



## July 2026 Newsletter

### President's Notes

*by Steve Podlesny*

I hope you all are enjoying the wonderful facilities at our club. It takes a lot to keep our facility looking nice and sadly only a handful of members help to maintain the ranges and keep the club looking good. Feel free to lend a hand and if you see someone mowing, picking up trash or fixing target frames, stop and thank them.

As the 250th birthday of our country is fast approaching, let's all be thankful for the freedoms we have. Freedom is not free contrary to what many seem to believe these days.

Our club began as the Franklin County League of Sportsmen's Clubs. We have provided a safe place to come for over 55 years. I'm hoping we can get another 55 years in. Only time will tell.



As we move into July we have many events scheduled. Please check the calendar. If you find one that looks interesting, come down and check it out. They are all being provided to get members involved with other members and have fun shooting.

As you may already be aware, we have multiple Police Departments utilizing our facility for training which generates additional income for various projects at the club. With some of these funds, we have acquired a moving target system (Range Dynamics X-1 system). It's on the 50 yd range to be used on scheduled events. Watch for a forthcoming email to announce the first shoot using this system. Future dates will be on the calendar.

### Maintenance Shout-outs!

*by Greg Isles*

Over the last couple of months all of the ranges have seen plenty of activity. I would like to thank all the members that police their brass and return it to the appropriate buckets. By doing this task, our ranges look well kept and neatly managed when potential new members come to visit our facilities.

I would also like to thank **Dave Wartel** for all the work he's done over the last few weeks up grading the shooting benches on the 100/200 yd ranges. Along with Dave I want to thank **Bill Taylor** for the work he has done, mowing



and weed-whacking the pistol ranges. Keeping the grass short makes policing brass easier and helps with ticks.



Last but not least I want to thank all the members that I don't see doing all the little things like picking up trash, emptying trash cans, sweeping a floor in the clubhouse or cleaning a restroom. This is what makes our club one of the best in the county. Thanks again for all you do.

### Welcome to the Club!

Welcome to our new members: **John DeCoursy, William O'Connell, Terry Lovett, Roan Martin, Eric Parham, Trenton Vielbig and Rick Beaupre**. Please enjoy our facility and our community. Join us at the member meetings and get involved. Check the calendar for upcoming events: <https://fclsc.org/calendar>.

How can you get involved? Join the rifle shooters at the monthly 100 and 200 yd shoots. The Practical Handgun Group will help improve your pistol skills. Join the shotgunners and break some clays. Want to go fast? Then the Rimfire Challenge and the 2-Gun Challenge are for you. See you on the range!

## Rimfire Challenge Update

by Hollington Lee



We had a great opening event in June. Nine participants enjoyed a beautiful early summer morning. It was fun to get together again after a long winter!



(L to R) Holly Lee, Greg Isles, Scott Conti, Mike Jasinski, Ed Cialek III, Despina Hoffman, Mark Holley, Ed Cialek Jr and Mark Walker. (Thanks to Bill Taylor for taking the photo.)

We'll be running these shoots on the **2nd Saturday of every month thru December**. Please check the Calendar for dates. We have three stages set up on the rimfire range so you can practice at any time.

This is a fun shoot, not a serious competition. It's so much fun to hear those targets *PING* and shooting fast is a blast! Please consider joining us, meet some new people and enjoy our amazing community.

Send your questions to **Hollington Lee** at [hollingtonlee@gmail.com](mailto:hollingtonlee@gmail.com).



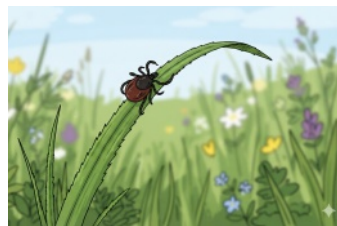
## Tick Prevention

by Pat O'Bryan

Ticks are an insidious little creature that can make you wish you never set foot outdoors. I have heard a lot of comments lately about ticks at the club with people finding them crawling on them and I know of one member that was sickened by a tick bite which prompted me to write this article.

