The Fred Section

Members’ Meeting and Board Meeting
We will have a member’s meeting followed by a board meeting on Tuesday, February 10th. The meeting starts at 7:30; doors open at 7:00. All members are invited and urged to attend both meetings.

Time to renew your membership for 2015
If you haven’t done so already, it’s time to renew your membership for 2015. To renew, full details are on the form that I sent you. Key items: The renewal for regular members is $55. Please pay by check to the PO box (mail to Naperville Sportsman’s Club, PO Box 27, Naperville, IL 60540) or by cash or check at the counter during shooting hours or at the monthly meeting.

If you would like any family member badges, they are available for a reduced price of $1 each if ordered with your renewal. To order them, include the extra $1 each, and, for each person, include the name, call name, and relationship to you.

…Fred Turek
Secretary

President’s Message

Site Improvements
The lighting system has been tested with targets. Only minimal changes are required. We have provided feedback to the Park District. The TV now gets all of the broadcast channels with the new antenna. Did I mention that it is great to be open again?

New “Probationary” Members
At the January meeting the Board approved Steve Melovic, Chris Gumm, Nenad Trichkovski, Trevor Kindlon, John Colwell and Pete Sullivan for Probationary Membership. When you see them in the clubhouse or on the line please congratulate them on becoming Probationary Members of the Club.

Upcoming Events
The Doubles League began on January 25th. The Irish Open will be held March 15th. The Singles league will begin on March 26th. The 2014 Annual Dinner and Raffle are scheduled for June 20th. Please mark your calendars now.

New Member Orientation
The next three new member orientations (informal history and workings of the club) will be held at the club on Sunday February 8th, Sunday March 8th and Sunday April 12th at 10:00 AM. Please RSVP to myself at 630-842-0391. The Range Volunteer clinic will begin at 11:00 AM on those days. Everyone interested in learning how the machines work should attend.

…Jim Monk
President

Dates to Remember
February 8th (Sun) – New Member Orientation
February 10th (Tues) – Members’ & Board Meetings
March 8th (Sun) – New Member Orientation
March 10th (Tues) – Members’ & Board Meetings
April 12th (Sun) – New Member Orientation
June 20th (Sat) – 2015 Annual Dinner & Raffle
Firearms Training Opportunity

Since our re-opening and our continued effort to provide quality firearm training to our membership at a discounted rate, I am Seeking to find out if there is any interested members and their spouses, who would like to take advantage of our services we can offer.

I would be happy to provide another NRA Range Safety Officer class to our membership for $50.00 per person. The class is one day, usually a Saturday and takes about 8 hours. You do not need a firearm and lunch and refreshments are included. I would like to have at least 10 students in order to form the class.

Both Jim Monk and I would also like to again offer our services for the Illinois Conceal Carry Course at $110.00 per member. This price includes range fees and targets. The course is 16 hours, (Spread over several days) and requires a handgun, holster (That covers the trigger), 200 rounds of ammunition, and a positive attitude. We would like to have an enrollment of at least 30 students in order to form the class.

Both classes would be offered in our clubhouse and the shooting portion of the Conceal Carry would be completed at RKA Shooting Range in Plano. If you are interested in anyone of these opportunities please feel free to contact Jim Monk, or myself for more information.

Dave Paulinski
NRA-CRSO, RSO
Co-Chair NSC Training Committee
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Lost your gun??

Researchers are trying to crack the mystery surrounding the discovery of a weathered, rusted Winchester rifle in the mountains of remote eastern Nevada. The gun manufactured in 1882 was found leaning against a juniper tree on a rocky outcrop in Great Basin National Park during an archaeological survey in November. Nichole Andler, the park's chief of interpretation, said officials may never know when the .44-40 rifle was placed there, but it's possible it could have been left undisturbed since the 1800s.

The area along the Utah border has a history of mining, ranching and hunting, she said, and park researchers are scouring historical documents to learn who might have owned the rifle. "I would say the possibilities are wide open as to who owned the rifle and why it was left there," Andler said. "It leaves a lot to the imagination and it may be a mystery that's never solved."

Herbert Houze is the former curator of what became known as the Cody Firearms Museum at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West in Cody, Wyoming. He said Winchester Model 1873 rifles such as the one found in Nevada were so valuable that he thinks whoever owned it leaned it against the tree and then was unable to find it. "You just don't leave a gun like that there," he said. The rifles, which sold for $35 to $50 in the 1880s, now can fetch up to $15,000 in excellent condition. They were among the most popular guns on the Western frontier.

