



The Naperville Trapshooter

The Official Newsletter of the Naperville Sportsman's Club *February 2026*

The Fred Section

Members' Meeting and Board Meeting

We will have a members' meeting and the board meeting on Tuesday, February 10th 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 2026.

It's time to renew your membership for 2026. 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.

....Fred Turek
Secretary

President's Message

Wanted: Range Manager

The NSC is looking for a couple more Range Managers. One Sunday, one Thursday every other month.

CCL Renewal Class

Contact Dave Paulinski: davidpaulinski@gmail.com

Membership Items

The Board approved Ben Nurczyk, John Waddell, Tihomir Petrov & Zak Jarrell as full members, and Tim Rockhold as a probationary member. When you see them in the clubhouse or on the line, please congratulate them.

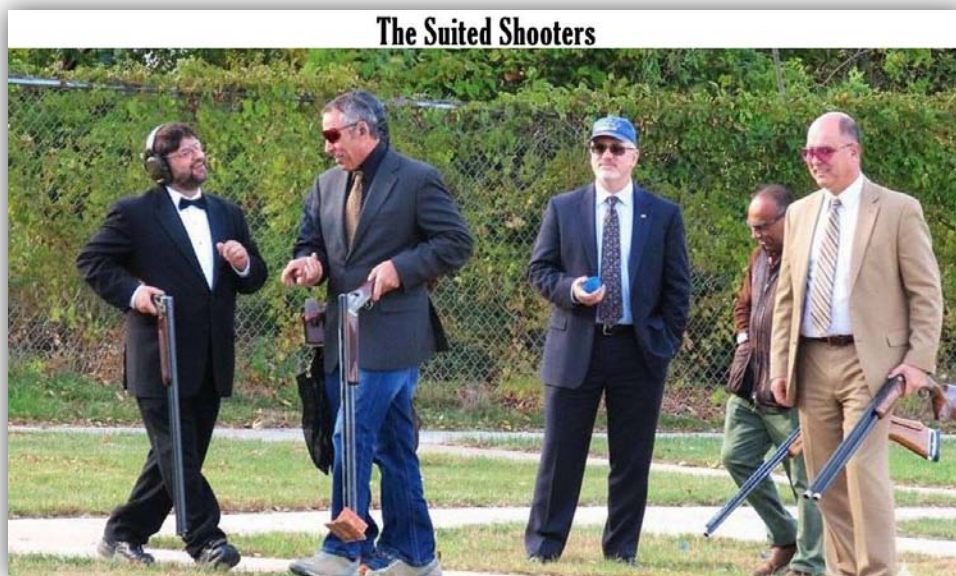
Upcoming Events

Doubles League: Ongoing through Sunday Feb. 22nd
Hunter Safety Class: Saturday, Feb. 14th & Mar. 14th
Range Safety Officer Class: Saturday, Feb. 28th
Irish Open: Sunday, March 15th

New Member Orientation

The next New Member Orientation (informal history and workings of the club) will be held in the spring.

.... Art Jablonski
President



Firearm Safety Corner

I had a chance to review the newer Gun Safety Storage Act recently. Basically, it did fill some holes as far as transportation of firearms in Illinois. (Unloaded, Fully Encased, Not Readily Accessible.) as one point. Another is a broad spectrum of securing firearms within the home.

I have diligently taught securing firearms in the home; in every firearm training class I had the honor of teaching in for the past 14 years now. Separation of "locked," and properly secured firearms with the ammunition stored in another secure device and / or location. All of which are very important items to address.

There are several items offered in the "Act," that I will not offer my opinion here, other than to say, "They should have taken one of our classes." I have mentioned it several times in past articles about the fact that being a Law-Abiding Firearm Owner automatically instills responsibility for firearm safe storage.

With that in mind, I introduced my "mission," to provide FREE Firearm Trigger Locks to our community who take part in our Training Classes here and at the Newark Sportsman's Club. I know it is just a beginning and with the dedicated law enforcement friends who helped me set up an outstanding supply. I hope to expand this venture in 2026.

This is NOT JUST Firearm Safety but Suicide Prevention, as I mentioned in the past. When I was asked why am I doing this? My answer is: "If it can save one life, just one, it is worth every effort. All life is a gift. ALL FOR FREE AT NO COST!