I have read that a tick will move less than 3 feet under its own power through its life. It prefers to sit on some low foliage and wait for a host/victim to come by. It will attach itself to your clothes and crawl around until it can find a suitable place to bore its little head into your flesh, suck your blood and possibly transmit diseases. Personally, when I find a tick on me, whether it's on my clothes or skin, I'm sure they are crawling all over me until I can get in a hot shower. Drives me nuts!

I am not an expert on the subject but I do have some



experience in tick prevention. I haven't had a tick on my person in a long time and I spend a lot of time in the forest walking through undergrowth where the like to hang out.

Insect repellents that contain DEET work well and it is also suggested that you wear light colored clothing and tuck your pant cuffs into your socks. This is so they can't get to your skin and are easily seen.

The best product I have found that really works for me is a spray called Repel with the blue cap. It contains a chemical called Permethrin that ticks hate and is deadly to them. I will take my freshly washed pants, hang them up and spray them completely with the product, then let it dry. I also spray my boots. Once the product dries it will stay in the material for weeks, even through washings. **Permethrin is NOT to be applied to your skin.** The can claims it lasts for 2 weeks but in my experience, it lasts much longer than that. I buy Repel at the Greenfield Farmers Co-Op on High Street.

I am still diligent about checking for ticks but so far so good.

## Introducing the 2-Gun Challenge!

*by Ed Cialek III*

The Shotgun Challenge has ended and is now The 2-Gun Challenge!



Over the past year and a half we have had a dedicated group of Shotgun Challenge participants. For anyone who isn't familiar, here's a brief explanation: The Shotgun Challenge is shot at approximately 10-12 yds using a repeating shotgun and the targets are standard clays on stationary metal stands. We have 3 stages consisting of 5-8 targets arranged in different patterns each time. There is a limit of 5 shells loaded to start the stage so reloading on the clock is usually necessary. Each stage is

shot 3 times, and there are usually 60 targets overall for the match. If you bring 3 boxes of shells you'll go home with some ammo.

We all have fun, miss targets we shouldn't have, and fumble reloads. Nobody should be worried about their skill level and anyone who can safely handle a shotgun is welcome to attend.

As much fun as we have had with the Shotgun Challenge, we have decided to have even more fun so I've added a handgun portion to the game, and renamed it the **2-Gun Challenge**. Nothing will change with the shotgun portion of the game, but I am adding handgun targets to all 3 stages. After completing the stationary shotgun clay targets as usual, our shotguns will be safely stowed in a holder and we will move to handguns to engage steel and/or IPSC cardboard targets.

No special equipment is necessary to join in the fun. All you need is a pump or semiauto shotgun in any gauge, a handgun 9mm/.38 Special or larger, a holster that safely retains your handgun that allows for one handed reholstering, and a magazine/speedloader pouch to hold one or 2 spares. The shotgun ammo must be #7½, 8 or 9 shot.



**Our first 2-Gun Challenge will be held on Sat, July 18 on the 50-yd range. Please arrive at 8:45** for the safety meeting and a 9:00 start. If you can arrive at 8:30 to help set up, it's always appreciated.

If you have any questions please email me at **Hawgleg44@gmail.com**. I'd also appreciate an email if you plan to attend so I have an approximate head count. I hope to see some new faces there!

## Mentoring is Available

*by Bob Gosselin*

The Franklin County Sportsmen's Club would like to bridge the gap from getting your LTC or FID card and becoming a responsible, safe shooter. To accomplish we will have MENTOR NIGHTS free to members. This simply is when new and/or inexperienced shooters can meet with more experienced shooters to learn how to handle their guns in a safe matter and get tips on how to shoot and actually hit what you're aiming at. They may also learn how to disassemble and clean their fire arms safely.

This will be offered to club members by pre-registration and only on the scheduled date to ensure each member can have a one-on-one coaching experience. Members are required to bring their own firearms (transported safely and legally), their own ammo, eye protection and ear protection.

Mentors, if you would like to assist with this please let me know. I will only contact you if there is going to be a new shooter scheduled to be coached by you. You can use this time towards your 4 hrs volunteer time. Members, contact me and we can reserve a spot with one of our mentors.

