

The Naperville Trapshooter



The Official Newsletter of The Naperville Sportsman's Club

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MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Full Membership

The Membership Committee is pleased to welcome our newest full members to the Naperville Sportsman's Club, Denny Mills and **Bill Gruber**. Denny was sponsored by Club Secretary **Fred Turek**, while Bill was sponsored by Club Director **Ed Heasley**.

Both Denny and Bill fulfilled the terms of their probationary requirements during 2007 and were confirmed by the Club's Board of Directors at the recent Annual Meeting of the Members, held at Sportsman's Park on December 11th. A heartfelt warm welcome and our congratulations to both Denny and Bill for making and meeting the commitments required of full membership!

Probationary Membership

Additionally, the Membership Committee would like to welcome our newest probationary member, **Jim Chakour**. Jim has been shooting at Sportsman's Park during 2007 on a regular basis and has made the commitment to join the Club for 2008.

Jim was introduced at the December meeting. Jim is being sponsored by retiring Club Vice President **Scott Calhoun**. When you see Jim around the Clubhouse or on the line, take a moment to introduce yourself.

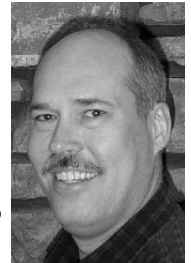
NMO sessions

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 January 13 and February 10, 2008.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The election results are in and I was elected President for the seventh time, Mike Moore is the new Vice President, Fred Turek Secretary, Tom Coleman Treasurer, Art Jablonski and Ed Heasley for the three year Director positions. Bob Seetin was selected to receive the Dennis Haffner Service award for the second time.



I want to thank Scott Calhoun for his many years of service to the club as Vice President. Scott tells me he will continue to chair the Trap League operations and be our Web Master extraordinaire.

The proposed amendment to the By-Laws was ratified by the membership. I asked the membership to add the ability to use email for notice of Article V, Section 8, Special meetings. The next two new member orientations (informal history and workings of the club) will be at the club on Sunday January 13th and Sunday February 10th 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

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SHOOTER'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Shooter's List

11/15 Bill Benson Dove
 11/29 Steve Phister Dove

Note: Our supply of wads for steel shot is down to three cases. Price from the mfr is unchanged, but the price of the Euro is up. Arrangements are being made with our shipper and an order will be placed soon. Price will probably be around 2 cents a wad. We've already pre-sold half of our order of 36 cases. Members can contact Joe Kuhn at 630-357-6916 for further information

...JOE KUHN
 NSC DIRECTOR

2008 TRAP LEAGUE DATES

Once again this year we will be conducting three trap leagues, all of which are open to members and non-members. These three leagues make up 3-legs of the Sportsman's Slam, with the member-only Handicap Championship rounding out the slate (date for that event TBD). League entry fee is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members, with all entry money going to cover the cost of trophies and food. The leagues are primarily social events meant to encourage everyone to come out and enjoy a day/night of trapshooting, so all skill levels are welcome. We do offer trophies for winners and give trophies for multiple classes for each league so that everyone has a chance to take home a prize. We also provide food on the last day/night of the league for all league shooters to enjoy, so even if you don't win a trophy you will still get something out of the deal. League shooters must pay the appropriate target and ammunition fees each week, just like you would for any type of shooting at Sportsman's Park. The first league for 2008 will be the Doubles league. This league begins on **Sunday, January 20** and runs for seven weeks. Each week we will shoot 50-pairs of doubles targets.

Thursday, April 3 marks the start of the Singles league, which runs for eight weeks. League shooters will fire at 50 16-yard targets each week.

The Wobble league wraps up the season, and begins on Thursday, September 11, also running for eight weeks. The program calls for 50 wobble targets per week, shot from the 16-yard line.

If you are interested in participating in the league, no pre-registration is necessary. Just show up on the first week of the league to register. If anyone has any questions about the league, please see me at the club or send me an email at scalhoun@napervillesportsmansclub.org

Membership Notes continued

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.

...Jay Spitz
 Membership Committee

2008 DATES TO REMEMBER

Mark your calendars with these important dates!

