



The Naperville Trapshooter

The Official Newsletter of the Naperville Sportsman's Club - September 2010

The Fred Section

Members' Meeting and Board Meeting

There will be a members' meeting followed by a board meeting on Tuesday, September 14th at the clubhouse. All members are invited and requested to attend both meetings. The first meeting starts at 7:30 PM, doors open at 7:00 PM.

...Fred Turck
Secretary

Dates to Remember

September 12th (Sun) – New Member & Volunteer Clinics

September 14th (Tues) – Members' & Board Meetings

September 19th (Sun) - Open House

October 10th (Sun) – New Member & Volunteer Clinics

October 12th (Tues) – Members'



President's Message

Open House

The 2010 Open House is scheduled for Sunday September 19th. We still need everyone to come out to help with this fantastic event. It will be smaller than years past so that we can better manage the crowd. Setup will begin at 10:00 AM.

Trap Fundamentals Help

We have another Trap Fundamentals class scheduled for Sunday September 12th. Please come out to help with the shooting portion of the class. Be ready to help at 12:00 noon. We will have two fields supporting the class and should take no more than an hour.

Work Party

A work party was held Saturday August 21st. I want to thank Jim Chakour, Brian Nicholson, Steve Pfister and Bob Seetin for their time. We cleaned the Pat-Traps, cleaned the inside of the trap houses and painted the exterior of the trap houses with a "new" green color.

New Probationary Members

At the August meeting the Board approved Trevor Holwell and Bob DeGuissepe for Probationary Membership. Please welcome them to the Club.

No Parking on Grass

If the parking lot is full, only use the very edge for parking. We do not want to damage the grass in wet conditions.

Upcoming Events

The 2010 Open House on September 19 (we will need lots of volunteers). Trap Fundamentals classes are scheduled for September 12th and November 14th. The 2011 Annual Dinner is scheduled for Saturday June 25th.

New Member Orientation

The next three new member orientations (informal history and workings of the club) will be at the club on Sunday September 12th, Sunday October 10th and Sunday November 14th 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

NSC well represented at the ATA Grand American Trapshooting Championships

Although NSC is a small club in comparison to many other clubs, we were well represented at the ATA Grand American Trapshooting Championships held at the beginning of August. Eight club members competed during some portion of the 12-day championship, and five others took the opportunity to visit the World Shooting and Recreation Complex in downstate Sparta. In addition to the competition each day, the Grand is famous for its vendor row offering all things shooting related.

Shooters were greeted with unseasonably warm temperatures which lasted for the duration of the championships. Temps early in the first week were around 100 with heat indexes pushing even higher. There was a slight moderation later in the week with highs only in the low 90's, but the humidity made it feel even worse, then temps climbed again during the final few days. Shooting in these conditions requires a lot of preparation, including careful attention to staying hydrated and out of the direct sun as much as possible.

Mike Moore, Rich Kelly, and Scott Calhoun got thing started, shooting in the first event of the championships on Tuesday and shooting in all 15 events thru Sunday. Art Jablonski travelled back from his assignment in Bangalore, India to join the group on Wednesday and also continued shooting all events thru Sunday.

Tom Coleman, Ray Wieser, and Mike's son Chris joined the group late Thursday and starting shooting on Friday. Tom shot thru the weekend, while Ray, Mike and Chris stayed an extra day and shot the program on Monday.

Bob Seetin got in on the action starting Wednesday of the final week, and Scott and Mike travelled back to Sparta to shoot in the Grand American Handicap event held on the final day.

Bob Ash, Jay Spitz, and Jim Monk were at the facility on Friday to take advantage of the vendors and gunsmiths that are on-site. Bob had some work done on his guns while Jay and Jim visited vendor row and spent some time with NSC members that were shooting the events that day. Chuck and Judy Novotny were also on the grounds for a few days, taking a break from visiting family living nearby in Missouri.