Contact me at **bobgoss64@gmail.com** with any questions.

## Practical Handgun Group Updates

by Gary Braff

The red white and blue shoot started off with the new traversing target system tryout. Everyone who tried it hit quite a few times as can be reflected in the photo of the paster pattern. 9 shooters were all able to hit it quite well for our first time. Many thanks to Steve P. And Paul C. and the board of directors for their



investment in the range update and for giving us all instructions on how to use it. After all that fun we went on to our red, white, and blue steel targets shown in the photo. We started with 2 rounds to each and progressed to more shots per target and

mixing it up. Hot day but satisfying results to celebrate our 250th fourth of July. Please join us in July for our next session. Please check the club calendar for the dates.



## Clubhouse Security

When you visit the Club, you are welcome to use the clubhouse, but please remember to turn off the lights and set the alarm system when you leave. If someone else is in the building when you leave, make sure that person understands that they must set the alarm system when they leave. Thank you.

## Ticks are here!

Please consider applying repellent for ticks. DEET, Picaridin and Permethrin (for clothes) are all good options. We've had many members pick them up while walking or working on the ranges.

## Range Cleanup Reminder

Remember, after you are done shooting, **please pick up ALL OF YOUR EMPTY SHELLS (including brass, steel and aluminum)** and put them in the recycle bin and remove your used targets.

We have a beautiful facility. Please pitch in to help keep it that way. Thank you.

## Skeet & Trap Reminder

We shoot skeet on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday mornings. Please check the calendar. The fee is \$5.00 per round.

## Current Email Address Reminder

Remember that your FCSC email is being sent to the last email address on record. If you change your email address, please be sure to notify us. Send your new email to [steven.podlesny@gmail.com](mailto:steven.podlesny@gmail.com) so we can update our records and you will continue to receive the Newsletter and other communications.

## Rifle Event Updates

by Steve Podlesny



We are well into our rifle events for 2026 which will continue through October. Participation continues to grow and the scores are getting very close. Weather continues to be inconsistent, but this adds to challenge of getting that perfect score.

### May Events

On the weekend of Sunday the 24th it rained again, but not enough to discourage 5 shooters from braving the elements. Lynn Graham was the high scorer in the 100 yd rimfire shoot, as well 200 yd Long Gong events. He was closely followed by Paul Choiniere in both events for 2nd place.

On Sunday the 31st Lynn Graham continued to shoot excellent scores to come in 1st during the 100 yd .223 shoot. For the 200 yd centerfire event, Lynn Graham was the 1st place shooter using a .223 and Larry Kleinschmidt was top gun on his .308.

### June Events

Our .22 rimfire events are averaging 9 to 10 members coming out to fire at 100 yds. Our last shoot ended with Kevin Terrell firing 170/200 and Lynn Graham with 169 a close second. Our second .22 shoot is the Long Gong Challenge fired at 200 yds with Lynn Graham coming in first with 69/81 points followed by Paul Choiniere with 46 points.

Moving to our .223 shoots at 100 yds, Gerry Tylunas fired a 145/150 followed by Dave Wartel with a 142. Then we moved out to 200 yds with Lynn Graham firing his .223, scoring a 194/200 followed by Greg Isles with a 183. Steve Podlesny fired 181/200 and Larry Kleinschmidt with a 176 on their .308's.

These shoots are open to all club members and are meant to challenge each individual's shooting skills and have fun with other members sharing the similar interests. Hope to see some new people at our next shoot. If nothing else come down and check the shoots out.

## NRA Range Officer Training

by Scott Conti

The FCSC will be hosting an **NRA Basic Range Safety Officer Course** conducted by Jon Green from GOAL on **October 17th and 18th, 2026**.

This course will satisfy the requirements to obtain the NRA certification as a Range Safety Officer. The course will run from 9-5 on both days and will consist of both classroom and live-fire components. The cost for the course is \$125 for GOAL members and \$160 for non-members (an annual GOAL membership is \$30.) This does not include the fees for the NRA Training credentials (\$40 for NRA members, \$175 for non-members).