New Member Orientation	1/12/2008
Member/Board Meeting	1/8/2008
Doubles League Starts	1/20/2008
Member/Board Meeting	2/12/2008
Singles League Starts	4/3/2008
Wobble league Starts	9/11/2008

Club Information

The Naperville Sportsman's Club
 P.O. Box 27, Naperville, IL 60540
 www.napervillesportsmansclub.org
 Clubhouse Phone: 630-848-2124
 Hours of Operation:
 Thursdays: 6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
 Sundays: 12:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. Final sign up at 4:00 P.M.
 Board/Member Meetings: 7:30 P.M., 2nd Tuesday of every month



ATA YEAR IN REVIEW

We haven't had a column about the ATA (Amateur Trapshooting Association) in quite some time. I recently received my November edition of the ATA magazine, *Trap and Field*, which has results from the Grand American World Championship trapshoot held in mid-August. The Grand, as it is known, is more-or-less the end of the year for trapshooting, so I thought a look back at the 2007 target year might be interesting.

Straights, Long-runs and Other Records

All trap shooters are interested in breaking 25-straight. ATA shooters think by the 100's, as most events are 100 target events so 100-straight will guarantee that no one will beat you (at least until the shoot-offs). Some championship events are stretched to 200 targets, so 200-straight is needed to assure the top spot. In their "Record Roundup", *Trap and Field* highlighted the career leaders in 200-strights that have been shot at the Grand American tournament. Leo Harrison, perennial All-American from Missouri, has posted 46 200-strights at the Grand. Most ATA shooters would feel fortunate to post a single 200-straight – at the Grand or anywhere else – let alone 46 of them at the same place. There are 24 shooters in Grand history who have shot at least 15 200-strights. It's worth noting that the ladies are represented, as Nora Ross has performed the feat 22 times.

Big Shoots

Most of the registered (ATA) shooting takes place at local clubs, with anywhere from 15 to 100 shooters competing. However, state shoots, zone shoots, and satellite grands are the place to go if you want to put your skills to the test against the best shooters in the country and the largest fields.

This year Pennsylvania had the largest state shoot in the country, drawing 3,434 participants. The Ohio state shoot also topped the 3,000 attendee mark with 3,101 shooters. Illinois hosted the seventh largest state shoot with 1,546 shooters in attendance. In all there were 15 states shoots with attendance over 1,000 shooters. Hawaii had the lowest attendance at just 88 shooters.

Zone shoots (five) and Satellite Grands (nine) averaged around 1,500 participants, with a few exceeding 2,000 shooters. There are other annual shoots held across the country that will routinely draw over 1,000 shooters.

Club Shooters and the ATA

There's a small but active group of Sportsman's Club members who participate in ATA events throughout the year. While we all participate primarily because enjoy it, everyone has managed to win a trophy or post a career best sometime during the year.

ATA continued

The roster of NSC shooters that you might see at an ATA event is: Mike Moore, Chris Moore, Tom Coleman, Art Jablonski, Rich Kelly, Tom Krolick, Joe Kuhn, Bob Seetin, Bob Ash, and myself.

We had somewhat of a team event at the Great Lakes Satellite Grand in Michigan this year, as Mike Moore, Tom Coleman, Tom Krolick, and Bob Seetin all attended the shoot. We had a great time shooting and socializing for a few days in beautiful Michigan. We even recorded a "perfect squad" during one of the 16-yard singles event. The squad was me, Mike Moore, Tom Coleman, Tom Krolick, and another local shooter from Joliet. On the third 25 of the event everyone on the squad had a perfect score. That's pretty common when the All-Americans shoot together, but it was a first for all of us.

Art Jablonski and I traveled together to the Grand for the first week of the event, and we were joined by Rich Kelly for a few days. We all survived the oppressive heat, had some great meals at the end of the day, and talked to a few interesting characters along the way. I've attended four shoots at the new World Shooting Complex in Sparta, and it still impresses me with how massive the place is. 120 trap fields stretching over 3 miles in length and 1,000 campsites. Art and I took a drive thru the camping area to look at the premium sites. These sites are large enough that we saw one above-ground swimming pool that had been erected by the occupants.

Get Involved in ATA shooting

I highly encourage anyone, regardless of experience or skill level, to get involved in ATA shooting. The startup costs are minimal (\$20 annual dues to the ATA and \$10 annual dues to the Illinois State Trap Association). After that you just pay the shooting fees, which in this area run about \$24 per 100 targets. That fee includes trophies for the events, and if trophies are not being offered (referred to as a target-only shoot) then the fees are reduced.

Shooting ATA events will make you a better shooter. When someone is sitting in the chair keeping score, you will concentrate harder. The ATA tracks your registered shoot scores, so you will always be working to improve your scores and move up into a higher class. Even if you don't have a big appetite for competition, you can still shoot ATA events and compete with yourself to become a better shooter.

Check out the ATA website, www.shootata.com. Let me know if you have questions and I'll try to help you out.

