



Effingham County Sportsman's Club

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Hunter Safety graduation day!!!



Stan Brown takes aim.

Shooters Corner:

What's new at ECSC: The board meets at the clubhouse on the 3rd Tuesday of every month with meetings now starting at 6:30. Club members are urged to attend. Current 2015 membership now stands at 612. Areas of discussion at the March board meeting centered on the upcoming controlled burn, club insurance review, grounds machinery upkeep, and the possibility of hosting a Wounded Warrior event.

Future projects: It was announced on that the Friends of the NRA has awarded a \$5,000 grant application to help the ECSC with the refurbishing of the first of our two existing trap ranges. Plans for the west trap field are to replace all the cement walkways with 3 foot wide tracks to accommodate all shooters including those who are handicapped and to replace the old trap machine with a machine capable of throwing single and possibly double trap. The board members are hoping that it will start seeing more of our trap shooters start showing up to use the trap fields. There is speculation on the possibility of a summer and fall trap league starting up. More news on that subject as it becomes available.

There will be a controlled burn of the ECSC woods this spring to help return the forest to its' original natural setting. This burn will eliminate a large majority of the evasive plant species that are starting to take over the woods. A good example of this is the Honeysuckle brush which has really taken a strong foothold in the woods. This burn will help eradicate the majority of this insidious specie and open up the woods to a more natural growth. The burn will be under the control of the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission (Bob Edgin) and the Effingham Water Authority. No exact date of this project has been set. The INPC will determine the burn day depending on ground cover moisture, wind speed, and wind direction. Note**** 3D Bow Benders archery shooters, please contact Bob Allen (217) 821-1212 a few days before your next shoot. The woods will not be useable for activities for a week or so after the burn.

Volunteer Work day schedule: ECSC needs your help!!!!

Total of club members who have already participated – 22 out of 700 members.

ECSC strives to provide our members a premium shooting facility with a wide variety of activities, offering something for everybody to enjoy while keeping membership dues affordable. One of the ways we do this is by keeping as much of our maintenance, upgrades and new construction "in house" as we possibly can. Work days are scheduled several times a year as needs arise and all members are encouraged to come lend a hand. There is no better way to make this club your own than to help build and maintain it. The club had a great turnout for the first of our club work days. 22 volunteers showed up and helped clean and reorganized the machine shed, clubhouse, kitchen, club storeroom, skeet field heat shack, and the 3D archery trails. Lunch was provided to all the volunteers. To all of the members who showed up..... Thank you for the help. Our next work day is **April 12th Sunday**: Cut brush on rifle and pistol ranges, perimeter of skeet fields, and along both sides of the spill way creek if possible. Collect and pile up all brush and trash. Rain day make up Saturday April 18th. 30 volunteers needed.

May 30 Saturday, May 31 Sunday, June 6 Saturday: Major project constructing a much needed bridge across the spillway creek by the Aux Rifle Range. Please bring hammers, portable drills, power saws, etc. 15 volunteers needed each day.

June 6th Saturday: Finishing up the Major project constructing a bridge across the spillway creek by the Aux Rifle Range. Stain Bridge, Aux rifle range and the main rifle range. 10 volunteers needed.

June 13th Saturday: Mowing Skeet fields and rifle range. General out door maintenance. 7 volunteers needed.

June 27th Saturday: Mowing Skeet fields. 5 volunteers needed.

July 18th Saturday: Mowing Skeet fields and rifle range. General out door maintenance. 7 volunteers needed.

Aug 1st Saturday: Mowing Skeet fields and rifle range. General out door maintenance. 7 volunteers needed.

Aug 15th Saturday: Mowing Skeet fields and rifle range. General out door maintenance. 7 volunteers needed.

Sept 19th Saturday: Mowing Skeet fields and rifle range. General out door maintenance. 7 volunteers needed.

If you want to volunteer all you have to do is.....Contact Charlie Kellogg @ (630) 901-7176 or kellogg_chuck@yahoo.com to get your name on the list or if you have a question.



