



The Naperville Trapshooter

The Official Newsletter of the Naperville Sportsman's Club - October 5th 2008

In Memory of Joe Gresik

Joe Gresik, who has been putting together the Naperville Sportsman's Club Newsletter, passed away suddenly in September. We received the terrible news just a day or two after receiving reminders from Joe to send our material in. We wish to offer our deepest condolences to Joe's family, and offer our thanks to Joe up in trapshooting heaven for volunteering to handle this important task and the excellent job that he did.

By Fred Turek

Different Look of this Newsletter?

Having lost Joe, and with a large amount of important news to get out, I was time for the "B" team and I put this interim one together while we work to fill Joe's shoes.

By Fred Turek

Dates to Remember

October 12th (Sun.) New member & Volunteer Clinics
October 14th (Tuesday) Members' and Board Meetings
October 19th (Sunday) ATA Registered Shoot
November 9th (Sun.) New member & Volunteer Clinics
November 11th (Tuesday) Members' and Board Meetings
November 13th (Thurs.) Gobble Wobble shooting event
November 20th (Thurs) Closed – Thanksgiving day
December 9th (Tues.) Members' and Board Meetings
December 14th (Sun.) New member & Volunteer Clinics
December 25th (Thurs) Closed – Christmas day
January 1st (Thurs) Closed – New Years Day

President's Section

Newsletter Editor

It is my sad duty to report that our Newsletter Editor Joe Gresik has passed away. No other details are available at this time. I wish his family all the best.

Newsletter to Go All Electronic

In an effort to reduce expenses the Board of Directors has voted to start sending the newsletter by email. The costs of producing and mailing the newsletter have gone up twenty five percent in the last year alone. Members can also pick it up on our web site. Please make sure we have your latest email address.

Temporary Dues Increase

The Board has also voted to increase the annual membership dues to fifty five dollars for 2009. We have spent over thirty thousand dollars on trap machines and accessories over the last six years. Almost no one can remember the last time the dues were raised. We need the increase to continue to provide best in class equipment and activities for our members.

New Member Orientation

The next three new member orientations (informal history and workings of the club) will be at the club on Sunday October 12th, Sunday November 9th and Sunday December 14th at 10:00 AM. Please RSVP to myself at 630-842-0391. The Range Volunteer clinic will begin at 11:00 AM on those days. Everyone interested in learning how the machines work should attend.

...Jim Monk
President

2nd Amendment / NSC Mission-Related Candidate Info

Whenever we get personal contact type info on candidates relative to the Second Amendment or NSC's mission, we try to get the info out. Also, once a candidate has been personally grilled by a few of our board members, (to judge sincerity of what they say) we also invite them to put a statement in our newsletter, with a focus on info relevant to our mission.

One candidate, Darlene Senger, asked to come out and visit us, and visited us twice over the last few weeks. She is currently a Naperville City Council person (since 2002), and is running for the State Representative (96th District) seat being vacated by Joe Dunn. As you know, the State level is the venue for most of the really bad and good 2nd

Amendment related legislation, and margins have been as slim as a few votes to defeat the continuous barrage of legislation to criminalize everyday gun owner behavior, everyday guns, or create new procedures for firearm owners and criminalize not-following the procedures. This seat has been targeted by the "other guys"

The other candidate declined to answer 2nd Amendment related questions from Todd. My gut feel; is that on these issues we have a "B+" (and future "A") running against a "D" or an "F". Persons in the 96th district (roughly, the West ½ of Naperville and the eastern end of Aurora) who have these priorities can vote for her, and ask their family and neighbors to do so. "Anti" efforts are coming from outside of the district, and so can support. The 2nd Amendment issues plus the first wave of the attempted "hatchet" job on Darlene attempted by those folks have raised my interest in the race. Interested persons in or out of the district who wish to help can contact tureks@ameritech.net.

By Fred Turek

Candidate Statement by Darlene Senger

Thank you for this opportunity. They asked me to keep it short with a focus on the areas relevant to your mission, and I'm happy to do so.

