

THE 3-F CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Newsletter – Spring 2008

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Conservation: A proposal has been submitted to the Board for the purchase of a new Purple Martin nesting structure. This structure would be made of 2" aluminum stock and have spreader arms to support 12 artificial Gourds. This structure would be installed just south of the pavilion. The Gourds can be raised and lowered for inspection and Banding of the young.

Pheasant Program: The Program came to an end on Monday, February 4th. We had another very successful year. There was a total of 866 Birds released for the Regular Program of which 782 were shot for a 90% recovery rate. We had 49 Program members purchase Package Birds totaling 897. There was only 1 member in this Program that did not call to have his Birds released (15 total). These Birds plus 16 extra Program Birds were released to the wild on Monday, February 4th. There was a full report given at the Pheasant Finale, which was held on Saturday March 1st.

Pheasants Forever: The Pheasants Forever organization has requested the use of our Club for their upcoming Youth Day. The date for this event is Saturday, September 20, 2008. This is an all day event for both boys and girls. I will have further information and registration forms for the kids in the near future.

We usually start the 3F Club Pheasant Program the next day or Sunday, September 21, 2008. I will have further info for you long before this starting date but it might be an early heads up for those Club members in the Pheasant Program.

3F Club Super Gun Raffle "In Memory of Fred Vanoni": As many of you may know, the club lost one of their very best members when Fred Vanoni past away in November 2007. Fred did tremendous things for the club while he was here, so many that I'm not going to go into details. He will be truly missed by many of us. To Honor Fred, this year's gun raffle and everyone after that will be held in *Memory of Fred Vanoni*.

This years raffle will be held April 26th at the club; Tickets will be available at the bar as well as others selling them. If you are interested in selling tickets please contact Jim Perri @ 716-622-2931 or Gerry Gipp at 716-745-3679.

General Club Business: We have had two short meetings on the club pond. The purpose is to try to bring the pond back to its full capacity. If anyone has any expertise in pond management and would like to get involved you can contact the club 754-2293 to find out when the next meeting will be. Currently nothing has been done except ideas being tossed around. We look forward to any in put.

The Kelly's for kids archery / skeet shoot will be held Sept 13th. The club hosted this shoot last year and it was a big success, Kelly's for kids raised over \$18,000 for their cause.

2007-2008 Winter Skeet League: Our winter skeet League this year consists of 14-eight man teams. This is the first year in winter skeet league history that all teams are full. We thank all of the dedicated shooters for that.

As of the 12th week the standings are:

Friendly Fred's is in 1st place with 24 points, R&R Garage Door is in 2nd place with 22 points, Not Right is in 3rd place with 17 points, With Gippsters Collision, Doug's Charter's And Team # 8 trailing in a 3 way tie for 4th place with 14 points. The pressure is on now for all the teams to get in to position for the

first place win in all three divisions.

Congratulations to:

Jerry Meigs, Justin Smith, Doug Thompson for their first 3-F Club league 25 straights and Mark Webster for his 100 straight.

Special Thanks To:

Nate Meigs, Brian Meigs, Rich Falcone, Max Hillman, Mel Gibson, Bill Johnson, Vince Simone, and Rich Moore, for working in the skeet cage and fields.

Also we would like to thank all of those people who help us with loading targets week after week; we couldn't do it without you!

Just a reminder that the skeet banquet tickets will be available at the skeet cage for \$20.00 per shooter or guest. The date for the dinner is 4/19/2008.

We are also raffling off a black synthetic CVA Wolf 50 cal Black powder inline, 209 ignition with a Bushnell scope. Tickets are available at the Skeet Cage. Proceeds will go to the Winter Skeet League Fund.