Finally, if any members have a need or opportunity where this could benefit their social clubs, or local organizations, let me know. I will do my best to help with the effort.

Be Safe in the New Year and Remain Vigilant,
Dave Paulinski
IDNR Master Hunter Safety Instructor (Region II)



The Training Corner

Upcoming Training Classes

CCL renewal class – Contact Dave Paulinski for registration

02/14/2026 IDNR Hunter Safety Education Field Day at NSC – Class is full

03/14/2026 IDNR Hunter Safety Education Field Day at NSC – Class is full, accepting waitlist

03/22/2026 Trap Fundamental Class – Registration Now Open- Park District Website

04/26/2026 Trap Fundamental Class – Registration Opens Soon- Park District Website

Recap for January

While the cold weather has kept many of us off the range and close to the heater, our Training Committee has been able to complete some inside work for the upcoming 2026 season.

In anticipation of the 2026 season, the NSC training team is holding a 3-hour curriculum workshop on the updated IDNR educational materials, techniques and testing requirements on February 2nd. This is just another step in the NSC training team's commitment to youth education and making sure we are using the best information to help educate the next generation of hunters on ethics, conservation and hunting safety.

Our first IDNR Hunter Safety Education class for 2026 will be held on Saturday Feb 14th, currently this class is full and has a waitlist, our next class will be held Saturday March 14th, is also full and accepting waitlist students, so if you know of a youth or adult that is interested please have them register thru the IDNR website.

Registration is now open for the March 22nd Trap Fundamentals Class on the Naperville Park Districts website. Additional Trap Fundamentals dates for 2026 are April 26th, July 26th, August 23rd, September 27th and October 25th.

If you are interested in helping with training and education of youth or new shooters of any age, we would love to have you as part of the team. Please reach out to me or Dave Krause for more information.

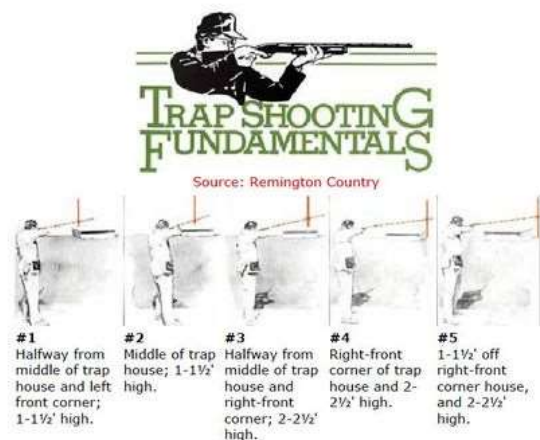
Looking forward to a very successful 2026 training schedule.

See you on the Range!

Russell Dixon

Training Committee Chair

training@napervillesportsmansclub.org



From Trap #4...

Hey Fellow NSC'ers...

Out in the Mojave, Naperville Sportsmen are shooting clay too. I just happen to be 2000 miles west of you...

Weather is just a bit different than what you're dealing with... it's still in 60s & 70s, with sunny skies, shooting among mountains, palm trees and cactus.

At the recent Nevada State Shoot, I met up with Dr. Tom - Tom Krolick, who is now retired and lives in Arizona, we had a chance to break bread and shoot together. We didn't bring home any hardware, but didn't embarrass ourselves either as we shot at our birds...

During recent league shooting sponsored by the Nevada State Trap Association, Spitter and the DPI team - Dakota Packaging Inc took 2nd Place out of 30 teams, with everything coming down to the last night of competition against the top rated team... for guys who are typically 20-22 yard handicappers, we were pinned back to the 27 yard line all league-long, but we dug in and fought for every bird, every night... I could not have been prouder of my guys' efforts.

If your plans should bring you to Las Vegas, know you've got a Naperville member you can connect with. Wishing you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2026...

Jay Spitz
Life Member





ILLINI INDIANS

Promoting Good Fellowship Among Trap Shooters Since 1931

A member owned organization with a mission to promote and support the sport of ATA Trapshooting

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ILLINI INDIANS

I hereby apply for renewal or new membership in the Illini Indians and agree that I will abide by the constitution and by-laws of the organization and patronize the shoots held whenever possible.