After viewing photographs of the rifle, Houze said, he knows why it went undetected for so long: It blended in so well with its surroundings. "People probably have walked right by it," he said. "It was a one in a million chance they looked at it the right way and found it. "The unloaded rifle's wooden stock was cracked but still intact, while its barrel was rusted. Its serial number was still visible, which allowed experts at the Buffalo Bill Center to determine it was made in 1882.

Houze is thrilled by what he called the "rare find" in Nevada, which will eventually go on permanent display at the park. "It's one of the most exciting gun discoveries I've ever heard of," he said. "I'm just tickled pink the gun got found."
While there are still a few items left to be completed in the renovation of Sportsman’s Park, the Naperville Park District re-opened the range for trapshooting activities on Sunday, December 21. The re-opening ended a nearly seven month hiatus from trapshooting in Naperville.

For members of the Naperville Sportsman’s Club as well as other shooters that frequent the facility, this was a welcome Christmas present, albeit a few days early. Despite the cold weather and proximity to the Christmas holiday, the range was busy on (re)opening day. Around 30 squads of shooters took the line during the course of the afternoon.

Shooters had nothing but good things to say about the renovations, and everyone is looking forward to the full completion of the project later this spring.

As part of the renovation patrons will now find a paved parking lot, so no more walking thru mud and puddles to get to the clubhouse. The striping of the lot will be done this spring, as well as completing the paving of the road leading into the parking lot. There are also plans to make changes to the entrance from West Street to eliminate the standing water.

Inside the clubhouse shooters will find a new high-definition wide-screen TV, and the clubhouse also received a new roof as part of the renovation. The entrance to the clubhouse has been re-worked, and all of the sidewalks both inside and outside of the fenced area have been re-done.

Inside the fence shooters will find all new shooting stations, which now comply with the latest ADA standards. Field number 3, previously just a 16-yard field with a wall behind it has been redone and is now a full 27-yard field. There is also a sidewalk out to field 3 as well. The existing lighting has also been replaced on all three fields. All of the electrical service was replaced as well, providing more reliable service to the trap houses in order to run the modern equipment.

As of January the club is resuming its normal schedule of activities, including trapshooting fundamentals classes, leagues, and other events for both members and non-members. The schedule of these events can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

**First Squad:** Ralph Nelson, Jim Chakour, Scott Calhoun, Steve Pfister and Jim Monk were the first squad on the line on (re)opening day.

**Second Squad:** Dave Paulinski, Barry Bonfield, John Brandt, Art Dwight and Bob Ash broke in Field 2 on (re)opening day.
Naperville Sportsman’s Club member Don Hiltz was honored on his 80th birthday at a surprise party at Sportsman’s Park on Sunday, January 4.

In honor of Don’s milestone, shooters were treated to food from the Sportsman’s Grill, including burgers and hot dogs, along with dove and pheasant harvested locally by club members. Cake and ice cream was also served.

The weather wasn’t great, but Jud Mann, Josh Wexelbaum and Bob Pfister shot a round of trap in honor of Don’s 80th birthday.

Bill Isiminger, Ray Courney, and Ron Tanski discuss life at 80 with Don.

Don’s daughter Jean stopped by to help celebrate her dad’s birthday.
Trapshooting Fundamentals
Classes

Learn trapshooting range etiquette and proper gun handling techniques from Naperville Sportsman’s Club instructors. Then, shoot trap under the supervision of an instructor. The fee includes classroom instruction, ammunition, targets, use of a shotgun and eye/ear protective gear. Those ages 13-17 must register with an adult.

Fees for the Trapshooting Fundamentals classes are:

- $30 for Naperville Park District residents
- $45 for nonresidents

2015 Trapshooting Fundamentals
Dates

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All participants must register through the Naperville Park District. Please see the Park District Program Guide or website at www.napervilleparks.org for additional registration information.
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*-NSC Doubles League – 50 pair of doubles each Sunday for seven weeks, ends March 8
**-NSC Singles League – 50 singles targets each Thursday for eight weeks, ends May 14
***-NSC Wobble League – 50 wobble targets each Thursday for eight weeks, end October 29
Officers and Board Members
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Ray Courney: Director ’15
Ed Heasley: Director ’16
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Bob Beyer: Director ’17
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Park District Liaison: Brad Wilson
Newsletter Editor/Publisher: Tom Coleman

Club Information
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www.NapervilleSportsmansClub.org
Board/Member Meetings: 7:30 PM, 2nd Tuesday

Range Information
Sportsman’s Park Trap Range
735 S. West Street
Naperville, IL 60540
Clubhouse phone: 630-848-2124

Hours of Operation:
Thursdays: 6:00 – 10:00 PM
Sundays: 12:00 – 6:00 PM. Final Signup at 4:00 PM
Hours are subject to weather and attendance, holidays, and community events
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