



The Naperville Trapshooter

The Official Newsletter of the Naperville Sportsman's Club November 2019

The Fred Section

Members' Meeting and Board Meeting

We will have a member's meeting followed by a board meeting at the clubhouse on Tuesday, November 12th. The meeting starts at 7:30; doors open at 7:00. All members are invited and urged to attend both meetings.

Time to renew your membership for 2020

It's time to renew your membership for 2020. The renewal for regular members is \$55. (\$25 for associate members) Please pay by check to the PO box (mail to Naperville Sportsman's Club, PO Box 27, Naperville, IL 60566) or by cash or check at the counter during shooting hours or at the monthly meeting. **If you pay by cash, you must be given and retain a receipt.**

If you would like any family member badges, they are available for a reduced price of \$1 each if ordered with your renewal. (vs. \$2 if ordered separately) To order them, include the extra \$1 each, say what you want, and for each person, include the name, call name, and relationship to you.

NSC Elections

Each year we hold elections for all 4 officer positions, 2 of the 6 director positions, and the member of the year / Dennis Haffner service award. For the officer and director position, any full member can nominate any other full member, including themselves at the November meeting. For the member of the year there are no official rules, but the practice has been that any member can nominate any member.

NSC Election Absentee Ballots

Absentee voting is available this year for those who can't attend the December 10th meeting. You can request an absentee ballot any time after November 12th and must have it back in my hands by 7:30 PM December 10th. Write me at Tureks @ Ameritech.net or call me 630-717-0437 and leave a message if not answered or write me at 7 S. 421 Green Acres Dr. Naperville, IL 60540. More thorough instruction will be given with the ballot. If you mail it back to me then nobody (not even me) will see how you voted. If you send it electronically (e.g. scan and email or fax) then I will be the only who sees how you voted.

*...Fred Turek
Secretary*

President's Message

Nominations for the 2020 Board of Directors

Nominations for all of the Officers, two Directors, an Election Chairperson and the Dennis Haffner Service Award will be accepted during the Member's Meeting on November 12th. All "Full" Members in good standing are eligible to nominate or serve for any position. Please let us know if you are interested in serving. The election will be held during the Annual Meeting of the Members on December 10th.

Upcoming Events

NSC 2019 Gobble Wobble Shoot: November 14th
New Year's Protection Shoot: December 29th

New Member Orientation

The next three new member orientations (informal history and workings of the club) will be held at the club on Sunday November 10th, Sunday December 8th and Sunday January 12th 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*



Training Committee Report

We have finished another year of training at our club with the great help of our membership. Our last Trap Fundamentals class was very bountiful and rewarding. We had many walk-ins who signed up at the last minute. The story I heard was one of our members was on the Naperville Patch site and saw comments of "sounds of shooting." That member posted the fact that we are open on that night and the last Trap Class was that weekend. We had 8 on the roster and ended up with 13 and several adults with their children. Our responses were all great again. EVERYONE enjoyed it.

I am sure our members have heard this line for years. "I never knew this club was here and we are shooting 2 miles from downtown Naperville." When we tell them some of the history, they are always amazed. We are truly blessed with this opportunity and worked very hard to maintain it. By supporting the efforts, we offer for our sport to the community we are doing more for this opportunity to grow and move forward with a purpose and a future in today's culture.

We will be working with the board and Park District to set up next years' training schedule. Again, I would like to thank all those who helped make this mission such a success and would like to invite our members to help out with our program moving forward. I promise you will find it rewarding, and fun.

Finally, the IDNR has extended an open invitation to Hunter Safety Instructors for Safety Education Programs, Policy, and Procedure training and Section Updates. This is for Region II instructors and instructor candidates. It will be held at the Army Corps of Engineers' New River Rescue Building, 701 Hitt St. Ottawa, IL. If any members have any comments or ideas they wish for me to bring please feel free to contact me.

Be Safe

Dave Paulinski

NSC Training Committee Chair



Firearm Safety Corner

I recently returned from my yearly visit to Pike County, Illinois. My family originated from that area and several of my cousins still own farms and businesses there. Since I have been visiting the area for decades, and have built many relationships with area businesses, and political folks. I had a chance to have several meals and discussions with them over my extended weekend. It is an area where everyone waves as you pass them and greets you even when they do not know you.

