



MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER January 2011

IMPORTANT DATE

A reminder to circle January 16, 2011 as a day to keep open. It is the day we will hold the annual members meeting at the Club. The meeting will start at 2:00. At this meeting we will cover the highs and lows of 2010 and discuss the outlook for 2011. We also will vote on the new Board members. Proxy statements are available at the Club if you are unable to attend the meeting.

SMOKING BAN IN EFFECT

It is now official: The clubhouse, both the porch and the interior of the building, is smoke-free. Smoking will still be permitted in all outside areas (pavilion, etc.) We expect all members and guests to abide by the law.

NEW YEAR'S DAY FUN SHOOT A SMASHING SUCCESS

We kicked off 2011 with a New Year's Day Fun Shoot at the Club. (A few pictures below and more in the picture gallery located elsewhere on the website.) Twenty shooters braved the 30 degree temperatures to shoot 50 birds in each of two disciplines (skeet, trap or sporting clays). Winners were determined by high-overall and by Lewis class. Congrats to Pat couch who registered the high score. Other winners were Don Bryan, Jim Fristch, John Napoli and Karl Schoenbeck. Winners received \$50 each, except for Jim and John who split the pot.



The shoot was accompanied by a pot luck buffet of pheasant, shrimp, meatballs, cookies, cheese grits, various forms of drink and much camaraderie. The event was so successful and everyone enjoyed the format so much that we are planning another such shoot for early spring. Watch for announcements in future newsletters and via email.



SKEET NEWS

The winter skeet league wrapped up in mid-December. I do not think we'll be having another doubles league anytime soon. Based on cumulative score across the 10-week league, yours truly managed to come out with the highest overall score. Using a Lewis class scoring, the other winners in the league were Greg Bolte, Brian Hayek and John Napoli.

Thanks to everyone who participated in all of the skeet leagues this year. We look forward to seeing past participants and newcomers at the spring skeet league organizational meeting. We will likely hold the meeting in February so watch for future announcements.

We have the registered skeet shoot dates set for 2011. You can find them elsewhere on the website, but repetition never hurts. They are 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.

SPORTING CLAYS

The sporting clays course is still cluttered with Ameren linesmen as they are now stringing the power lines across their right-of-way. While this necessitated moving some stations, and re-orienting others, the course is open for business.

PICS FROM STUTTGART

I have asked for pictures from you, so I thought I'd share some of mine. In December 2010 Club members John Hieb, Jim Wilson and I made a trip to Stuttgart, Arkansas. The self-proclaimed "rice and duck capital of the U.S." it lived up to its promise. We spent two days hunting flooded

oak (see below right), saw many ducks (thousands of snow geese) and even managed to bag a few. As evident by the smiles below, it was a great time.



l-r: Rik, John and Jim

Do you have any pictures from a recent hunt or shoot that you'd like to share? Send them to me and I will see that they get posted in future newsletters.

NEWSLETTER

Maybe you've noticed that even though I am no longer President of the Board, I am still writing the newsletter. Though no longer a Board member I have volunteered to write the newsletter in 2011. So, if there is something you'd like to see or information you'd like others to know about, please send the information to me, or drop it off at the Club.

Rik Hafer
Club member