



# The Naperville Trapshooter

The Official Newsletter of the Naperville Sportsman's Club - May 2011

## The Fred Section

### Members' Meeting and Board Meeting

We will have a member's meeting followed by a board meeting on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Note that the May meeting will be at "The Barn" on Martin Avenue because of maintenance being done at the Sportsman's park club house. The meeting starts at 7:30; doors open at 7:00. All members are invited and urged to attend both meetings.

...Fred Turek  
Secretary

## Dates to Remember

May 10<sup>th</sup> - Members' & Board Meetings  
June 12<sup>th</sup> (Sun) - New Member & Volunteer Clinics  
**June 25<sup>th</sup> (Sat) - 2011 Annual Dinner**  
June 26<sup>th</sup> (Sun) - ATA Targets only Shoot  
July 10<sup>th</sup> (Sun) - New Member & Volunteer Clinics  
Aug 28<sup>th</sup> (Sun) - New Member & Volunteer Clinics

## President's Message

### 2011 Annual Dinner

The 2011 Annual Dinner will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup>. A RSVP is not required but very much appreciated so that we have an accurate head count for dinner. Please send me an email to [rsvp@napervillesportsmansclub.org](mailto:rsvp@napervillesportsmansclub.org) with a count of those attending.

### 2011 Annual Raffle

We have less than sixty days left to sell all of the raffle tickets. Please return them to me as soon as you have them sold. I have a very limited supply left if you need more.

### Hunter Safety Class

A three day Hunter Safety Class has been scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of May by Ed Heasley. Check with Ed, the Park District or DNR web sites (<http://dnr.state.il.us/SAFETY/map.htm>) for details.

### New "Probationary" Members

At the April meeting the Board approved Steven Susa and Libin Qi for Probationary Membership. When you see Steven or Libin in the clubhouse or on the line please welcome them to the Club.

### Upcoming Events

The 2011 Annual Dinner will be held Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>. ATA Shoots are scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup> and August 28<sup>th</sup>. The Club Handicap Championship is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>. A Trap Fundamentals class will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars now.

### New Member Orientation

The next three new member orientations (informal history and workings of the club) will be at the club on Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>, Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> 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



## Sportsman's Club shooters find success at the ATA Southwestern Grand

Mike Moore, Ray Wieser, and I travelled to the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio, Texas in early April to participate in the Amateur Trapshooting Association Southwestern Grand tournament. The Southwestern Grand is contested over nine days, and features 24 events that total 2,500 targets. The tournament started on Saturday, April 9 and featured two "warm-up" days with three 100-target events (16-yard singles, handicap, doubles) each day. Monday, April 11 began two days of preliminary events, also with three 100-target events each day. The high overall competition began on Wednesday, April 13 and ran thru Sunday, April 17. The HOA consists of 12 events and 1,300 targets, including the three championship events on the final weekend.

The Southwestern Grand attracts shooters from across the United States and Canada. There were shooters from as far away as Alaska, shooters from the Canadian provinces, as well as a shooter or two from Great Britain. The Southwestern Grand is known as a premier shoot and attracts shooters with a terrific facility, lots of vendors, great food on-site, and plenty of RV spots for those that travel to shoots in their RV. They also stage the largest number of events of any of the satellite grand tournaments, and provide the largest number of trophies. They also throw a Texas-style BBQ for all shooters and their guests on Saturday night at no charge, and have give-aways during the dinner that includes cases of shells and certificates for gunsmithing services at many of the on-site vendors at the facility. Early April also offers great weather in the southern part of Texas.