The non-shooting highlight of the trip was our annual steak dinner on Friday night. A group of 10 NSC members had an enjoyable evening at Andria's Steakhouse in O'Fallon, dining on prime steaks and all the usual accompaniments.

Anyone who hasn't attended a Grand American tournament should really consider attending. Even if you don't plan on shooting or aren't an ATA member, there are plenty of things to occupy a day or two, and every shooter should take the opportunity to see the incredible facility that was built by the state to host this annual event. There are 120 trap fields stretching 3 miles in length. Event participation during the Grand saw nearly 2,000 shooters participating in the championship events. There are camping facilities for 1,000 campers and motorhomes. There are also two sporting clay courses and pistol ranges, and 24 of the fields are combination trap/skeet. It really is a Mecca for shooters.

... Scott Calhoun



Tom Coleman, Ray Wieser, and Art Jablonski relax while Mike Moore and Rich Kelly finish preparations for shooting at the Grand American.



Tom Coleman, Art Jablonski, Scott Calhoun, Mike Moore, and Rich Kelly are on-deck during the singles event on Friday of preliminary week.



NSC members (l to r) Scott Calhoun, Mike Moore, Art Jablonski, Rich Kelly and Tom Coleman on the line during the singles event during Friday of preliminary week.



Moore Shoot Off: Mike Moore took 6th place in the Parliament Coach Handicap after winning a six-way shoot-off.

Moore, Calhoun earn trophies at the ATA Grand American Trapshooting Championships

NSC members Mike Moore and Scott Calhoun each returned from this year's ATA Grand American Trapshooting Championships with one of the most coveted prizes in trapshooting – a Grand American trophy. The Grand American Championships are in their 111th year, and are contested at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, Illinois. The championships run for 12 days and consist of 25 events covering singles, doubles, and handicap shooting.

Mike earned a 6th Place finish in the Parliament Coach Handicap event on the second day of the championships, scoring a 97 from the 27-yard line. There were 720 shooters in the event, with a single 99 taking the winners spot, and four 98's taking the next four places. Mike's 97 put him in a six-way tie for 6th place, with trophies being awarded thru 8th Place. Mike dropped a single target in the shoot-off, which was good enough to beat his competition and secure the 6th place trophy.

Scott brought home a trophy for 3rd place in Class A in the Remington STS Doubles event, held on the fourth day of competition. Scott had a score of 97 among a field of 937 shooters. Scott's 97 put him in a four-way tie for 1st Place in A Class, with trophies going to the top three finishers. The next doubles event was used as a tie-breaker, and Scott ended up with the 3rd place trophy after the tie-breaker.

Mike has been an ATA member since 2005 and has around 25,000 registered targets to his credit, while Scott has been shooting ATA events since 2003 and has registered around 80,000 targets. Both have won multiple trophies at satellite Grand tournaments, but this is the first Grand American trophy for each of them.



Left to Right: Mike Moore, Scott Calhoun

Membership Notes

Full Membership

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce the recent induction of a probationary member to the rank of "full" members into the Naperville Sportsman's Club family. The induction took place at the Club's monthly Board meeting, held at Sportsman's Park on August 10th.

John Polich was unanimously conferred as a "full" member, by the Club's Board of Directors. John completed the requirements of his probationary membership during 2009-10.

We offer our hearty congratulations to John for making and meeting the commitments required of full membership!

Probationary Membership

The membership committee is also pleased to welcome our newest probationary members. **Trevor Holwell and Bob DeGuiseppe** have been visiting Sportsman's Park over the past few months and have chosen to make the commitment of membership.

Sponsored by member **Ray Courney**, Trevor has been out at Sportsman's over this past year. Bob is re-starting his shooting career. Relatively new to shotgun shooting sports, Bob is being sponsored by life member **Jay Spitz**.

When you see Trevor or Bob on the line or in the Clubhouse, please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome them both into the Club!

