

Winter 2007



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New Ranges Open

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After nearly a year of planning, grading, and construction, our new ranges are nearly complete.

The New combination rifle/pistol/black powder range is now complete. The SASS (cowboy) shooters have been using the range for several months.

Bullseye and PPC Shooters began



using new Range in Early December.

Future Activities include .22 Rifle Matches and other Rifle Programs.

We will be moving the current Rifle

Benchrests to the New Range soon and closing the adjacent old range.

• See our website pistol page

- **Please Note!!**
- **Dues statements were sent out in November with a due date of January 1, 2007. We have approximately 150 of our 475 members not yet paid. Check your membership card. If it doesn't say "1-1-08" you owe dues for 2007. Call Dave Philippe (707-9611) if you are unsure about your status.**

SASS Cowboy Shooters Build new Facility

On a warm December day, members of the new SASS Cowboy Team Worked to construct their new Shooting Scenarios, and a shed to store their equipment.

The Shed features a small bridge crossing a drainage ditch, and porch from which observers can view the proceedings.



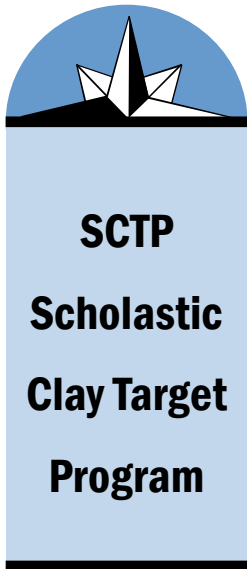
Cowboy Shooters meet First and Third Saturdays each Month at 9AM

SCTP is again on board to use our club grounds --

The Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) is again on board to use our club grounds for the third year. Kim Chamberlin is once more coaching the Cumberland County High School (CCHS) and Stone Memorial High School (SMHS) students which will act as a combined team for at least 2007. Kim will be ably assisted by student sponsors and teachers Mitchell Teeters and Bill (Rick) Lynn. Currently, both high schools have 25 students signed up to compete. This team practices at 4-6 pm on Tuesdays at the club. All the shooters from last years squad have returned to compete. That squad finished second in the state in Nashville, and 29th out of 94 squads at the nationals in Sparta, IL.

There were changes in the titles or classifications for both elementary and high schools students in the SCTP for 2007. For the elementary school students, grades 5 and under, will be in the Rookie division while grades 6 thru 8 will be classified as the Intermediate division. For the high school students, grades 9 thru 12 with less than 2 years previous SCTP experience at the high school level will now be called the Junior Varsity division while grades 9 thru 12 with two years or more high school SCTP experience will be in the Varsity division. This new terminology, presumably, brings the SCTP more descriptively in line with the other high school sports.

The elementary school students (Rookie and Intermediate divisions) have not yet shot as a team at the club due to a lack of qualified instructors. Teeters and Lynn have agreed to initiate the practice sessions with these students starting with an organizational meeting for these two divisions on Saturday, January 13 at noon at the club on Shorty Barnes Road. Interested students should come accompanied with a parent. Students will be required to have completed the TWRA Hunter Safety Course or plan to attend and pass the course prior to the beginning of SCTP competition. There will be a \$50 fee for each participant and paperwork to be filled out and signed at this meeting. Club member, J. D. Jenkins will assist in teaching these students as soon as he completes training required by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF).



Wild Game Dinner is Coming up this Month

Our wild game dinner is again scheduled for Saturday, January 27 at 6 pm at the Elk's Lodge at a cost of \$10. per person, member or guest. A selection of wild game dishes will be available as well as standard fare. Drinks will be available at the Elk's bar. We are already calling members that attended last year but there will likely be tickets still available. If you would like to attend,



CALL:

Carl Wedlick (456-5320)
or Jim Douglass (456-2560).

Sportsman of the Year Award

In this our 20th year, our board feels we have been amiss in recognizing members that have made significant contributions to our club. Twenty-two years ago, Joe Puryear and his close friend, Lloyd Fredrick, had a vision to establish a sportsman club here in Fairfield Glade. Both Joe and Lloyd set out in mid-1985 to find a suitable site for trap, skeet, rifle and pistol ranges. It took them two years to find it, but on July 27, 1987, Joe and Lloyd met with 30 other interested sportsmen to form our club. Joe served as president from 1987 thru 1989 and again in 1992. Lloyd served in differ-



ent officer positions as vice-president, secretary and treasurer from 1987 to 1994. Lloyd passed away in January 1995. This 1st annual Sportsman-of-the-Year Award will be pre-

presented to our two founding fathers, Joe Puryear and posthumously to Lloyd Fredrick by club president Carl Wedlick at the wild game dinner. Our club intends to present this award annually at the wild game dinner.

ATA Dates are set

Our Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) dates for 2007 are on 3/18, 4/14 and 4/15, 5/5, 5/20, 7/8, 8/5, 9/9, 10/7. These events are open to all member or non-member shooters. You need not be a highly skilled trapshooter to participate in these events. The protocol in these events are essentially no different than our informal, open shooting we do every day at the club. The only difference being that we accurately count your misses and record them in ATA records

Combination Ranges are Coming Along

Work is proceeding well with our two new combined trap/skeet fields – fields 5 and 6. The three skeet houses and one trap house were constructed in late summer and have now been painted and made ready for the installation of the machines. Club member, Doug Server and his men, volunteered their time to run the underground wiring to the new houses. Above ground wiring still to be done includes wiring the outside control boxes and the wiring in the houses. Fill dirt needs to be added and the shooting pads poured. Field 5 will be completed first as the trap pads are already in place. Plans are to move the skeet field from its present location to the combined trap/skeet field 5. We hope to have this field completed in time for the mid-April SCTP super shoot.

Comments from outgoing secretary Dave Hohler -

After serving the club for 4+ years, I would like to thank the board for its support in making that job easier, but I'm not going away completely. Our club is fortunate to have Dave Philippe step into this position. Knowing Dave, I'm sure he has some new ideas on taking this office to the next level to further promote our club. Dave has extensive business management experience and a wealth of computer knowledge – both key items in handling this office. Secondly, he is one of the key members in our rapidly expanding rifle and pistol group – an area with which I was unfamiliar. As such, Dave and I have agreed to co-write future newsletters with him covering the rifle and pistol news while I will cover the trap, skeet and the SCTP programs. Both of us will team up to cover the club's sundry items. I look forward to working with him.



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Have you visited our website lately?
www.ffgsc.com

The Sportsman club website recently had a moderate makeover with several new features having been added.

Apart from the new section on the home page for monthly events, there is a link located directly to the top right for the club's calendar. Clicking this link takes you to our public Yahoo calendar where we keep all of our upcoming events. You can look at the current day/week/month, or you can browse ahead for any month in the future. We keep all the club, ATA, SCTP and other events posted on this calendar. You can also access it via the calendar page on the website. Try it out!!

We had over 649 page visitors in the month of December 2006. Were you one of them?