



The Naperville Trapshooter

The Official Newsletter of the Naperville Sportsman's Club - September, 2014

The Fred Section

Members' Meeting and Board Meeting

We will have a member's meeting followed by a board meeting on Tuesday, September 9th. The meeting starts at 7:30; doors open at 7:00. All members are invited and urged to attend both meetings.

*...Fred Turek
Secretary*

Hunter Safety Class

A Hunter Safety Class was offered by the Naperville Park District and the Naperville Sportsmen's Club in August.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brad Wilson and the Naperville Park District for their work in providing the support and facilities to offer the Hunter Safety Class we provide each year. I would also like to extend our thanks to the tireless efforts from our club directors; Ed Heasley, and Ray Courtney.

Under the watchful eye of George Halversine (Master Instructor) I am proud to report that our class of 40 students had 95% of them score 100 % on their final exam. As a training team and a club, we continue to educate our community in firearm safety and firearm sports.

*Dave Paulinski
NSC – Co-Chair Training Committee*

Dates to Remember

*September 9th (Tues) – Members' & Board Meetings
October 14th (Tues) – Members' & Board Meetings
November 11th (Tues) – Members' & Board Meetings
December 9th (Tues) – Members' & Board Meetings
January 13th (Tues) – Members' & Board Meetings*

President's Message

Site Improvements

Work is progressing. We hope to open in November. The Contractor has asked for and received more time to plant some of the landscaping (Spring).

Member and Board Meetings

The NPD has scheduled a room for the NSC to use for our Member and Board meetings. We are meeting at the Riverwalk Community Center in room #205 on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM throughout the duration of the site improvement project.

Thursday Night Meeting Place

The NPD has scheduled a room for the NSC to use on Thursday evenings when the clubhouse is closed for site improvements. We can use the lounge at the Riverwalk Community Center on Thursday evenings throughout the duration of the site improvement project. We have also been using the game room to play pool and ping pong. It is available from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. We are planning on going out for drinks and food on one of the Thursday nights in September.

New "Full" Members

At the August meeting the Board approved Ian Borden, John Foust and Scott Billish for Full Membership. When you see them about town or on the line at another club, please congratulate them on becoming Full Members of the Club.

*...Jim Monk
President*

Ten NSC shooters attend ATA Grand American - Wieser and Mills bring home trophies

Ten members of NSC represented the club at the recently completed ATA Grand American Trapshooting Championships. The Grand was held August 6 thru 16. The Grand American Championships are in their 115th year, and are contested at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, Illinois. The championship runs for 11 days and consists of 23 events covering singles, doubles, and handicap shooting. The first five days of the program are the preliminary days, with the championship events taking place in the final week. In addition to the competition each day, the Grand is famous for its vendor row offering all things shooting related.

The weather this year was overall very good. It was warm and humid at the start, but cooled off in the middle of championship week. It never got really hot, and there was only one day that was hampered by rain. Thursday of preliminary week saw severe weather roll in late in the morning and cause a 2.5 hour delay in the program, and rain persisted for the rest of the day after shooting resumed around 1 pm. There were also light to occasionally moderate rain showers on championship Saturday, but there was very little wind and no severe weather so the shooting schedule was not impacted. Overall for the 11 days, shooting conditions were nearly ideal almost every day.

Mike Moore got things started, shooting in the first event of the prelims on Wednesday, August 6 and shot all 23 events and 2,600 targets thru the last day. Tom Clark shot the single-target events from Thursday thru Monday, and Ralph Nelson was there for the first three days of preliminary competition. Scott Calhoun and Rich Kelly shot all events beginning on Friday afternoon of prelim week, totaling 1,900 targets. Ray Wieser shot starting on Saturday thru the following Friday, logging 1,400 targets. Denny Mills shot the last three days of preliminary week, and Jud Mann shot the final day of prelims and all of the championship events. Art Jablonski shot starting on Monday of championship week, and Josh Wexelbaum shot the final three championship days. Besides the ten members who participated in the competition, a few other club members made the trip to Sparta as well. Chuck and Judy Novotny, along with Jay Martinez and Charlie Tlapa were there shooting Sporting Clays and visiting the vendors, while Bob Ash stopped by during the prelim days to get some stock work done. Mike Moore's brother, Kevin also came down and shot with Mike during the Thursday prelim events.

