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

President's Message

Reputations

Do you like sayings or adages? Such as words of wisdom or something witty that someone said that continues to stick around because it is appealing to everyone? Some are OK but some are just words that someone made up to sound good at the moment.

However, I saw one that got my attention.

"You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do."

I like it because it's true, and it applies to our everyday lives. If you think about it, we are our words and our reputation. Our club's reputation is excellent. New members continue to join our club because they want to belong to a club that has a positive reputation.

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April Meeting Highlights

Trap

April 19 is start of Trap league. Postcards have been sent out to announce it. Targets were delivered April 10.

Skeet

Looking at controlling the environmental impact.

Sporting Clays

Everything is working.

Machine Maintenance

One machine is down.

Wobble Trap

See dates for wobble trap on page 3

Sportsmen's Activities

Pheasant committee for 2007 appointed. Andy Kiehl, Don Barliss, Dean Perle, Carol Vosecky

Hunter Safety Class is full. Dick's Sporting Goods donated ammo for live shoot

NRA convention in St. Louis on weekend of April 13.

ISRA gun owners lobby day had good support

Pheasant report - season ends April 15. March 13 clean up had 16 teams

Lake - plenty of trout. Limit 2/day per member

Rifle Pistol Range

See schedule to right. Non-members will be charged \$5 to shoot

Building/Grounds

Workday - April 28. Upcoming jobs - Working on pheasant pen. Bring gloves, electric drill, ladders. Trap doors need to be replaced on trap houses

Membership

See page 3.

ATA

1st ATA shoot on May 5th.

Wobble

May 12 is first wobble shoot. 100 target event

Old Business

Boy Scout Troop 23 that camped on March 16 were model citizens. New troop is camping weekend of 13th.

Environmental report - We are following Environmental Stewardship Plan that has been in place since 2005. 2 new people were added to committee. A soil management engineer and a senior environmental engineer

Club audit - met with accounting firm in Chicago on March 30

New Business

Polish coalition scheduled trap shooting days.

Frank would like to purchase 2 new sporting clays machines not to exceed \$12,000 to replace machines in towers.

Elburn Chamber of Commerce to have After Hours event at St. Charles.

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

April 7
May 5
June 2
July 7

August 4
September 1
October 6
November 3

Action Shoots

April 21
June 16
August 18
October 20

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.

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!

NO INLINE STYLE MUZZLE LOADING RIFLES

Rifles allowed

Air Rifles Shotgun slugs

.22 rimfire - standard velocity or target loads

Caplock and Flintlock type black powder rifles and pistols, firing round ball projectiles.

Pistol allowed

.22 rimfire- standard velocity or target loads

Caplock or flintlock type black powder pistols

.25 auto .32 Air Rifles

.32-20 .380 auto .38

9mm .45 Auto .45 Colt

.40 Smith&Wesson .44 Smith&Wesson special

.44-40 Winchester .45 GAP

EYE AND EAR PROTECTION ARE MANDATORY!

Junior members must be accompanied by a sponsor or an adult member.

...Jeff Johansen

Rifle/Pistol Chairman

Public Shooting Hours

Beginning January 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2007

Saint Charles Sportsmen's Club Public Hours

Tuesday 6:00PM - 10:00PM after March 6th, 2007

Thursday 6:00PM - 10:00PM

Saturday 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Sunday 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Membership Update

2007 renewal stickers (to be placed on your ID badge) have been mailed. If you have not received your sticker or need a new member card please contact membership at

SCSC Membership
P.O. Box 325
St. Charles, IL 60174

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 - TBA
There were 5 new members voted in.

New Members Voted In

Bill Carlson
Jay Carlson
Kris Krohn
Tim Manders
Kenneth W. Swanson

New Probationary Members

Mariusz Szczepanik
Edward Reilly, Jr.
Guy Lockhart
Joe DeJure
James T. Townsley
Good shooting everyone!

...*Andrea Ema, Director & Membership Chair*
Carol Vorecky, Asst. Membership Chair



Wobble Trap

2007 Schedule

Wobble shooting returns! Dates for shoots are as scheduled below. Shooters interested in participating in the State Wobble shoot in September must shoot 200 targets before the state shoot to be eligible. Several dates have been provided so that shooters may achieve that goal.