PLEASE FILL OUT LEGIBLY, ONE MEMBER PER APPLICATION

Shooting Year: 2026

Date: ____/____/____

Membership Type (check one): **Renewal** _____ **New Member** _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Phone: (____) _____-_____

Email: _____

Please fill in amounts as applicable below

Member Annual Dues \$30.00 per year: \$ _____

Membership Badge (w/ your name & Illini Indian Logo) \$40.00 each: \$ _____

If ordered, name to be placed on badge: _____

Donation to the trophy fund \$ _____

(44% of our funds come from donations, EVERY DOLLAR HELPS!)

Payment type (check one): **Check** _____ **Cash** _____ **Total Amount: \$** _____

Please present or mail this application with remittance to shoot manager:

ILLINI INDIANS

c/o Lonny Terzo

430 Audubon St.

Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

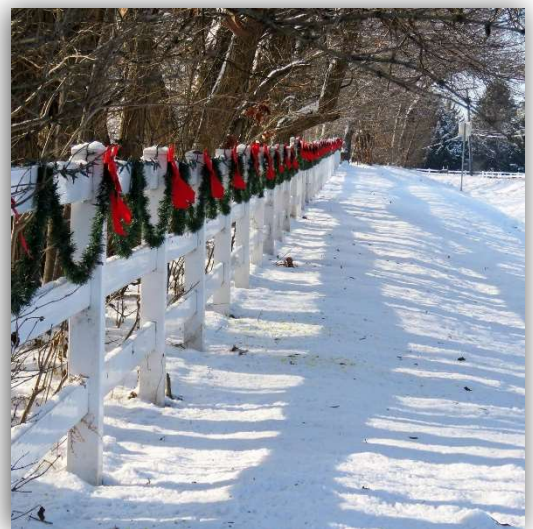
For questions call Lonny Terzo @ (847) 346-5093 or email illiniindians@gmail.com

Please Fill in information below, cut here and retain for receipt

Name: _____ Dues paid \$ _____ Membership Badge \$ _____

Date: _____ Ck No: _____ Donation to trophy fund: \$ _____ TOTALS: _____

Out & About with Sandy Melovic



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Naperville Sportsman's Club 2026

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November 2026						
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December 2026						
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Grand American 7/29-8/8
 II State Shoot 6/15-21
 WI State Shoot 7/7-12
 Nap-ATA: 4/12,5/3,7/19,10/4
 DG-ATA: 4/26,6/28,9/12-13,10/11
 SC-ATA: 5/17,6/8,7/6,9/12-13,9/27
 McHenry-ATA: 5/16,5/17,10/4

RSO Class: 2/28
 Trap Class: 3/22,4/26,7/26,8/23,9/27,10/25
 Hunter Safety-NSC: 2/14,3/14,8/8
 Hunter Safety-Newark: 4/25,7/18,9/26
 Next Stop: TBD
 Scout Shoot: TBD

12/28/2025- NYE-Protection
 12/27/2026- NYE-Protection

Date	Event or Holiday
01-Jan (Thu)	Closed-New Year's Day
11-Jan (Sun)	~ Doubles-1
13-Jan (Tue)	* Club Meeting
18-Jan (Sun)	~ Doubles-2
25-Jan (Sun)	~ Doubles-3
01-Feb (Sun)	~ Doubles-4
08-Feb (Sun)	~ Doubles-5
10-Feb (Tue)	* Club Meeting
14-Feb (Sat)	Valentines Day (Hunter Safety)
15-Feb (Sun)	~ Doubles-6
22-Feb (Sun)	~ Doubles-7
28-Feb (Sat)	~ RSO Class
08-Mar (Sun)	Daylight Savings
10-Mar (Tue)	* Club Meeting
14-Mar (Sat)	~ Hunter Safety
15-Mar (Sun)	~ Irish Open
17-Mar (Tue)	St. Patrick's Day
19-Mar (Thu)	~ Singles-1
22-Mar (Sun)	~ Trap Class
26-Mar (Thu)	~ Singles-2
02-Apr (Thu)	~ Singles-3
05-Apr (Sun)	Closed-Easter
09-Apr (Thu)	~ Singles-4
12-Apr (Sun)	^ ATA-NSC
14-Apr (Tue)	* Club Meeting
16-Apr (Thu)	~ Singles-5
23-Apr (Thu)	~ Singles-6
26-Apr (Sun)	~ Trap Class (ATA-DG)
30-Apr (Thu)	~ Singles-7
03-May (Sun)	^ ATA-NSC
07-May (Thu)	~ Singles-8
10-May (Sun)	Closed-Mother's Day
12-May (Tue)	* Club Meeting
17-May (Sun)	Closed-NCHS Graduation
25-May (Mon)	Memorial Day
07-Jun (Sun)	^ ATA-SC
09-Jun (Tue)	* Club Meeting
18-Jun (Thu)	^ ATA-IL St
19-Jun (Fri)	Juneteenth Day
21-Jun (Sun)	Father's Day (ATA-IL St)
27-Jun (Sat)	* Club Dinner
28-Jun (Sun)	^ ATA-DG
14-Jul (Tue)	* Club Meeting

