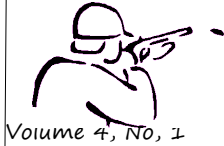


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From the President:

As the first two months of this year have passed, I would like to welcome all of our new members that have joined the club even in this cold weather. As you know the club has been closed several days due to weather. Please if your not sure if the club is going to be open, call and the recorded message will advise you. We also will send an E-mail out as soon as possible to keep you informed if we close the club for that day. If you missed the Super Bowl/ Chili Bowl/ Shoot, well you missed some good eats (3 types of chili with hot dogs) and the possibility to win some money. We are going to do that event again, along with a March Madness event. The spring trap league will be starting April 1st and will run for 12 weeks. There is a sign up sheet with information on this event (22 so far). We hope to get the Five Stand Leagues up and running soon. I know it's cold but most of the time the weather is not that bad, so come on out and enjoy your club.

Thurlow "Tee" Haskell

2013 FSC Board

Executive Board:

PresidentThurlow Haskell
V. PresidentJeff Hobson
Treasurer.....Ken Nicholson
Secretary.....Brian Sura
Exec. Sec.....Jim Stanearth

Board of Directors:

Sean Cryan Mark Jossart
Mike Turner Ted Puch
Lou Englesman Mike Gaynor
Jim Coffey

Many thanks to Clarence,

As many of you are aware of Clarence Puchalski is no longer behind the counter. We will all miss Clarence for his years of service of making sure FSC shooters

and their guests were well accomodated.

We at FSC, hope all the best for Clarence and hope to see him come out to shoot a couple of rounds and spend sometime with us in the clubhouse. Thanks Clarence!

“Straight” shooters (Dec 14th to)

Bob Franklin – 2 Don Guinta - 1
Mike Smrz – 1 Dino Mila - 1
Ed Haley – 1 Chris Vandenburg - 1
Thurlow Haskell – 3 Hank Freitag - 1
Jeff Hobson – 1
Derrald Taylor - 1

Please make sure every time you shoot a perfect score sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the club house.

Continued Reminder:

Don't forget to keep your email up to date. Without this it will be hard to find out what's happening at FSC

New Members

FSC would like to welcome the following 2013 new members:

David Apps Tom Bruinius
Ted Bruinius Jr. Steve Campagnolo
Anthony Campagnolo Ken Ehrhart
Frank Marra Adam Moller
Robert Scott David Steinke
Dennis Stevens John Stevens
Cory Wasniewski James Wasniewski
Bob Zbonski

We hope each one of you have a great time and smoke them targets. And don't forget that you are all invited to all of our club holiday events that include free food for you and your family, while shooting for prizes,

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through out the year. Go to our website (www.frankfortsportsmanclub.com) to look at the monthly schedules. Also, don't forget to sign up for our leagues running through out the year on Mondays only. And please don't forget our work parties, the club depends on the work of our membership to keep our operating costs down.

Thanks again,
FSC members and Board

NRA Basic Shotgun Training

2013 Schedule:

- March 9
- May 11
- September 14
- November 2

Go to <http://wetrainsome.com/> for more information.

Spring Work Parties Needed

With spring just around the corner, we need to start cleaning up the range. A list of thing of thing that need to be done are:

1. Shotshell wad raking
2. Trap Houses need painting
3. Picnic tables need sanded, repainted and repaired
4. Gun Racks need sanded, repainted and repaired.
5. Weeds around the trap lanes and gravelled approaches removed
6. Sprucing up the grounds with plants etc., especially that planter on the west side.

If you have a couple of hours and would like to work on the above, please sign up on the bulletin board for the above items and have fun. Additionally, work parties will be organized soon starting for March and April times.

2013 Trap League to begin soon

Starting April 1st, at 6:00pm and to June 24th, FSC will be holding our Spring Trap League. Cost is \$25 with the normal trap fees using the FSC shoot card (only). Practice rounds available with punch cards only.

Opening 2 rounds will be from the 16yd line. Handicap will be determined after the first nights two rounds. Next nights competition will be at the determined handicap yardage. Sign-up sheet can be located at the club or email Don Guinta at ginch62@att.net

If you think you'd be interested in handling a Monday Night 5-stand league please let us know.

