



3F CLUB NEWSLETTER

Issue 1

November 1, 2010

Super Gun Raffle

The September 25 Fall Raffle was, as usual, a big success. We sold 1198 out of 1200 tickets and want to thank all of you that helped.

Christmas Parties



Looking ahead, save December 11, 2010 for the Club's annual Kid's Christmas party from 1pm -3pm. Return the attached form to Liz Coffey by Dec. 1, 2010.

The adult party is Dec. 18, 2010 at the Club. Tickets are \$25.00 a person/\$45.00 a couple and are available at the Club. There will be dinner by Joe's Country Catering and a DJ for dancing.

Special Request "NOTICE"

In order to save the Club some money and eliminate paper use you can have your newsletter sent to your email. It will arrive with no delays as might happen with the US mail. In order to use this feature please email crusman@juno.com to add your email address to our database.

If anyone has news that they would like to see in the newsletter send this to the email address above to be included.

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Committee Members

Archery: Chuck Brolinski

Youth Group: D.Walck

Rifle Range: Tom Novak

Conservation: Jerry Farrell

Skeet: Tim Baldwin

Pheasant: Jerry Farrell

Grounds: Jerry Farrell

Federation: Dale Shank

Rentals: Frank Ellis

Club Hours

Mon/Tues:

4pm-9pm

Wed: 4pm-10pm

Thur: 4pm-10pm

Fri: 4pm-12am

Fri: dinner served

4pm-9pm by

Joe's Country Catering

Sat/Sun:

12pm-8pm

Daily/Weekly draws:

signup at bar

Pheasant Program



On Friday, September 17th 350 pheasants were delivered to the Club pen. The Program started Tuesday Sept. 21. We lost 8 members from last year so we filled these spots from the waiting list on a first come-first serve basis. We had to go down 11 slots to add these 8 new members for a total of 80 for 2010-2011 Program. The regular hunting will end on Thursday Jan. 20, 2011 with package hunts ending Tuesday Feb. 1, 2011. All birds not shot will then be lost. During the pheasant program, the outdoor range will not open until 12 noon. Check at the Club for the Finale Dinner date and tickets.

Jerry Farrell

Conservation

This year we had many Canada Geese nesting on the Club grounds and had 75 goslings this Spring.

The purple Martin nesting Project went very well. 57 nestlings were banded in July. 38 were banded in 2008 (program started) and 39 in 2009.

!90 songbirds were banded so far. In the Spring we had 90 birds, the lowest number since the program started. At the end of the Fall banding we will have completed 35 years of continuous banding on the Club property.

Jerry Farrell

Federation Picnic 2010

The 3F Club was host to the annual NCFCC picnic on July 26. The club did an outstanding job and impressed the Federation as well as invited guests including Francine DelMonte and the Lewiston Town Board and Department heads. Chaired by Dale Shank, he was helped by Keith Marsh, John Scott And Irv who cooked; Sandy Scott, and Pam Barber served.

Projects

Currently there are new lights being installed on the skeet fields, an elevated archery platform for shooting 3D targets and a new ventilation hood in the pavilion kitchen. Also an air raiding windmill has been set up on the pond to keep open water during the winter months. Future projects include new doors on all the skeet and trap houses.

Many thanks go out to these members who helped implement the skeet lighting upgrade: .R.Falcone, Max Hillman, Mel Gibson, Wm. Boyd Black, Bill Johnson, Tim Baldwin, John Stevens,Jr., G. Gipp, F.Caraglin, Bill Fox, Mark Fox, Mike Fox, China Gary Clark, M. Costello, V.Simone, C.McGill, K.Schulz, J.Ventry, J.Ventry,Jr., D.Arnst, D.Ellcome, John Scott, R.Hoffman, and M.Webster. Without their assistance it would have cost much more than it did.

The range is getting a lot of use and conditions are very good. The cross-brace on the 100 yd target was replaced. The gate keys are not being returned to the box so please remember to do that if you use the range. Thanks to those who use the range for cleaning up after themselves which is better than last year, but you need to clean off the target boards so the next shooters don't have to.

Grounds

This year we had G. Condren, F.Wright, W.Greig, C.Deering, G.Rising and J. Farrell working on the property. We added D.Sutherland & J.Devlan because of available mowers. Lawn mowing was scheduled weekly for Thursdays with a rain day of Friday. This mowing takes about 2 hours with all machines in service. Thank you to all these men who came out to make our place look great.

Jerry Farrell

Youth Club

Our youth club currently consists of seven members who are learning the joy of rifle shooting and healthy competition. They are currently competing to win a pheasant hunt at a nearby farm. Leland Hackett has won the NRA Distinguished Expert award for October by shooting a minimum score of 191/200 ten times. He has, also, set a club record with a high score of 199/200. Upon graduation in June he plans to join the military. Way to go, Lee.

We are always open for new members so if you know anyone aged 12-18 interested in shooting with us, we meet Thursdays from 7PM–8:30 pm. Dues are \$10.00 a year and all equipment and ammunition is provided. Coaches Doug Walck and Dale Shank are NRA certified and are assisted by Keith Marsh.

Doug Walck

Skeet and Archery

The summer skeet league had 52 shooters who shot for 10 weeks and there were only 3 missed scores in that time. A big thanks goes out to our two skeet room boys, Zach & RJ who work Wed. evening and Sat & Sun afternoons. They did a very good job.

In August we held a shoot-off with the Grand Island Rod & Gun Club with the 3F shooters winning in this hotly contested event. We will next shoot at their club in the spring. Thanks to Joe's Country Catering for always providing great food for all the shooters.

Rich Falcone

Sign-ups sheets for the winter league are up and we need all interested parties by December 1. The league will begin December 5. The rules and the shooting dates have been posted at the Club. We would like to get 12 or more teams. Shooters from outside the Club are welcome but a member has to sign up the team. Cost for targets is \$4.00 and league fee is \$3.25 for adults and \$2.75 targets & fee of \$2.25 for youth. Our last shooting date is March 20 with shoot-offs (if needed) on the 26th.

The skeet banquet is set for April 16th @ 5:00pm.

Bill Johnson

The Archery 3D course will be closed during the hunting season but the practice stand is done and Dave & I (Chuck B.) will be setting up targets. **No broadhead, please.**

All bag targets will be left up throughout the winter for anyone wanting to practice.

The winter indoor archery league will begin after the first of the year. Look for bulletins and sign-ups posted in the clubhouse soon. If you would like to help setting up targets or help with the league contact Dave Cosgrove or me.

Chuck Brolinski



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Board of Directors Elections

If anyone is interested in running, there are two positions open on the Board to be filled in the December elections. If you want to run or want to nominate someone please contact Dennis Coffey, Sr. at 754-4901. The elections will be held on December 21, 2010 at the monthly meeting.

Membership

With the addition of 10 new members at the last meeting we now have a total of 542 paid/active members. 31 of these are life members; 35 retired and 10 comp. This is fantastic for our Club.

There are still some who have not renewed their yearly dues. Please do so soon as this will be your last newsletter.

Message from the President

Good luck to all the deer hunters among our membership. We hope you bag a big one and come back with some good deer camp stories.

Also, have a safe and happy holiday.

Jim Perri, Pres.