I found it encouraging to hear the absolutely opposite climate we have to endure north of I-80. Hunting is one of the main staples of this area. Firearms are as accepted as natural attire. (I should note that Pike County was the first county in Illinois to allow Conceal Carry without prosecution 1 year before the law was passed.) The local farm / hardware store sells guns and ammo. (They had a sale on CCI 22LR for \$3.99 with in store rebate limit 2 per person)

In those discussions I spent a lot of time educating folks on application processes for FOID and Conceal Carry requirements. I must admit, there is a very deep-seated negative regard for Chicago. Pike County and several others is a very depressed area and does not receive the dollars our area does for schools, meth and drug abuse, infrastructure, and the basic support of the small-town format our country came from.

I have promised to return in the spring and offer Conceal Carry Classes to all of my family members and their friends who seek it. I will be giving these classes at cost to help this community remain law abiding firearm owners. I have secured local help from the area and look forward to working with them. (The fun thing is, there are many more areas to do the shooting qualification portion of the program.)

In closing I ask that we remember the small-town format our country was built on. The hard-working farmers, who sacrificed big city life to work for their own families and way of life. The people who deeply care for our Country, our law, and a simple and respective way of life.

Be Safe

Dave Paulinski

NSC Board

NSC hosts National Trapshooting Day ATA event

The ATA (Amateur Trapshooting Association) designated Sunday, October 13 as National Trapshooting Day for 2019. As part of that designation, the ATA encouraged all clubs to host some sort of event as part of National Trapshooting Day. The ATA developed a commemorative pin for shooters and arranged for NTD-themed trophies for any clubs wishing to hold a shoot as part of National Trapshooting Day.

NSC hosted an ATA registered shoot on Sunday, October 6 for National Trapshooting Day. The weather was perfect, and nine club shooters turned out to compete. The event consisted of 100 targets from the 16-yard line. The club generously donated the trophies for this shoot, with trophies given to the winner and runner-up, as well as three class trophies given by Lewis Class method.

It was crowded at the top of the board, with three shooters registering scores of 91 or higher. Dave Peace took home the top prize with a score of 94, followed by John McGuire and Steve Melovic with 91. John took the runner-up trophy based on the tie-breaker, leaving Steve with the A Class winner's trophy. Three shooters recorded scores of 89, with Jim Monk winning the tie-breaker over Bob Ash and Ralph Nelson to take the B Class trophy. Art Dwight took the C Class trophy with a score of 82.



Left to right: Steve Melovic, John McGuire, Dave Peace, Jim Monk, Art Dwight

Thank you...

For more than 25 years, I have enjoyed the privilege of coming out and shooting at Sportsman's Park. Like many, Sportsman's was found by accident, at a time without real internet, buried within the program guide of the Naperville Park District. I came out and someone offered me a shotgun...

My favorite job at the range has always been working behind the counter. I first volunteered to help out an older member and the result was getting to know my fellow members and meet non-members from the community.

When we were shut in 1998 due to our environmental lawsuit, the outpouring of support from the community instilled a further sense of purpose and with volunteers from the Club, we persevered and won. However, to this day, I still shake my head at how close we nearly came to losing it all.

Steel shot and Bio targets were an unknown combination in 2001. Sportsman's went from shooting a handful of boxes a day to developing a steel shot reloading program. Our trap equipment came 21st Century, replacing the old dinosaurs of mechanical machines with manual hand-buttons to hydraulic machines activated by sound.

The Club experimented with holding "open houses", creating an internet website and scheduling a full roster of ever-changing seasonal programming. Technology allowed us to improve our newsletters, first on paper and then an e-newsletter, badges went from metal pins to laminated plastic.

Growing pains were experienced throughout, and the operation managed to flourish, astounding many... mainly our friendly competitors, who thought we'd never survive with steel shot.

The biggest take-away from Sportsman's has been the friendships made over the years as my shooting will never be remembered for being anything more than average, yet the friendships and our activities of league play, days shoots, sportsman's grill and picnics will stay with me forever.

Years ago, the Board bestowed the honor of "Life Member" and for that I will always be grateful. And, as I depart for warmer surrounding, the nights of shooting in torrential downpours, blizzard conditions, by car headlights in a blackout and in dense fog will firmly remain as classical Sportsman's moments for me.

