



NEWSLETTER September 2011

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

If you haven't been to the Club recently, stop by and meet the new manager, Rex Powers. Rex was formally introduced to the Club on September 14 and had a chance to talk with members at the summer skeet league banquet.

Rex is an avid lifetime shooter, from the skeet and trap fields of clubs in Oklahoma (his residence before moving to St. Louis) to hunting "anything that flies." When asked about his goals for the Club, Rex stated "my job is to make sure that everyone who comes to St. Louis Skeet and Trap is greeted with a smiling face behind the counter, has a good time and leaves happy." He also made it very clear that his priority is to increase membership and to increase shooting in every discipline at the Club. If you have ideas for future shoots and events, Rex asked that you please contact him. He already has plans for some fall events! And, with Mary teaching him the ropes, Rex is up and running.

GIL AND VICKI ASH MAKE A SUCCESSFUL RETURN

On September 9-11 the instruction team of Gil and Vicki Ash returned to St. Louis Skeet and Trap to lead their renowned sporting clays shooting classes. The word is that they once again improved the shooting of all who attended, from novice to expert. This year a number of reporters from national shooting magazines converged on the Club to interview the Ash's and to get a few pointers on their shooting. Once we have more information about where and when the articles will be published we will pass it along.

We are looking forward to seeing the Ash's in 2012!

SKEET NEWS

Another successful summer skeet league ends

As mentioned above, the summer skeet league came to a successful end with our banquet on Wednesday, September 14. Under the guidance of Rob Ondr and Brian Hayek, the league concluded its run for 2011 with good food and much camaraderie. The two top teams in this installment of the league were team Hanna, taking first place. The members of the team include Tom Hanna (Captain), Doug Bay, Eric Ege, Sr., Eric Ege, Jr., Jim Frisch, Scott Martin, Bert McGuire and Gary Nemeec.

Taking second place in a tight race (only 3 birds separated the top two teams) was team Wilson, comprised of Jim Wilson (captain), Mike Dawson, Rik Hafer, John Hieb, Rob Ondr and Bob Rowlands.

Third Annual Skeet League Tournament

If you participated in the spring and/or summer skeet league, you are eligible to participate in the Third Annual Skeet League Tournament. This year's shoot will be held Saturday, September 24 between 10 and noon. This is a 50-bird shoot. The format is as in past years: One winner for high raw score and one for high handicap score. The handicap is based on your most recent league handicap but, unlike league, it will be added to your raw score. So, have a handicap of 2 birds and shoot a 49, your handicap score is 51. The entry fee is \$10 and all proceeds will be split by the two top shooters. And you even get your name on a trophy! It is all for fun so come out and join us.

Fall 2011 Skeet League

The fall skeet league will be an eight-week league that starts Wednesday September 28 and ends November 20. Gauge is open. It will be 50-birds per week and an individual format (no teams). The entry fee is \$20, all of which will be returned in prizes. Although no formal banquet is planned, you never know what might get grilled up on the last day. If you are interested, contact Rob Ondr or Brian Hayek (or me) for more information.

Labor Day Open

On September 11 the Club hosted the Labor Day Open. About a dozen shooters plied their shooting skills in the penultimate shoot of the year. The results of the shoot are:

12 gauge

Bob Rowlands	Champ
Michael Rodney	C1
John Hieb	D1
Joel Wright	E1

28 gauge

Carter Finnell	Champ
Timmy Carter	A1
Bob Rowlands	B1
Nancy Rodney	C1
Rik Hafer	D1

20 gauge

Rik Hafer	Champ
Timmy Carter	AA1
Terry Grzina	C1
Joel Wright	D1

410 bore

Nancy Rodney	Champ
Carter Finnell	B1
John Hieb	C1

HOA

Bob Rowlands	Champ
Nancy Rodney	C1 (Lady's Champ)
John Hieb	D1

As always, many thanks to Michael Rodney for running the shoot.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Open, scheduled for October 16.

TRAP

The results for the August monthly trap shoot are:

Singles

Fred Naugle	Champ
David Ray	A1
Curtis Baker	B1
Charles Emerick	C1
James Steiner	D1

Handicap

Lloyd Haley	Champ
Charles Emerick	RU

Doubles

Mike Bolinger	Champ
Fred Naugle	A1
Steven Fuller	B1
Ed Schmitt	C1

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who participated and helped with the event.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the next shoot, scheduled for September 18.

INFORMATION

Would you like to see something reported in the Newsletter? Have a good hunting story you'd like to share? Send it along (add some pictures if you can) and we will find space.

Rik Hafer