



# Effingham County Sportsman's Club

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**Shooters Corner:**

## **HANDGUN CLEANING TIPS**

**(Refer to Your Owner's Manual for Complete Instructions)**

**QUICK GUIDE – Clean every 50-100 rounds**

- Review Owner's Manual**
- Ensure gun is unloaded. Check again.**
- Protect hand stocks (grips)**
- Apply cleaner to dissolve lead, copper & carbon**
- Scrub clean**
- Remove contaminants with solvent**
- Re-apply lubricant (oil or grease) to reduce friction**
- Restore protection against corrosion (oil)**
- Check that gun is pointed in a safe direction and dry fire to ensure proper reassembly**
- Wash Hands**

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**What's new at ECSC:** The annual State of the Club, general membership, and ECSC board elections were recently held on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Elected to new 3 year terms to our board were Lyle Kruger, June Krietemeyer, John Kortte, and Larry Limes. The board officers were all voted back to their former positions. The club treasurer John Richards reported the end of the year financial report and it shows that the club had \$131,518.15 in total current assets, fixed assets in the amount of \$301,662.70, long term CD's of \$220,172.16 which resulted in total assets of \$653,353.01. Total liabilities and equity equaled \$653,353.01 to balance out the 2014 year. Re-elected President, Lyle Kruger gave a capsulated review of club events for the just completed 2014 year. Attendance totaled 2 club members which must indicate that every one is pleased with the running of the club and doesn't have any complaints or the majority just doesn't have any interest in the day to day operations of the ECSC. The board meets at the clubhouse on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month with meetings now starting at 6:30. Club members are urged to attend.

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**Future projects:** it was announced on January 25<sup>th</sup> that the Friends of the NRA has awarded a \$5,000 grant application to help the club with the refurbishing of the first of the 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 the handicapped and to replace the old trap machine with a machine capable of throwing single and 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 in the spring. 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 specie and open up the woods to a more natural growth. Future burn offs will be conducted every 3-4 years to help better manage the club's woods. 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.

ECSC is still looking for club members to step up to the plate and sign up to work on one of the upcoming work days. All you have to do is call and sign up in advance for a schedule work day. By signing up in advance we can schedule specific work projects and work details. It will also help the club have the necessary tools and supplies on hand for that particular day. As of the printing of this edition ECSC has had only 1 club member volunteer sign up to help on a work day, congratulations go out to Steve Bailey for being that first ECSC volunteer.

**Volunteer Work day schedule: ECSC needs your help!!!!**  
**Total of club members who have already signed up to volunteer – 5 out of 700 members.**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday** shed, staining of the skeet field dividers, 5 stand tower/shooting stanchions, and the pistol range. Rain day m: Club house cleaning, clean and reorganize the mechanical ake up March 21<sup>st</sup>. 20 volunteers needed.

**April 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Cut brush on rifle range, pistol ranges, perimeter of skeet fields, and along both sides of the spill way creek. Collect and pile up all brush and trash. Rain day make up Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>. 30 volunteers needed.

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

**June 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

Mowing Skeet fields and rifle range. 7 volunteers needed.

Cut brush around Skeet and Trap fields. 10 volunteers needed.

**June 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Mowing Skeet fields and rifle range. General out door maintenance. 7 volunteers needed.

**June 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Mowing Skeet fields. 5 volunteers needed.

**July 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Mowing Skeet fields and rifle range. General out door maintenance. 7 volunteers needed.

**Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday:** Mowing Skeet fields and rifle range. General out door maintenance. 7 volunteers needed.

**Aug 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Mowing Skeet fields and rifle range. General out door maintenance. 7 volunteers needed.

**Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kellogg_chuck@yahoo.com) to get your name on the list or if you have a question. There are a limited number of slots open for each work day so please register early so we can get an idea of how many are going to show up and what the club needs to order in needed materials. **Remember it will be up to you, the club members, who will ultimately determine how the club will proceed in possibly increasing annual dues and conducting mandatory work days for members in the future years.**

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**Up coming club events:**

**\*Winter Skeet League** The league started January 4<sup>th</sup> and is continuing every Sunday 8-2 and Tuesday evenings starting at 5p.m. Teams consist of 5 shooters and all shooters will by now have handicaps assigned. There will be a banquet and awards dinner at the conclusion of the season. You have to be a club member to participate in the league. Individual Bank Scores have been shot in the first two weeks and handicaps are now established. This year there are a total of 15 teams registered, for a total of 70 shooters. So far every excuse known to man has been used for missed shots and a few new ones have crept into the club's vocabulary. If you have a bad day on the skeet field please talk to our man "Gomez" for an updated list of acceptable excuses. If your excuse isn't on Gomez's list then it is not a valid excuse and cannot be used again. Current standings for the league are as follows after 3 weeks:

<b>Top 5 teams</b>		<b>Top 5 individual shooters</b>	
Lake Sara Marina 2	9-0	Randy Martin	23.75
Roc's	9-0	Tim Helmink	23.75
BKW Services	9-0	Bill Leasher	23.75
Orchard Inn/Donnewald	8-1	Steve Bilbry	23.00
Prarie Design	7-2	Rogert Fulk	23.00

For league information contact me, Skeet League Coordinator, Don Krietemeyer, at (217) 821-7980.

