

BROKEN CLAYS



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Special points of interest:

- Spring Trap League
- Spring 5-stand League
- Trap #2 Back on track
- Shooting at a golf course?
- Membership Info

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EXTRA! EXTRA!

Welcome back to the Broken Clays Newsletter! With all the activity around the club, it's been difficult to continue writing, editing, and publishing a monthly newsletter on a regular basis.

After recently being voted in as one of your new board members, I was asked what skill sets I can apply towards the club. Having a hobby interest in photography and some light web design work, I mentioned I could help maintain the clubs website. Along with that I was asked if I could publish the clubs monthly newsletter once again.

So here we are hopefully back on track. Not sure how this newsletter thing is going to go as I'm not very much a writer but I'm sure like anything else practice makes perfect. And you learn by doing. So over the next few months I hope to start rolling out more newsletters monthly filled with all the good details you once possibly read about in the past.

I'd like to include topics such as club activity, events, league information, new



members, sportsman of the month, classified ads, game tutorials for beginners, etc.

The newsletters will be available via the Frankfortsportsmanclub.com website each month. They will be posted for you to download and read. Wish me best of luck, and happy reading!

Remember to renew your membership before the end of the month!

It's that time of year again when your membership renewals are due. Stop by the club as soon as possible to update your membership for the year.

As a reminder your yearly dues are required before the month of February. Any payments made after March 1st a late fee of \$25 will be charged.

You should have received an e-mail a few months back with an attached renewal form. Simply bring in your payment, along with a printed copy of your renewal form to the club to update your membership.

Copies of the renewal form are available at the club if you did not receive them via e-mail.

Message from the club president

As the New Year starts, I hope that all is well with all our members and their family. As always, we were open January 1st, for the Polar Bear Shoot. The weather was comfortable and the food was a plenty.

I want to welcome all our new members and their families. I want to thank all our members that have renewed their dues before the late fee deadline.

If you didn't notice we have several new staff members working at the club. I like you to welcome our two new cashiers Colleen and Mel, as well as our two new Trap Associates, Nick and Michael. We also want to wish Josh Berndt good luck in his new job as a Diesel Mechanic, or as we have told him his "big boy job". Josh did an excellent job as the lead trap associate, and he will be missed.

We are looking forward to future events at the club, and as we have stated before, we need you as members to help by volun-

teering your time, sweat, and knowledge. This is your club and it only works with your help.

President,
Thurlow Haskell



New weather policy

As we are currently in our winter hours for this time of year. We wanted to let you know that we have a new winter weather policy. As you may or may not know but during the winter months we have a rule if the feel like temp feel like is below 15 degrees the club will be closed for the evening. This is effective for both Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Also decided was that since many of

you enjoy coming to the club just to hang out during the winter months, but are not interested in shooting during the cold months. The club will always be open on Sunday's regardless of feel like temp.

*"Feel like temp is below 15
degrees the club will be closed
Wednesday and Friday
Evenings. Sunday we will be
open..."*

The Director on Duty will determine how long the club will remain open on Sunday. If little to no shooters appear on Sunday afternoon it's their choice to close early to save on club expenses. So stop by to hang out with your fellow shooters on Sundays!

Reminder no smoking inside the clubhouses

It's been brought to our attention, due to some complaints were made in regards to members smoking inside the clubhouses. As a reminder, and in compliance with Illinois state law, there is to be no smoking inside the buildings at the club, at any time.

This includes both the main Clubhouse as well as the 5-stand / Skeet trailer.



No smoking at the club

Please do not smoke in either house at any time. This does not mean that your allowed to stand inside the 5-stand trailer, with the window open, sticking your head out the window and think it is okay. If you choose to smoke you must do so outside and the building.

These facility are used by other club members as well as outside guests. Lets make it presentable to everybody.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Trap 2, Back on track

For the last several months we've been having a problem with trap #2 occasionally not throwing correctly.