NMO sessions

New Member Orientation sessions hosted by Club President **Jim Monk**, are mandatory for our probationary members and open to any member who wants a refresher on range operations and equipment. Upcoming dates for NMO sessions are tentatively scheduled for **September 12th**, **October 10th** and **November 14th**.

Special Dates

Wobble League is tentatively due to begin in September running through early November - mark your calendar to participate... **Dove Season** is due to start September 1st.

Work Requirement

Members who shoot and ALL probationary members are required to meet a work requirement as stipulated by the policies and by-laws of the Club. Regardless of whether or not you receive a postcard, it is the responsibility of the member to meet his/her work obligations.

To confirm your work hour status, NMO dates and to RSVP your NMO attendance or catch up on needed work hours, contact Club President Jim Monk at (630) 842-0391 or by email at president@napervillesportsmansclub.org. Scheduling of work hours is handled by **Club Director Ron Tanski**. If you can't make your scheduled date, contact Ron at rtanski@napervillesportsmansclub.org.

If any member has personal information about a fellow member you can share, please take a moment to contact the Club with your news.

...Membership Committee

A "Grand" Road Trip

600 miles roundtrip, door-to-door was all it took to experience the largest trap shoot in the world. Sparta, Illinois is the home of the "Grand American".

At 3:30am, on a recent Friday morning, **Jim Monk** and I, with a tank full of gas, ice-packed coolers, chairs and a tent, not to mention a GPS and printed directions, began our journey to Randolph County.

Night driving while not everyone's preference; worked for me. Weber Road is the 263 mile marker. We wouldn't exit I55 for another 4 hours. By 8:30am we pulled into the front gate at the World Shooting and Recreation Complex.

As we made our way down Main Event Lane into the heart of the facility, try to envision mile after mile of trap fields, 3.5 miles in fact; laid out as far as the eye could see... one right after another. We passed parking lots and camper areas filled with vehicles. First stop... main facility building to get acclimated, plus a little bite to eat was now in order.

Our appetite suppressed, we put a quick call into our fellow Naperville Sportsmen and our adventure continued. We chose to park by the huge "shell house" and who we run into, but **Rich Kelly** and **Scott Calhoun**. Rich and Scott gave us some quick tips on what's what, where to go and where the "guys" have camped out for the days events. We temporarily part ways so Monk and I can explore.

The vendor mall has all the big names. Winchester and Remington, Kolar and Krieghoff, Browning and Perazzi, as well as White Flyer, Morgan Optical and Gamaliel. OK, so I am a "grubber". Pins, hats, patches and more... **Spitter** gets his share... you don't ask, you don't get! It was nearing 10:45am, so we had to find our fellas...

So we mosey'd down the road a half-mile or more and meet up with Rich and Scott, while also finding members **Tom Coleman**, **Mike Moore** with son Chris and **Ray Wieser**. Sitting under an umbrella is **Art Jablonski**, who flew in from India. Not bringing our guns, Jim and I decided to get comfortable under the tent, opened our "big boy" chairs sitting back while cracking open cold bottles of water and iced tea.

Watching our guys shoot well under the blistering heat among the hundreds of adjoining competitors was something to behold. While not perfect, our guys managed to knock down scores just shy of perfection!

While handicap was due to start within an hour or so, Monk and I decided to check out the shell house and met up with **Bob Ash**. Remington in conjunction with Gamaliel Shooting Supply offered a dynamite deal on STS shells. Buy a case; get an immediate \$20 rebate. Good on five cases, so I bought five. For those who preferred the AA, Winchester worked out the same deal. If brand didn't matter, some took five of each!

The tent vendors were lined up shoulder to shoulder. Needed gun work?! You could have your gun tuned, ported, combed and padded on the premises. Shamrock had bags, you could buy custom belts and pouches, all the while filling your belly with BBQ, steak sandwiches, fried fish or pulled pork. After shells and lunch, it was back to Bank 13 to support our boys on the line.

As we wait for doubles to begin, the Sun began to wane. With the start of the last event of the day, while our guys waited for their squad to be called, Monk and I decide to go sight-seeing.