Up coming club events:

***Winter Skeet League** . Current standings for the league are as follows after 12 weeks:

Top 7 teams		Top 7 individual shooters	
BKW Services	34-2	Rogert Fulk	23.67
Lake Sara Marina 2	29-7	Patrick Johnson	22.83
Lake Sara Marina 1	28.5-7.5	Casey Haynes	22.75
Roc's	26.5-9.5	Bill Leasher	22.58
Orchard Inn/Donnewald	22-14	Steve Bilbrey	22.42
Crossroad Truck Eqpt	22-14	Kenny Lamb	22.42
Grunloh Construction	21-15	Tim Helmink	22.38

The Annual Skeet League banquet will be held on Sunday April 26th. Team awards and individual top gun awards will be handed out. If you are planning to attend please bring a side dish or a desert. All shotgun ranges will be open for shooting including the 5 stand. Shooters and their spouses are urged to attend. For league information contact me, Skeet League Coordinator, Don Krietemeyer, at (217) 821-7980.

***Guns Save Lives**: They meet every 2nd Thursday of the month at the clubhouse. Doors open at 5P.M. with dinner catered by Niemergs at 6 P.M., the cost is \$8.

***4-H Club**: Mid-Illinois Extreme Shooters Club canceled the February Meet due to bad weather. March was rather fun and interesting. For the Hunting and Outdoors, Josh Dust and his brother Jacob did a demonstration on turkey hunting. (Thanks men, I heard a lot of compliments from the parents.) The shooters learned what equipment was needed to be a turkey hunter, how to go about calling in turkeys, to scouting, and safety ins and outs. The kids were presented with a turkey mouth call made by and donated from Bob Kremer. Many thanks to him, the afternoon was filled with turkey calling (at least that's what the kids were

trying to accomplish.) Then each of the kids went to their shooting disciplines and shot many rounds of ammo and arrows. We had 21 kids present and 9 adults. Our next meet is April 11th at 2:00 and May 9th. Please encourage others to join. For additional information contact us, Chad & Kim Beckman, at # (217)821-8702, or email us at: ckbeckman@mmtcnet.com .

***Hunter Education:** February and March saw over 65 students complete the Hunter Safety Education class. Mother Nature threw a bunch of freezing rain and snow at the February class but they all hunkered down and all made it on time to class. A big thanks goes out to Dennis and Nate Milbachler who helped out in the last 2 classes on the archery and tree stand sections and to Jerry Niccum who shared his expertise with the class on black powder shooting. If there is any one who would like to help being a volunteer instructor just contact me, Charlie Kellogg, at (630) 901-7176.

***FNRA:** The 2015 Annual Friends of the NRA banquet was held on Thursday March 5 with a turnout of almost 500 attendees. A ton of money was raised (\$45,000+) and over 50 firearms were won or auctioned off. A big thanks goes out to all of those who attended and supported this non-profit arm of the NRA.



***USPSA:** Next shoot is May 10th.

***CMP/NRA High Power:** NRA approved Highpower Rifle Matches at the Club are shot at 200 yards from the standing, sitting and prone positions. Full course matches are shot at 200, 300 and 600 yards, but since we do not have pits and moveable target frames, we use official targets that are reduced for 200 yards that simulate 300 and 600 yards. This is accomplished by reducing the size of the scoring rings to compensate for distance and the effect of wind. The overriding factor for shooting at a maximum of 200 yds at our range is the inability to seeing bullet holes in the targets in typical range conditions. These “reduced” targets are completely legal and count towards NRA Highpower Rifle classification just as a full course match would. Our type of matches are often referred to as “walk and paste” matches, since the shooter walks from the firing line to the target after each stage of the match to score, repair and/or replace the paper target.

The course of fire is as follows:

1. 5 minute Sighter stage – any safe position may be used, no scoring, used to confirm your sight settings prior to firing shots for record.
2. Standing, slow fire – 20 shots, loaded singly, in a maximum time limit of 20 minutes. The only position a sling cannot be used for support.
3. Sitting, rapid fire – 2 strings of 10 shots each in 60 seconds, 20 shots total, includes a mandatory magazine or clip change. 2 minute prep period between strings.
4. Prone, rapid fire – 2 strings of 10 shots each in 70 seconds, 20 shots total, includes a mandatory magazine or clip change. 2 minute prep period between strings.
5. Prone, slow fire – 20 shots, loaded singly, in a maximum time limit of 20 minutes.