It was not that big of a deal as it only happened every so often. Although of recently it seemed like it's been getting worse. The machine was experiencing issues with throwing an illegal hard right. Also it was almost skimming the clay off the surface of the ground.

It sure was quick surprise to shoot that one. Had to make sure I was on the Trap field, and not 5-stand field.

Also the machine for quite some time has been randomly breaking clays when throwing doubles.

Several board members got to together on a Saturday and worked to fix these issues.

Don and Steve took the machine apart replaced some limit sensors, the throwing arm, and the clay hold brush. Mike provided his knowledge and assistance.



Steve, Don, Dennis, Robert, and Mike working on Trap #2

Dennis and Robert spent another Saturday afternoon looking at all the adjustment settings and aligned everything back to factory specs.

Now we are pleased to announce that Trap #2 is back on track with throwing properly.

So stop by and give it a shot!

Event Calendar to appear at club

Some members were requesting that an event calendar be posted at the club.

This way members who do not receive e-mail would like to see what's happening around the club can see current club events.

In addition to these new monthly news letters that will feature the upcoming events calendar. I will also be posting new calendars in the club.



The calendar's will be posted in several areas around the clubhouse and 5-stand trailer.

Hopefully this will keep everyone up to day with clubs happening events.

If you have any other suggestions please feel free to let a director know your idea!

Who knows you may see it in place next time you come to the club.

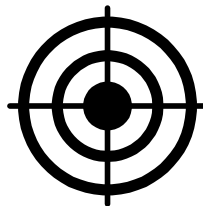
"Top Shots" January

Congratulations January top shot shooters for hitting 25 clays in a row.

Chris V.— 5 stand

Thurlow H.—Trap

Bob F.—Trap



Members hitting their mark

Congratulations January top shot shooters for hitting the colored targets

Steve O.

Thurlow H.

Brandon

John W.

Schedule of Events

- **Winter Hours Sundays**

10am - 4pm.

- **Winter Hours Wednesdays**

6pm – 10pm.

- **Winter Hours Fridays**

6pm -10pm

- **March 20th**—St. Patrick day Shoot

Future Event Dates

- **May 2nd** - Trap and 5-stand League Start

- **June 11th** - Open House

- **July 10th** - Club Picnic

March 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|
| | | 1 | 2 <i>Open 6-10p</i> | 3 | 4 <i>Open 6-10p</i> | 5 |
| 6 <i>Open 10-4p</i> | 7 | 8 | 9 <i>Open 6-10p</i> | 10 | 11 <i>Open 6-10p</i> | 12 |
| 13 <i>Open 10-4p</i> | 14 | 15 | 16 <i>Open 6-10p</i> | 17 | 18 <i>Open 6-10p</i> | 19 |
| 20 <i>St. Pats Shoot</i> | 21 | 22 | 23 <i>Open 6-10p</i> | 24 | 25 <i>Open 6-10p</i> | 26 |
| 27 <i>Open 10-4p</i> | 28 | 29 | 30 <i>Open 6-10p</i> | 31 | | |

Volunteer Opportunities at the club

Soon we will announce Volunteer opportunities at the club.

We would like to work on updating and refinishing our gun club racks.

They are in need of new paint. Also a board member mentioned about putting some material at the top of the gun rack holes to provide cushion material for your shotgun's finish. Got any ideas? Let us know!

Also In need of work are our picnic tables and benches. They also are in need of sprucing up with a fresh coat of paint. And fix one's that are not up to par.

Finally our 5-stand deck and trailer are having issues with some of the boards sagging due to poor support. We will have to remove part of the desk and fix the issue with the

deck to provide proper support and repair / replace the boards that are warped.

Please contact Don Guinta at

dguinta@frankfortsportsmanclub.com

At let him know you are interested in volunteering for one of these work parties.

Our club would not work, without volunteers like you. You help to keep the clubs appearance looking up to par. Any help you can provide is appreciated. No Special skills necessary.