I had the pleasure of coming out to visit you and Naperville's trapshooting operation twice over the last 3 weeks. What an excellent program you offer and what skilled people you have running the facility. I'm a supporter of the 2nd Amendment and was happy to answer all of the questions that you asked during my visits.

The 96 District is being considered on of the key races in the State. Your vote counts. E-mails or letters to friends, a sign, or helping me knock on doors this October is very much appreciated. Help is appreciated even if you don't live in the district. If you would consider doing so, please contact me at www.electsenger.com. or 630-220-9776 or Mahoney@electsenger.com.

Sincerely,

Darlene Senger

The Fred Section

2009 Dues Can Now Be Paid

Be an early bird and pay you 2009 dues (\$55) today. As always you can pay by check by mail, or by check or cash at the counter. Please include any updates in your information, especially your preferred email address (the one that you actually look at and read) Mailing address: Naperville Sportsman's Club, PO Box 27, Naperville, IL 60566.

Dues Increase

The \$55 2009 dues includes our first dues increase in 13 years. As you may know, the NSC does not derive any income from shooting or shell fees. In the last few years we undertook the major expenditure of 3 new trap machines.

Members' Meeting and Board Meeting

There will be a members' meeting followed by a board meeting on Tuesday, October 14th at the clubhouse. All members are invited and requested to attend both meetings. The first meeting starts at 7:30 PM, doors open and fish stories start at 7:00 PM.

By Fred Turek

Gobble Wobble 2008 – SOLD OUT

The Fall League is in full swing and that means ...the Naperville Sportsman's Club turkey season will be opening in a few weeks! The 6th Annual Club Turkey Shoot is scheduled for Thursday, November 13th. Win a prize turkey to put on your Thanksgiving table!

The "Gobble Wobble", members-only shoot is shot as a sliding wobble, with the cost to hunt a mere buck per bird. While typical hunts have been limited to 15 hunters per outing, the overwhelming response to this year's season has resulted in a program which was oversold as well as sold out and expanded each hunt roster to 20 members. 10 hunts are still planned (\$10 max. license fee). The possession limit is 2 Toms, so everyone gets a chance to bag this hometown favorite.

Hunting Regulations are posted in the Clubhouse – forget reservations, if you didn't get crackin' you missed this always-sold-out event. If you still want a chance to hunt "stand-by", better get out to Sportsman's the night of the hunt... you just might get in on the action if a member or two hit their bag limit early.

Bookings were all pre-paid. Our thanks to all the members who support this annual event!

Naperville Game Committee

By Jay Spitz

Membership Notes

Full Membership

The Membership Committee is again pleased to welcome another new "full" member into the Naperville Sportsman's Club. Alan Lennon was sponsored by Club member Dave Turcotte.

Alan was introduced last summer. Early on, both he and his wife Marilyn volunteered to supervise parking at 2007's Open House. Alan fulfilled his workdays during 2008 and was inducted by the Club's Board of Directors at the

recent Club Board meeting held at Sportsman's Park on September 9th.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Alan for making and meeting the commitments required of full membership, as well as our thanks to Dave for his sponsorship of a fine candidate!

In Memoriam

The Club wishes to offer its condolences to the families of members Joe Krol and Tom Castagnoli. Both gentlemen recently lost their fathers and we offer our sympathy in their loss. We also offer our condolences to the family of member Joe Gresik, our newsletter editor, who past away unexpectedly, in mid-September.

Dues

The Board enacted a temporary increase to membership dues effective for 2009. Annual dues will rise to \$55. Costs to maintain our equipment, operating expenses and insurances must be met. We are looking at ways to cut costs, without affecting benefits and services and encourage your feedback.

NMO sessions

New Member Orientation sessions hosted by Club President Jim Monk, are mandatory for our probationary members and open to any member who wants a refresher on range operations and equipment. Upcoming dates for NMO sessions are tentatively scheduled for October 12, November 9 and December 14, 2008.