Each stage is preceded by a 3 minute non-firing Preparation Period, in which you can handle your rifle, but not your ammunition. This period is used to establish your position and ready your equipment for the upcoming stage. There are a total of 80 shots for record, with a maximum possible score of 800 for the match.

The equipment you will need includes, but is not limited to:

1. Most importantly – a safe attitude and a desire to learn.
2. A safe rifle capable of holding at least 5 rounds, iron sights or optics, centerfire, max .35 cal.
3. 90 rounds of safe, good quality ammunition for your rifle.
4. A tarp, pad or shooting mat, we shoot on the grass in front of the covered firing line.
5. Hearing and eye protection.
6. Spotting scope or binoculars to see bullet holes in target.
7. Minimum 2 magazines or clips, or stripper clips, for rapid fire stages.

If you lack anything but #1, we can help. The Club has loaner rifles available for use, ammo at nominal cost, and plenty of shooters that are glad to lend you equipment for the match. And we have mentors assigned to new shooters to help guide them through the match. Safety is our top priority, followed by having fun, and scores are a distant third. As with trying any new shooting sport, the hardest part is setting aside any preconceived notions, swallowing your pride, and taking the first shot. From that shot on, the fun and challenge grow exponentially! Give it a try, you won't be sorry!

Info: <http://compete.nra.org/how-to-get-started/high-power-rifle-competition.aspx> or <http://compete.nra.org/documents/pdf/compete/RuleBooks/HPR/hpr-book.pdf>

Next shoot is May 3rd and May 10th.

For more information contact Dave Miller at (618)483-6043 or dnjj.miller@mchsi.com

***BPCR Silhouette:** Next shoot is May 23rd and 24th.

***Archery League:** 2015 dates for the 3D Bow Benders are as follows: April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, and September 13. All targets have been updated to the new Rineharts targets. Contact Bob Allen (217) 821-1212 or Ron Boeser (217) 246-2628 for additional information.

***Cowboy Action Shoot:** The “Free Graizers”, Effingham County Sportsman’s Club Cowboy Action Shooters, started the 2015 season off with a “bang” on Sat., March 14th. We had a good attendance, considering it was cool and misty first thing in the morning. The real cowboys were there and had a hoot. We had several people stop by to observe and ask questions about the sport. I think we have some new converts. Come on out and join us on Sat., April 11th and on May 9th. You’ll get hooked. For more information contact Bob Fergus # (217) 821-3134.

ECSC Event contact list:

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Concealed Carry Classes:

If you are looking for a concealed carry class to obtain a concealed permit, then look no further. The ECSC is conducting classes at the clubhouse. For information on attending contact “Two Troops” Greg Miller at (618) 267-6161 or Kelley Hulsey at (618)335-1462. If you live closer to the Toledo area then contact “X Ring Custom” Dave Clark at (217) 849-3353. Dave is a NRA certified instructor.

Questions or Suggestions concerning the ECSC? Contact Charlie Kellogg at (630) 901-7176 or email kellogg_chuck@yahoo.com and I will try and address them in an upcoming newsletter. If you spot any errors in information please contact me so I can make the necessary corrections. If you feel that you might want to submit an article of your own just sit down, start typing, and send it to my email address.

Upcoming Area Events

SIYSSA Registered Trap Shoot (WSRC –Trap) will be held on 4/25/2015 - 4/25/2015 at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex – Trap Line in Sparta, IL. The **Southern Illinois Youth Sport Shooting Association** (SIYSSA), a non-profit corporation, is dedicated to promoting trapshooting and other shooting activities for the youth of Southern Illinois. SIYSSA is committed to developing youth trap shooters to compete both individually and through team effort by hosting monthly trap shoots in the Fall and Spring of each year. For information contact SIYSSA at <http://www.siyssa.com/>. Women and Youth Wingshooting Clinic will be held 5/2/2015 - 5/3/2015 at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex - Southeast Vendor Mall in Sparta, IL. For information please contact Dayleann Morgan / Dayleann.Morgan@illinois.gov or call 618-295-2700 ext 8300.

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