Trap Assistant Needed:

Know someone or have someone in the family that's looking for a part time job? FSC will be hiring an addition to our trap crew. If interested or know someone that is, email

www.info@frankfortsportsmanclub.com

Members Travel Log

While on a mini vacation to the Tampa St Pete area Pam and I had some time to visit a couple of clubs to get a little shooting in. Although the weather was not the greatest it sure beat the "teens" that was going on here. We had the opportunity to shoot Trap in the St Petersburg area at a club called Skyline Trap & Skeet Club. Nice place which has 4trap and 4skeet ranges. They also have RV hookups for those traveling. They only shoot steel shot and they rent guns their too. For two rounds of trap, two boxes of steel shot shells and gun rental it was about \$38.00. Not a bad place to get a little fun in while in the Tampa area.

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The next day we drove out to Land O lakes Florida which is East and North of the Tampa area about an hour ride to Tampa Bay Sporting Clays. Huge complex with three SC fields Expert, Intermediate and Novice. When we got there we found out they had tournaments going on the novice and intermediate course so we ventured out to the expert. Needless to say from predominant trap shooters it was a humbling experience. As we were shooting the young lady in the office found us and told us that the intermediate course was open and we could switch. So we shot 50 on the expert and 50 on the intermediate, we doubled our scores going from the Expert to the intermediate. We did feel a little better! Beside sporting clays there was skeet, 5 stand and archery ranges but no Trap. Very nice complex with golf cart and shotgun rental. For 300 birds, 1 shotgun, ammo and a golf cart the price was \$280.00. It was a great way to spend a few hours and we would definitely go back to both places. The club house at both places was not much different than the club house we have here in Mokena. At the end of the day there is no place like your home base.



13 ATA Big50 shoots scheduled

April 10, 17, and 24 (Wed) 2:00pm to closing
May 8 and 22 (Wed) 2:00pm to closing
June 5 and 19 (Wed) 2:00pm to closing
July 16 and 23 (Tues) 6:30pm to 10:00pm
Aug 21 (Wed) 2:00pm to closing
Sept 11 (Wed) 2:00pm to closing
Oct 9 and 30 (Wed) 2:00pm to closing

Fee's:

1 Event - \$10.00
2 Events - \$20.00
3 Events - \$30.00

ATA and ISTA fee's (max = \$3.00 for 3 events)

March Club Calendar & Events

03/01/2013	Open 6pm - 10pm
03/03/2013	Open 9am - 4pm
03/06/2013	Open 6pm - 10pm
03/08/2013	Open 6pm - 10pm
03/09/2013	NRA Basic Shotgun class
03/10/2013	Open 9am - 4pm
03/10/2013	St Pat Day Shoot
03/12/2013	Board Meeting
03/13/2013	Open 6pm - 10pm
03/15/2013	Open 6pm - 10pm
03/16/2013	Utah CCW class

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03/17/2013	Open 9am - 4pm
03/20/2013	Open 6pm - 10pm
03/22/2013	Open 6pm - 10pm
03/24/2013	Open 9am - 4pm
03/27/2013	Open 6pm - 10pm
03/29/2013	Open 6pm - 10pm
03/31/2013	Easter Closed
03/31/2013	Open 9am - 4pm

Club hours

And how to determine if the club is open

Sunday – 10am to 4pm

Wednesday – 6pm to 10pm

Friday – 6pm to 10pm

If weather conditions are questionable, call the club at 815-469-9887 for a recorded message.

Brainstorming Results:

On Saturday, Jan 5th we held a special session with all members invited to participate in a brainstorming session that focused on Membership and Participation improvements. 20+ members were present to provide idea's for improvements. The list was long with many good idea's that could be implemented in the short term. Listed below are some of the short term items. The remaining items will be considered as short term items are implemented.

1. Close on Friday's, open on Saturdays.
2. Improve out front advertising
3. Add "shooting membership" back
4. More follow-up on renewals and 30 day memberships.
5. Create a Membership Handbook
6. Membership only "Game Night"
7. Interior / Exterior clean-up to create a better "curb appeal".
8. Use of Trap 1 on oscillation, but using only the 14 yd positions

9. Develop a "Points Program" for participation in shooting, work parties and helping during normal hours.

10. Incentives to bringing in new members.

Please let any board member know how you feel about these and if you'd like to be apart of a team that help implementing them.

Thanks to all that participated,
Mike

PONOWA Hunting Club outing

On February 16, the Ponowa Hunting Club had an outing at FSC. It was a cold and there was a bitter wind but they pushed on. Five FSC members that are also members of Ponowa signed in as guests, bring the party to 31 shooters. Food was brought in by the group and all had a lot of fun. Those that helped included, Mike Gaynor, Rich Layman, Lou Englesman, Ted Militech, Sean Cryan, Joe Oliver, and former trap manager Matt Delimita. Thanks to all.



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