Thank you, my fellow members, for what you have given to me over these many years...

Jay Spitz
Life Member

Note of Thanks to Jay

Jay,

You were the first member I met after Jon introduced me to you. You sponsored me into the club, got me involved with gun safety training, and steered me into being a range officer. Just to mention a few. You and many of our other club members have been mentors to me these past several years. I always knew I could go to you for your wisdom in special matters. I always enjoyed your company and wish you all the best moving forward.

Be good and be well.
Dave Paulinski

2019 Calendar of Events

January	February	March
Sun, 20 – NSC Doubles league starts*		Sun, 10 – Trapshooting Fundamentals Sun, 17 – NSC Irish Open Thu, 28 – NSC Singles League starts **
April	May	June
Sun, 14 – Trapshooting Fundamentals Sun, 14 – ATA (Naperville – targets only) Sun, 21 – Club Closed - Easter	Sat, 11 – Hunter Safety Field Day Sun, 12 – Club Closed – Mother’s Day	Sun, 9 – ATA (Naperville – targets only) Tue-Sun, 11-16 – Illinois State Shoot Sat, 22 – NSC Member Picnic Thu, 27 – NSC Handicap Championship
July	August	September
Thu, 4 – Club Closed – Independence Day Sun, 14 – Trapshooting Fundamentals Sun, 21 – ATA (Naperville – targets only) Wed, 31 – ATA Grand American Preliminary events	Thur-Sun, 1-4 – ATA Grand American Preliminary events Mon-Sat, 5-10 – ATA Grand American Championship events Sun, 18 – Trapshooting Fundamentals	Sat, 7 – Hunter Safety Field Day Sun, 8 – Trapshooting Fundamentals Thu, 19 – NSC Wobble league starts***
October	November	December
Sun, 6 – ATA (Naperville - trophy shoot) Sun, 6 – Game Cook Sun, 13 – Trapshooting Fundamentals	Thu, 14 – NSC Gobble Wobble Shoot Thu, 28 – Club Closed - Thanksgiving	Sun, 29 – New Year’s Protection Shoot

*-NSC Doubles League – 25 pair of doubles each Sunday for seven weeks, ends March 3

**-NSC Singles League – 50 singles targets each Thursday for eight weeks, ends May 16

***-NSC Wobble League – 50 wobble targets each Thursday for eight weeks, ends November 7

Officers and Board Members

President: Jim Monk

Vice President: Michael Moore

Secretary: Fred Turek

Treasurer: Tom Coleman

Dave Paulinski: Director '19

Jim Chakour: Director '19

Nenad Trichkovski: Director '20

Steve Pfister: Director '20

Charlie Tlapa: Director '21

John McGuire: Director '21

Park District Liaison: David Naydenoff

Newsletter Editor/Publisher: Tom Coleman

Club Information

The Naperville Sportsman's Club

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Board/Member Meetings: 7:30 PM, 2nd Tuesday

Range Information

Sportsman's Park Trap Range

735 S. West Street

Naperville, IL 60566

Clubhouse phone: 630-848-2124

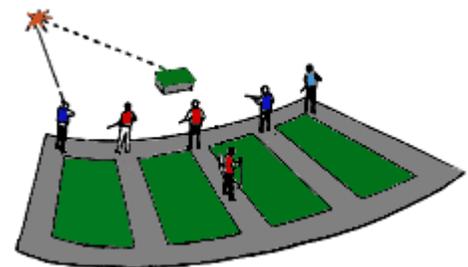
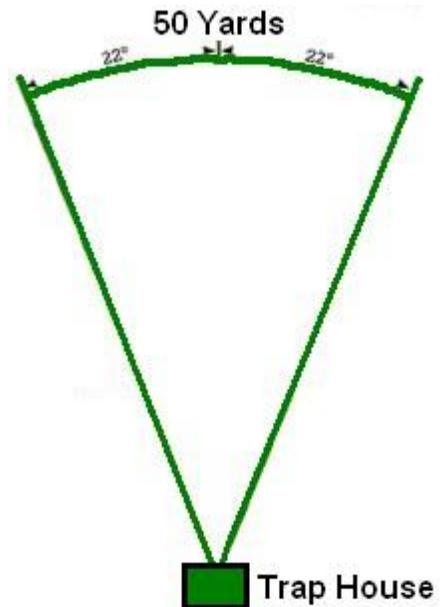
Hours of Operation:

