



MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER April 2010

WEATHER NOT IN THE NEWS

Do you realize that we've made it through March and half of April without losing shooting time to a flood?! Last year we lost many days and revenue because of flooding. Keep your fingers crossed and maybe this year we will not face shutdown due to high water. Just in case, if you would like to join the list of members who have already volunteered to move equipment in case of a flood, please contact Sonny.

A NEW FACE AT THE CLUB

If you haven't been to the Club recently, you haven't met Mary Carroll. Mary was hired to help run the counter on a part-time basis. She will be working on Wednesday nights and on occasional weekends. Next time you are by, say hi to Mary.

SHOOTING NEWS

- **TRAP**

Dozens of trap shooters endured bad weather conditions on the first registered shoot of the season, held on March 28. Showing more fortitude than I would, more than 70 shooters filled the Club's fields for this event. A notable aspect of this event was the number of young shooters in attendance. They are the future of the sport and the Club is looking into every aspect of growing participation by high school and college students in the shooting sports. Thanks to Jim Duschsher, Pat and Joyce Couch and everyone else involved with running the shoot.

If I read the shoot results properly, the winners include:

Singles: Logan Napoli, Junior Champ (99)
Rebekah Lowen, Sub Junior Champ (95)
Doubles: Trevoe Shockley, Junior Champ (88)
Handicap: Jeffrey Lee Payne, Champion (98)
Trevor Shockley, Junior Champ (90)

Pictures from the shoot thanks to John Napoli.

Some waited outside in the rain...



...some took refuge in the pavilion...



and the young just went out and shot.



Thanks to all who braved the elements!

Tim Earny called to my attention to recent actions in the Missouri House of Representatives and I want to share it with you. On March 25 Representative Mark Parkinson (R-St. Charles) and four co-sponsors introduced House Concurrent Resolution 76. This resolution encourages local school boards in every district of the state to promote and include trapshooting as a recognized high school sport. While concurrent resolutions are not law-changing legislation, they are used to indicate support for various interests. Members should, where and when possible, support this effort to increase youth involvement in shooting. Many colleges and universities now offer scholarships to students on their shooting teams. Raising awareness of this fact can only help expand the ranks of trap shooters. If you'd like more information about the resolution or wish to commend Rep. Parkinson for his action, you can email him at Mark.Parkinson@house.mo.gov, or you can reach him at 573-751-2949.

NOTE CHANGE IN TRAP CALENDAR: The registered shoot for April 25th has been moved up a week to April 18th. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but a heretofore unforeseen schedule conflict requires this change.

- **SKEET**

The skeet league is up and running. If you are shooting in the league, **PLEASE** make sure that you have a floater score on file or, if you know you'll be away, a pre-shoot score. Some teams are coming up short of the 5-scores needed per week. And, if you haven't paid your dues yet, please get them to me or to Bob Rowlands.

We have had our first "fun" shoot of the season. (See picture below.) Like our trap brethren we endured harsh climate and, well, actually, it was 70 degrees, sunny and a mild breeze. The outcome of the random draw put the teams of Larry Henges/Brain Hayek and John Napoli/Kevin Kovarik on top, each with a combined score of 93. They split the \$100 pot. And for those who shot a gourmet lunch of dogs and brats ended an enjoyable morning of shooting. Thanks to all who participated!



John Napoli, Ed Boyd, Pat Couch and Gail Dougherty (l to r) set for the first round of the fun shoot.

Looking ahead, the first registered skeet shoot is scheduled for May 15. More information will be provided in the future.

- **SPORTING CLAYS (and 5-Stand)**

John Butler is again running the Thursday night 5-stand derby. If you have never shot 5-stand come out and give it a try. Two-man teams are formed at random so you might end up with a partner that busted them all even if you didn't. For a \$25 nightly fee, you get two rounds and dogs and brats (notice a pattern here?) following shooting. Check out the website for more information or contact John.

The Josh Brown-Adam Wainright charity shoot (see website for flyer) is set to happen. Scheduled for Friday, April 16, we are hoping for sunny weather and a good crowd. Remember, the Club is closed that day to accommodate the charity shoot. I will have pictures and stories in the next newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP

I am a broken record on this, but please try to make sure to you renew your membership. You should receive a reminder in the mail when your membership expires. You also should be getting a call from a Board member if it has lapsed. As a reminder, **lapsed members are not required to pay the initiation fee when they renew.**

To those members who just don't shoot enough to justify a membership, remember that you are always welcome at the Club. Even if you have become a "public" shooter by deciding not to renew your membership, you will always be part of the Club. Don't be a stranger.

DID YOU KNOW...

The St. Louis Skeet and Trap was originally called the Riverside Gun Club. In 1932 a group of sportsmen, headed by George A. Hampton, located a section of land on the Missouri River near Gumbo to house the club. Articles of agreement were drawn up by the Board of Directors selected from this group. In 1933 the first officers and directors of the Board were chosen to guide the Club, which was officially incorporated in 1934. The first President of the Board of Directors was Mr. M. H. Alexander.

CLUB WEBSITE

Please make sure to check out the Club's website for information about upcoming events. We will try to make sure than any change in event dates or particulars get posted as quickly as possible.

Respectfully submitted: Rik Hafer