In addition to the shooting, we had our annual steak dinner on Monday night. The group 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 over 2,000 shooters participating in the championship events, with the preliminary events drawing between 700 and 1,600 entrants. 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.

Trophies

NSC members Ray Wieser and Denny Mills each returned from this year's ATA Grand American Trapshooting Championship with trophies. This makes two years in a row for Ray, having won two trophies the prior year, and for Denny he won a trophy on his first trip to the Grand.

Ray and Denny both got their trophies in the same event, the Blaser Handicap, held on the final day of preliminary week. The event had 1,518 shooters participating.

Shooting from the 19-yard line, Ray recorded a score of 99. There were two perfect scores in the event, so Ray's 99 put him in a tie for champion of the Sr. Veteran (age 70 and over) category. There was one other 99 in the category, so Ray had to wait for shoot-offs later that evening to determine his fate. After shooting was complete for the day, the Naperville contingent made our way to the shoot-off area. Ray checked-in for his shoot-off and waited while other shooters checked-in. Prior to the shoot-offs, names of shooters that qualified for the shoot-offs are announced and they are given 10 minutes to check-in. They give three 10-minute calls to check-in. After the third call, Ray's opponent had not checked-in so Ray was declared the winner of the Sr. Veteran category. Ray also received a punch (yardage increase) of 2 yards, so he is now on the 21-yard line for handicap.

Denny posted a score of 97 from the 20-yard line, which put him in a multi-way tie for high score in the 18 – 20.5 yardage group. Denny was also called for a shoot-off, and after a three-way shoot-off he earned the runner-up trophy for the 18 to 20.5 yardage group. Denny also received a punch of 1 yard, so he is also now on the 21 yard line for handicap.

Josh Wexelbaum received a yardage increase for his score of 96 from the 20-yard line in the championship handicap on Saturday. Josh did not meet the minimum target requirements to be able to compete for trophies in the event, but his 96 did earn him a half-yard punch to the 20.5-yard line.



Left to Right: Ray Wieser & Denny Mills

Former Member Scott Schaffner dies at 46

Former club member Scott Schaffner died unexpectedly on August, 16, 2014. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing and riding his ATV and snowmobile. He will be missed by his faithful hunting dog, Pepper. Services were held Sunday, August 24.



Scott and his German Shorthair Pointer "Pepper" and their first Wild SD Rooster taken in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Scott A. Schaffner

July 17, 1968 - August 16, 2014

Scott A. Schaffner, 46, a longtime resident of Naperville, IL, died unexpectedly on Saturday, August 16, 2014 at Edward Hospital in Naperville. He was born July 17, 1968 in Pottsville, PA.

Scott is survived by his parents, Gary and Linda Schaffner, his brother, Neil (Deborah) Schaffner of Montgomery, IL and two nephews, Carter and Caleb Schaffner. Scott is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Scott moved to Woodridge, IL in 1970 and then to Naperville in 1974. He attended Elmwood Elementary School, Madison Junior High School and was a 1986 graduate of Naperville Central High School, where he played football, baseball and wrestled.

Scott worked for many years in the electrical supply industry. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing and riding his ATV and snowmobile. He will be missed by his faithful hunting dog, Pepper.

Funeral Information

Memorial Visitation Sunday, August 24, 5:00-7:00 P.M. at Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL.

A celebration of Scott's life will follow Sunday, 7:00 P.M. in the funeral home.

Interment: Private.

For info., please call (630) 355-0213.

Donations Information

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to American Cancer Society, 1801 Meyers Rd, Oak Brook, IL 60181, (630) 932-1141,

www.cancer.org

How is your Shotguns and Shooting IQ?

