

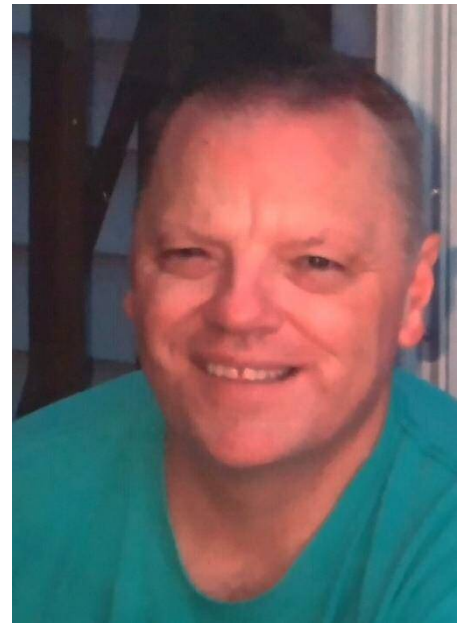
Franklin County Sportsmen's Club



May Newsletter May 3, 2024

President's Notes

Well, I'm hoping we have finally seen the last of winter for 2024, and let's welcome the warmer weather. This last Saturday, April 20th, our first spring clean-up at the club was completed. I had my fingers crossed the entire day, and we had no rain and accomplished many range and road repairs as well as cleaning up the facility. I would like to thank the 35 members who came and worked hard to help get our club in shape for the coming shooting season. Several members brought three tractors, which were a great help accomplishing our list of things to do. When we were finished with our work, the club provided everyone with a great lunch as a thank you. With a membership of close to 400, it would be nice to see a few more new faces for the next two work-bees to be scheduled. If you are unable to attend our work-bees, a \$40 donation in lieu of work can be sent to the club. As I have indicated previously, this is your club.



With our road repairs, we re-installed two rainwater diversion lines (bumps) on the road which are indicated by the safety cones on either side. PLEASE drive slowly as you enter the club grounds, which you should be doing anyway.

We have added many events to our monthly calendar to hopefully present multiple opportunities to our membership to get out and shoot with other

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members and have fun. Please check out the calendar (<https://fclsc.org/calendar>) and see if you find something that interests you.

Steve Podlesny

The Welcome Wagon

For April, we welcome new members: Tyler Pickering, Albert Wood, Carol Wood, Kevin Gotay, Justin Maynard, Matt Stacey!

We hope you will enjoy our facility and our fellowship. Come join us at the general meetings and get involved. Watch our website calendar for upcoming events: <https://fclsc.org/calendar>. We have newly expanded shooting programs this summer; check them out. Please remember to wear your badge when visiting our club, follow all safety rules and pick up your brass when you shoot. Welcome!

Larry Kleinschmidt

New Pavilion for the 22 Rimfire Range

The newest addition to our facility has been completed! The staining is near completion on the permanent rimfire range pavilion. This will serve us well for many years to come. A big thank you to all involved in making this happen! We will be discussing a special event to welcome this addition to our facility –

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details forthcoming! Work on the final pavilion on our plate range is scheduled to be started in late summer if all goes as planned.

Steve Podlesny

Sportsmen's Flea Market Success!

On April 6th, we held a Flea Market at the Clubhouse. We had six “vendors” presenting a wide variety of equipment. There were fishing, archery, reloading, holsters, knives, jackets, boots, camping and many other unique items. We were able to send a lot of that equipment to new homes for new uses. We plan to hold another flea market late in the year.

Larry Kleinschmidt

Monthly Meeting Schedule Adjustment

The following is an important update to a long-standing policy at the Franklin County Sportsmen's Club (FCSC). From the inception of the club there has always been a monthly meeting of the membership on the third Wednesday of the month to share the financial and general dealings of the club. Over the past

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three years there has been a considerable decline in member participation, with some meetings having two or three members in attendance. According to the FCSC Bylaws, a quorum of at least 10 members is needed to hold any meeting, or if necessary, to have a vote on any agenda items. With this provision being taken into consideration, the Board of Directors (BOD) of the FCSC voted for the remainder of 2024 to schedule membership meetings on the following dates, July 17th, 2024, September 18th, 2024, and December 18th, 2024.

The officers and the BOD made this decision after considerable discussion and a review of multiple options.

Please be assured that the Executive Board of the FCSC will continue to provide you with updates throughout the year to keep you apprised, either through updates by me or in the club's newsletter, which we have been sending and will continue to do so in 2024.

As has always been the case, if any current member has a question on club procedures or policies, including financial concerns, they are welcome to contact me directly, and I will help them or forward their concern to the appropriate board member for response.