May 12	100 targets
June 9	100 targets
June 26	50 target night shoot
July 12	50 target night shoot
August 4	100 targets
September 29	200 bird state shoot

...*Matt Erion*
Wobble Trap Chair

President's Message *continued...*

We are also blessed with a convenient location. But it is our reputation that continues to draw new members into our club. This is something we can be proud of but we must also be vigilant about maintaining that reputation.

What does this say about our club? It says we have the right mix of good management, good planning and good people. Our staff is the envy of many clubs because we are frequently asked where we find such a high caliber of good people. I hope this makes you feel proud of your club because I certainly am. Another thing that makes me proud is that for the first time in our history our club will be hosting the Elburn Chamber of Commerce After Hours Open House. This means that all the Chamber members and many local business people will be visiting our club. This is a hugely positive opportunity to showcase our club and tell our story to the Elburn business community. We have been members of the Elburn Chamber of Commerce for many years and this is the first time we have been asked to host this event. It will be held on May 16th from 5:00 to 7:00PM. If you have a chance, stop in and say hello to everyone in attendance and give them an opportunity to get to know us better and appreciate us as neighbors.

Also, in early March, I was contacted by the event planner for the construction company that is building the new Cabela's store in Hoffman estates. They had heard of our fine club and checked out our website. They would like to hold a sporting clays event in September or October for the vendors of the new Cabela's store and the opening of the new store. This will be their first store in Illinois. This is another exciting opportunity for our club and is a direct result of our reputation as a fine shooting facility. I will keep you informed about the actual date of the event. It doesn't get any more exciting than this.

Finally, take a moment to ponder another old adage,
*"It takes longer to create something
than it does to destroy it."*

Let's not get too complacent about our successes. We must continue to build our reputation for the future.

Remember to share your sport and bring a friend to the club. God bless America. Hope to see you all shooting.

...*Bob Scherf*
President





ST. CHARLES SPORTSMEN'S CLUB ATA REGISTERED SHOOT SCHEDULE



2007 SHOOT DATES

May 5th	Ladies Novice, Jr./Sub Jr. Shoot
May 19th	Targets Only Shoot
June 3rd	Bob Sommers Memorial Shoot
July 15th	Illini Indian Shoot
October 7th	Elburn Fall Classic Money Shoot

ATA Shoot Volunteer Needs

The SCSC ATA Program welcomes and can always utilize volunteer efforts by Club members. We welcome both volunteers who can work a few hours as well as those who want to make a longer term commitment to this successful Club activity.

Over the years we have developed a knowledgeable group of members who work every shoot. We are always interested in new additions to this staff, members who wish to learn and carry out the various functions involved in a registered shoot. Please understand that this effort involves several long days of work and once begun requires training and the development of experience that we are unable to do time and again, thus we need volunteers who can be counted on for a continuing series of shoots.

In addition to longer term volunteers and the work opportunities listed below, a person is needed to handle the work at home distribution of prize payout checks for the 6/3, 7/15, and 10/7 shoots. The ability to pick up materials and deliver the completed work for mailing is necessary for this assignment.

For further information on all of these opportunities please contact Cle Rector at 630 784-9655 or cle.k80@sbcglobal.net.

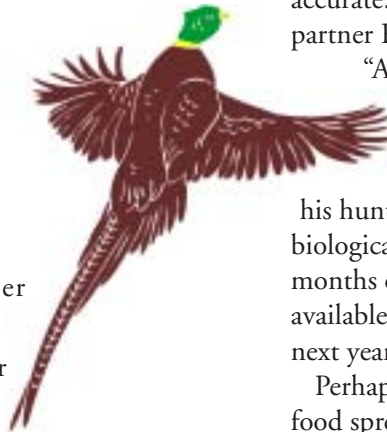
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Pheasant Hunt