Thursdays: 6:00 – 10:00 PM

Sundays: 12:00 – 6:00 PM. Final Signup at 4:00 PM

Hours are subject to weather and attendance, holidays, and community events

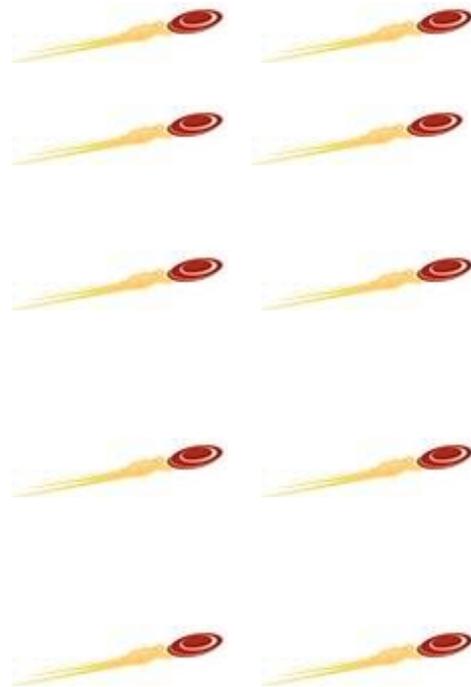
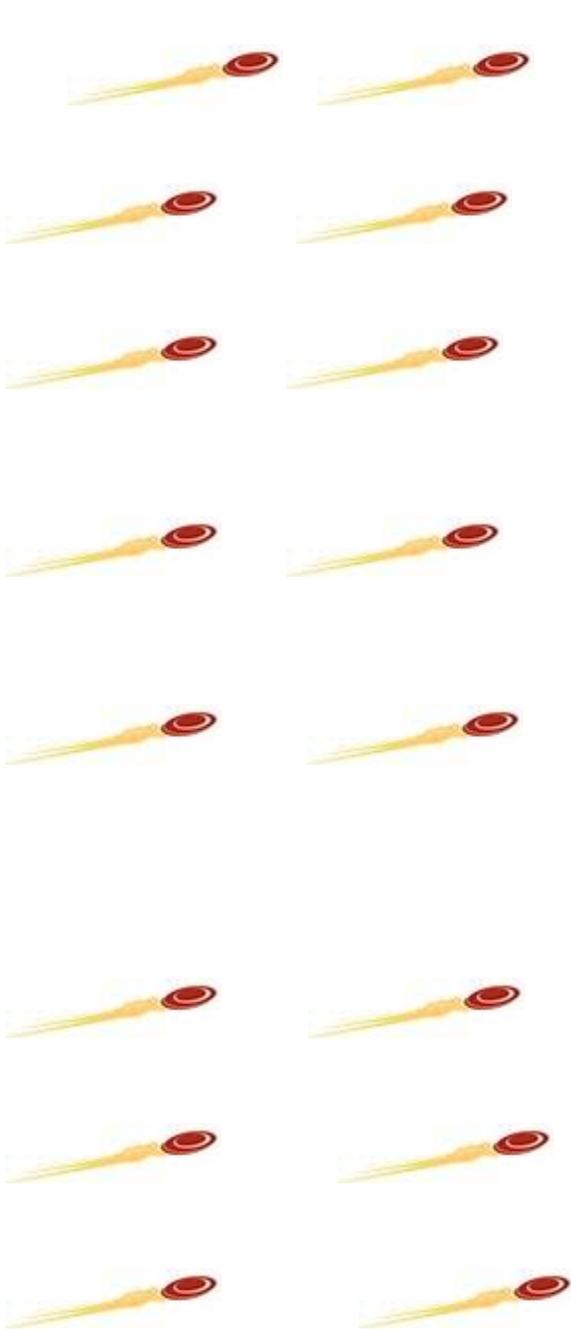
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November 2019

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3 Club Open	4	5	6	7 Club Open	8	9
10 Club Open New Member Orientation	11	12 NSC Board & Member Meeting – 7:30 PM	13	14 Club Open Gobble Wobble	15	16
17 Club Open	18	19	20	21 Club Open	22	23
24 Club Open	25	26	27	28 Club Closed Happy Thanksgiving!	29	30

December 2019

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