



The Naperville Trapshooter

The Official Newsletter of the Naperville Sportsman's Club

December 2023

The Fred Section

Members' Meeting and Board Meeting

We will have a members' meeting and the board meeting on Tuesday, December 12th at the clubhouse. The meeting starts at 7:30; doors open at 7:00. All members are invited and urged to attend.

Time to renew your membership for 2024.

It's time to renew your membership for 2024. The renewal for regular members is \$55. (\$25 for associate members) Please pay by check to the PO box (mail to Naperville Sportsman's Club, PO Box 27, Naperville, IL 60566) or by cash or check at the counter during shooting hours or at the monthly meeting. **If you pay by cash, you must be given and retain a receipt.**

If you would like any family member badges, they are available for a reduced price of \$1 each if ordered with your renewal. (vs. \$2 if ordered separately) To order them, include the extra \$1 each, say what you want, and for each person, include the name, call name, and relationship to you.

NSC Elections

Each year we hold elections for all 4 officer positions, 2 of the 6 director positions, and the member of the year / Dennis Haffner service award. For the officer and director position, any full member can nominate any other full member, including themselves at the November meeting. For the member of the year there are no official rules, but the practice has been that any member can nominate any member.

Sportsman's Park - 1980s



*...Fred Turek
Secretary*

President's Message

Wanted: Range Officer

The NPD is looking for another Range Officer for Sportsman's Park. If you can help, please let us know.

CCL Renewal Class

December 9th, contact Dave Paulinski ASAP.

davidpaulinski@gmail.com

Annual Meeting of the Members

The Annual Meeting of the Members will be held on December 12th. We will be holding the election as a major part of our business that night. Nominations took place at the November members' meeting. I was nominated for President, John McGuire for Vice President, Fred Turek for Secretary and Tom Coleman for Treasurer. Steve Pfister and Nenad Trichkovski were nominated for the two Directors positions. We will also choose between Ralph Nelson, DJ Orbell, Craig VanderKolk, Russ Dixon, Dave Peace, Dave Krause, Jim Chakour, Dan Sterr and Brian Krieger for the Dennis Haffner Service Award. As always, the meeting will start promptly at 7:30 PM.

Membership Items from October

The Board approved Pete Schmidt for Full Membership. When you see him in the clubhouse or on the line, please congratulate him on becoming a Full Member of the Club.

Upcoming Events

CCL Renewal Class: Sunday December 9th

NSC NYE-Protection Shoot: Sunday December 31st

2024 NSC Doubles League: January 14, 2024

New Member Orientation

The next three new member orientations (informal history and workings of the club) will be held at the club on Sunday December 17th, Sunday January 14th, and Sunday February 11th 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*

Training Committee Report

Here we are at the end of another year, and we keep growing. We have added another member to our rolls as an instructor for the IDNR, Liberty Turner. We have also gained another certified ISRA Wing Shooter Instructor, Russ Dixon to our training pool. I am also in the process of apprenticing a parent for the 2024 season as a candidate ISRA Instructor. These new talents and dedication including our fantastic support from the clubs we serve, provide a powerful training tool we will use wisely.

We have the first few dates locked for the Trap Fundamentals Classes in 2024. (This is done for the printings by the Naperville Park District.) We will again for the second year, be offering two (2) ISRA Hunter Safety Field Day Classes at the Naperville Sportsman's Club and three (3) at the Newark Sportsman's Club in 2024. I should have the Newark dates by the end of January and will pass all the dates along to you.

We were also active with the BSA, offering a full day of introduction, basic firearm training, shotgun handling and an opportunity to shoot trap under individual certified instructors. The whole club helped on that day and pitched in, starting with classroom to range, to free hotdogs and refreshments. Many thanks to Fred Turek, Dave Krause, the BSA, parents and all the fantastic help that made that so successful. It was hard, but boy, was it fun!

It is an honor and a privilege to work with such a talented, diverse, and dedicated staff and clubs. Many thanks to our hosts, The Naperville Park District, The Naperville Sportsman's Club, and the Newark Sportsman's Club, and all its members. We could not do this without you.

Finally, I am giving a Conceal Carry Renewal Class at the Naperville Sportsman's Clubhouse on December 9th / 10th. Contact me as soon as possible if you are interested.

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Be Safe

David Paulinski

IDNR Master Hunter Safety Instructor (Region II)

Firearm Safety Corner

Wow what a month. We are winning on multiple levels across the states. Just a few tidbits to cheer you up for the holiday season:

+Registration with the Illinois law that takes effect on Jan 1, 2024.....to date.....(0.017%)

+N.Y has been ordered to pay \$447K to the NRA for legal costs in the Bruen case.