Following is the twenty fifth list of questions which were taken from a book titled Shotgun + Clay Target Sports Trivia written by Mike McGuire. See how many you know. **Watch for the answers to these and more questions next month.**

1. How many traps were used in the original "Glass Ball" trap contests?
2. What countries do the following shotguns come from; Purdy & Sons, Beretta, Perazzi, Holland and Holland, Kreighoff International and Boss & Co?
3. A dram equivalent measurement on a shotgun shell is equal to how many ounces of black powder?
4. Which target is harder to break, an edge-on target of a target with its belly exposed?
5. What four gauges are shot in American Skeet?
6. **T or F** Trapshooters may use shells they have reloaded with black powder in competition.
7. What year was the first known 100 straight shot in trap with Ligowsky targets?
8. What four points of your body does a shotgun touch?
9. What is the minimum height and maximum height for Olympic Trap Targets as measured 10 meters in front of the bunker?
10. **T or F** The depth of a crimp on your shotgun shell can affect the ballistics significantly.
11. **T or F** A right-handed shooter with a "blocky" face would probably "cast off" to the right.
12. Where is the "tubular magazine" located on a pump shotgun?
13. Who manufactures the shotgun nicknamed "The Nostalgia Gun"?
14. Since most shots in shotgun sports are taken under 40 yards, which choke is considered the best all-around one?
15. What function does a wheel thumb perform?
16. Name the four parts that make up a box lock action made famous by gunsmiths Anson & Deeley in 1875.
17. **T or F** The break action shotgun is the easiest shotgun to maintain and is generally the safest.
18. Do all chokes perform the same for all loads made by the same manufacturer?
19. What distances do shooters shoot at post #1 and #5, and #2 and #4 when shooting wobble trap?
20. When under stress in a competition, what one move can you make to ease the stress and re-establish your shooting style?

....Tom Coleman



Answers to Last Month's Trivia Questions!

Following are the answers to last month's Shotgun + Clay Target Sports Trivia questions. How many did you know?

- On which type of shotgun is the fore-end connected to the breech-bolt by rods called "action bars?"
Pump Shotguns
- Who was the first shooter to have a .9900 singles average?
A.J. Stauber from Los Angeles, California, 1927 with an average of .9905
- Who has the responsibility to check the scores after each round of 25, the squad leader or the individual shooter?
The individual shooter must check his scores!
- What yardage in handicap trap is considered "back-yardage?"
24 to 27 yards
- In handicap trapshooting, from 18 through 20 yards is called what position?
Low yardage
- T or F** Ported barrels are permitted in Olympic Trap.
False
- At what height do the clay targets come out of the high and low houses in skeet?
High House – 10 feet; Low House – 3-1/2 feet
- A "Slide Action" shotgun is better known as a _____ shotgun.
Pump action shotgun
- If the safety mechanism shows "red," is the safety on or off?
"OFF," It is ready to fire!
- Name the following shotgun shooting organizations: ATA, NSSA, NRA and NSSF.
ATA Amateur Trapshooting Association of America, NSSA National Skeet Shooting Association, NRA National Rifle Association, NSSF National Shooting Sports Foundation
- In skeet, when shooting singles, the bird comes from which house first?
High House
- T or F** In Olympic Trap, each shooter gets two lefts, two rights, and one straightaway, and no randomized target angles from each post.
True
- In skeet, how far apart is each station with #8 centered between the high and low houses?
26 feet, 8 inches in the semi-circle layout
- _____ is any trap shooter who has not reached his or her 18th birthday.
Junior
- Who were Thompson-Oberfell?
Patterning Gurus, wrote famous book titled *Mysteries of Shotgun Patterns*
- T or F** The radius of a pistol grip and the length of pull (trigger) determines the positioning of the shooter's hand affecting both control and comfort.
True
- What is billed as the "World's Largest Shooting Event?"
The Grand American World Trap Shooting Championships, held each August at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, Illinois
- T or F** A good walnut stock that has been air-dried for two years will probably not crack on you.
True. Time to air-dry a nice piece of wood is critical
- _____ is the term used for the operating mechanism of a shotgun.
Action
- Describe a "Drilling" shotgun.
A "drilling" has three barrels, two of the same gauge shotgun and the third a rifle barrel. A Vierling is a combination of four barrels. Both guns are known as "combination guns."

