



MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER August 2010

SOME IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS, RE DEUX

Membership initiation fee waived until December 31

As a reminder, the \$150 initiation fee for new members is being waived for everyone who joins before December 31 of this year. This offer is made to encourage new membership, especially in this down economic time. For those members who joined the Club in 2010 and paid the \$150 initiation fee, the Club offers you a 20-round shoot card. Please see the Manager to claim your card. Please contact anyone who might be interested in joining to take advantage of this deal.

Price change clarification

We wish to clarify our pricing policy regarding firearms purchased from the Club. For any gun purchased at the Club, the member price is *cost plus 6% plus sales tax*. For any non-member, the price is *cost plus 12% plus tax*. Just one more reason to be a member! For a gun purchased and transferred through the Club, the transfer fee is \$35 for members and non-members alike.

SAVE THE DATES REMINDER

September 10-12

On September 10-12 the instruction team of Gil and Vicki Ash will hold shooting classes. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone, beginner or advanced shooter alike. The instructional day runs from 8:30 - 4:30/5:00, with about an hour for lunch (everyone provides their own). The cost of this exciting opportunity is a bargain at only \$385 for a full day of instruction. If you'd like more information about Gil and Vicki, their methods, and just how in-demand they are, check out their website at <http://www.ospschool.com>. *The available spots are filling up, so do not wait to register.*

SHOOTING NEWS

• TRAP

I received this information too late for the July newsletter, but I wanted to make sure that they received their due recognition.

The Gateway Claybusters had an outstanding showing at the International Trap National Championships that were held July 2-6 in Colorado Springs, CO. Top honors went to

Peter Fritz who took National Champion in C Class; to Andy Orf who took third place in C Class; and to Nick Scholz who took National Champion for shooters under age 15.

Congratulations from the Board and the members of St. Louis Skeet and Trap to these shooters and to everyone else (especially those parents!) who supports this team. Way to go!!

The monthly trap shoot is scheduled for August 22.

- **SKEET**

The Club hosted the 47th Annual St. Louis Open skeet tournament on July 17th. More than two dozen shooters endured the July heat to post some equally hot scores. Using the newer 50-bird format, shooters completed a four-gun program during this one-day event. When all the smoke cleared, Jeff Nichols took High Overall Champion with a score of 196 out of 200. The Barnard family also made their presence known. Dad JB took the AA1 title with a 193 and son James III the class C championship with his 182.

The winners, by gauge and class were:

12 gauge

Jeff Nichols CH (50)
JB Barnard AA1 (49)
Richard Rapp B1 (49)
Cap Kovarik C1 (49)
Bob Barker D1 (45)
Sam Shinkle E1 (47)

28 gauge

Jeff Nichols CH (50)
JB Barnard AA1 (48)
Nick Garst B1 (49)
Bob Barker C1 (45)
Spencer Marsden D1 (38)

20 gauge

JB Barnard CH (49)
Jeff Nichols AA1 (48)
Nick Garst A1 (47)
Bill Dowers B1 (47)
Chuck Pauley C! (48)
Cap Kovarik D1 (45)

.410

Jeff Nichols CH (48)
JB Barnard AA1 (47)
James Barnard III B1 (43)
Nancy Rodney C1 (45)
Bob Barker D1 (43)

HOA

Jeff Nichols CH (196)
JB Barnard AA1 (193)
Nick Garst B1 (185)
James Barnard III C1 (182)
Terry Grzina E1 (165)

Thanks to all the participants and to the winners. And a very special thanks to Michael Rodney for running the shoot, as always without a hitch!

- **SPORTING CLAYS**

We have a number of late-summer and fall shoots coming up on the sporting clays range. Many of these are fun shoots that are open to anyone interested. For example, on September 18 the Club will host a Ducks Unlimited Fall Tune-Up event. For \$50 per

person you get 100 sporting clays, lunch and you will be donating to a cause that has supported wildlife and wetlands conservation for many years. Check the webpage and your email inbox for more notices about this and other future events.

The next registered sporting clays shoot is scheduled for August 15. Check at the Club for details.

THE ST. LOUIS SKEET AND TRAP CORPORATE PARTNER PROGRAM

In the last few newsletters I have discussed the Club's new Corporate Partner Program. The objectives of the program are to increase member and non-member awareness of your business, and to raise funds that will help ensure continued investment in infrastructure and programs offered by the Club.

The program is up and running! You will notice new signage around the grounds of those who have stepped up to become the first sponsors in this important program. And we are discussing the program with more potential sponsors.

As a reminder, the Corporate Partner Program calls for three partner levels. The **Gold Partner** is available for \$1,000; the **Silver Partner** is available for \$500; and the **Bronze Partner** is available for \$250. Each level of support carries with it benefits that includes signage around the Club, and may include a prominent link to your company's website in our "Corporate Partner" section on the Club. Check out the webpage and see the current sponsors' logos.

If you or your friends and business associates who might be interested in the program, please contact the co-chairs of the Marketing Committee, Board members Mark Johnson or Karl Schoenbeck at the email addresses listed on the website.

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

Where were you? Okay, so it thundered and there was lightening. But it cleared by noon and those who did attend not only had great weather for shooting but also polished off the hotdogs and brats!

The Board is looking at future dates to reschedule this important day for our members. We are looking at October, so watch the September newsletter for more information.

INFORMATION NEEDED

If there is some event you'd like to have mentioned or a singular achievement that you think needs recognition, please pass the information along to me and I will get it in the newsletter. If you do not inform me, I cannot include it. C'mon folks, help me out a little!

Respectfully submitted: Rik Hafer