The Board of Directors has approved a \$125 reimbursement for any club members who complete this training after they receive and provide proof of their NRA credentials.

**Applications are available by contacting Jon Green at GOAL (jon@goal.org - 508-641-0116), Scott Conti (sconti@gmail.com), or another FCSC officer or board member.**

Anyone who wants to enroll in this course needs to fill out and return an application with payment to Jon Green at GOAL prior to October 10th - no walk-in registrations will be allowed. The class is limited to 12 students - registration will be opened up and announced to all GOAL members in early August so don't delay!

### Thanks to the newsletter team

Whether writing articles or providing updates, all of you who contribute to the newsletter are much appreciated! Thank you!

Keep up with our events on the  
**FCSC website calendar**  
<https://fclsc.org/calendar>

## The Route for FCSC Membership Renewals

by Sandy Magill



*Here are the details of renewing your annual Club membership. Please read and follow these instructions completely. Thank you.*

### Step ONE: Member

- Complete the current year renewal form correctly, which is emailed a month or two in advance of due date. Your membership name tag that is to be worn whenever at the club also has the month your membership month if email is not received from Membership chair. The first page title will be: Membership Renewal Application. It will have the year at the top of the page. This is the form that will be emailed to you. **Fill out the form completely. Try to write legibly, it helps.**

### How to complete the form (Back of First Page was intentionally left blank):

- Check appropriate box for changes or no changes upper left and record FOB# upper right.
- Family memberships are immediate family members only— spouse/partner and their children. Be sure to include the ages of children if you list them. No need for husband, wife, partner ages, just the children's ages. Once children leave school/college, they need to have their own membership.
- Complete how you can help at the club. Remember, members are expected to complete 4 hours of service at the club or pay \$40.
- Second and third page is the WAIVER: This MUST be filled out yearly. All Life Members must complete the waiver.
- All members' names go in the first blank space after (I/We).
- The short blanks for each of the statements are for your initials; one blank for each member. The initials are to be for statements "a" thru "e".

- Each member under the membership signs their name, prints their name and dates the signature. Parents may sign for children. Good lesson on waiver as you sign for children.
- Send completed renewal and check to the address on the first page of the form.

### Step TWO: Treasurer

- Picks up the mail
- Records payments on the renewal form, writes treasurer's deposit report with payments, waivers signed, FOB listed, etc. and makes deposits to the bank.
- Sends treasurer's deposit report to Membership Chair.
- Reports membership at the monthly meeting.
- Drops completed renewals to the club or arranges pickup/drop off with Membership chair.

### Step THREE: Membership Chair

- One or two months in advance sends out email with new renewal application attached. This is one reason an updated and correct email is important.
- Asks members to email mailing date so membership database can be marked pending prior to receiving treasurer's deposit report.
- Arranges pickup/drop off of renewal forms with the treasurer.
- Updates any changes to information from the member's renewal in the club database.
- Sends out emails for non-payment of dues reminder.
- Updates FCSC tech to shut off FOB and email Tech to delete email(s) from the club roster.
- Updates database accordingly.

**The entire process can take 4-6 weeks; therefore, you may receive more than one reminder email. A payment may arrive after the reports have been written and the next reminder is sent.**

## Announcing The FCSC Rifles!

*by Larry Kleinschmidt*

We have organized an interest group for our rifle shooters. It's called "**The FCSC Rifles**". The naming convention is borrowed from Civil War rifle units such as "The Brave Rifles", the 3rd U.S. Cavalry. In the South there was "Orr's Rifles", the 1st South Carolina Rifle Regiment, organized and commanded by James Orr (a politician from SC).

This FCSC group is made up of those members who compete in our rifle events. The FCSC Rifles are organized in a text messaging group and an email group. The purpose of these groups is to facilitate communications about events in case of bad weather, or when a new event is organized.

If you would like to be part of the group, contact Steve Podlesny, [steven.podlesny@gmail.com](mailto:steven.podlesny@gmail.com). Come out and shoot with us!

