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Officers are elected to serve a one-year term and Directors for three years. Officers and Directors are installed at the annual Banquet in January.

President's Message

Our Club

Why do we do what we do? By that I mean, shoot the shotgun sports. Some of us shoot targets, some just hunt and some do both. Some are just rifle/pistol shooters. But no matter what part of the sport you pursue the object is to have fun and enjoy yourself. I just happen to think you have found the best club in the state of Illinois to enjoy your sport. Obviously I am partial to my club and I am never embarrassed to admit that. I have by no means been to all the gun clubs in the country but I have been in a few and I still believe you are a member of one of the finest clubs around. Other clubs may come bigger and finer and fancier but none finer in character than our club.



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February Meeting Highlights

Trap

Spring Trap League starts April 13th. Ends June 1st.
Banquet is June 24th.

Skeet

Skeet League is over. Skeet house has been remodeled.

Sporting Clays

Sporting clays course has been redesigned. League started February 3

Machine Maintenance

Everything is up and running.

Wobble Trap

See page 3

Sportsmen's Activities

Annual banquet had great entertainment, food and a good turnout of members and significant others.

Hunter safety class will be last weekend of April and first weekend of May. Pheasant pen cleanout hunt scheduled for April 2nd. See details on page 4

Unless we get a lot of water in the pond in the next two weeks we won't be ordering fish to stock the pond because of the low levels

Rifle Pistol Range

Bowling pin shoot starts March 4th at 8:30AM

Building/Grounds

Next Work Day - March 25, 2006, 8:00AM

Work project - Splitting logs with log splitter, cleaning house, and general maintenance.

Membership

See page 6. New member Orientation - April 26, 2006
7 - 8:30PM.

ATA

Ladies and Novice Shoot scheduled to introduce people to ATA, May 6th.

Old Business

Front gate has been problematic. Members should not try and fix it. We have a company to service it.

Our Tractor finally died so a "new" used Deere tractor was bought to replace it.

New Business

A motion was made to ban smoking in all roofed structures on club property for 100 years. Motion will be discussed and voted on at the March members meeting.

A suggestion was made that all dogs should be leashed when near the shooting line. There have been instances where dogs have gotten excited at the sound of gunfire and they have run out in front of the firing line causing unsafe conditions for both shooter and dog.

Rifle/Pistol Range Update/Policy

Reminder!!

Members ONLY are allowed to use the Rifle/Pistol Range. Exception: **NEW Policy Change!** Only one guest accompanied by a member on **Saturdays** and Sundays is allowed.

Bowling Pin Shoots

1st Saturday of the Month

April 15th (rescheduled)

Shoots are over for 2005 and will resume in Spring 2006

Action Shoots

Every other month

April 22nd (3 gun)

Rules/Regulations

Registration will be from 8:30AM to 9:00 AM

Mandatory Safety Meeting at 9AM. If you do not attend the safety meeting you will not be able to shoot.

Contact Jeff Johansen at 630-293-3581.

New Rules!

Calibers Allowed on Rifle/Pistol Range

The following types and calibers are currently allowed. Remember, only standard velocity or target loads are allowed.

NO CENTERFIRE RIFLES

NO MAGNUM LOADS OR CALIBERS!

THE NEW .17 CALIBERS ARE NOT ALLOWED!

MUZZLELOADING RIFLES WILL NO LONGER BE

ALLOWED!

Rifle allowed

.22 rimfire - standard velocity or target loads

Shotgun slugs

Pistol allowed

.22 rimfire- standard velocity or target loads

.25 auto .32

.32-20 .380 auto

.38 9mm

.40 Smith&Wesson .44 Smith&Wesson special

.44-40 Winchester .45 GAP

.45 Auto .45 Colt

...Jeff Johansen

Rifle/Pistol Chairman

Public Shooting Hours

Beginning January 1, 2006 thru December 31, 2006

Saint Charles Sportsmen's Club Public Hours

Tuesday 6:00PM - 10:00PM after March 1st, 2006

Thursday 6:00PM - 10:00PM

Saturday 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Sunday 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Wimpy's Wobble Shoots

Registered Wobble Shoots for 2006

St. Charles will enter its third year in offering Registered Wobble Trap Events. We are scheduling four registered Wobble Shoots for this season and planning to host Illinois State Wobble Shoot in August. We had a successful second year, with 12 to 20 participants at each shoot and most importantly a good time.