Taxpayers take note: when local governments lose these cases, not only do you pay the legal bill, but you also pay for the defense too.

+Politicians across the states are backing down on the defunding of school firearm training and hunting programs. Some will not even discuss the matter- Why? "Election Time!".

+December is looking to be the 53 consecutive month of record gun sales in the U.S.

(The number 1 reason for new gun purchases - Personal Protection)

+18 states are now 2nd Amendment Sanctuary States and will not enforce Federal Laws against the Second Amendment in their states.

+ Looking at 36 states joining the "Open Carry" Format in early 2024.

+ Federal Court just ruled permits to purchase, own, firearms is **Unconstitutional**. The threat of the FOID card ending is growing by the day.

+ Cook County Sheriff was on live T.V. stating he does not have the manpower or money to collect 37,000 revoked FOID cards in Cook County. (Cook County has the highest amount of FOID cards issued in the state)

For now, I urge all law-abiding Firearm owners to keep aware of your surroundings. Use some of the new technologies for home, cameras, and alarm systems. Seek proper gun safety training, and practice regularly. Please remember; "When the gun is not in your hand, it is secured somewhere." Finally, save ammo-dry fire using laser tech available for your gun. Make sure the gun is empty. Use fake ammo to add weight to the gun for training.

Be Safe Remain Vigilant,

Dave Paulinski



Doubles League



Starts Sunday, January 14, 2024

Seven Weeks (ends Sunday, February 25)

Shoot Eight rounds in Seven Weeks

25-Pair Doubles Targets each Week

400 Total Targets

\$20 Entry Fee – Sign-up the first week of the league

ATA members can register league targets - ATA/ISTA fee required

Trapshooting Fundamentals Class
Sunday, March 24, 2024 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM





Dave Peace

2023 Club Champion



Club Champion for 2023:

On the strength of one 1st place along with a 2nd, 3rd and 4th place finish, Dave Peace earned this year's Club Champion crown. Dave finished 2nd in Doubles, 3rd in Singles and 4th in Handicap to go along with 1st place in Wobble.

The club champion title is based on points earned from each of the three league events each year (Doubles, Singles, Wobble), as well as the club Handicap Championship held each summer. The top ten finishers in each event earn up to 30 points, one point is earned for participating in the league, and the shooter with the most points at the end of the year is the club champion. Results for the top five overall finishers for 2023 are below, along with the list of past club champions.

Name	Doubles	Singles	Handicap	Wobble	Points
Dave Peace	27	24	21	30	102
Tony Meadors	30	21	30	9	90
Hafeez Bhurgri	24	27	0	21	72
DJ Orbell	1	30	27	6	64
Denny Mills	21	12	1	27	61

Past Winners (blanks are missing information/Irish Open does not count toward club championship):

Year	Champion	Points	Doubles	Singles	Handicap	Wobble	Irish Open
2007	Mike Moore	98	Mike Moore	Charlie Tlapa	Scott Calhoun	Mike Moore	
2008	Mike Moore	95	Mike Moore	Mike Moore	Mike Moore	Charlie Tlapa	
2009	Mike Moore	107	Mike Moore	Mike Moore	Scott Calhoun	Mike Moore	
2010	Mike Moore	120	Mike Moore	Mike Moore	Mike Moore	Mike Moore	Mike Moore
2011	Steve Pfister	70	Mike Moore	Scott Calhoun	Joe Kuhn	Art Dwight	Judy Novotny
2012	Scott Calhoun	99	Mike Moore	Mike Moore	Jay Spitz	Scott Calhoun	Bob Ash
2013	Scott Calhoun	86	Scott Calhoun	Joe Kuhn	Bob Ash	Mike Moore	Steve Pfister
2014	Club Closed	n/a	Scott Calhoun	Scott Calhoun	n/a	n/a	Mike Moore
2015	Mike Moore	110	Mike Moore	Mike Moore	Mike Moore	Mike Moore	Bob Pfister
2016	Scott Calhoun	95	Scott Calhoun	Mike Moore	Scott Calhoun	Jud Mann	Scott Calhoun
2017	Scott Calhoun	90	Jud Mann	Mike Moore	Mike Moore	Denny Mills	Scott Calhoun
2018	Mike Moore	114	Scott Calhoun	Mike Moore	Mike Moore	Mike Moore	Josh Wexelbaum
2019	Scott Calhoun	111	Jud Mann	Scott Calhoun	Scott Calhoun	Judy Novotny	Bob Pfister
2020	Club Closed	n/a	Mike Moore	n/a	n/a	Mike Moore	Scott Calhoun
2021	Dave Peace	84	Mike Moore	Denny Mills	Dave Peace	Steve Melovic	Mike Moore
2022	Art Jablonski	102	Art Jablonski	Dave Peace	Jud Mann	Hafeez Bhurgri	Tony Meadors
2023	Dave Peace	102	Tony Meadors	DJ Orbell	Tony Meadors	Dave Peace	Dave Peace

Dave Peace wins 2023 Wobble League

The 2023 Wobble league concluded on Thursday, November 2nd with Dave Peace taking home the High Overall trophy.

