



## MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

### June 2010

#### **SAVE THESE DATES!!**

#### **July 18**

The Club is a business, but it really is more than just that. Since the 1930s it has been a club, a place for shooters—whether your interests are in trap, skeet, sporting clays or 5-stand (or all of them!)—to gather. In appreciation for your support through the years, the Board invites you to attend **Member Appreciation Day**.

From 11 to noon we will be serving hot dogs, brats and the fixings. Board members will be circulating and will be available to answer your questions. Best of all, from noon until close members and their guests can enjoy half-price shooting in all disciplines. Ever wanted to try one of the other shooting sports? Now is your chance, at half the price! Want to introduce a friend to the Club? Now's your chance, at half price! (Is there a theme here?) All members and their guests are welcome. Watch this space and the bulletin board at the Club for more information.

#### **June 26, July 31 and August 14**

“Learn to Shoot” days at St. Louis Skeet and Trap. On each of these days we will offer lessons for the beginner in skeet, trap and sporting clays. Lessons will be available in two sessions each day; from 10 – noon and 1 -3. To provide a more personalized touch we would like to limit each squad to no more than 10. Has your child, your spouse or your neighbor been asking you to teach them how to shoot? Want to bring a social group out for a lesson? Schedule them for Learn to Shoot day and we will take care of it for you. All participants pay member prices for rounds; ammo available for purchase in the clubhouse. Please contact me for more information.

#### **September 10-12**

Several of you have asked if we could get professional shooters/instructors in for a sporting clays clinic. We are pleased to announce that 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 way it works is simple. The instructional day runs from 8:30 - 4:30/5:00, with about an hour for lunch (everyone provides their own). Everyone attending a clinic will meet at the clubhouse, fill out a card (even if you have shot with them before) that asks about 15

background questions. Then a group of 5 students and Gil head to the course. He will check everyone out with a few shots, review with everyone what their goals are, and then the fun begins. Gil and Vicki will teach their methods to each student -- at that student's level. As Board member Brien Koppe related to me, "you could have a Master class shooter and a E class [the lowest class] in the same group, and the students will not only learn from the Ash's, but from watching each other, talking with the group, and getting TONS of verbal/physical instruction from either Gil or Vicki. It is just great!" (Brien, who by the way made the contact, will be taking 2 days of lessons. He is more than happy to provide further information about his experience. You can reach him at [bkoppe@charter.net](mailto:bkoppe@charter.net).)

The cost of this exciting opportunity is a bargain at only \$385 for a full day of instruction. More information will be provided in future newsletters, and make sure to check out the banner in the clubhouse. 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>.

### **SIGN, SIGN, EVERYWHERE A SIGN**

Notice anything different driving down old Route 66 these days? As part of the MoDot Adopt-a-Highway program, St. Louis Skeet and Trap Club has more signage! About ½ mile each side of the Dozier Road entrance, you will find brand new signs displaying the Club's name. (See below)



Of course, now we have to maintain the roadway. I have a few volunteers (more would be better!) for the four-times-a-year fun fest of picking up the trash. Hey—it's not only fun, but you even get to wear a cool orange vest! A small price to pay for more public recognition, if you ask me.

(Trivia question: Can you name the group who sang this 1971 hit single? Answer appears at end of newsletter.)

### **SHOOTING NEWS**

#### **• TRAP**

Over five dozen shooters attended the monthly trap shoot, held on May 23. With over 11,000 birds thrown, it was great to see so many shooters vying for those few top spots. And the field must have been fairly even because there were so many ties! A tip of the cap to the following winners:

Doubles: James Badaracco and Fred Naugle

16-yard: Trevor Shockley and Tom Rombach

Handicap: Mike Illy and Nathan Williams

And we should also mention that youth often prevails: Both Trevor and Nathan are junior shooters. Thanks to the participants, to volunteers Mike Bolinger, Jake Bundy, Joyce and Pat Couch, Jim Duchscher, Ryan Duchscher, Tim Earney, Chris Gerber, Gary Slocum and to Club Manager Sonny Stone and his staff for their efforts in making this a successful shoot. As you can see, it takes a number of volunteers to run a good shoot. We look forward to seeing you at this month's shoot on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