\*\*\*\* The Trap range is open during skeet league season on Sundays only. Last year the skeet range was very crowded on Sundays with lots of teams waiting around waiting to shoot. This year the trap range will be open on Sundays so you can now shoot a little trap while you wait for a slot to open up on the skeet range. \*\*Make sure you have enough time to shoot a round of trap before your turn comes up for the skeet league. If you are on the trap range and your skeet time is called and you don't respond your place in the queue will be passed over. Note Make sure you bring enough shells!

**\*Guns Save Lives:** They meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Each meeting will have a technical session speaker after dinner and a gun will be raffled off at every meeting (cost of raffle is \$5). This event is always looking for speakers and tech session speakers so if you have a topic or a tech specialty that you are proficient in then think about being a presenter. Note there will not be a meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> due to the FNRA banquet.

**\*4-H Club:** 4-H Mid Illinois Extreme Shooters

Our January shoot was held January 10<sup>th</sup> with 20 attendees: Devin Beckman, Levi Jones, Dylan Ferguson, Jackson Probst, Robert Lowrance, Conner Beckman, Michelle Beckman, Taylor Richardson, Claire Beckman, Skylar Lowrance, Paul Esker, Ethan Weidner, Wade Ruholl, Levi Beckman, Dusty Beckman, Jack Beckman, Vincent Katt, Drake Katt, Gina Westendorf, Jake Beckman, Garrett Hoene, Randy Brummer, and Trent Brummer. Certified instructors were: Chad Beckman, Amanda Weishaar, Josh Dust, Greg Esker, and Kim Beckman. Clarence Funneman talked about the importance of cleaning guns and what cleaners he uses. Then he took a gun apart and cleaned it. The kids then got into groups and cleaned some of the guns owned by the ECSC and their own guns. Clarence stayed to assist the certified adults and kids with gun cleaning. Twelve of the kids went downstairs to shoot archery with Amanda. After the meeting Pals Electric came to present our club with a check for \$5125.00 from a gun raffle they had. Winners of the gun raffle were Kate Cameron- Remington 11-87 12 guage, Mary Fuesting-Remington 870 and Bob Kreke-\$250.00 cash. Bob Kreke and his son were at the meeting and donated the money back to the club. Thanks Bob!! The kids realized how important it is to clean the inside of their gun, not just wipe the outside down. For the Hunting and Outdoor discipline the kids learned how to use compasses to find their way. They also learned of other means for finding directions if a compass was not available. Tip: One should always carry a compass in unfamiliar territory. Our next meeting is February 14<sup>th</sup> here at the ECSC. For additional information contact us, Chad & Kim Beckman, at # (217)821-8702, or email us at: ckbeckman@mmtcnet.com .

**\*Hunter Education:** I will be conducting a class at the clubhouse in February on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>, Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>. March dates for the class are also on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. For additional information and times contact me, Charlie Kellogg, at (630) 901-7176 and to register contact Lydia Funneman at (217) 821-4600. Attendees must be 9 years of age or older to enroll.

A recent inspection of my Illinois Hunting Accident Report indicates that falls from elevated tree stands are the most common types of hunting accidents, followed closely by careless handling of firearms and swinging on game outside of a safe zone of fire.

### **Ten Most Common Hunting Incident Causes:**

- Falls from elevated tree stands – falls from elevated tree stands / Failure to use haul line / safety harness.
- Failure to point a muzzle in a safe direction – Careless handling of firearms / failure to control muzzle.
- Failure to observe a safe zone of fire – Shooter swinging on game outside out side of their safe zone of fire.
- Victim beyond target – Victim out of sight of shooter / failure to check background.

- Victim mistaken for game – Failure to properly identify target (even though Uncle Harvey acts like a turkey doesn't mean you can take a shot at him).
- Stumbling / dropping a firearm – A shooter stumbles and falls – carelessly dropping a loaded firearm.
- Trigger caught on object – Trigger caught on an article of clothing / caught on underbrush.
- Victim in front of target – Victim in line of fire when shot is taken.
- Loading / unloading a firearm improperly – Self explanatory.
- Loaded firearm in or around vehicle – Removing / placing a loaded firearm in a vehicle / discharging a firearm in a vehicle.

