

# Frankfort Sportsman's Club

## March 2014 Newsletter



Volume 5, No. 2



### Editor's Message

In trying to get into a more scheduled publishing of a monthly on time newsletter, the weather just doesn't want to cooperate with any of my efforts.

Writing the newsletter requires several things. First, the club needs to be open regularly so that articles can be generated. Second, there needs to be shooters so that articles can be written. Additionally, many articles are written based on special club events like holiday shoots where more participants are needed to attend these events, so that we can collect information to write about.

But, lets face it, the weather has more than put a damper on all of these things this winter. With that being said, the weather will break soon, I hope.

Our next club event will be the Easter Shoot on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Right now the weather looks promising, mid to upper 50's. We will be looking forward to seeing many of you that we haven't seen for a while, so please come out and join in on the fun, win shot cards and/or possibly gift cards. But most of all, lets see all of you "cabin" inhabitants.

### Spring Trap League Beginning

The 2014 FSC Trap League will begin on Monday, April 7th. The shoots will consist of two rounds shot per night for eight weeks. The first night will be two rounds at the 16 yd line and your handicap will be based on your average shot. The next 7 nights will include 1 round at the 16, then one round at your predetermined handicap position. Starting this year, shooting ahead or after the scheduled

shoot will provide a penalty of two targets.

A \$25.00 entry fee is needed and weekly fees will be normal shoot fees (shoot cards only).

Sign-up sheet will be posted at the club or send and email to Don Guinta at [dguinta@frankfortsportsmanclub.com](mailto:dguinta@frankfortsportsmanclub.com)

### St. Patrick's Day Shoot



It was cold too!

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, we had the annual St. Patrick Day Shoot. With snow still on the ground but not stopping the diehards, we carried on. As usual Vince prepared the hit of the day, Corned Beef and Cabbage. Those that said they don't really eat CB&B tried it and kept trying it. Hmm, makes you gotta wonder, doesn't it?



# Frankfort Sportsman's Club

## March 2014 Newsletter



Volume 5, No. 2



Ted, Dino, Lou better hurry up



After everyone ate and relaxed the games went on.

We'd like to thank all that made the day a great time and look forward to the next holiday event. Easter on April 6<sup>th</sup>, hope to see everyone again..

### 5 Stand Update

The 5 stand is open and looking for shooters. It's been bare all winter, but it's back in action. Many of us trap shooters have been in the migration mode over the past 6 months from trap to skeet and we're now going to 5 stand, so we need help of you 5 stand guys to help us. Some of us have even taken to sporting clays and it's been a fun migration. But, we still like trap and also do it. We're looking forward to seeing you.

### Traveling Sporting Clays

As I said last newsletter ver the past couple of years several of us have been involved in what we like to call the "Road Trip Sporting Clays" group. We started with 5 or 6 of us just going out to shoot something different. The word has gotten around and others have expressed an interest. Currently we have 15 people on a mail list for these trips and we're open for more.

Right now thoughts are to arrange a monthly shoot at one of the local sporting clay facilities and maintain averages, but if there's anything other idea's, just let us know.

If you're interested and would like to get on an email list to get future emails and scheduling, please let me know and I'll put you on our list and hopefully we can start getting out around the March / April timeframe to start.

Thanks, Mike

### Calendar Events - April 2014

March 9<sup>th</sup> --- ~~St. Patricks Day Shoot~~  
April 6<sup>th</sup> --- Easter Shoot  
7<sup>th</sup> --- Trap League week 1  
14<sup>th</sup> --- Trap League week 2  
15<sup>th</sup> --- Board Meeting  
21<sup>st</sup> --- Trap League week 3  
28<sup>th</sup> --- Trap League week 4

# Frankfort Sportsman's Club

## March 2014 Newsletter



Volume 5, No. 2



### NRA Training Schedule

Jeff and Pam Hobson have scheduled their 2014 training sessions to be held at FSC. It is as follows:

#### RSO

~~February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8am~~

May 20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6pm

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 8am

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> @ 8am

#### Basic Shotgun

~~March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 8am~~

June 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

Oct 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm

To see more information and to register go to:  
[www.wetrainsome.com](http://www.wetrainsome.com)

### Powder & Shotshell dilemma

Much discussion at the club and on websites have been targeting the supply and availability of powder and ammo purchasing. Much speculation and rumors regarding this is everywhere, so I decided to ask the manufactures, what gives? Here is the reply from Alliant (ATK).

