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FSC ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC AUGUST 21ST



47 members and guests joined “Last Man Standing”.

The Entertainment Committee, consisting of John Decker, Mike Wrobel, Mark Jossart, Bennie Nelson, and Vince Picciola, was blessed once again this year with a beautiful day for the annual club picnic. The day started for many with breakfast at the Café, while others were already very busy erecting tents, covering picnic tables, firing up the grills, and dozens of other setup projects.

The membership was treated to a variety of shooting games. Eleven squads participated in flash target shoots. Five squads were involved in “Shotgun Bowling”, and twelve two-man teams participated in a “5 Stand Flurry”. Their participation was most welcome since few 5 Stand shooters had participated in the past.

A highlight was a pair of “Last Man Standing” shoots dedicated to the memory of recently deceased member Bob “Moe” Cray. Over twenty shooters participated in the first shoot with a similar number involved in a second round of “Last Man” with wobble targets from the 27 yard line. Tim Bartolini was the winner of the first shoot and Charlie Obecný won the wobble version.

All participants enjoyed burgers, brats, and chicken prepared by our masters of fine grilling, Sean Cryan and Brian Sura. Throughout the day there were raffles of a wide variety of door prizes and a split the pot drawing.

Once again we must recognize the extraordinary efforts of Mike and Mary Jane Wrobel and all the little Wrobels and their friends who did the vast majority of the real heavy labor that made this picnic possible. Mike was also the main man when it came to finding the sponsors who donated gifts for our raffle prizes (See the list on page 3).

Thanks are extended to everyone that was involved in treating an estimated eighty members, family members, and guests to a great day at our Frankfort Sportsman Club!

TRAP COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Since the 5-Stand Committee was established with good results there has been an interest in establishing a committee to take control of the Trap venue. This was accomplished recently when Mike Turner stepped up to become the chairman of a committee to improve the Trap experience. Thus far he has been joined by Don Guinta, Thurlow Haskell, Jeff Hobson, Luke McGuire, and Bennie Nelson.

The initial interests of the committee are to improve the flow of shooters and to revamp the trap houses themselves. The committee is investigating various systems used by other clubs for payment and squad assignment. They are also looking at trap facilities used by other clubs in the interest of safety and practicality.

One immediate outcome was the decision to try out Wobble trap on a Thursday morning session. The game proved very enjoyable to the Thursday crowd and was reintroduced to the club on Friday, August 5th. Many current members have never experienced Wobble, and the enthusiasm for the game was immediate. Trap Two remained in Wobble mode for the entire evening.

All members are encouraged to support Mike and his team with ideas and suggestions.

ASSISTANT MANAGER DESIGNATED

With Trap Manager Clarence Puchalski’s recovery from a separated shoulder making him unable to perform his duties, Mel Peterson had served in his place for several weeks. At the August meeting the Board chose to relieve Mel of the burden. John Decker has been appointed to the new position of Assistant Trap Manager. John will handle the office duties and supervise the trap boys in Clarence’s absence. We wish John the best with his new responsibilities, and extend our gratitude to Mel for stepping in when needed.

PHEASANTS FOREVER HOLDS YOUTH EVENT AT FSC

FSC hosted an evening for Pheasants Forever on August 18th. Approximately two dozen members of that organization brought families to the club to tune up their shotgun skills and, in some cases, to learn the basics of shooting. A static clay target .410 range was set up for the children while adults had a hand at trap. Helping out were Sean Cryan, Mike Russell, John Decker, Bennie Nelson, Lou Engelsman, and Derrald Taylor.

ILLINOIS OUTDOORS COMES TO FSC

FSC member Don Dzedzina is Producer and Host of TV's "Illinois Outdoors" program, is regularly published in the Saturday Chicago Tribune, maintains an outdoors-related blog, and produces videos seen on the internet at www.illinoisoutdoors.com.

On Sunday, August 7th, Don came out to FSC to produce a video about FSC and Safety. He was joined by his nephew Jarod Burczak. Don did extensive filming with Jeff and Pam Hobson (two of our NRA shotgun instructors) for the program, and interviewed FSC President Sean Cryan extensively.



Don, his nephew Jarod, and the Hobsons filming at FSC

Parts of the piece that resulted from an afternoon with Don and family were posted on the following Wednesday on the website mentioned above.

Don also included some nice comments about the club and the availability of memberships during his interviews with Sean and Jim Stanearth. The resulting program will be aired on September 3rd on Comcast True Living Network at 6AM. If that hour might be a bit too early for your liking, the program will be streaming at the Illinois Outdoors website. We all appreciate the coverage for our club, and look forward to Don returning to do an in-depth feature on our Five Stand course. To all a job well done!