## Are you interested in Reloading?

FCSC has a **Reloading Group**! We keep in contact through email and provide information and support. Occasionally, we order supplies online, which includes shipping and Hazmat fees. When we combine our orders, we are able to cut down on the shipping and Hazmat costs per individual substantially! If you are interested in reloading, join us. Contact Steve Podlesny at: [steven.podlesny@gmail.com](mailto:steven.podlesny@gmail.com).

## FCSC Guest Policy Explained

*by Larry Kleinschmidt*

FCSC is one of a very few clubs who still allows Guests to shoot. The guest policy places a great deal of responsibility on the member who invites a guest. That member is responsible for every action that the guest takes during their time at the club. That is one reason why we have a six-month probation period during which the new member cannot invite guests. Currently we have an on-going issue with members inviting guests repeatedly. We cannot grow our membership if the guest policy is used to grant access to the club on an ongoing basis. The BOD is monitoring this issue and considering our options.



FCSC is a private, members-only club. However, as a member of FCSC, you can bring guests to the club, subject to club guest policy. As a club member you are responsible for your guest(s). Since you, as a member, are responsible for everything your guest does while at the club, you can invite no more than two guests at a time. When shooting with guests, only one gun may be used by your party at a time. This restriction assures that you, the member, can supervise everything that your guest(s) does while on the range.

Remember, while your guest is at the club, you, the member, are responsible for everything they do. New members may not bring guests during their six-month probation period.

Who is a guest? If you have a single membership, anyone you invite to the club is a guest. If you have a family membership, anyone who is not named as part of your family is a guest. The guest fee is \$10 per guest per visit. When your guest enters the club, the first thing to do is have them sign the Guest Waiver of Liability Form, this must be done before you proceed to the range. Guest Waiver of Liability forms can be downloaded from the website:

[https://fclsc.org/files/guest\\_Release\\_and\\_Indemnity\\_Agreement.pdf](https://fclsc.org/files/guest_Release_and_Indemnity_Agreement.pdf).

Also, hard copies can be found on the wall at the back of the clubhouse near the entry door. Once the Guest Waiver form has been completed (one form for each of your guests), put it in an envelope along with the \$10 fee for each of your guests, and place the envelope in the locked box on the back wall of the clubhouse near the door.

Before proceeding to the range, be sure that your guest(s) is wearing a Visitor Badge and they are familiar with the NRA Gun Safety Rules.

These can be found on the website:

<https://fclsc.org/p/52/Firearm-Safety-Rules>

The Guest Policy is presented on our website:

<https://fclsc.org/p/60/Guest-Policy>

## 2026 FCSC Board of Directors

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## Call for Newsletter Contributors

Would you like to write for the newsletter? Here are a few ideas. A series of **PROFILES** about firearms inventors (e.g, Samuel Colt, Eugene Stoner, Gaston Glock and firearms manufacturers (e.g. S&W, Colt, Ruger, Glock, CCI, Federal, Eley, SK, plus many more) including their histories.

### Also, short pieces on:

- Your favorite firearms
- Military branches and their standard issue firearms
- Historic firearms
- Reloading: shotgun and centerfire rounds

A series of **EXPLAINERS**. Here are some ideas.

- Trap & Skeet & other shotgun disciplines
- Rimfire & steel challenge & other disciplines
- Longer range and shorter range precision rifle shooting, benchrest, PRS, NRL22 etc.
- Basics: rimfire vs centerfire, hammer fired vs striker fired, double vs single action
- Types of shotgun shells and shot sizes
- MIL and MOA reticles on scopes

If you have an article idea for the newsletter, please be in touch.

—Holly Lee, Newsletter Editor  
<hollingtonlee@gmail.com>

## Temporary Suspension of the Sig Sauer P320

Effective immediately, the use of the Sig Sauer P320 (all variants) is temporarily suspended at the club. This decision is based on ongoing federal investigations and safety reviews of the P320, including by the U.S. Air Force, following recent incidents under review. Several agencies and shooting organizations have taken similar precautionary steps.

This is not a permanent ban. It is a temporary pause while we await further information. Once the results of these investigations are released, we will revisit this decision.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Safety is our highest priority, and we appreciate everyone's commitment to maintaining a responsible environment.

## Clubhouse Security

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