Steve Podlesny

Coming Events

The **new 22 Caliber Rimfire Benchrest contest** will be held on Sunday, May 19th. This should be a very interesting event testing 22-caliber accuracy at 100 yards.

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Coming up in May we have Skeet, every Saturday and Sunday morning and every Thursday evening. Come down and check it out! The **Historical Arms Group Show & Tell** will take place on Saturday, May 25th. On the 26th we will have the Benchrest competition for the .223 at 10AM, then at 12PM we will hold the new 200-yard Benchrest competition for 30-caliber rifles. It will be a very interesting event. Note: Skeet is also scheduled for the morning of the 26th.

Larry Kleinschmidt

New Shotgun Patterning Board!

Greg has set up the new shotgun patterning board on the trap range. There are extra replacement cardboard targets located in the clubhouse back room on top of the bird cases. Please feel free to use the new board. Thanks, Greg!

Larry Kleinschmidt

Productive Spring Work-Bee!

Our Spring cleanup work-bee on April 20th was well-attended and very productive! About 30 club members turned out to help clean up the club property and ranges, under the able direction of long-time work-bee impresario, Greg Isles. The following work projects were completed:

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- Replaced all target faces on all shooting ranges
- Stained the new pavilion on the .22 rimfire range (about 80 % complete)
- Made two new target

frames on the pistol ranges

- Repaired the plate target frames on Pistol Range #1 and the 100-yard rifle range
- Spray-painted all metal targets
- Upgraded the shotgun rack on the skeet fields
- Fully stocked all skeet houses with birds
- Set up a new Shotgun Patterning Target Frame on the trap field
- Cleaned up all trash on the ranges
- Upgraded the berms on the pistol ranges and the 100-yard and 200-yard rifle ranges
- Cleaned up the skeet and trap fields
- Stocked the warming hut with target face replacement sheets of plywood
- Removed the old canopy frame behind the warming hut and set up a replacement frame



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- Emptied all the trash barrels in the back room and on the porch into the dumpster
- Picked up brass casings on the ranges

Thank you to all the club members who attended:

Paul Choiniere; Steve Podlesny; Greg Isles; Mark St. Amand; Lynn Graham; John Iverson; Joe Bergeron; Hollington Lee; John Crowley; Mike Cadran; Julie Page; Margaret Hobbie; Debra Peters; Peter Fuller; Nick Garmalo; Patrick Reardon; David Johnson; Brian Bird; Louise Reardon; Nelson Bernard; Tom Putnam; Jim Winn; Ryder Winn; Bob Anderson; Bobby Tefft; Bob Hanrahan; Jim Cadarette; Keith Longto; Ray Samson; Larry Kleinschmidt

Thank you to Julie for cooking lunch for the hungry workers! Thank you to Greg for all his work organizing the work-bee!



It is always impressive to see how well-maintained the club is by the volunteer efforts of our members. Keep an eye out for the next work-bee notification. One advantage of completing the four-hour work requirement at a work-

bee is the opportunity it provides to get to know other members and share shooting interests. For example, during this work-bee I was talking to another member about his interest in buying a revolver, though he only had experience with a semi-auto handgun and rifles. This led us a few days later to having a

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very enjoyable shooting session with double action and single action revolvers so he could get to know them and refine his plan to get a revolver. What a great follow-up to a work-bee!

Of course, if you are unable to make scheduled work-bees, you can always do maintenance work on your own (replacing shot-out target boards, emptying range trash barrels into the dumpster, weed-whacking, spray-painting metal targets, cleaning up the classroom, etc.) and noting this on the huge white paper hanging on the door to the back room inside the clubhouse. Enjoy the warm-weather shooting and see you at the next work-bee!

Mark St. Amand

Benchrest Results

Our first Benchrest contest of the season was held on April 28th. We had twelve competitors at the event. The winner is Gerry Tylunas, who shot a score of 145 out of a possible 150 points!



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We Need Your Help

As you know, the FCSC is operated completely by member volunteers. We have no paid help! As we endeavor to maintain our club as one of the top ten clubs in Western Massachusetts, it is necessary for all of us to help out. Please volunteer your time to help us keep our club into top shape for the summer.

Steven Podlesny

Range Reminder

Please remember the ranges are for use by everyone. If you bring items to shoot, please clean up after you are done. Please take the time to police your brass and targets. The people who come after you shouldn't have to pick up your brass and take down your used targets. We have a beautiful facility; please pitch in to help us keep it that way. Thank you.

Steven Podlesny