This fall league featured 31 shooters firing at 50 wobble targets each Thursday night for eight weeks. Dave took the top spot with a 15-bird victory over Denny Mills who claimed HOA Runner-Up. The remaining shooters contended for five sets of class trophies, based on their best seven scores from the eight weeks of shooting.



Wobble results

Name	Class	Result
Dave Peace	HOA	Champion
Denny Mills		Runner-Up
Hafeez Bhurgri	AA class	Winner
Steve Melovic		Runner-Up
Craig Vander Kolk	A class	Winner
Jim Chakour		Runner-Up
Mike Nutt	B class	Winner
David Kuznetzow		Runner-Up
Ralph Nelson	C class	Winner
Jim Monk		Runner-Up
John Piotrowski	D class	Winner
Ralph Gross		Runner-Up



Gobble Wobble Turkey Shoot

November 9, 2023



Warm temperatures coupled with clear skies, set the backdrop for the Twenty First Annual Turkey Shoot held November 9th at Sportsman's Park. Club members came out and enjoyed a night of clay target competition to bag one of the 10 available turkeys. Shooters were limited to two turkeys, with Jacki Benson and Jordan Schreier bagging the limit, and six others taking home one prize each. Turkey winners had to work hard to bag their bird, as other seasoned hunters took many roosts to 'Hit or your out' shoot-offs. Special thanks to our Hunt Guide, Ben Jewell, for keeping the event on time and on target.

# 1	Tony Meadors Marvin & Gurmani
# 2	Joe Piotrowski Jordan & Jim C.
# 3	Iftekhar Gurmani Marvin, Gary & Nenad
# 4	Larry Hassell Jacki & Jordan
# 5	Nenad Trichkovski Gurmani & Jacki

# 6	Jacki Benson Denny
# 7	Chico Rashid Marvin & Gurmani
# 8	Jordan Schreier Chico & Joe P.
# 9	Jacki Benson Marvin, Tony & Gurmani
# 10	Jordan Schreier

Winner – Winner – Pheasant Dinner

November 6, 2023



Early November found club members hitting the field to claim the hunt won at the annual dinner. Guides Bob Mikolajczak and Dan Sterr, with Juno, Raven, and Bailee leading the way, proved to be too much for the birds hiding in the bush.

Raffle winners Brian Krieger and Jim Chakour along with guests Steve Pfister and Steve and Sandy Melovic did their best to down the pheasants flushed out by the terrific trio. With the three dogs working the field, you never knew where the next flush would be.

Pictures from the hunt:



Sportsman's Stories

NSC members Scott Calhoun and Judson Mann attended the Autumn Grand at Tucson Trap and Skeet Club. Their friend Barry Turner also flew in all the way from Nova Scotia for sunshine and desert heat.



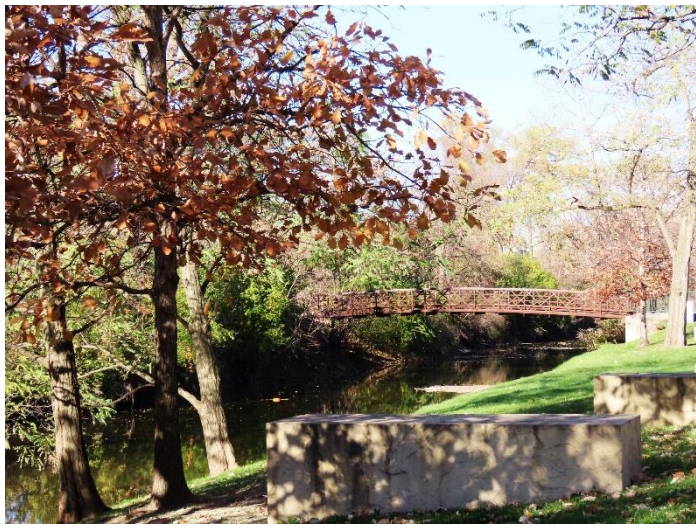
Steve and Sandy Melovic with their nephew Luke have another great hunt.



