



MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

March 2011

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

And you know what that means....potentially damaging floods. We were very fortunate in 2010 to not have any flood-related damage at the Club. This spring looks to be a wet one and with northern snow-melt, we may not dodge the bullet this year.

If you think you would be able to assist in moving machinery out of harm's way, please contact the Club Manager, Sonny Stone, and get your name on the volunteer roster. Sometimes we can predict a day or two out when the machinery will need to be moved, but often times it is a last minute decision. If you could help in either instance, it would be much appreciated.

BIG JOHNSON A BIG SUCCESS

On February 27 the Club held its 13th Annual Big Johnson shoot. Unlike past years, the weather cooperated: It was neither blowing snow nor raining ice pellets! But like every previous year, all those participating had a good time on the range and at the lunch which followed. As usual, Jim Duschsher wrangled the program along with Tom Spencer doing duty at the sign-in table. Thanks guys.

So who took the money this year? Based on total score across the events, the overall or BIG C winners were the team of Auerbach and Wahlbrink. They also took honors in 5-stand. Protection trap was won by the team of Duschsher and Ruck, and bunker trap was won by Bryan and Butler. Handicap skeet was also won by some team, but I forgot to write down their names. Check here next month for that update.

SKEET NEWS

The 2011 spring Skeet League starts March 16. 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.

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.

**Teams/shooters must be registered no later than March 20 to participate.
If you are thinking about shooting in the league, don't think too long!**

TRAP NEWS

The registered trap season is just around the corner. The first registered shoot is scheduled for March 27. Check the Trap Events link on the home page.

Better get out and knock off that winter rust before the real shooting begins.

5-STAND DERBY IS BAAAAACK

The ever popular 5-stand derby resumes Thursday, March 17 under the watchful eye of John Butler. Each Thursday at 4:30, shooters start to amass at the 5-stand complex to pit their skills against John's targets. You will see true and report pairs from a variety of angles and speeds.

The program is \$25 for 50 targets. There is a blind draw for partners with payout based on number of shooters. Following the shoot there are hotdogs and burgers and whatever else can be found in the Club fridge. It's not only a great way to improve your shooting ability but also to meet other shooters.

Drop by and give it a try. There is no commitment other than shooting that night and having a good time.

If you'd like more information see the link elsewhere on the Club website.

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Club member