

THE 3F CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Newsletter ~ Fall / Winter 2008

Outdoor Shooting Range: We have some problems here that need to be resolved. Keys are not being returned, sign-up rules are not being followed, safety rules are not being followed, cleanup rules are not being followed, and the range and the equipment on the range are being misused and damaged. If these problems are not resolved then the Board will have to consider actions to be taken which would include shutting down the Outdoor range. You as members make the choice through your actions.



Conservation: The Purple Martin nesting gourds (12) worked out real well! At least 12 pairs returned to the 3F Club this spring to nest. On July 8th the nesting boxes were lowered and checked with 38 total nestlings being banded with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Bands. Many Club Members and their kids observed this operation. We are in hopes our colony of Martins will return from their winter in Brazil in the spring of 2009. The Fall Song Bird Banding Project came to an end on Friday, October 24th. On this (late the nets were taken down after a total of 289 birds were captured, handled and released thru the fall season. A total of 513 Birds were handled during the spring and fall Banding Seasons. It is planned to start the 34th year of Song Bird Banding on the 3F Club Property May 1, 2009.

Pheasant Program: The 3F Club Pheasant Program got underway on Sunday, September 21st. The Program only lost two (2) members from the previous year. The replacements were made from the active waiting list on a first come first served basis. We have 80 Club Members in the Program with approx. 42 on the waiting list. Again this year we have contracted for the purchase of 1 900 Birds. The Program will be running until February 3, 2009.

Grounds: The mowing of the Clubs grass came to an end on Thursday, October 23rd. The crew consisting of Gerry Condren, Charles Deering, Walter Greig, Gardner Rising, Dennis Sutherland, Frank Wright and Jerry Farrell cut on all but one Thursday this summer. The crew would like to give special thanks to Bryan Meigs for his great help in keeping the machinery operational. Walter and Donna Greig spent many hours on keeping the weeds out of the front beds.



Update for the 2008/2009 Skeet League: As you may know the sign-up sheets for the winter league are up and anyone interested can sign up by December 1st so we can get organized by the 4th of December. The rules have been posted and all dates are shown. We are hoping to get 12 or more teams. Everyone is welcome to join. If you have a team, sign them all on the sheet. If you do not, sign the sheet and we will get you on a team. Shooters from outside the Three F Club are all welcome and will be assigned to a team. (You must be members of the club to sign up as a team). Cost for the targets are \$ 3.75 and the league fee is \$3.25 for adults (\$2.75 for targets and \$ 2.25 for the league fee for youth shooters). The league consists of 16 scores and will start December 4th, 2008. The last day to shoot is March 25, 2009. If it is required we will have the shoot-off on March the 28th. The banquet is scheduled for the 4th of April with cocktails at 4pm and dinner at 5pm. Please help us keep the cost under control by picking up your empty casings so we don't have to waste the time of the trap boy. Hope to see you shooting and have a great winter. If you have any questions please see Bill

Johnson or Robin Smith.

Election information: Elections will be held on 12/16/2008. 5 people are running for 3 openings. Candidates are Jim Perri, Steve Zappy, Chuck Brolinski, Jim Ellis and Rocky Madrid. There will be absentee ballots behind the bar with instructions available.



Adult Christmas Party: The Adult Christmas Party will be held on December 20th, 2008 and will begin at 6:00 pm. Cost will be \$45.00 per couple; \$25.00 for a single.

The Children's party will be held earlier that same day, from 1 to 3:00 pm. All children & grandchildren of members ages 0 to 10. You must fill out a children's party registration form so we know how many to plan for! Information **MUST** be in by Friday December 5th. All children must be accompanied by an adult.