

The Naperville Trapshooter



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Membership Notes

Probationary Membership

The Membership Committee is pleased to welcome our newest probationary members into the Naperville Sportsman's Club for 2008. On a blustery, Tuesday night Bob Pfister and Patti Pfister were introduced to the Club's Board of Directors on February 12th.

Bob has been shooting at Sportsman's on and off for as long as he has lived in town. President of Naperville's Chapter of Ducks Unlimited and brother of Steve Pfister, Bob is a welcomed addition to the Naperville family.

At the introduction portion of the meeting, it was well said... If you've been on the line for any length of time, you've undoubtedly shot with Patti Pfister. Shooting at Sportsman's regularly this past year and a "dove" veteran who's another Pfister southpaw - sister Patti joins brothers Steve and now Bob on the membership roster roll. Both Bob and Patti are being sponsored by Life Member Jay Spitz.

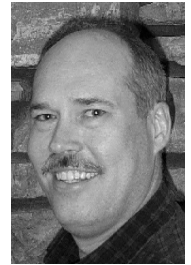
When you're out on the line or in the clubhouse, please take a moment to extend a hand, introduce yourself and welcome Patti and Bob into the Club!

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President's Message

Annual Dinner

Mark your calendar for the Annual Dinner which will take place Saturday June 21, 2008. We have a contract with Barbecue on Wheels to provide the food again this year. We can expect another feast this year. I will have raffle tickets available before the end of March. Please contact me to pickup a packet of ten to sell.



New Pat-Trap

At our February Board meeting we decided to buy another Pat-Trap. The order has been placed for delivery in April. This machine will be the same as the others except it will not throw wobble targets. We will install the new machine in trap house 3.

New Member Orientation

The next two new member orientations (informal history and workings of the club) will be at the club on Sunday March 9th and Sunday May 25th at 10:00 AM. I will not have an orientation in April. 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 Accomplishments

These hardy shooters were able to shoot well in spite of the weather:

Date	Shooter	Event
2008/01/10	Bob Seetin	Dove
2008/01/27	Jay Spitz	25 @ 16 yds, 3/4 oz
2008/02/03	Bill Benson	25 @ 16 yds, 7/8 oz
2008/02/07	Bill Benson	Dove
2008/02/14	Mike Moore	25 @ 16 yds
2008/02/17	Mike Moore	25 @ 16 yds
2008/02/07	Dan Pfister	25 @ 16 yds

...Joe Kuhn
NSC Director



Spring Trap League

Spring Trap League Begins April 3

The spring trap league will begin Thursday, April 3rd. The spring league shoots each Thursday night for eight weeks, and we'll be shooting 50 16-yard singles targets each Thursday night.

The format of the league makes it friendly for shooters of all skill levels, so the league is a perfect excuse to come to the range each week and work on improving your game. It's an individual league, and shooters are placed into one of five classes based on average score so you'll be competing against shooters with similar ability levels.

There's no need to pre-register, just come out on Thursday, April 3rd. Registration is \$15 per shooter (non-members are \$20), and that covers the cost of trophies for the league as well as food on the last night of the league for all of the shooters. The only other cost is the usual target/shell fees for your league rounds.

If you have any questions stop by the range when it's open or contact me via email at scalhoun@napervillesportsmansclub.org.

...Scott Calhoun

2008 Dates to Remember

Mark your calendars with these important dates!	
New Member Orientation	3/ 9/2008
Member/Board Meeting	3/11/2008
Spring Trap League Starts	4/03/2008
Member/Board Meeting	4/08/2008
New Member Orientation	5/25/2008

Club Information

The Naperville Sportsman's Club
P.O. Box 27, Naperville, IL 60540
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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

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Registered Shooting

There has been some discussion as to whether we can or should develop registered shooting at Naperville. Throwing registered targets and keeping track of scores and developing averages for shooters is akin to keeping track of scores and averages in bowling or golf. The bowlers have the PBA, the golfers the PGA and trapshooters the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA).

For many, shooting represents a divergence from the week's distractions, the daily insanity we encounter on the front lines of whatever business or industry employ us. Is there a segment among you that may be interested in wanting an outlet to track your progress in trapshooting?!

We are purely in the conceptual phrase, trying to determine if bringing the mechanism of registered shooting is a worthwhile effort, based upon your feedback. There are some nominal costs involved to "register" targets.

First, you have to join the ATA. There is a \$20 annual membership fee to belong to the national ATA, plus a smaller fee for the Illinois State Trapshooting Association (ISTA). On a day when registered targets are shot and posted, a couple of extra bucks are collected, split and sent to the national and state associations.

Costs for the targets and ammunition remain the same. Self-loaded ammunition is acceptable as long as one continues to follow range requirements. Registered shooters are segregated into squads made up of other registered shooters. Targets can be registered in increments of 50-100 targets or more.

Shooters can choose to register their "singles" (16 yard), "doubles" or "handicap" (20 yards +) targets. Singles and doubles shooters develop a "class" standing (D-AA), while handicap shooters are initially assigned a yardage (20) and will move back toward 27 yards as they progress. The fees are the same whether you register targets in one or all of the disciplines.

We want your thoughts and interest. Please take a moment to email either Jay Spitz at jspitz@napervillesportsmansclub.org or Scott Calhoun at scalhoun@napervillesportsmansclub.org. There is no obligation to commit at this time, we are only trying to assess whether there is enough interest among members to support developing a program of registered shooting at Sportsman's Park.

Take moment and email us today. We want to hear from everyone!

....Jay Spitz
...Scott Calhoun

Membership Notes.....continued

NMO sessions

New Member Orientations 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. Typically scheduled on the 2nd Sunday of the month (excluding certain holiday months); dates for upcoming NMO sessions have been tentatively scheduled for March 9th, No NMO in April and May 25th.

The range is closed on Easter March 23rd and Mother's Day, May 11th

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 you have news of another Club member we should know about, please contact the Club at jspitz@napervillesportsmansclub.org or call (630) 369-3666.

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The Fred Section

Membership Renewal

Depending on when you receive this, the grace period for late renewals may have elapsed. Send it in quick, if it's too late we'll let you know.

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.

March 11th Member's and Board Meeting

We'll have our next members and board meetings on Tuesday, March 11th 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.

In Memorium

The Club regrets to share the somber news of the recent passing of Jim Felbinger. Jim had been courageously fighting cancer and the complications of his chemo treatments at the cancer treatment center facility in Zion, IL.

A certified shotgun instructor, he readily volunteered for park district shotgun classes, the Open House and on any given Sunday could be found out on the range with his usual exuberance instructing new and developing shooters. Jim was passionate about wine and would bend any ear to share his interests in wine-making. Many will recall his recent and last outing out to Sportsman's Park.

Jim passed away on Valentine's Day and our heartfelt condolences go out to his family. He was survived by his mother and a sister. Jim's sense of humor and wit will surely be missed.





Classifieds

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 9 New Member Orientation	10	11 NSC Board & Member Meeting - 7:30PM Members welcome	12	 13	14	15
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 23 Easter Range Closed	24	25	26	 27	28	29
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