



Effingham County Sportsman's Club

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Shooters Corner: Gun Safety Tips: Storing Guns and Ammunition.

Safely store guns in a locked location, unloaded, out of the reach and sight of children.

Store ammunition in a separate locked location, out of the reach and sight of children.

Keep the keys and combinations hidden.

When a gun is not in its lock box, keep it in your line of sight.

Make sure all guns are equipped with effective, child-resistant gun locks.

If a visitor has a gun in a backpack, briefcase, handbag or an unlocked car, provide them with a locked place to hold it while they are in your home.

Leaving guns on a nightstand, table or other place where a child can gain access may lead to injuries and fatalities.

Archery tips for kids: Archery is an exciting sport for children, one that can teach them hand-eye coordination, patience and timing while building their confidence and skills. When practiced correctly, archery is also one of the safest sports for children, according to the National Safety Council, which rates archery as safer than any of the popular sports requiring balls. Teaching archery safety for kids as part of the rules of the sport leads to safe and effective archery practices.

Primary RuleThe first archery safety rule for kids is also the most important: Never point a bow at a person or other living thing. As with firearms, a shooter should always assume that the bow might accidentally shoot toward anything in its path. Teach children always to keep their bow and arrow pointed down range, toward the ground or toward an area in which there are no people or animals.

What's new at ECSC:

Future projects: The backbone of any club are its members and this is true of the ECSC. Do you ever wonder how all the grass at the club gets mowed all summer long, how all the needed repairs get fixed, or how all the events are staged year after year?

99% of all the club maintenance, events, and projects are done by a very small number of dedicated club volunteers. We refer to these guys around the club as the "Dirty Dozen". Year-in and year-out nothing changes, the volunteers are usually the same members. If it wasn't for the dedicated few then the ECSC would really be in a big mess. The ECSC needs your help.....this means you the club members. The board is setting up a schedule of volunteer work days for the new 2015 season. The entire schedule will be listed further on in this news letter and all future news letters. News letters will be coming out every few months to insure that you, the ECSC members are well informed of upcoming volunteer work days. The club has 180+ acres that require a ton of much needed annual maintenance that the present volunteers can't keep up with. This past year the board sent out a call for volunteers on four separate occasions. Club members who have supplied their email addresses (approx 400) were contacted about working on the volunteer dates. Out of 700 current members a total of 10 volunteers showed up for the four days along with some of the "dirty dozen". That pathetic percentage comes out to 0.14% of ECSC club members responding to the ECSC call for assistance. The ECSC cannot grow as a club with up to date facilities without a drastic change in how things are presently conducted. We need your help!

What are the options the club can do in 2015 to get the needed maintenance and projects worked on?

1. The first option is that the club can contract the work out to outside vendors. This path cost the club money and this would definitely put a crunch on some future club expansion projects. The board feels that this path is a last resort but will consider contracting out the work if all other options fail.
2. The second option is to raise club dues and require mandatory work days (usually Saturdays). A club member could volunteer to work 1 or 2 days and still maintain their current dues structure or..... If the club member chooses not to work at the club then they would then have to pay the increased fees to compensate the loss of their labor.
3. The third option would be for the club members to step up to the plate and sign up to work on one of the upcoming work days and that would result in no annual club dues increase. 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.

At this time the board has decided that the club will try out option number 3 on a trial basis for the upcoming 2015 season. It is up to you the club members to make this work or the board will have no other choice than to look at the first two options previously mentioned. Review the 2015 work day schedule and sign up for an appointed day

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

Total of club members who have already signed up to volunteer - ###

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

April 12th Sunday: Cut brush on rifle range, pistol ranges, and along both sides of the spill way creek. 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 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: Stain 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 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.

Contact Charlie Kellogg @ (630) 901-7176 or kellogg_chuck@hoo.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. Remember it will be up to you the members who will ultimately determine how the club will proceed in the future years.

Up coming club events:

*Winter Skeet League

***Guns Save Lives** 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. 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 5th due to the FNRA banquet.

***Hunter Education** will be conducting a class at the clubhouse in February on Thursday the 19th, Friday the 20th, and Saturday the 21st. March dates for the class are also on the 19th, 20th and 21st. For additional information and times contact 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.

***FNRA** Annual **Friends of the NRA** banquet is Thursday March 5 contact Lyle Kruger, committee chairman, at (217) 343-6161 for ticket information. 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.

EWCS Event contact list:

Skeet contact: Don Krietemeyer # (217) 821-7980, Archery contact: Bob Allen # (217)821-1212, CMP/NRA contact: Dave Miller # (618) 367-6487, Cowboy Action contact: Bob Fergus # (217) 821-3134, Hunter Education contact: Charlie Kellogg # (630) 901-7176, Silhouette contact: Jim Shride # (618)889-2758, Youth 4-H contact: Chad & Kim Beckman # (217)821-8702, USPSA contact: Clarence Funneman # (217)844-2233.

Concealed Carry Classes:

If you are looking for a concealed carry class to obtain a concealed permit, the club is conducting classes at the clubhouse. For information on attending contact "Two Troops" Greg Miller at (618) 267-6161 or Kelley Hulseley 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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