Did you know? That if you are a new member and you work 10 hours during your first year of membership you can receive a \$50 discount on

your second years renewals?

Join us at one of our work parties and make sure to sign in on the work party Sign- In sheet.

When it comes time to renew your membership for the Second year mention your work and you will be given a membership credit.



Working hard for your club

May Trap League Save the Dates

The Frankfort sportsman club will have an 8 week spring trap league .

It will be held every Monday (except Memorial day, May 30th) with the League starting on May 2nd at 6pm.

The league will run through June 27th.

First round will be shot at the 16 yard line and the second round being shot at the 24 yard line.

League cost: \$25 entry fee with a normal trap fee using a FSC shot card ONLY.

Every week there will be a required \$2 trap associate fee and an optional \$2 pool.

Practice rounds of trap will take place between 6pm & 7pm. At the normal trap fee prices.

League will start promptly at 7pm.



Trap League to start May 2nd

More rules, and info regarding how the league payout's are calculated and other info will be released in future issues of broken clays.

If anyone is interested in shooting the with us for the Spring Trap League.

A Sign-up sheet will be at The Club on the League Bulletin Board or you may send an e-mail to Don Guinta at dguinta@frankfortsportsmanclub.com

Hope everyone is dusting off your barrels, and polishing up your receivers to join us during the first few shots of the spring Trap League.

FORE!!!.... I mean Pull!

That's what you would be saying on a golf course of course to warn other players of an incoming ball. But not this time, it's to play with clays.

Don Guinta and Jeff Hobson were recently invited to shoot skeet at the Hinsdale Golf Club.

The Hinsdale Golf Club sets up three skeet fields between the 9th and 18th green just outside the

clubhouse from the months of November through February.

They both had a great experience shooting at this prestigious members only club.

Jeff and Don were invited because they put on a Range

Safety Officer Class for some of the employees of the golf club. There mission was to insure a safe shooting environment.

Sounds like they had a one of a kind shooting experience. Just wondering myself what Iron they used, 7-1/2, 8 or a 9?

*"Sets up three skeet fields
between the 9th and 18th
green"*

Second chance drawing winners

Congratulations to our second chance raffle winners. Make sure to stop by the cashier to pick up your free shoot cards if you haven't done so already.



Januaries Winners:

Don

Dino

How do you win the second chance drawings? Make sure to turn in your used up Trap, Skeet, or 5-stand card to the Cashier or Trap boys. They will enter it in a last chance raffle pull.

These winners will receive a free shot card!

Spring 5-stand League

The fall 5-stand league ended with some nasty weather. So we held off for the Spring to resume. Those who shot the fall league will be grand



Spring 5-stand League

fathered into the Spring league.

The new Spring 5-stand League will start on Monday May 2nd and continue Mondays July 25th.

*No league shoots on May 30th, and July 4th to observe Memorial Day and Independence Day

League Fee's

\$25 one time Entry fee.

*Fall members will have this fee waved.

\$5 Monday nightly fee.

This Nightly fee will include \$3 for trap boy, and the \$2 for the nightly pots. (1st, 2nd, and random draw)

If interested in shooting the Spring 5-stand league Sign up by contacting the 5-stand League Manager Mike Turner.

You may contact him via

Mturner1011@sbcglobal.net

Or text him at:

(815) 735-0092

Hope to see you all in this spring!

What Game do you like?

Recently I was asked what clay target presentation games I enjoy the most.

My answer, all of them! I believe they all bring challenges to the field.

Trap, trains you on random clay targets, and reaction time

Skeet forces you to practice your

follow through swing.

And 5-stand you learn to read variety of targets close and far, and learn to lead properly.

They all have there unique challenges and overall skill set.

Last season I had a blast at the club championship shooting, and competing in all the different clay presentation types.

"They all bring challenges to the field"

What do you find challenging about the clay presentation types. E-mail us and let us know!

Feature your article in the Newsletter

Do you have an interesting article that you would like to share with the rest of the members at FSC?

