



Fenton Lakes Sportsman's Club Monthly Newsletter – November 2023

From the President,

It's that time of the year when the deer hunters take to the woods, families start planning to the holiday get togethers' and some of us start to wonder why we didn't get the backpack blower when it was sale last spring.

The indoor range is the place to be this time of year as well. Jr. Rifle, PPC League, Bowling Pin Shoots all well underway so when you are looking to take a break from leaf raking, we have you covered. Outdoors is still in the mix though. Make sure to come out and get your rifles and shotguns sighted in before heading out for firearms deer season. Oh, and make sure to read up on the new additions to the clays course that recently went into service making the best sporting clays course around that much better.

FLSC will host a couple upcoming training sessions. The first one is coming up early this month and is run by our friends at Project Appleseed. The other is the return of Refuse to be a Victim. A great course on how to keep yourself safe in areas where you may not realize you are a target.

Finally make sure to read up on the changes made to the FLSC Range Rules. Make sure you review them on a regular basis for your safety and the safety of your guests and other members.

Enjoy your club and be safe.

Keith Morris
FLSC President
ClubPresident@fentonlakes.com

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer help is always needed to keep the club running. 16 work hours a year earns a \$50 discount on your Regular Family Membership renewal dues.

Can you commit to working on a regular basis at the club? Members who regularly participate in the tasks needed to keep the club running can be eligible for discounted worker rate dues. If you can commit to a minimum of 80 hours/year for worker status, contact a club officer to discuss opportunities.

*****HELP WANTED*****

RENTAL HALL MANAGER:

There is an immediate need for a rental hall manager to attend to clubhouse banquet hall rentals and maintenance. This is a volunteer position that requires hands-on involvement to ensure our rental hall is maintained and operated at the highest level of quality and professionalism. This position qualifies for worker member status and the subsequent worker rate membership dues. Please contact either

Clubvp_Finance@fentonlakes.com or ClubPresident@fentonlakes.com to discuss.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Do you have experience in graphic arts, communication or publishing?

We could use a dedicated member to take our newsletter to the next level.

Please contact the club President at ClubPresident@fentonlakes.com

SPORTING CLAYS WORKERS:

If you would like to be part of the sporting clays work group, [contact Andy Shute VP of Operations.](#)

Clubvp_Operations@fentonlakes.com

OUTDOOR RANGE MAINTENANCE:

We are always in need of help maintaining the outdoor ranges. If you can pitch in please contact John O'Dell OutdoorRngMgr@fentonlakes.com 586-718-4503

MONDAY MORNING WORK CREW:

The Monday morning work crew focus is cleaning the indoor range and basement along with putting away table and chairs after rental events. If you are available on Monday mornings contact the Indoor Range Manager, Larry Andrykovich

IndoorRngMgr@fentonlakes.com 810-240-8610

MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP MANAGER

I thought it might be helpful to let the membership know the process I use to notify those with expiring memberships. On the 15th of the month, I instruct our email system to send a notification to all those people whose membership will expire between the time the email is sent and the last day of the following month.

For example, On October 15th the email system was instructed to send a notification to all those people whose membership would expire between October 15 and November 30th. The email that was sent informs you that the membership will expire soon. It also advises that there is a 15-day grace period beyond expiration in which you may renew without incurring a penalty. The method to renew and the renewal amount are also spelled out.

If the grace period is exceeded, the ability to renew is removed and it is necessary to contact the Membership Manager indicating that you do wish to renew. With notification to the Membership Manager, the renewal capability is reactivated but there is also a \$25.00 late renewal fee attached. Also, if the grace period is exceeded your electronic gate access card is disabled. Once the renewal fee is paid the card will be reactivated but it could take up to 2 weeks before it is reactivated.

Ultimately, it is the member's responsibility to know when their membership will expire. The email that is sent also tells you how to determine exactly when the membership expires. By sending notification on the 15th of the month, to all those whose membership will expire within 6 weeks those who don't renew with the first notice will receive a second notice.

