

Fenton Lakes Sportsman's Club

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Letter from the President

Dear Members:

I hope everyone's summer is going well. We are fast approaching our membership limit. We currently have 250 members, 90 of which are new to the club this year. Welcome all !!

The past few weeks have been very hectic at the club. During this time, our sewage pump(s) that service the clubhouse have failed. Apparently one failed year(s) ago as well as the system's alarm. (Thanks to the hard work of Marcia Hohlock we have 16 bookings for the banquet hall already this year.) With weddings running back to back the second pump failed at the completion of one wedding, with another booked the following Saturday. Due to the dire situation I would like to again thank a few members (and non-members) who were able to pump out the tanks, replace both pumps (at wholesale cost), repair the electrical and have the sewage up and running just in time for the wedding. It took many hours to adjudicate the situation. Without the help of these individuals this situation could have been very serious for the club. Many thanks to: Gilbert Booth, Larry Felch, Ron Smith (and John McAndrew from Vic Bond Sales), Andy Lekarczyk, Kevin Osterhout, Bernie O'Brien, John Walters and Monte Cleary.

TEAMWORK is what it takes to make a volunteer organization work. I would like to see everyone doing something. We have live plants in front of the clubhouse that need watering. If you stop by to shoot or happen to live down the street, take a few moments and water them. Jack Krueger (our membership director and our Friday night PPC league cook) has also been doing the newsletter. Since membership is up, the newsletter has become added work for Jack. Why not become the club editor? All it takes is putting my comment and others into a format (Bi-Monthly). I copy, attach the labels, stamps and mail. Every time I turn around Larry Nelson (new member) is helping myself or Bill Hohlock paint. Do you have connections for grass seed? Straw Blankets? Crushed stone? Fill dirt? Jeff Lane wants to have a cowboy shoot, he drew up a target layout, want to get involved and help Jeff? Bruce Burton has put on a PPC class this spring (there will be another soon to come). Let's get more people using their pistols, PPC will be starting again this fall.

Larry Felch and the Sporting Clays team need help? Larry is not only our V.P. but also runs the sporting clays shoot on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Club ahead of himself. I am sure someone out there would be more than willing and be able to share the responsibilities...

I know he would like someone to help with the responsibilities so that he could also have time off on the weekends. He would like to be able to enjoy family functions, but is

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always putting the duties of club activities ahead of any personal agenda.

On Saturday, July 23 we will be having a work party. I hope I have inspired you to set this day aside to help out your club. I know my grass and home chores will be set aside that day for all of you!

What's on the agenda you ask? Thanks to Michigan Cat, they have kindly donated the use of a 938 front loader for a week. Matt Rivette and Jim Hope our retired equipment operators have volunteered to run this equipment. While this machine is on site, we will be removing the tarpaper shack and the vestibule on the care-takers house (located next to the clubhouse). We will also be adding gravel on the road to the ranges, raising the berms, lying and securing straw blankets, hydro-seeding and beginning the installation of the eyebrows for the ranges. (With the installation of eyebrows this will allow us to safely bring cowboy shooting, IDPA and other areas of shooting sports to our ranges.)

The plan is:

1. The raising of the berms and installation of poles for the eyebrows will be taking place during the week by Matt Rivette and Jim Hope. (A backhoe would make this easier – do you have one to loan?) If you are able to help during the week, please contact me ASAP (810) 599-6403.
2. Straw blankets will need to be laid and secured (call me will any purchasing power that you may have).
3. Hydro-seeding the grass (call me if you have one or know of a deal).
4. The tar shack will be demolished and placed in a dumpster.
5. The sidewalks in front of the clubhouse will be removed and dumpstered making room for landscaping and better drainage around the building.
6. The white house vestibule will be removed and the building sprayed. We need trim painters (bring a brush, pan and stepladder).

We will be having carry-out pizza for lunch, because I know I am going to be too busy to cook for all of you!

Please be there on JULY 23. A lot of people have been busy doing things for the club in the past six months and I know we can get a big piece of the to do list put to bed once and for all. If you do not come, do not complain!

As always, stay safe and shoot straight.

Marla Lekarczyk, President

Range Reports:

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Junior Rifle Team

Junior Rifle is closed down for the summer. We will be starting back up when school goes back into session. So kids have a great summer and we will see you next fall.

Friday Night Indoor Range "Open To The Public"

Access is closed for the summer. Activities will be available again after Labor Day weekend.

Fall Indoor PPC League

The fall league is tentatively scheduled to begin Sunday October 2nd and run thru Mid December. League hours are Sunday 9am - 1pm, Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6pm - 9pm. This is a great way to practice with a handgun and tune up for the indoor match season. Besides everyone has an opportunity to win some really nice awards at our annual Awards Banquet held each spring.

Sporting Clays

Monthly NSCA Sanctioned Sporting Clays Tournaments are scheduled throughout the year. Please check our website for dates and times. Remember Sporting clays are open Wednesday afternoons, Saturday and Sunday for your convenience so please stop by and shoot a round or two...

Indoor / Outdoor Ranges:

Remember that members are NOT allowed on-site when Police Departments have leased the entire club for Officer Training Purposes. A schedule has been coordinated for 7 Police Departments to use all our indoor and outdoor range facilities and classrooms. That schedule prohibits any FLSC members from using this facility any Tuesday and/or Thursday throughout the entire year as part of that lease agreement. This action by our Board of Directors was required because of the Liability issues which called for the total and complete responsibility of those police departments for our property specified within that lease agreement. Please always check the website @ www.fentonlakes.com / calendar before you travel.

Don't forget if the hall is rented for any activity the indoor range will be unavailable for use. However the outdoor ranges are accessible for all members and their guest when a conflict does occur. Thanks for you patience and understanding. These activities help pay the bills.

Outdoor Pistol Range

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Some major work has been scheduled to be completed next Friday July 23rd to improve the berm area of the 25 and 50 yard outdoor ranges. Please see opening letter...**We need your help.....**

A supply of target backers, clamps, staplers etc. are available in the shed for shooter's who may have forgotten to bring basic supplies. Your donations of time, supplies, and money as always are appreciated.