We are looking for articles that you would like to share. They can be of gun related topics.

Or you can share recent trip you may have had. Local gun club,



Sport clay courses etc.

Send your pictures and article to us.

Send e-mail to:

broken-cla@frankfortsportsmanclub.com

NASCAR at FSC!

It's all fun in games until the wheel falls off!

Ray was making his way around the trap fields on his Sprint Tractor. Racing around with the Wad Machine picking up all the spent wads in the field.

All was going well. Until his wheel almost fell off!

That's when the NASCAR pit crew at FSC sprung into action.

Working on the Tractors tire, that has seemingly lost pressure. Causing the

wheel to come off the rim and almost fall off.

After properly removing the wheel



Ray enjoying his NASCAR like Experience Pulling into the Pits to change out the full baskets.

off the tractor, cleaning up the rim and tire. A quick tire inflation and the wheel was back on.

Ray continued making laps and finished with the checkered flag waving. Wads in all. Good job Ray!

In-between pit stops other members helped out by emptying the Wad Machines hoppers. And also assisted with cleaning up hulls that were thrown on the ground in the Skeet / 5-stand area after the Polish Shoot.

Driver: Ray

And Pit Crew: Dennis, Robert, Lou

Challenging green 3

For those of you who like a long distance challenge. We have moved Green 3 of the 5-stand field across to the other side of 80th ave.

Better put on your tightest choke and put on that rifle scope because that's one far distance to shoot and one heck of a lead.

Well not really. Apparently with our high winds that we had this past

weekend Green 3 shield decided to relocate itself to the other side of 80th ave.

Our trap boys went over there to retrieve it with the truck.

Who knows maybe this can be the future location for the new Long bird location.



New Location of Green # 3

New to the club? Not sure what to shoot?

Did you know we offer several types of shooting games. They all offer their own unique challenges.

Some of the different clay presentations we offer are:



Not sure what to shoot?

- Trap
- Doubles
- Wobbles
- 5-stand
- and
- Skeet

Not sure how to play. Stay tuned into future issues of Broken clays where we will discuss how to shoot the variety of different games that we offer.

Ready to start now? Ask on of your fellow members on how to shoot any of listed games. They will be glad to teach you how.

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*Promoting shotgun sports and safe use of fire
arms since 1947*

**Were on the Web
Frankfortsportsmanclub.com**

The Frankfort Sportsman Club (FSC) was founded on February 20, 1947 and is dedicated to the sportsman, promoting shotgun sports and the safe use of firearms. We are affiliated with the National Rifle Association (NRA), the Amateur Trapshooting Association, the Illinois Trap shooters Association, and the National Sporting Clay Association (NSCA).

Our facility is equipped with

- 2 - Trap fields shooting singles, handicap, wobble and doubles
- 1- Training trap field
- 1- Skeet field
- 1- 5-stand field

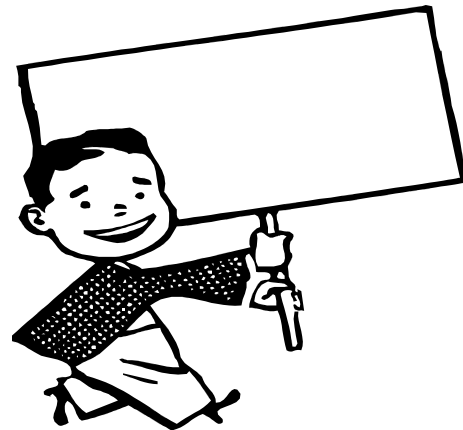
Enabling shooters to enjoy many clay target presentations.

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Have an interesting gun related item you would like to sell?

Want to have more eyeballs looking at your merchandise. Advertise here in the back pages of the Broken Clays Newsletter.

Please send a few photo's, descriptions, prices, and any important info you would like to include. We will feature them in future Broken clays newsletters for all members to view.



Send us your classified ad's

Please send Ads to:

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