...SCOTT CALHOUN



EPILIQUE

December 11th marked the final meeting of the Club members and Board for 2007. Brisk temperatures could not dampen high spirits as two dozen members attended and voted on Club business, Officers for 2008, Directors for 2008-10, while also choosing the outstanding member of the year, for the Dennis Haffner Service Award.

After having concluded Club business, as has been the custom, interested members reconvened at "Your Neighbors" pub to break bread while kibitzing the next couple hours away, reminiscing about 2007. There was no shortage of conversation here!

It was a great opportunity to enjoy each others company away from the range. As we reflect back, the year seems to have flown bye. Existing friendships strengthened while new friendships were made.

The Sportsman's family, our members and their families, were/ are confronted with various physical impairments and health ailments, which keep some from visiting or visiting as often – You are missed! We wish you the strength and conviction to overcome and the hope for recovery.

It is remarkable that, for all of the hustle and bustle that characterizes many of our daily lives, demanding so much of our time and effort; for a few fleeting hours over a couple days we can manage to temporarily insulate ourselves from the week's distractions by meandering down a gravel driveway to a swath of unspoiled acreage enveloped by groves of Hickory and Oak.

Wishing you and yours a happy, healthy and prosperous 2008.

...JAY SPITZ

The Naperville Sportsman's Club

Officers & Board Members

President: Jim Monk

Vice President: Michael Moore

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Ed Heasley - '07

Art Jablonski - '07

Bob Beyer - '08

Joe Kuhn - '08

Ron Tanski - '09

Charlie Tlapa - '09

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THE FRED SECTION

Membership Renewal

By the time that you receive this, the January 1st due date for renewals has passed. But, if you have not yet renewed, we're still in a grace period where you can renew without going through the new member procedures.

Besides all of the benefits, your membership helps support trapshooting in Naperville. With the newer procedures to (re) join, it's particularly important not to let your membership lapse. Please renew by sending \$45 check (no cash) to Naperville Sportsman's Club, P.O. Box 27, Naperville, IL 60566 or pay by cash or check at the counter during shooting hours or at the meeting.

Election Results from the December member's meeting

President: Jim Monk

Vice President: Michael Moore

Secretary: Fred Turek

Treasurer: Tom Coleman

Board: Ed Heasley

Board: Art Jablonski

For Dennis Haffner Service Award / Member of the Year
Bob Seetin,

January 8th Member's and Board Meeting

We'll have our next members and board meetings on Tuesday, January 8th starting at 7:30 PM. (Members' meeting followed by the board meeting.) All members are invited and requested to attend both meetings. Doors open at 7:00 PM.

...Fred Turek
Secretary

Classifieds



Many thanks to our contributors. Please support those who support our club.



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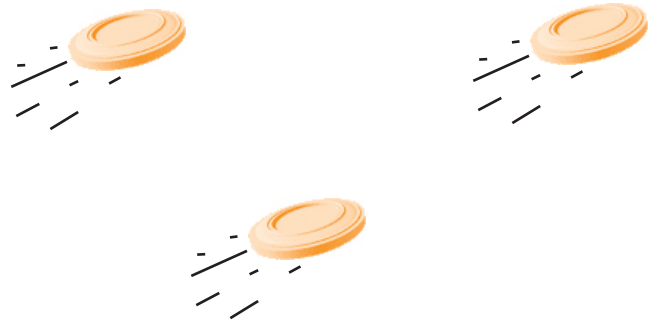
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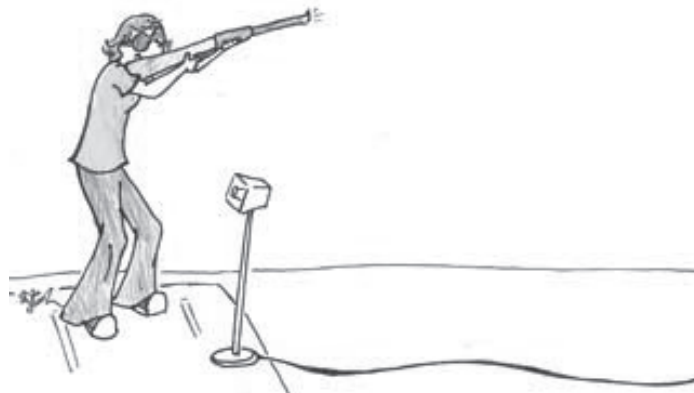
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 7	8	9 NSC Board & Member Meeting - 7:30PM Members welcome	10	 11	12	13
 14 New Member Orientation	15	16	17	 18	19	20
 21	22	23	24	 25	26	27
 28	29	30	31			