Date	Event or Holiday
18-Jul (Sat)	^ ATA-SC
19-Jul (Sun)	^ ATA-NSC
26-Jul (Sun)	~ Trap Class
30-Jul (Thu)	^ ATA-GrandAm
02-Aug (Sun)	^ ATA-GrandAm
06-Aug (Thu)	^ ATA-GrandAm
08-Aug (Sat)	~ Hunter Safety
11-Aug (Tue)	* Club Meeting
20-Aug (Thu)	~ Handicap Champ
23-Aug (Sun)	~ Trap Class
06-Sep (Sun)	^ ATA-SC
07-Sep (Mon)	Labor Day
08-Sep (Tue)	* Club Meeting
10-Sep (Thu)	~ Wobble-1
12-Sep (Sat)	^ ATA-DG N.Zone
13-Sep (Sun)	^ ATA-DG N.Zone
17-Sep (Thu)	~ Wobble-2
24-Sep (Thu)	~ Wobble-3
27-Sep (Sun)	~ Trap Class
01-Oct (Thu)	~ Wobble-4
04-Oct (Sun)	^ ATA-NSC & Cook
08-Oct (Thu)	~ Wobble-5
11-Oct (Sun)	^ ATA-DG
13-Oct (Tue)	* Club Meeting
15-Oct (Thu)	~ Wobble-6
22-Oct (Thu)	~ Wobble-7
25-Oct (Sun)	~ Trap Class
29-Oct (Thu)	~ Wobble-8
31-Oct (Sat)	Halloween
01-Nov (Sun)	Daylight Savings
10-Nov (Tue)	* Club Meeting
11-Nov (Wed)	Veterans Day
12-Nov (Thu)	~ Gobble Wobble
26-Nov (Thu)	Closed-Thanksgiving
08-Dec (Tue)	* Club Meeting
24-Dec (Thu)	Closed-Christmas Eve
25-Dec (Fri)	Christmas Day
27-Dec (Sun)	~ NYE-Protection
31-Dec (Thu)	Closed-New Year's Eve

Officers and Board Members

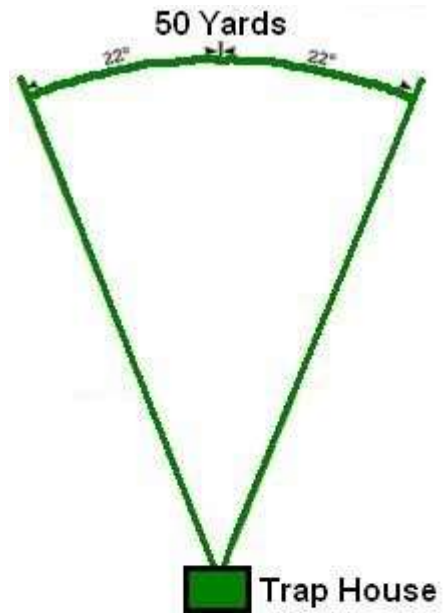
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Club Information

The Naperville Sportsman's Club
PO Box 27 Naperville, IL 60566
www.NapervilleSportsmansClub.org
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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