Wobble Trap is a "poor mans" International Trap where targets come out at a much greater angles and different heights than normal trap targets. A round consists of 25 targets and is shot in the same manner as typical trap. Shooters shoot from the 16 yard line, one shell per target. The target is thrown within 2 seconds of the shooters call for the target. This is a lot of fun and a good challenge for all shooters. I firmly believe it will make you a better trap shooter and improve your concentration.

We need at least five people to participate in these events to make them official registered shoots and shooters need to register 200 targets to be able to participate in the Illinois State Shoot. To be eligible you need to be a member of the Wimpy's Wobble Trap Association. Annual Dues are \$15.00 payable at the event. Our scheduled shoot dates are April 23rd, May 7th, and June 11th. The Illinois State Shoot is scheduled for August 13th. Registration for all shoots will begin at 9:00 a.m. and events will begin at 9:30 a.m. All Registrations will close at 10:30 a.m. Each event will consist of 100 targets. If you have questions about these events please contact Ron Duy (847-697-2893).

For more information on wobble trap check out the website at www.wimpyswobbletrap.com

... Ron Duy
Director & Wobble Trap Chair



Sporting Clays League

Spring Sporting Clays league runs from Feb 4th through April 2nd on the newly designed sporting clays course. - Sign up in the club house and pay at the front desk - divisions for every level of clays enthusiast, including an all new 18 and under Jr division newly added. For add'l information contact Alicia Ragni @ (815) 477 - 8734.

...Alicia Ragni
SCSC member

President's Message *continued...*

To me, character and friendliness are two of the biggest things that make or break a gun club today. The everyday doings of gun club management will soon tell you that it is, for the most part, the staff that will give make a club successful or not. Now, it didn't happen over night, but again, I believe that we have the finest staff you will find anywhere. However, it has been my experience that the friendliness and the character of a good quality staff can literally disappear over night, if left to go astray. It might get by for some time but sooner or later the bad karma of a poorly run club will catch up with you and you will lose shooters, members and money in the bank. The gun club business (and that is what we are) is, after all, a service business. Even member only clubs will not survive poor service and membership will fall away. Of course good trap targets, a user friendly sporting clays course and a well run skeet field contributes to the whole package. I believe that we have successfully put all of these components together. So as we start this New Year I feel that if we stay the course we will continue to enjoy success.

At the annual banquet on Feb 11th I gave, as I have for the past many years, the State of the Club address. Some of the information that I gave included the amount of targets we put in the air this past year and for those of you who were not able to attend, that figure is 1,572,853. This figure includes Trap Skeet and Sporting Clays. It is an impressive amount of targets for any club. I said to Jeff Recob (our target supplier) that we will try to do better in 2006. Can we? Time will tell, however I believe that we can. With your support any thing is possible. Hope to see all of you at the club soon. Remember to share your passion for the shooting sports, and enjoy your club.

...Bob Scherf
President

Member Spotlight

25 Straight!

Congratulations to AIM members Laura Andersen and Mark Creedon. Laura shot her first 25 straight at the Jack Rabbit shoot at Glen Ridge representing SCSC. Mark shot his first 25 straight last night at SCSC in skeet.

