



## **MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER**

### **March 2010**

#### **SPECIALS ON SHOOTING ABOUT TO END!**

The member's shooting specials continue through March 14, 2010. Those include:

- Refer a new member and get a 10-round shooting card (renewed memberships do not qualify);
- Discount Sundays. Trap/skeet rounds are reduced by 50 cents and Sporting Clays rounds are reduced by \$2; and
- Guests shoot at member prices. Guests, when accompanied by a member, can shoot at member prices. A guest may shoot twice under this special. Make sure to sign in at the counter.

#### **A SIGN OF THE TIMES?**

Have you noticed anything different when coming to the Club? Thanks to John Napoli, we finally have a sign on Route 66. Look on the west side of Dozier and see John's handiwork. It is the first time we've actually had a sign out where the public can see it. If they see it, they will come?

In the future, you might see even more signage on old Route 66. The Board has contacted the Missouri Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program and applied to adopt part of Route 66. Our territory will be approximately one-half mile each side of the Dozier Crossing. That means a sign in each direction that recognizes our efforts. It also means more public display of the fact that we exist. More on that project in future newsletters.

Increasing public awareness of the Club is a priority of the Board in 2010. These first steps will be followed by more.

#### **SHOOTING NEWS**

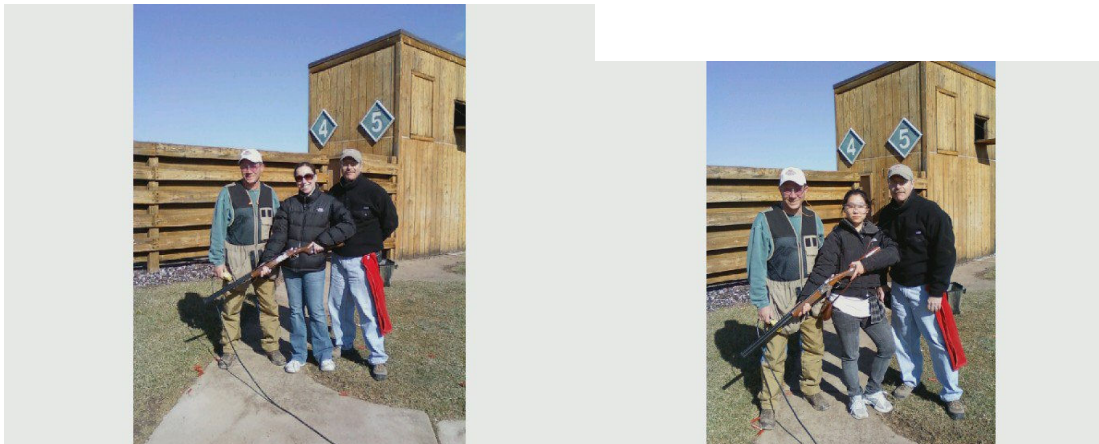
- **BIG JOHNSON 2010**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Johnson was held February 21<sup>st</sup>. Billed as rain or shine, the teams faced no shine and a lot of rain. This 2-man team event included handicap skeet (skeet from about 5 yards back), protection trap (two shooters at each skeet station shooting trap), bunker trap (hard enough as it is) and 5-stand. There was money to be made, and

the team of Travis Mears and Rob Walbrink took home most of it. They combined to win the overall title, the handicap skeet event and the bunker trap event. Ted Bauer and Eric Heins took the 5-stand title and protection trap was won by the team of Tyler Smith and Print Zutavern. Regardless of scores, all had fun and all enjoyed camaraderie and lunch around the Club fireplace. Many thanks to Jim Duchscher for running the event and Sonny for wrangling the food. We look forward to next year's. Any interest in a not-so-big Johnson sometime during the year?

- **SKEET**

On February 27 the Club hosted two dozen women from the Chi Omega sorority at Washington University. As one of their "outings" they decided to try skeet shooting. After some safety tips and preliminaries from Sonny (and thanks to Sonny for setting up their visit), Carter Finnell, Brien Koppe, Bob Rowlands and I each took a group out to shoot. For young women who had for the most part never shot a gun, each and every one said that this was an experience that they would not forget. Everybody broke some targets—and not just at low 7!—and, more importantly, they all had fun. Some even vowed to return.



Left picture: Brien Koppe, Jill Jacobson and Rik Hafer

Right picture: Brien and Rik joined by Lorraine Kim.

The skeet league held its organizational meeting February 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be fielding more shooters than we did in last year's spring league! Since the first week of league does not begin until March 12, there is still time to get your team roster in to me or Bob Rowlands. Remember, if you would like to shoot but do not have a team, we can accommodate you. Since the league doesn't shoot on any one night, it isn't required to shoot with your team. If you'd like to shoot, contact me (314-822-8021 or [cgrhafer@aol.com](mailto:cgrhafer@aol.com)) for details.

Carter Finnell and I are discussing dates for skeet clinics and some fun shoots for the upcoming summer. Watch for dates on the Club's website in the "skeet" link.

- **TRAP**

Dates for this year's registered trap shoots are posted on the website. The first shoot is scheduled for March 28. With the weather improving every day, those practice rounds will be much more enjoyable! And keep a lookout for non-registered shoots, like derby's. I heard at the Club that such events will appear with warmer weather.

- **SPORTING CLAYS**

The next registered shoot for sporting clays is set for Sunday, March 7. The "Spring is Here" event will be a 100 bird shoot. The next newsletter will post winners (no one loses). Also, check the "sporting clays" link on the Club's website.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

It must be repeated: Membership dues are an important source of revenue to the Club. If you can, 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 though you may have become a "public" shooter after your membership expired, you will always be part of the Club.

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

In future newsletters I plan to include something about the Club's history. If you have a story or a memory about the Club to share, please send it along and I will include it.

### **CLUB WEBSITE**

Look for some exciting changes to the Club's website. Bob Milburn, our website designer and webmaster, has redesigned the website. The new website not only looks great, but it is a main gateway to attracting shooters (like the Wash U women) and potential new members. The Board's Marketing and Membership committee, headed by Mark Johnson and Karl Schoenbeck, are planning to make more extensive use of the website to provide Club information and for corporate sponsorship.

If you have some interest in helping Mark and Karl, please feel free to contact them and volunteer your time and expertise. In future newsletters I will provide you with other opportunities to improve your Club and your shooting experience.

Respectfully submitted: Rik Hafer