This is my seventh year attending the Southwestern Grand, and the third for Ray Wieser. Mike Moore was attending his second Southwestern Grand, deciding on a return trip in spite of the horrible weather that we endured last year. Mike and I carpooled to San Antonio, while Ray headed down with his wife, as they have family in San Antonio. It's quite a trek to San Antonio from Naperville, about 1,200 miles each way. Flying is certainly an option, but considering all the gear you need for a week of shooting there's a definite advantage to driving and being able to take all of your gear with you. Mike and I left Naperville Friday morning around 6 am and by 7:30 pm were within an hour of Dallas, so we called it a day. We rolled into San Antonio on Saturday around 1 pm. We didn't shoot on Saturday, but went to the range and got registered and then headed to the hotel to watch 3<sup>rd</sup> round coverage of the Masters, and just relaxed and recharged our batteries in preparation for shooting on Sunday. Ray arrived on Sunday and began shooting on Monday.

All three Naperville shooters were able to bring home a trophy from the week's events. Ray got things started on a warm but very windy Monday, taking the D-class singles trophy. Mike followed that up on Tuesday with a 99 in singles, which won him the AA-class trophy. Scott made it three trophies in three days, taking the A-class doubles trophy with a 94 on Wednesday.

One of the great things about a trip like this is getting to shoot with friends that we have all made as part of our various travels shooting in ATA events. The Naperville contingent joined up with a friend from Nova Scotia, Barry Turner, for a fun week of shooting. We had one spot open on our squad and were very fortunate to have it filled by Cal Stinson from Maine. Cal is a multi-time ATA All-American, and at age 82 can point a shotgun with the best of them. Cal won multiple awards during the week, and also posted a perfect 100 in the singles on Wednesday.

For the trip Mike and I each shot 2,200 targets, plus a couple hundred more on the practice trap. Ray didn't shoot every event, but still managed to add 1,400 targets to his card. We enjoyed a week of great weather (temps in the 80's and not a drop of rain), ate more than our share of Texas barbeque, and had a lot of fun and laughs when we were not shooting or eating. We are all looking forward to doing it again next year

...Scott Calhoun



Left to right: : Scott Calhoun, Cal Stinson, Barry Turner, Mike Moore, Ray Wieser

## End Hunger in our Community

Naperville and DuPage County continue to see the same struggles as the rest of Illinois and the nation. While we can't END the hunger, we can help to give back to a community that has been supportive of **Sportsman's Park** and the **Sportsman's Club**.

At Passover and Easter, **Loaves and Fishes**, [www.loaves-fishes.org](http://www.loaves-fishes.org) was working overtime to restock its shelves to help those less fortunate ensure a table with food. Sandy and I, as well as many of you, have supported Loaves and Fishes over the years with your dollars and donations – but I think we, **as a collective of shooting sportsmen and women can do more.**

We like to shoot. **Let's shoot targets to raise money for Loaves and Fishes.**

I propose a 100 bird event later this year. I will work to get the ammo and targets donated. I'll see what else I can do to thank those would commit to getting sponsorships per target...

If ten (10) of us will shoot 100 targets and each of us can solicit, cajole or arm-twist a handful of folks to sponsor us for just a few **tax-deductible** dollars per target, **IMAGINE** the dollars we could raise – with **100% going to Loaves and Fishes...** **PICTURE** the Club handing over a **huge check** from the Naperville Sportsman's Club to the director of our community food pantry.

Do you know that Loaves and Fishes can leverage each dollar by ten (10) times with its purchasing power?! **One (1) dollar in donation can provide ten (10) dollars** in food and home supplies. People also struggle with basic necessities like toilet paper, soap, diapers, wipes and baby formula.

I am personally asking for each Club member who is able, to consider supporting this initiative. Help **Loaves and Fishes**, help a fellow neighbor... And if raising money isn't your thing, what about a personal donation, supporting a fellow member's effort?!

I'm not asking you to take food off your plate. Do you have a discretionary, **fully tax-deductible**, couple of dollars, single buck, half dollar, or quarter per bird to help a neighbor in need?! Any fixed-dollar donation will be appreciated!

Last year hit our son and daughter-in-law, but we managed. Some families can't and they could be living next door to anyone of us. **Email me**, to step up, **co-sponsor** and develop this humanitarian effort with me...