1<sup>st</sup>, the email reply:

The OEM's are using powder like the black hole in space is sucking in all matter. They are filling shelves with ammunition now. Things are starting to look up though. Don't hold me to this but we feel that by mid to late summer we should start to see more powder showing up.

We are basing this on the fact that there is more ammo on the shelves today than there was 6 - 8

months ago, Primer orders are falling and gun sales are falling.

Now keep in mind incidences like what took place at Ft. Hood this week may throw this whole time line out the window. So, DON'T hold me to this time line.

These incidences lead to a whole new rush on ammo buying and that again will dip into our powder supplies.

Right now the plants are running 24/7 and we are making propellant as fast as is possible. Once a product leaves our docks it goes to the distributor. From there we have no control on where it may go. Be patient, keep checking the shelves. We have seen shortages like this in the past and they lasted around a year in time. Hopefully the hoarding of powder and other shooting supplies (ie. Bullets, ammo, primers and other supplies) will be ending soon. Also you will find a letter explaining some of shortages.

Thanks for the question,

Shoot Straight

DuaneVB

CCI/SPEER/ALLIANT POWDER

2299 Snake River Ave.

Lewiston, ID

2<sup>nd</sup>, from the company:



**SPORTING GROUP**

April 11, 2013

Dear Valued Customer,

As you are aware, the unprecedented demand for

# Frankfort Sportsman's Club

## March 2014 Newsletter



Volume 5, No. 2



commercial ammunition has exceeded the industry's ability to service the marketplace in the near term and has resulted in an industry-wide shortage at most retail outlets. With more than 2,000 dedicated employees working diligently around the clock, we continue to take appropriate action across our manufacturing enterprise to increase and align production capacity in response to this demand and, ultimately, service your needs – **this is our first priority!**

Despite our consistent and dedicated efforts, there remains much speculation and misinformation regarding the availability of commercial ammunition. In one example, there are a vocal few who believe that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is buying excessive quantities of ammunition thereby restricting availability to the commercial market. Simply stated, this is a false and baseless claim. In fact, we do supply the DHS with a small percentage of ammunition in select calibers consistent with our contractual requirements. However, the commercial market receives the vast majority of ammunition produced to serve the needs of civilian hunters and shooting sports enthusiasts.

As a committed partner to the shooting sports industry, we thank you for your support in dispelling unfounded rumors relating to the supply and demand of commercial ammunition. We continue to support the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) in representing the legislative interests of our industry.

It is our mission to provide top-quality ammunition and accessories for hunters, sport shooters and to those who protect our country and neighborhoods. For current information regarding our brands and products, please visit the Q&A pages on our websites:

<http://www.federalpremium.com/company/faq.aspx>

<http://www.cci-ammunition.com/education/faqs.aspx>

<http://www.speer-ammo.com/general/faq.aspx>

<http://www.speer-bullets.com/>

---

### Finally

With spring on the horizon, work at the club will begin. Don't forget, we're always looking for members to help. This year we'll need:

- 1) Carpentry and labor for the refurbishing of the skeet houses, inside and out.
- 2) Wad and empty hull clean-up with the wad picker machine
- 3) Clay field raking with the truck
- 4) Picnic table and gun rack work/repair
- 5) Leaf raking and branch pickup & burning
- 6) Weed destruction
- 7) General clean-up

Emails will go out before work for signups

---

**Again, don't forget about attending the Easter Shoot, Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**We need to see your face!**