.

## "SOMEBODY YOU SHOULD KNOW" PHOTO CATCHUP



January  
Office Manager  
Clarence Puchalski



March  
Cook & Director  
Vince Picciola



April  
Club Champ '09 & '10  
Mike Smrz

## SPRING ARRIVES, SORTA

After a winter that wasn't all that bad, but lasted for what seemed like years to many members, spring finally arrived in all of its splendor. We have to take the bad with the good, however, and the first negative result of the spring weather was the rainout of the April 24th Chicago Firefighters' event. We have been advised that the event will be rescheduled later in the year subject to the Chicago Firefighters' schedule.

## WORKING FOR FSC ON THEIR OWN TIME



Mike Wrobel and Jim Stanart work the table at the Tinley Park event.



John Decker introduces a prospect to FSC at the Midwest open house.

## SPRING WORK DETAIL SATURDAY MAY 15 8:30 UNTIL .....

## CLUB CLASSIFIEDS (FROM THE FSC BULLETIN BOARDS)

FOR SALE: Northwest Magnum shot (7 1/2, 8, 9) - \$32 a bag  
Call or text at 1-630-981-4005  
e-mail : [frankiewipawel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:frankiewipawel@sbcglobal.net)

FOR SALE: MEC 12 ga 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 - \$1200  
Jim D. @ 708-259-5513

## SOMEBODY YOU SHOULD KNOW



FSC President Brian Svoboda

Brian Svoboda is a life-long resident of the Chicago area. He was born in Oak Park and subsequently resided in Chicago, Berwyn (twice), and Hickory Hills. For the last fifteen years Brian has resided in Tinley Park with his life partner Pati.

Brian has been involved in shooting sports since the age of thirteen when he was introduced to target shooting with rifles. He also enjoyed a bit of pistol marksmanship on the way to shotguns and archery. Brian is also an avid fisherman and hunter, and took both bear and moose while hunting in Canada.

Brian estimates that he has been a member of the Frankfort sportsman Club for about fifteen years. This year is his third term as President of the club, and he has also served as Secretary, newsletter editor, and on the building and grounds committee. He enjoys all of the shotgun sports available at our club, and fires a Perazzi MX2000, Browning BT99, or Browning 525.

Brian confides that he most enjoys introducing new shooters to our sports, and takes great satisfaction from helping youngsters learn that they can learn to break clays right alongside their seniors.

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. Thanks, Luke McGuire ([lukemcguire@att.net](mailto:lukemcguire@att.net))