[ispitz@napervillesportsmansclub.org](mailto:ispitz@napervillesportsmansclub.org)

*Jay Spitz*  
**Life Member**

## Register Targets!

The Naperville Sportsman's Club will be hosting its first registered shoot of the 2010-2011 season, in few weeks. Come out and register some targets to update your existing average or establish an average for the first time.

This target only event is a terrific time to renew your dues or join the **Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA)** for the first time. Why register some targets?!

Throughout the year, we shoot "practice" in singles, doubles and handicap. Every once in a while, it's time to take stock of our practice shooting and keep score, putting our numbers down on paper.

By taking a sample of our scores from time to time, we built a foundation of our skill and can compare our progress or lack thereof... For those who would also like to shoot registered targets at other clubs, by registering targets at your home range first, you establish some "known ability".

Cost to register targets is just \$3-4, depending upon how many targets you register. Cost to join the ATA is a **tax-deductible** \$20 per year... plus you support the organization that oversees American Trap. This will be the first of our three (3) registered shoots, with the second and third to follow this summer.

Please join us for a day or singles and handicap on **Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. For more information about registered shooting, speak with **Scott Calhoun, Mike Moore** or myself.

*Jay Spitz*  
**ATA Member**



## Club Presidents For 75 Years

In anticipation of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sportsman's Club we are attempting to determine the names and years of service of those members who have served as Club President. The list now includes the 18 named below. Your help is needed in checking the spelling of the names, the years of service (an approximate time would help), and by adding information on those not included.

If you know of a former member whose memory may be better please contact them and ask for help. If you have any information, tell Ray Courney. Ray can be reached by phone at his home 630.961.5744; email at [RayCourney@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:RayCourney@SBCGLOBAL.NET), or in person at the Club

The current list is as follows:

- 1) William Spice Circa 1947
- 2) Jack Tandler 1948 -
- 3) Harold Schrader circa 1954
- 4) James Briggs 1964
- 5) Don Hamer 1965-66 -
- 6) Guy Larrabee 1967 -
- 7) Steve Beese Circa 1976
- 8) John Hradecky
- 9) Terry Ahearn
- 10) Fred Kaschak
- 11) Charlie Bickle
- 12) Don Finlayson
- 13) Tom Brooks
- 14) Jay Spitz (1998 to 2001)
- 15) Jim Monk (2002 to 2011)
- 16) Richard (Dick) Altgilbers
- 17) Neal Owens (about 1953)
- 18) Clarence Gilcrist (about 1946)

...Ray Courney

## Officers and Board Members

President: Jim Monk  
Vice President: Michael Moore  
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Bob Beyer: Director '11  
Steve Pfister: Director '11  
Ron Tanski: Director '12  
Charlie Tlapa: Director '12  
Ed Heasley: Director '13  
Jim Chakour: Director '13  
Park District Liaison: Brad Wilson  
Newsletter Editor/Publisher: Tom Coleman

## Club Information

The Naperville Sportsman's Club  
PO Box 27  
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[www.NapervilleSportsmansClub.org](http://www.NapervilleSportsmansClub.org)

Board/Member Meetings: 7:30 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Open year round

# Classifieds



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## May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Club Open	2	3	4	5 Club Open	6	7
8 <b>Club Closed</b> <u>"Mother's Day"</u>	9	10 NSC Board & Member Meeting – 7:30 PM	11	12 Club Open	13	14
15 Club Open	16	17	18	19 Club Open	20	21
22 Club Open <u>"ATA Targets"</u>	23	24	25	26 Club Open	27	28
29 Club Open	30 <u>"Memorial Day"</u> 	31				

## June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Club Open	3	4
5 Club Open	6	7	8	9 Club Open <u>Handicap Championship</u>	10	11
12 Club Open	13	14 NSC Board & Member Meeting – 7:30 PM	15	16 Club Open	17	18
19 Club Open	20	21	22	23 Club Open	24	25 <u>2011 Annual Dinner</u>
26 Club Open <u>"ATA Targets"</u>	27	28	29	30 Club Open		

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