Newsletter Alert

At the Club's Board Meeting on September 9th, the Board unanimously voted to move to an electronic format. The costs of printing and mailing are significantly impacting the monthly budget. While a segment of the membership will require paper newsletters, we hope you will all embrace the change and appreciate the Club's "thriftness"! See more about this in the newsletter, and watch for upcoming emails! Make sure the Club has your "preferred" email address for receipt.

Special Dates

Remember to mark your calendar... this year Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day all fall on upcoming Thursdays and we are closed.

Work Requirement

Members who shoot and ALL probationary members are required to meet a work requirement as stipulated by the policies and by-laws of the Club. Regardless of whether or not you receive a postcard, it is the responsibility of the member to meet his/her work obligations.

To confirm your work hour status, NMO dates and to RSVP your NMO attendance or catch up on needed work hours, contact Club President Jim Monk at (630) 842-0391 or by email at president@napervillesportsmansclub.org.

If any member has personal information about a fellow member you can share, please take a moment to contact the Club with your news.

By Jay Spitz, Membership Committee

Virtual ProShop

Over the past year I've taken a couple opportunities to speak with Tony Caligiuri, president of Boyt and Bob Allen, offering my feedback on their product line. Offered solely to members of the Club as we don't sell retail; you'll never find this quality of merchandise priced better anywhere. It is rewarding when you can speak to the big guy at any company.

Recently we talked about their counter pads. Imagine my surprise when he expressed how marginal the sales of the CP01 are?! I can't count the dozens of counter pads I've ordered, but "how many of you are still laying your quality firearm on a bare bench or table top with a rag under it or ZERO protection?" Best \$18 you'll ever spend on protecting your shotgun and it can be used for pistols, rifles and any other detail project around the house.

Suggesting Boyt should consider expanding its pouch and sporting accessories into Khaki to compliment its long gun cases (not that there is anything wrong with OD Green)... guess what? By the SHOT Show, Boyt should be rolling out their expanded catalogue.

Boyt and Bob Allen realigned their product line a few years ago. I relayed my disappointment when they repositioned the "Hunter" series of shotgun cases – heavy canvas, top zipper, canvas handles and lifetime warranty; placing them into the Bob Allen catalogue... well, I am also pleased to share they will be reintroducing that line of long gun cases back into the Boyt catalogue.

This is not to say I am personally responsible for all these new developments, although I'd like to think I had some input. But... as the saying goes... "Good minds think alike!"

As a side note, I bought a Boyt "D25" - dog food travel bag. For the record, I don't have dog, but I did have a need for something to carry empty hulls from the range... let me tell you for \$12, it's a Boyt bargain! Ask to see it and consider getting one for yourself!

Breaking News... We have re-established our relationship with Morgan Optical. For non-prescription shooting glasses product, members ordering Randolph Ranger products through the Club will receive 20% off MSRP. For those who need prescription eyewear and who contact Wayne Morgan direct, by mentioning both the "Naperville Sportsman's Club" and "Jay Spitz" you should request and receive 15% off Morgan's regular pricing.

As always, the cooperative continues to exist for the benefit of the members. Neither the Club nor I make any

profit on purchases made through the purchasing cooperative. If you have any question on products, availability or ordering; contact Jay Spitz.

By Jay Spitz

Shooter Accomplishments – Recent Straights

08/08/08	Art Jablonski	100 @ 16 ATA @ Grand
08/14/08	Gary Evans	25 @ 16
08/14/08	Bill Benson	25 @ 16 Wobble
08/14/08	Bill Benson	Dove
08/17/08	Ray Wieser	75 @ 16
08/17/08	Jay Spitz	25 @ 16 ATA, 3/4 oz
08/21/08	Jim Monk	25 @ 16
08/21/08	Dan Pfister	Dove
08/24/08	Jim Chakour	25 @ 16
08/24/08	Joe Kuhn	25 @ 16
08/24/08	Jay Spitz	50 @ 20 DGSC
08/27/08	Ed Schultz	25 @ 16 Wobble
08/27/08	Bill Benson	Dove 7/8 oz
08/31/08	Bob Seetin	25 @ 16
08/31/08	Ed Heasley	25 @ 16
08/31/08	Joe Kuhn	25 @ 16
08/31/08	Joe Kuhn	25 @ 16
08/31/08	Steve Pfister	Dove – Sunday
08/01/08	Jay Spitz	50 @ 16 3/4 oz