2011 EVENTS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR
2012 ELECTION NOMINATIONS – 9/27

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (6 DAYS)–
9/23, 9/25, 9/26, 9/30, 10/2, 10/3

ELECTION OF 2012 OFFICERS – 10/25

TURKEY SHOOT – 11/20

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND SHOOT – 12/11

FIREFIIGHTERS TO LIGHT UP FSC

Chicago firefighter union members will be enjoying a second trap outing at FSC on September 10th. FSC President Sean Cryan encourages members who might be available on that date to volunteer with the hosting of the events. Contact Sean at 708-932-8124 or by e-mail to make arrangements.

HUNTER SAFETY CLASS SCHEDULED

FSC President Sean Cryan has announced a Hunter Safety Course to be conducted on two days, October 15th and 16th at FSC. The courses will start at 9AM each day and last until 3PM. Participation on both days will be required to have credit for completion of the course



**BB GUNS FOR "KIDS" AT THE PICNIC.
SCOTT WROBEL AND ZACH PURCELL PLINKING**

NOMINATION COMMITTEE FOR 2011

At the August Board of Directors meeting a nomination committee was appointed for the 2011 election of the Board. Luke McGuire will serve once again as chairman. He is joined by John Decker, Bennie Nelson, and Vince Picciola. The committee's responsibility is to confirm the eligibility of members who desire to place their names in nomination for positions on the Board and to present the names to the membership at the nomination general meeting on September 27th.

If you feel that you can provide a service to the club by serving on the Board, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the committee.

FOR SALE

BROWNING BT99 – GRADE III
ADJUSTABLE COMB
34" BARRELL
LIKE NEW
ASKING \$1,800
JEFF – 708-935-1466



**FSC ladies at the line at the Picnic (left to right) Pam Hobson,
Gwen Seydlitz, Carole Pryor, Mary Jane Wrobel, Pia Gustafson.**

FSC TEES ON SALE



Tee shirts created by Board Member Bennie Nelson were introduced at the Annual Picnic. These high quality tees can be purchased at the office for the very reasonable price of \$20.

WOMEN'S TRAP LEAGUE STARTING 9/14 FOR 10 WEEKS

16 YARD SHOOT WITH HANDICAP SCORING

OPEN TO NEW AS WELL AS VETERAN SHOOTERS

2 ROUNDS OF 25 EACH WEEK

UPFRONT COST IS \$50 PLUS COST OF ROUNDS

CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

INTRO TO SHOTGUN AND SAFETY CLASS

CONTACT PAM AT BTSHOOTER@COMCAST.NET

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PICNIC SPONSORS

BARTOLINI'S RESTAURANT – MIDLOTHIAN
THE CAKEWALK BAKERY – CHICAGO
HOULIHAN'S – ORLAND PARK
OLIVER'S BAR & GRILL – OAK FOREST
ESSENCE SUITES – ORLAND PARK
BAKER'S SQUARE – ORLAND PARK
SOUTH FORK RESTAURANT – ORLAND PARK
THE PATIO RESTAURANT – ORLAND PARK
ROCK BOTTOM – ORLAND PARK
CABELA'S – HAMMOND
RINK'S SPORTS – LOCKPORT
BROWNELLS
MIDWEST SPORTS - LYONS

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER!

ALL MEMBERS OF FSC ARE REQUIRED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION. THE COMING 2012 RENEWALS WILL REQUIRE YOUR NRA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER. NOW'S THE TIME TO GET IT!



CLAY FOR BRAINS.

“Clay for Brains” is intended to provide members the opportunity to express opinions anonymously. Any member with a positive issue to present can submit it to “Broken Clays” for publication. Such publication will be at the discretion of the editor of the newsletter.

In our last issue exception was taken regarding comments made to the effect that “Two thirds of the trap shooters don't want to use the wireless callers” or “Nobody wants to shoot on trap #3”. A survey was published in “Broken Clays”. The survey was limited to trap shooters for obvious reasons. The following are the results of the survey.

Question: “Would you be willing to wait up to one half hour or more to shoot on trap #2 rather than shooting immediately on trap#3 with the wireless callers?”

Response: Twenty-nine (29) members responded. Of those members twenty-seven (93%) replied that they would rather shoot immediately on trap #3 with wireless callers rather than wait for trap #2.

Question : “Would trap three with wireless callers be more acceptable if a score keeper were provided?”

Response : Thirteen responders (44%) said “yes”.

Eleven of twenty-nine responders said they would be willing to pay an extra buck per round if necessary.



Tess Perry shows off her half of the Split the Pot drawing at the Picnic.

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT

Our 2011 Championship will be held on 9/23, 9/25, 9/26, 9/30, 10/2, and 10/3.

There will be Championships available in the following categories: Trap, Five Stand, Ladies Trap, Youth (14 and under), Senior Trap, Senior Five Stand, and Frankfort Sportsman Club Grand Champion.

The rules and fees will be published in an e-mail in advance of the Championship dates, and will also be available at the office.

The competition this year will be intense. All members will be welcomed!