We'd also like to recognize some great shooting by Club members at the Missouri State Shoot held last month. Among those who posted some great scores and who took home honors are Marvin Beumer, Randy Buhr, Jake Bundy, Gary Feagan, Samantha Foppe, August Kissner, Trevor Shockley, Tom Rombach and Gary Young. We'd also like to congratulate the members of Team Henges for capturing the Missouri "Junior High School" Team Championship, and the Arnold Jr. Shooters for taking runner up in the Missouri "Junior High School" Team event. Way to go!

A complete list of the results—more than I can include here—is available at [www.motraps.com](http://www.motraps.com). Check it out.

- **SKEET**

For all you skeet league shooters, the banquet is close at hand. Mark your calendars for June 10. (And please make sure to RSVP if you plan on attending. Either email me or use the sign-up sheet at the Club. We need a head count as soon as possible!) The banquet will begin at 6:00 with the awarding of prizes and attendance awards to follow dinner. Should be enough time to get in a little night-time shooting!

The next skeet event is scheduled for June 12. We will be having another derby shoot that day from 10 – noon with lunch to follow. You should have already seen the flyer, but if you didn't: 50-birds, \$10 entry (plus cost of birds), 2-person teams, blind draw with payout for first two teams. The last derby was fun, the food and conversation were excellent and the winners even paid for their shooting.

Saturday, June 19 is the next registered skeet shoot. Be looking for the flyer with the details.

- **SPORTING CLAYS**

On Sunday, June 13, the Club will host the Second Annual SxS/Pump Gun Fun Shoot. This event is open to all shooters. The only requirement is that you have a side-by-side, or a pump. Awards will be presented to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in both events. There also will be a first place award for the SxS/Pump Gun Sporting Clays/5-Stand high overall score. And did we mention there will be attendance prizes?

The entry fee is only \$40 for the sporting clays course (100 birds) or \$15 for the 5-stand (25 birds). Skeet and trap warm ups available at member prices. This was a great event last year and should be even more fun this year.

For more information, contact Club Manager Stone at 636-271-4210 or event coordinator John Butler at 636-458-8949.

Later this month will be the Schools Out Open, a 100 bird register shoot. Be looking for more information at the Club as we get closer to the date.

### **THE ST. LOUIS SKEET AND TRAP CORPORATE PARTNER PROGRAM IS UP AND RUNNING**

The last newsletter announced the Club's new Corporate Partner Program. As you recall, the objectives of the program are to increase member and non-member awareness of your business; and to raise funds to help ensure continued investment in infrastructure and programs offered by the Club.

The program calls for three partner levels, the **Gold Partner** (available for \$1,000), the **Silver Partner** (available for \$500), and the **Bronze Partner** (available for \$250). Each level of support carries with it benefits that may include, in addition to visible signage around the Club, but also a prominent link to your company's website in our "Corporate Partner" section on the Club. We already have several corporate sponsors and are looking to you for further support.

If you have friends or business associates who might be interested in the program, feel free to forward this information on to them. Your help is needed to ensure the success of this program. For more information on the program please call Mark Johnson at 314-737-8123 or Karl Schoenbeck at 314-280-7372.

I am always looking for items to include in the newsletter. If you have something that you thin is of general interest to the membership, please feel free to send it along and I will get it in the next newsletter. Remember, it is *your* Club.

### **I NEED PICTURES!**

Whenever we have an event, if someone is taking pictures, please shoot me some copies so I can put them in the newsletter, and in the photo gallery on the Club's website. C'mon, help me out folks!

*See you at the Club.*

Respectfully submitted: Rik Hafer

(Was your answer the Five Man Electrical Band?)