PROJECT APPLESEED PISTOL CLINIC

Coming November 4th and 5th is something new from our friends at Project Appleseed. Some of you are familiar with the rifle marksmanship programs they run on our outdoor ranges periodically over the summer and fall. Project Appleseed will be running a pistol clinic at FLSC on our indoor range.

Learn the basics of handgun safety, accuracy, and control. All the fundamentals needed to safely handle a handgun will be covered. Skills taught include proper stance, sighting the target, trigger control, Natural Point of Aim, speed drills, and many other topics.

You need at least 250 rounds of ammo for the one-day event or 500 rounds for the two-day event. If using a semi-auto bring at least two magazines. If using a revolver bring a speed loader. To register go to: <https://appleseedinfo.org/>



What is the first thing you should do once inside your vehicle? When stopped at a stop sign or red light, how close can you safely be to the vehicle in front of you? What plants should you have around your home's windows to help with security? What type victim is a criminal seeking?

These and other questions will be answered in the upcoming Refuse To Be A Victim seminar December 9th 2023 from 1pm – 5pm.

Refuse To Be A Victim is an NRA developed program to help you identify those habits that you have developed that tend to make you a likely victim of a criminal. This is not a self defense class. No fire-arms are required. The seminar is designed to improve your situational awareness to help you avoid danger. To register visit our page at: <https://www.fentonlakes.com/52.html>

COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING

Fenton's final match for 2023 took place on October 8. It was a rather cold day, but seven brave cowboys and cowgirls came out to play. Considering the weather and the fact that the SASS National Championship 3-day match was going on at the same time, it was not a bad turnout.

We shot 5 stages. One of them was a clone from the 25th anniversary Range War. Going forward we hope to have at least one stage in each monthly match in 2024 that will be based on a stage from a major match.

As there were so few shooters, everybody finished first in their category. Rip Rocker (not his real name) took first place and shot a clean match. Not bad since this is his first year of playing cowboy. At each match there is a drawing to receive a certificate for a free match in the future. This month the new cowgirl shooter Bourbon Betty (not her real name) took home the honors. She and her husband Rip Rocker registered for the match at the same time so either could have won the certificate. Betty claimed it before her husband had a chance to grab it.

We are looking forward to the 2024 season and hope to see a bunch of our cowboy friends at each match. We will probably continue to shoot on the second Sunday of each month beginning in April (weather permitting) and continuing into October (again, weather permitting). Our fees will be the same as the 2023 fees: \$14.00 for Wolverine Rangers members or Fenton Lakes Sportsman's Club members; \$5.00 for those under 18 years old or for those who have never shot a cowboy match at Fenton; \$20.00 for all others.

JUNIOR RIFLE LEAGUE

Jr. Rifle League is underway and runs through March of 2024.

This activity uses the indoor range every Tuesday evening from 5:30PM - 9:30PM.

the program is open to youngsters between the ages of 10 and 18 years old, both members and non-members can participate. There are limited slots available.

Contact Jeff Lane with any questions about the program. ClubJrRifleMgr@fentonlakes.com

BOWLING PINS

The FLSC Bowling Pin Shoots are in full swing through the fall and winter! Open to members and the public, it's .22 rimfire with either rifle or pistol and both optic and iron sight are allowed. We shoot (10) racks of (5) pin sets. So, dust off that .22 and bring the family out for some quality shooting time. This sport is very beginner-friendly!!! Multiple entries are allowed. Many people shoot twice or more.

Like last season are scheduling "flights", so you can select your time slot to show up and shoot. There is a 6:00pm, 6:30pm, 7:00pm, 7:30pm and 8:00pm squad. Just select the time(s) you want to shoot. Just sign up for as many slots as you like. There are 12 slots per flight. Links to sign up are on the club calendar.

For rules information and details check out our website <https://www.fentonlakes.com/FLSC%20Bowling%20Pin%20Shoot>

SPORTING CLAYS

Clay Fundraisers. Over the past few years, we have had an increased interest in using the clays course for various fundraisers, we have had 3 scheduled this year. When we have a fundraiser the transmitters on the course have their programming adjusted and will not accept Red or Blue cards.

