



MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER February 2011

YOUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the January 17, 2011 Board meeting the new Board members were seated. At this meeting the Officers also were elected by the Board. The new Board members beginning 2011 are J.B. Barnard, Cap Kovarik and Mark Thompson. The Officers are Jack Whittle, President; Carter Finnell, Vice-President; J.B. Barnard, Treasurer; and Cap Kovarik, Secretary.

The Board continues to make a committed effort to improve your experience at the Club. In the coming year you will see more shoots, registered and non-registered, at the Club. The Big Johnson, coming up on February 27th is just one example. But the Board cannot do it all alone: It will take volunteers from amongst the Club's membership. For ways to help with a shoot or with other events at the Club, do not hesitate to contact a Board member. Their contact information can be found on the Board of Directors page, the link to which appears on the Club's homepage.



Board of Directors, left to right, is: Carter Finnell, Pat Couch, J.B. Barnard, Mark Johnson, Jack Whittle, Cap Kovarik, Mark Thompson and Brien Koppe. Not pictured: Karl Schoenbeck.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

On January 24, 2011 USA Shooting announced the 2011 Junior Olympic Shotgun Team. Peter J. Fritz of Saint Louis, Missouri was named as a member for the International Trap discipline. Peter, shown below, is a sophomore at Lindbergh High School.



Peter is the son of Jim and Linda Fritz of South County. Peter and his family are members of St. Louis Skeet and Trap where has been shooting since he was 9 years old. He currently shoots for the Gateway Claybusters. His goal is to Shoot for the Army Marksmanship Unit or attend Lindenwood University and shoot International Trap.

Congratulations to Peter for his achievement and best of luck in the future!

While we are recognizing Peter's accomplishment, we'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Steve Wirth for his dedication to the young kids at Gateway Clay Busters and the Lindenwood shooters. Thanks, Steve.

SKEET NEWS

Spring 2011 Skeet League Forming Now

The organizational meeting for the Spring 2011 skeet league is scheduled for February 20, 2011 at St. Louis Skeet & Trap Club. The meeting will commence at 1:00 pm.

This is a 12 week league. Each "league week" begins on Wednesday and runs through Sunday. Individual scores *must be* submitted no-later than Sunday night to count for that week. You may pre-shoot for expected absences, and one "floater" round may be held on file for an unexpected

absence. The first league week begins Wednesday, March 16. The last league begins June 1. The always-popular banquet is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 9.

Teams consist of at least 5 shooters. Individuals need not shoot with their team to have their scores count. Team scores are based on best five individual, handicapped scores out of 50 birds. Final team placement will be determined by team's running score. *In this format it is critical to have five scores for each week.* Prizes for top three teams and we will have individual Lewis Class winners based on raw scores.

Don't have a team? Individual shooters or small groups can be combined with others to form teams.

The league fee remains at \$40 *per shooter*. League fees (individual or team) are due to Rik Hafer (*not* the Club) once the league begins. As always, all league fees go to fund the banquet, awards and prizes.

Round fees for the league are \$6.00 (plus tax) per 25 birds for non-members and \$5.50 (plus tax) per 25 birds for Club members. These fees apply only to league rounds.

Other events

The dates for registered skeet shoots are set for 2011. Mark your calendars for: April 7 for the April Showers shoot; May 21 for the Meramec Valley Open; July 17 for the 48th St. Louis Open; September 11 for the Labor Day Open; and October 16 for the Fall Open.

TRAP NEWS

The registered trap season is just around the corner. Better get out and knock off that winter rust! Take advantage of our Sunday prices!

SPORTING CLAYS

Watch here for future events.

OTHER EVENTS

If you haven't shot in the Big Johnson, scheduled for February 27, you have missed out on some fun shooting and a great way to meet other Club members. Check out the flyer on the homepage and find someone to team up with. You'll regret it if you don't!

Rik Hafer
Club member