Great shooting and congratulations

...Cindy Gaffney
SCSC Member

ST. CHARLES SPORTSMEN'S CLUB ATA REGISTERED SHOOT SCHEDULE



DATE	DAY	EVENT
5/6	Saturday	Ladies & Novice Shoot
5/20	Saturday	Target Only
6/4	Sunday	Bob Sommers Memorial Shoot
6/12 – 6/18	Mon – Sun	Illinois State Shoot
7/9	Sunday	Illini Indians Zone Championship
9/9 – 9/10	Sat – Sun	Northern Illinois Zone Shoot

2006

Pheasant Pen CleanOut

Fun Program

The first "Pheasant Pen Cleanout" will be held on Sunday, April 2nd, 2006 at 9:00AM in the morning.

The purpose of the cleanout is to empty the pens at the end of the hunting year. This event is open to all members, probationary members and their families. Those of you who did not sign up for the hunting program will be charged \$20 per shooter.

A cost of \$10.00 per bird will be applied to all birds. Members of the hunting program may use their bird tags at this shoot and other tags will be available.

This will be a fun shoot, with only your ability to hit birds and your dog's ability to find birds on display. A plaque will be purchased and hung in the clubhouse and the winner's name and the dog's name will be put on the plaque for all to see.

If you don't have a dog, come out anyway. Someone with a dog may not have a partner, or maybe a handler and dog can be found. If you think this sounds like fun then come on out.

Shootout Rules

1. 2 man teams. Comprised of members or member and family
2. 1 dog allowed per team. We will try to run dogs only once during the shoot. Dogs may be worked up in other fields but may not interfere with contest.

3. Time limit is 30 minutes or until all 6 birds are in hand. Bonus for unused minutes will not start until all 6 birds are in hand.

4. 12 shots per team. All unused shells at end of time will be counted for bonus.

5. When birds are in hand, or 30 minutes have elapsed, dogs will be leashed. This is to prevent them from finding or flushing other birds in the field that weren't counted. A penalty will be assessed for birds flushed after the team has finished.

Points

10 points for each bird

3 points for each unused shell

3 points for each unused minute after 6th bird is in hand.

...Ed Spearing
Director



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HELP WANTED

Earn Club Work Hours

**Member(s) Needed For
Projects
Club Work Day
See club calendar
Time 8AM - 12PM**

**Contact:
Dan Vosecky**



2006 Important Dates

St. Patrick's Day	3/17/2006
Recob's Target Shop	3/18/2006
Spring Begins	3/20/2006
AIM Member's Meeting	3/20/2006
Club Work Day	3/25/2006
AIM Iron Woman/Iron Man Event	4/8/2006
SCSC Directors/Members Meeting	4/10/2006
Spring Trap League Starts	4/13/2006
Easter (Club Closed)	4/16/2006
Club Work Day	4/29/2006
ATA Ladies/Novice Shoot	5/6/2006
SCSC Directors/Members Meeting	5/8/2006
Club Work Day	5/13/2006
Recob's Target Shop	5/20/2006
Spring Trap League Ends	6/1/2006
Spring Trap League Banquet	6/24/2006
Club Work Day	6/24/2006
Recob's Target Shop	7/8/2006
Club Work Day	7/8/2006
AIM Charity Shoot	8/6/2006
Club Work Day	8/26/2006
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Membership Update

The renewal period has ended. Your renewal stickers (to be placed on your ID badge) will be at the front desk starting March 13th.

Thanks to all the members who completed their renewals in an efficient, cheerful manner.

Please spread the word that the newsletter and important information is now only being sent by email. We do not use your email address for anything else and do not distribute your email to anyone.

Next new member orientation is April 26 from 7 - 8:30PM.

New Members Voted In

Doug Anderson	John C. Moskal
Brian Faltz	Bud Bocker
Mark Garbarz	

New Probationary Members

Ron Barnaba	Philip Lasurda
Vito DiPietra	Tim Manders
Norm Dohe	William Timothy Pearn
Mark Ferraro	Rich Rundle
Steve Grebner	Craig Schnur
Charles (Tom) Hale	Bryan Schoewe
Robert Howicz	James Stephens
David Lien	

Good shooting everyone!