....Tom Coleman



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Board/Member Meetings: 7:30 PM, 2nd Tuesday

Range Information

Sportsman's Park Trap Range

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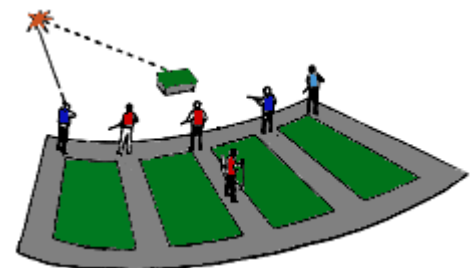
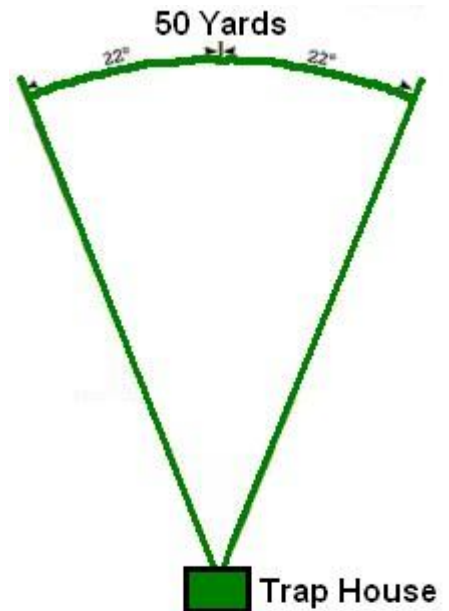
Hours of Operation:

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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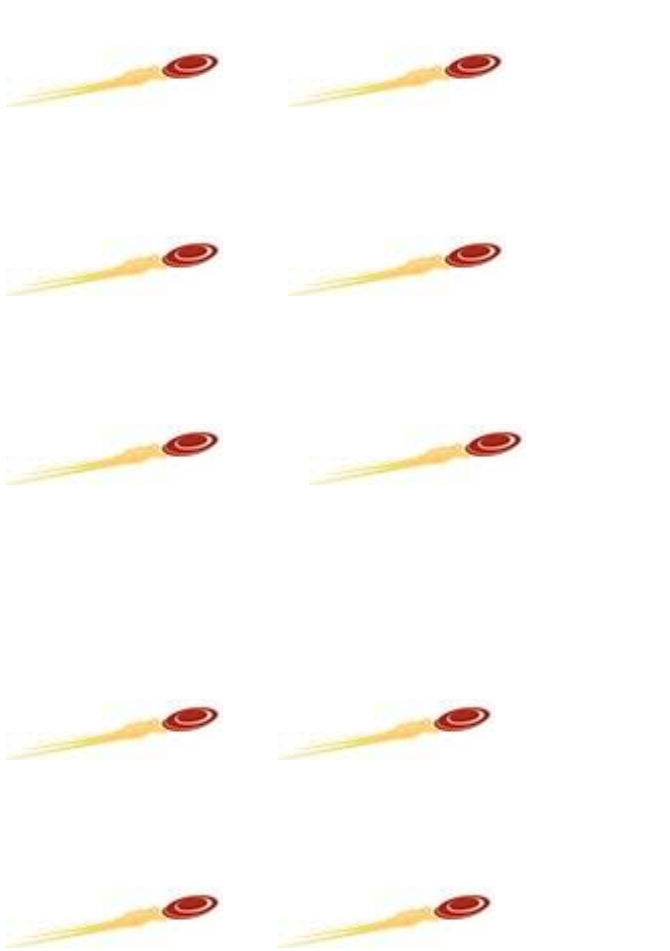
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	1	2	3	4 Club Closed for Site Improvements	5	6
7 Club Closed for Site Improvements	8	9 NSC Board & Member Meeting – 7:30 PM	10	11 Club Closed for Site Improvements	12	13
14 Club Closed for Site Improvements	15	16	17	18 Club Closed for Site Improvements	19	20
21 Club Closed for Site Improvements	22	23	24	25 Club Closed for Site Improvements	26	27
28 Club Closed for Site Improvements	29	30				

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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