Big dollar motorhomes with prices cracking a half-million or more on lots that could fit a small home, towing trailers carrying cars and trucks - one sported a full-size Hummer with a golf cart on its back! We saw where Leo parked... he even brought his own swimming pool... nice!

The WSRC had facilities for its campers. Dinner was at Andria's later that evening, so a shower and a change of clothes were necessary.

Ten of us converged on Andria's for a spectacular meal of fine steaks. Appetizers, Caesar Salads, Filets and strips were eagerly consumed by all... no one had room for dessert.

So... it's nearly 10pm, Monk and I have had a full day, but our journey home had to begin. We pick up I55 at the 11 mile marker... 252 miles to Weber road. We make good time and I pull into Monk's driveway at just after 3am...

Next year we plan on shooting a few events and staying a couple days! How about you?!

*...Jay Spitz
Travel Guide*

Shooter Accomplishments

Naperville Sportsman's Club

7/29/10	Jay Spitz	97 of 100 (50 Straight)
7/29/10	Bob Seetin	Dove Tie
7/29/10	Bill Isiminger	Dove Tie
8/01/10	Ray Wieser	25 @ 16 Yd
8/01/10	Jeremy Meyer	25@ 16 Yd
8/22/10	Judy Novotny	25 @ 16 Yd
8/22/10	Steve Pfister	Sunday Dove

...Tom Coleman

Fall Trap League

Wobble (16-yard)

50 targets each week

Thursday, September 16

Thru

Thursday, November 4

- Eight Weeks
- HOA trophies on total score
- Class winner and runner-up trophies
- Class trophies based on best seven scores
- Food for shooters on the last week

Sign-up the first week

Members \$20, Non-Members \$25

Contact Scott Calhoun if you have any questions

Officers and Board Members

President: Jim Monk
Vice President: Michael Moore
Secretary: Fred Turek
Treasurer: Tom Coleman
Ed Heasley: Director '10
Jim Chakour: Director '10
Bob Beyer: Director '11
Steve Pfister: Director '11
Ron Tanski: Director '12
Charlie Tlapa: Director '12
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Newsletter Editor/Publisher: Tom Coleman

Club Information

The Naperville Sportsman's Club
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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

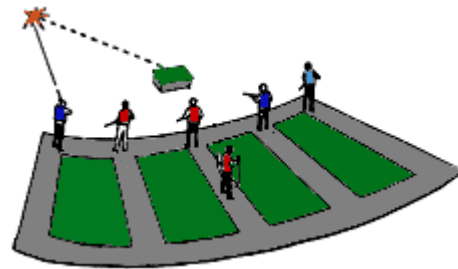
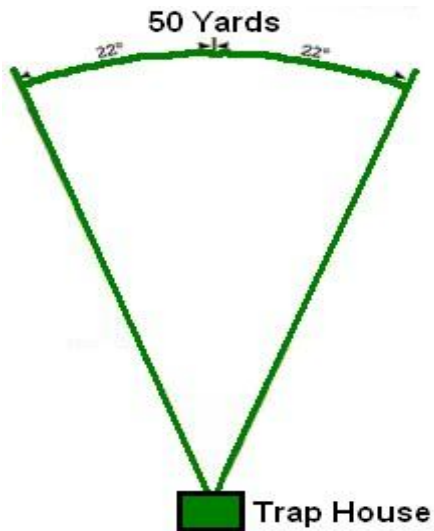
Hours of Operation:

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

Open year round



Classifieds



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September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Club Open	3	4
5 Club Open	6 "Labor Day"	7	8	9 Club Open	10	11
12 Club Open New member Orientation	13	14 NSC Board & Member Meeting – 7:30 PM	15	16 Club Open	17	18
19 Club Open **OPEN HOUSE**	20	21	22	23 Club Open	24	25
26 Club Open	27	28	29	30 Club Open		

October 2010

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