Results

- 1st Erik Nowacki and Robert Osowski
4 birds 4 shots 4min 30 sec.
- 2nd Harold Wright and partner
4 birds 4 shots 15 min.
- 3rd Ken Lee and partner
4 birds 4 shots 17 min.
- 4th Brian Flannigan and Andy Keil
4 birds 4 shots 19 min.
- 5th Brad Lepoudre and Paul Syslo
4 birds 8 shots 30 min.
- 6th Jay Carlson and Bob Burd
3 birds 4 shots 30 min.
- 7th Alan Davis and Bob Howicz
3 birds 6 shots 30 min
- 8th Bill Carlson and partner
2 birds 2 shots 30 min.
Don Barlass and partner
2 birds 2 shots 30 min.
Scott Hinrich and Steve Grebner
2 birds 2 shots 30 min.
- 11th Mark Dachota and partner
2 birds 3 shots 30 min
- 12th Jack adn Steve Domingo
2 birds 5 shots 25 min.
- 13th Dean Perle and partner
1 bird 2 shots 30 min.
Jeff Johansen and Eugene Doetch
1 bird 2 shots 30 min.
- 14th Quentin Hasse and Carol Vosecky
1 bird 4 shots 30 min.



I hope everyone had some fun, the weather could have been better, but with the days forecast I think we got lucky. We saw some great dog work, the most impressive from Robert Osowski's BLOODHOUND! Come on, all you pointer and setter guys! I'm glad I left mine home! Anyway, I'm looking forward to next season.

I'd like to thank all those who helped, these things are much easier when everyone pitches in. Alan and Bob, thanks so much for the food you did a great job, thanks again.

Have a nice summer and I'll see you at the club.

...Dave Haney

The 2006/2007 Hunting Program

Comes to a Close

Our hunting program officially ends on April 15th. Hunting activity accelerated after our cold February and the cover on our new property has held up well under both hunter pressure and significant snowfall. We look forward to providing a final report of our hunting season in May.

Our 2nd Annual "Shoot-Out" was held on March 31st and saw 15 teams compete for the coveted honor of being the fastest team to take 4 pheasants. Of course we count shots as well and the team that wins must be both fast and accurate. The 2006/2007 winner is Arik Nowicki and his partner Robert Osowski. With their trusty bloodhound

"Avy" they were able to take 4 pheasants in a remarkable 4 minutes and 30 seconds with only 4 shots !!! This feat is yet more amazing as Avy, once released from the kennel and starting

his hunt, took a 30 second kennel point to address biological matters !!! May I mention that Avy is 16 months old and weighs a mere 140 pounds and available for stud service for those wishing to compete next year !!!

Perhaps the true highlight of our hunt was the amazing food spread provided by Alan Davis and Bob Horwicz. These guys can cook !!! We were treated to fried donuts and coffee to get started and then brats, Italian sausage, baked beans and chili for lunch. I am not sure we ever stopped eating ???

A special thanks to Dave Haney for his coordination of this event. We managed to hunt 15 teams without falling behind schedule. Again, thanks to Alan and Bob for their cooking and a final thank you to those members who showed up to provide judging and bird release support. We had a great time and look forward to the "Shoot-Out" next year.

A survey has been mailed to all hunting participants this year. Please take a moment to provide us your thoughts as next year's committee will use this feedback. Finally, please mark your calendar on **May 21st @ 7:30 PM SCSC Club House**. We will be presenting a final report of our hunting season, survey results, organizing a new committee and prioritizing improvements for next year's program. If you plan to hunt next year, you don't want to miss this meeting!!!

...Brian Flannigan
Pheasant Committee

ATA Volunteer Needs *continued from page 4*

Day/Date	Shoot	Shift	Skills/Capabilities	Activities
Saturday, May 19th	Targets Only	8:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Breathing & Mobile	Field Prep & Clerical
Sunday, June 3 rd	Bob Sommers Shoot	Shift I 7:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Breathing & Mobile	Field Prep
		Shift II 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Breathing & Mobile. Opportunities for those with restricted mobility also available	Field Prep, Clerical & Prize Supervision
		Shift III 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Breathing & Mobile. Opportunities for those with restricted mobility also available	Clerical & Prize Supervision
		Prior Pick Up and 8:00 AM Delivery	Car and ability to “manhandle” 20 pound drinking water coolers.	Pick up coolers at Club before the shoot, buy ice, fill coolers at home and delivery to the Club Sunday morning
Sunday, July 15th	Ilini Indian Shoot	Shift I 7:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Breathing & Mobile	Field Prep
		Shift II 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Breathing & Mobile. Opportunities for those with restricted mobility also available	Field Prep, Clerical & Prize Supervision
		Shift III 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Breathing & Mobile. Opportunities for those with restricted mobility also available	Clerical & Prize Supervision
		Prior Pick Up and 8:00 AM Delivery	Car and ability to “manhandle” 20 pound drinking water coolers	Pick up coolers at Club before the shoot, buy ice, fill coolers at home and delivery to the Club Sunday morning
Sunday, October 7 th	Elburn Fall Classic Money Shoot	Shift I 7:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Breathing & Mobile	Field Prep
		Shift II 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Breathing & Mobile. Opportunities for those with restricted mobility also available	Field Prep, Clerical & Prize Supervision
		Shift III 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Breathing & Mobile. Opportunities for those with restricted mobility also available	Clerical & Prize Supervision
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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