Out & About with Sandy Melovic



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Naperville Sportsman's Club 2023 Calendar of Events

January		February	March	
Sun, 01	NYD: Two-Shooter Protection		Sun, 19	NSC Irish Open
Sun, 15	NSC Doubles league starts*		Thu, 23	NSC Singles League starts **
			Sun, 26	Trapshooting Fundamentals
April		May	June	
Sun, 09	Club Closed - Easter	Sat, 06	10-18	Illinois State Shoot
Sun, 16	ATA (Naperville – targets only)	Sun, 14	Sat, 24	NSC Member Picnic
Sun, 30	Trapshooting Fundamentals	Sun, 21		
July		August	September	
Sun, 09	Green Acres Day	2-12	Thu, 14	NSC Wobble league starts***
Sun, 16	Trapshooting Fundamentals	Sat, 05	Sun, 24	Trapshooting Fundamentals
Sun, 23	ATA (Naperville – targets only)	Sun, 20		
		Thu, 24		
October		November	December	
Sun, 01	ATA (Naperville - trophy shoot)	Thu, 09	Sun, 24	Closed-Christmas Eve
Sun, 01	Game Cook	Thu, 23	Sun, 31	NYE: Two-Shooter Protection
Sun, 22	Trapshooting Fundamentals			
Sun, 29	Scouts Shoot			

*-NSC Doubles League – 25 pair of doubles each Sunday for seven weeks, ends February 26

**-NSC Singles League – 50 singles targets each Thursday for eight weeks, ends May 11

***-NSC Wobble League – 50 wobble targets each Thursday for eight weeks, ends November 2

Grand American 8/2-12/2023

Il State Shoot 6/10-18

Nap-ATA: 4/16,7/23,10/1

DG-ATA: 4/23,5/14,6/25,9/17,10/8

SC-ATA: 5/20,6/4,7/9,9/9-9/10

McHenry-ATA: 5/21,10/1

Trap Class: 3/26,4/30,7/16,8/20,9/24,10/22

Hunter Safety: 5/6, 8/5

Scouts Shoot: 10/29

5/8/2023

December 2023

December 2023							January 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30	31			
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2
3 LarryB	4	5	6	7 LarryB	8	9
10 Vince	11	12 Club Meeting	13	14 Vince	15	16
17 Craig	18	19	20	21 Craig	22	23
24 Closed	25	26	27	28 Denny	29	30
31 Brian NYE-Protection	Jan 1, 24	2	3	4	5	6

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January 2024

January 2024							February 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	25	26	27	28	29		
28	29	30	31										

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 31	Jan 1, 24 New Years Day	2	3	4 Brian	5	6
7 Dan	8	9 Club Meeting	10	11 Dan	12	13
14 DJ Doubles-1	15	16	17	18 DJ	19	20
21 Doubles-2 Russell	22	23	24	25 Russell	26	27
28 Doubles-3 Steve	29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3

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Officers and Board Members

President: Jim Monk

Vice President: John McGuire

Secretary: Fred Turek

Treasurer: Tom Coleman

Nenad Trichkovski: Director '23

Steve Pfister: Director '23

Brian Krieger: Director '24

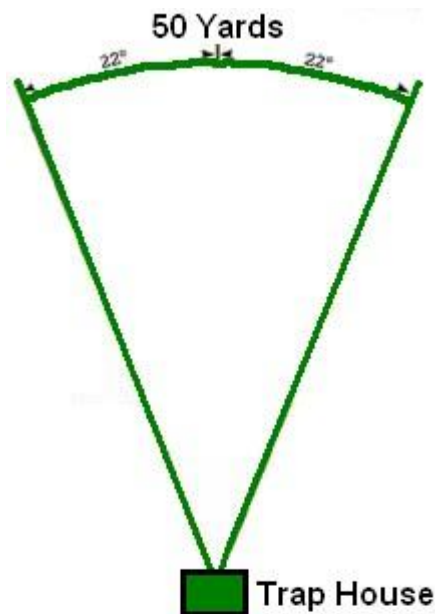
Dan Sterr: Director '24

Dave Krause: Director '25

Jim Chakour: Director '25

Park District Liaison: David Naydenoff

Newsletter Editor/Publisher: Tom Coleman



Club Information

The Naperville Sportsman's Club

PO Box 27

Naperville, IL 60566

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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 60566

Clubhouse phone: 630-828-6671

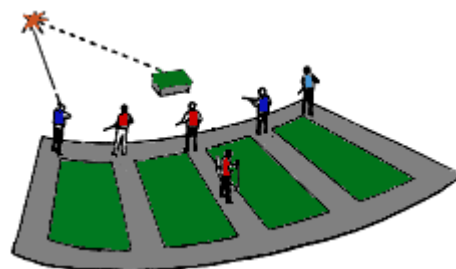
Hours of Operation:

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



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