...*Laura Andersen, Andrea Ema, Director & Membership Chair*
Cindy Gaffney, Membership Co-Chairs

Newsletter Update

Deadline for articles for the April newsletter is **March 25th**. Send items or photos of interest to news@saintcharles-sc.org.

Please note. We have discontinued printing and mailing the newsletter to members because of the high cost of printing and stamps. Members may access the newsletter by getting the on-line version from the SCSC website or there will be a limited number of copies available for pickup at the club. Members must provide an e-mail address to the Membership Chair in order to be sent an e-mail with a link directly to the newsletter.

...*Rosemary Jendras*
Newsletter Editor

NRA Basics of Personal Protection

Classes Offered

St. Charles Sportsman's Club will offer the Official NRA Class Basics of Personal Protection in the Home to members and friends of SCSC next Spring. The class will be taught by Chuck Sizer, Chuck Dobra and Laura Andersen and will be limited to 12 students.

Dates:	April 23 & April 30, 2006
Location:	SCSC Clubhouse
Equipment Needed:	Any pistol, ear & eye protection
Ammunition:	100 rounds
Sign up:	Call 708-308-8903 or e-mail csizer@comcast.net
Cost:	\$50 for members \$100 for non-members

...*Chuck Dobra*

Shooting Tips

FOID Backlog

There has been a lot of news about the back log for F.O.I.D. applications with the Illinois State Police. To avoid any unnecessary anxiety over a delayed FOID card people should consider renewing 6 months in advance of their expiration date.

Also there are two bills in the state legislature that relate to the F.O.I.D. card system. These bills are HB4529 which allows the applicant to sue the state police if the card is not processed within 30 days and SB2963 which seeks to repeal the F.O.I.D. system.

Please contact your local state legislators. Go to www.isra.org/links to find contact info on your local legislator. Call him/her and let them know where you stand.

Contributed by

...*Jeff Johansen*
Rifle/Pistol Chair

Editor's Note

Due to technical and logistical problems the past few newsletters have not been completed in a timely manner. I would like to apologize to those who have/had time sensitive material in the newsletter. I hope that the problem will be resolved soon and that the newsletter will be back on schedule. Thank you for your patience.

...*Rosemary Jendras*
Editor

Special Notice to Members

Illegal Calibers Found

There have been illegal caliber shells found at the Rifle/Pistol range. This is an ongoing problem which has forced the Board to take action. Any illegal caliber shell that is found at the range in the future shall force the closure of the Rifle/Pistol Range for 30 days. Know the rules! Any caliber handgun (NO MAGNUM LOADS) and only rimfire and black powder rifles are allowed. Members, if you see someone using illegal loads please tell them to stop and/or report the violation to the Board. It takes only one stray bullet that leaves the confines of the club and only one or two people who don't believe in following the rules to take away the privileges of the rest of the responsible members. Please don't let that happen. Be aware of what your neighbor is doing on the range.

...Bob Scherf
President

Letter To Members & Non Members

This Letter is to inform you that any MEMBER or NON-MEMBER found trying to move or fix any of the Trap Machines, will be brought up before the Board. We now have a Maintenance Committee who will take care of any problems. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter!

...Frank Kubica
Director / Machine Maintenance

Shooting Time Limit

Shooting MUST STOP on all ranges by 10:00PM sharp. Anyone caught violating this regulation will be brought before the board. We need to maintain a good neighbor policy with the surrounding development of new housing and neighbors. Right now we voluntarily stop shooting at 10PM as a courtesy. If we start getting too many complaints, the town of Elburn may be forced to mandate that shooting must stop at 10PM which could be the beginning of many more restrictions down the road. We certainly don't want that!

Be a good neighbor!

...Bob Scherf
President

Two Shell Rule

Club Rules states that a maximum of only TWO Shotgun shells are allowed to be used in a shotgun on club property while shooting Sporting Clays, Skeet, or Doubles Trap. Violators will be brought before the Board.

The ONLY exception is during special sanctioned club events.

...Bob Scherf
President

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