**\*FNRA:** Annual **Friends of the NRA** banquet is Thursday March 5:00P.M., contact Lyle Kruger, committee chairman, at (217) 343-6161 for tickets or go online at” <http://www.nraam.org/special-events/national-nra-foundation-banquet.aspx>”. Enjoy dinner, auctions, raffles, and family fun while supporting the shooting sports and ensuring the survival of second amendment traditions for generations to come. Tickets for this event cost \$30 and dinner is included. 2014's event saw 73 firearms given away by the various raffles at the dinner. Last years function attracted almost 600 attendees which is just about the maximum number of people that the Knight's of Columbus hall can hold. So, get your tickets early to insure you reserve your place for that special night and bring lots of cash, remember this is a benefit to help raise money for our youth shooting clubs. Our local 4-H shooting teams benefits greatly from this function as well as the ECSC. The FNRA volunteer committee has been meeting since the beginning of January and is working very hard to make this the best benefit ever. The FNRA Committee is always looking for volunteers to help out for this big event. If you can find time in your busy schedule to lend a hand please contact the committee chairman.

**\*USPSA:** On March 8, USPSA will be starting its season. Even if you are not familiar with this shooting sport you should come out to watch or, better yet, participate. USPSA shoots are a fun "running gun" competition where many different styles of handguns are used. Any factory production handgun that shoots 9mm, 40cal, 45acp, 38 Super and the 357/38spl cal can be used. If you are serious about the sport then shooters can step up to a custom make handgun with very few limitations. There are different handgun categories and different classifications so shooters can compete in their own level of skill. This sport is not limited to just semi auto pistols. Revolvers are also allowed and have their own category. There are certified Range Officers who work the events to make sure it is a very safe environment. The experienced shooters as well as the Range Officers are willing to help a new shooter get started in this sport. All adults and even kids are encouraged to come and participate under adult supervision. This is a fast paced sport that has different scenarios for every stage, with usually 6 stages per event. Participants can expect to shoot no less than 130 rounds of ammunition over the course of the day. Most stages have stationary and/or moving targets. Other stages have targets hidden behind doors or simulated walls. As long as you are a safe shooter with some handgun experience, I guarantee you will have fun at USPSA shoots. For additional information contact me, Clarence Funneman, at (217)821-4600.

**\*CMP/NRA High Power:** No report update turned in by event chairman, Dave Miller.

**\*BPCR Silhouette:** No report update turned in by event chairman, Jim Shride.

**\*Archery League:** No report update turned in by event chairman, Bob Allen.

**\*Cowboy Action Shoot:** No report update turned in by event chairman, Bob Fergus.

#### **EWCS Event contact list:**

Skeet contact: Don Krietemeyer # (217) 821-7980, Archery contact: Bob Allen # (217)821-1212 or email [allen62401@yahoo.com](mailto:allen62401@yahoo.com) , CMP/NRA contact: Dave Miller # (618) 367-6487, Cowboy Action contact: Bob Fergus # (217) 821-3134, Hunter Education contact: Charlie Kellogg # (630) 901-7176 or email [kellogg\\_chuck@yahoo.com](mailto:kellogg_chuck@yahoo.com), Silhouette contact: Jim Shride # (618)889-2758 or email [jimshride@gmail.com](mailto:jimshride@gmail.com) , Youth 4-H contact: Chad & Kim Beckman # (217)821-8702 or email [ckbeckman@mmctcnet.com](mailto:ckbeckman@mmctcnet.com), USPSA contact: Clarence Funneman # (217)844-2233.

#### **NRA**

2015 NRA annual Meeting is being held in Nashville, TN from April 9<sup>th</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup>. This event is open to all NRA members and is a must see event if you have never been to one. For those who plan to attend the NRA Annual meeting here is a website for the best hotels & pricing, go to [www.nraam.org](http://www.nraam.org) and click under housing & travel.

#### **Annual Dues Renewal**

It's that time again to renew your 2015 club membership. The dues have once again remained the same. Single membership is \$60 and \$70 for family memberships (includes spouse and kids under 18). 2014 Membership totaled out at 700 members and we are always looking for new applicants. If you have any questions on club membership please contacts our membership director, Lydia

Funnemen at (217)821-4600. \*\*\*\*\* NOTE\*\*\*\*\* **The next printing of the newsletter (April) will only go out to the paid up 2015 club members. After March annual memberships will go up an additional \$10. The new gate password is now in effect so please check your 2015 membership card for the combination.**

**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.

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**Upcoming Events**

The Effingham Gun Show will be held on Feb 7th - 8th, 2015 in Effingham, Illinois. This Effingham gun show is held at the Effingham Knights of Columbus and hosted by ECA Hunting and Trade Shows of Illinois. Hours will be Saturday 9:00am – 5pm and Sunday 9:00am – 4pm. Admission is \$5.00.

2015 Illinois Deer & Turkey Expo will be held at the Prairie Capitol Convention Center in Springfield on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 21st, and the 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a must see for all of our club members who hunt deer and turkeys.

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**Bow Hunter Education**

Bowhunter education classes are not mandatory in Illinois, however individuals interested in bowhunting are encouraged to attend a National Bowhunter Education Foundation course. The course meets all the requirements for those states, provinces, countries, or special circumstances requiring proof of taking a bowhunter education course. For more information, please contact the [National Bowhunter Education Foundation](#).

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