By Joe Kuhn

2008 Election Thoughts – By Jay Spitz

Fellow members... speaking to you as just another member and not endorsed in any way by the Naperville Sportsman's Club, let me share some personal thoughts on the upcoming national election. We have to support the folks that support our avocation.

For the office of President of the United States, I encourage you to vote for John McCain. While not the absolute best possible Presidential candidate for sportsmen, he is the only viable choice in this respect to these issues for 2008.

For much of southern DuPage County, incorporating Hinsdale to Naperville, Judy Biggert is asking for our vote to send her back to the U.S. House of Representatives and I believe she has been a good supporter of 2nd Amendment rights. We should give her our vote of confidence.

For those in Districts 48 and 96 which incorporate Naperville east and west of Washington Street, we have

two seats to fill in the State House. Mike Connelly of Naperville, a former Lisle Township trustee and County Board Member and Darlene Senger of Naperville, a City Councilwoman, are both supporters of Sportsman's Park and the 2nd Amendment.

For re-election to the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, I encourage your support for Carl Schultz. While not directly impacting our program, all elected officials who support our avocation deserve ours.

This is a brief outline of the candidates that directly impact Naperville and Sportsman's Park. There are many more candidates that deserve our support, so I encourage you to seek out the names of the candidates in your respective districts and support those candidates who will support you, your wallet and your recreation.

There is NO excuse for sitting on the sideline!

By Jay Spitz - Life Member

Club Information

The Naperville Sportsman's Club
PO Box 27
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www.NapervilleSportsmansClub.org

Clubhouse phone: 630-848-2124

Hours of Operation:

Thursdays: 6:00 – 10:00 PM

Sundays: 12:00 – Final Signup at 4:00 PM

Hours are subject to weather and attendance

Open year round, closed certain holidays

Officers and Board Members

President: Jim Monk

Vice President: Michael Moore

Secretary: Fred Turek

Treasurer: Tom Coleman

Bob Beyer: Director '08

Joe Kuhn: Director '08

Ron Tanski: Director '09

Charlie Tlapa: Director '09

Ed Heasley: Director '10

Art Jablonski: Director '10

Year of expiration of 3 year director terms is shown.

Officers serve one year terms.

Naperville Sportsman's Club

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Amateur Trapshooting Association
Registered Trap Shoot
honoring
National Trapshooting Day

Sunday, October 19th

Program begins at Noon
Registration begins at 11:00 am

Event 1 – 100 Singles (16-yard) Targets

Event 2 – 100 Handicap Targets

Fees

- ATA Fee: \$2.00 per day
- ISTA Fee: \$1.00 per 100 targets
- Target Fees: applicable target fees per Naperville Park District fee schedule

Ammunition

- Steel shot only
- Reloaded or off-site purchased ammunition is allowed
- Factory ammunition available on-site from Naperville Park District

Program Notes and Announcements

- Event 1 will be limited to 25 shooters/5 squads
- Event 2 will be held time-permitting
- This is a “targets-only” shoot, there are no trophies/prizes
- ATA rules will govern this shoot. Shoot management reserves the right to change or modify the program as they deem necessary.
- You must be a member of the ATA (Amateur Trapshooting Association) and the ISTA (Illinois State Trapshooting Association) to participate in this event. You may join both associations on the day of the shoot.
 - ATA Annual Dues (September 1, 2007 thru October 31, 2008): \$20
 - ISTA Annual Dues (September 1, 2007 thru October 31, 2008): \$10

For More Information about this shoot, please contact Mike Moore, Scott Calhoun or Jay Spitz

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