NOTICE!

IT HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CLUB ATTORNEY THAT CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY HAS OCCURRED ON THE SPORTING CLAYS RANGE. IT APPEARS THAT AN INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS HAVE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION CUT THE CORDS THAT RUN TO OUR TRAP MACHINES.

IF ANYONE HAS INFORMATION WHICH WOULD LEAD TO THE ARREST AND PROSECUTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS CRIME OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, YOU MAY REPORT THIS TO ME AT THE ADDRESS APPEARING BELOW.

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2007 Important Dates

Ladies Novice, Jr. ATA Shoot	5/5/2007
Bowling Pin Shoot	5/5/2007
Wobble Trap	5/12/2007
SCSC Board/Member Meeting	5/14/2007
Elburn Chamber of Commerce event	5/16/2007
Recob's Target Shop	5/19/2007
ATA Targets Only Shoot	5/19/2007
Club Work Day	5/26/2007
Bob Sommers Memorial ATA Shoot	6/3/2007
DeKalb County Farm Bureau	6/9/2007
Wobble Trap	6/9/2007
SCSC Board/Member Meeting	6/11/2007
Wobble Trap	6/26/2007
Club Work Day	6/30/2007
Wobble Trap	7/12/2007
Club Work Day	7/14/2007
Illini Indian ATA Shoot	7/15/2007
Wobble Trap	8/4/2007
Wobble Trap State Championship	9/29/2007
Elburn Fall Classic Money Shoot	10/7/2007



Bowling Pin Shoot

Results April 7th event

These are the results from the April 7th Bowling Pin Match. 10 shooters participated.

Main Event

- 1st place Dave T.
- 2nd place Jeff J.
- 3rd place Mark G.
- 4th place Bill F.

.22 Caliber Event

- 1st place Jeff J.
- 2nd place Eugene D.
- 3rd place Dave T.
- 4th place Tom L.

Our next Bowling Pin shoot will be on Saturday, May 5th.

Results May 5th event

There were 15 competitors today with a lot of Bowling Pins flying off the tables.

Main Event

- 1st Mike H.
- 2nd Jeff J.
- 3rd David T.
- 4th Jim T.

.22 event

- 1st Jeff J.
- 2nd Harry H.
- 3rd Dave T.
- 4th Jeff T.

I also found a Black Hooded sweatshirt. Call me if it is yours. Jeff 630-293-3581



Action Shoot

Results April 22nd event

Below are the results from our Action shoot. There were 8 competitors and a lot of challenging targets.

- | | | |
|------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1st. place | Chris P. | 77.28 seconds |
| 2nd. place | Eugene D. | 106.11 |
| 3rd. place | Jeff J. | 131.44 |
| 4th. place | Mike C. | 139.96 |
| 5th. place | John B. | 164.56 |
| 6th. place | John L. | 245.79 |
| 7th. place | Norb T. | 317.57 |

...Jeff Johansen
Rifle/Pistol Range



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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! Only handgun calibers on the posted list (NO MAGNUM LOADS). Caplock and Flintlock type black powder rifles and pistols, firing round ball projectiles and rimfire .22 rifles are allowed. (NO Inline style back powder guns are allowed because of their higher velocity.) 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 Kulica
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

MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

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Newsletter Update

Deadline for articles for the June issue are due before May 18th. Please send photos of interest to news@scsconline.org.

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...Rosemary Jendras
Newsletter Editor



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