You can still shoot but you will need to sign up and pay the required entry fee to the group that has arranged to use the course, the fee charged normally includes lunch and the money goes to a good cause, and it generates more money for your club.

When an event is scheduled, it is listed on the club calendar, as you were told in your orientation, please check the club calendar on our website before planning or leaving home to come shoot.

Checking the calendar becomes even more important as the weather gets colder when snow and freezing rain are in the forecast!

New Clay Machines

We have just taken delivery of 5 new clay machines in addition to the 2 that were purchased earlier in the year. Some of you will have noticed that Station 2 now has 4 machines on it now. The plan for these machines is to have 2 on Station 16 (currently closed) and add an additional 2 to one of the other stations and have one as backup to rotate as machines come in for service.

Red Card

Sporting Clays remains open seven days a week for members with Red Cards. Red cards are available to members to obtain on Saturday's and Sunday's during Sporting Clays public hours.

Whether shooting red card during the week or out during public hour on the weekend, remember to sign in. Additionally make sure any guest you bring sign in and fill out indemnification forms.

Sporting Clays Safety Info!!!

If you are on the course and one of the clay machines does not fire, move on and make up at the next station and let the desk worker know. Please do not approach or touch the machines, when they are just sitting there, they are ready to launch, and any bump or jarring can release the arm and injury can occur.

PPC LEAGUE

The ANNUAL Fall PPC League continues every Monday evening this month and will run through the end of December. League times are 6PM - 9PM.

PPC is a fantastic activity for refining and developing the fundamentals of handgun shooting to help you improve your handgun skills. Open to members and the public you can join anytime during the season to shoot your 10 scores.

Continuing from last season is the new Unlimited Class which allows for any caliber pistol allowed on the indoor range from .22 and up as well as optics but no lasers.

Find out more information, including the course of fire at:

<https://www.fentonlakes.com/PPCShooting.html> or come watch a few matches at the club!

RANGE RULES UPDATE

All members are responsible for understanding the range rules for the indoor and outdoor ranges. Recently the range rules were reviewed and updated to confirm alignment with club policies. You should make sure to take the time to review both the rules and club policies.

The rules are available to view and print off our website at any time. Members are responsible for their guest understanding the rules as well. All rules are in place for you and your guest's safety and to allow for everyone to enjoy the shooting sports. To view the range rules, go to:

<https://www.fentonlakes.com/RangeRules.html>

RANGE RULES HIGHLIGHT

The use of alcohol or drugs on Club property before or while shooting is Strictly prohibited. Violation of this rule may result in permanent loss of membership.

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Event	Date	Time
Sporting Clays Open to Public	Sat. & Sun.	10 AM – 2 PM
PPC League	Every Monday Night	6 PM - 9 PM
Jr. Rifle	Every Tuesday Night	5 PM – 9:30 PM
New Member Orientation	11/1/23	6 PM – 9 PM
Project Appleseed Pistol Clinic	11/4/23 – 11/5/23	7 AM -5:30 PM
Monthly Business Meeting	11/14/23	7 PM - 8 PM
FLSC Bowling Pin Shoot	11/2 – 11/16 – 11/30	6 PM – 9 PM
New Member Orientation	11/30/23	6 PM – 9 PM

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members of Fenton Lakes Sportsman's Club.

Bob Rentschler
Daniel Fournier
Tracy Leary
Ronald Leggitt
David Colombe

Don't forget, new members must attend the New Member Orientation to access all the club facilities. We have two orientations scheduled this month, November 1st and November 30th. Orientations are open to new and current members as well as anyone wanting to learn more about FLSC.

FOR SALE

Fenton Lakes Sportsman's Club Hats \$20

Contact Larry Andrykovich IndoorRngMgr@fentonlakes.com

FLSC STORE

Open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the FLSC Store is the place to for all your FLSC gear. It's a great way to support the club and share it with others. Find it on our website or go to: <https://my-store-c0b81b.creator-spring.com/>



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