

## Fenton Lakes Sportsman's Club Monthly Newsletter – August 2023

From the Board of Directors,

We start this month's newsletter off with a change to the club management.

Daniel DiRienzo Jr has chosen to step down as club president for personal reasons. Daniel has been a vital part of the management team for several years and has done much amazing work to help the club organize and advance in many areas. Along with being Club President he was the Chief Firearms Instructor and trained many of our current instructors and RSO's as well as a multitude of students over the years about firearms safety.

Daniel was additionally instrumental in bringing the Friends of the NRA Banquet for Genesee County to FLSC along with his support in getting the Steel Challenge up and running which is now in its second year. The Board of Directors wishes Daniel all the best and we encourage all the membership to thank him for his years of service to Fenton Lakes Sportsman's Club.

With Daniel stepping down, the Board of Directors has appointed Current Board Member Keith Morris as the next President of FLSC. He was nominated at the July Business Meeting and his appointment will be confirmed by membership at the August Business Meeting.

So, in the words of our former Club President Daniel DiRienzo Jr Have fun! Be Safe! Enjoy your Club!

Happy August from the FLSC Board of Directors.

### 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\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

### **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

### **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.

### **ARCHERY MANAGER:**

This is an opportunity to build an archery program from the ground up. If archery is your passion and you are willing to build a team of like minded members to create a robust archery program, please contact Any Shute VP of Operations. Clubvp Operations@fentonlakes.com

### SPORTING CLAYS WORKERS:

If you would like to be part of the sporting clays work group, contact Any 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







Many thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors That helped make this event successful.



FLSC played host once again to the Genesee County Friends of the NRA banquet in July. There was a little smaller turnout for this year's banquet but that only worked in the favor of those that attended to walk away with great prizes.



It was a great night of camaraderie and fundraising for an organization that supports kids and women's shooting programs throughout the state and the country. We will hopefully have more details on what was raised and programs that benefited in next month's newsletter.



We look forward to seeing everyone next year and make sure to bring a friend!

# **CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, POLICIES & PROCEEDURES**

We have been in the process of making documents more available to the general membership. Recently we updated our website to include a Members Area. Under this area members can view the current approved Constitution and By-Laws.

We are also in the process of documenting and posting the club policies and procedures. The majority of these policies and procedures have been in effect for many years, and we are taking the time to properly document them as well as addressing new policies as they are required. All documents go through a board review process to make sure they comply with current policies as well as the constitution and by-laws. Several of the approved polices have been posted.

The club does this so that all members can have a clear understanding of the guidelines that the FLSC operates under. After all it is your club.

These documents are available only to the membership. To view them on the website you will need to be logged in as a member from the homepage.



# STEEL CHALLENGE

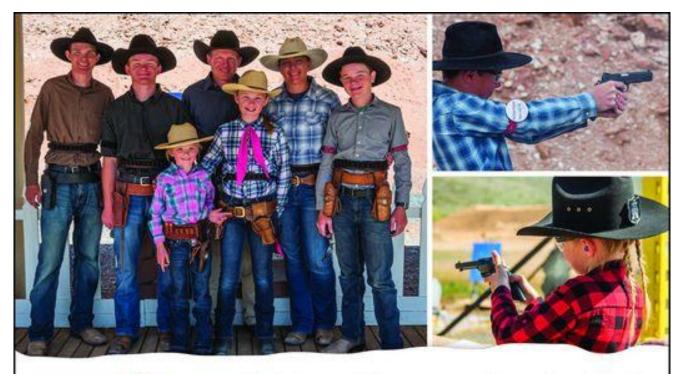
Hitting its mid-season point this month is the FLSC Steel Challenge.

Every second Saturday is the FLSC Steel Challenge on the outdoor ranges. Open to members and the general public it's an exciting, timed competition event that will challenge and improve your shooting skills. If you have never shot this type of event make sure to check out our informational video on the club YouTube Channel at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@FentonLakesSportsmansClub">https://www.youtube.com/@FentonLakesSportsmansClub</a>

Then go get yourself signed up for the August 12th match Information can be found on club website: <u>https://www.fentonlakes.com/SteelChallenge</u>

#### **COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING**

With the Cowboy Action season also coming up on its mid-point, Butcher Butte Gang member Jim Twesten found an article by SASS member Misty Miller, aka Misty Moonshine to share this month.





#### Cowboy Action Shooting™ The Ultimate Family Adventure!

re you looking for a fun and exciting way to spend time with your family? Do you love the idea of stepping back in time to the Wild West, with its cowboys, outlaws, and shootouts? Then Cowboy Action Shooting might be just the activity for you!

Cowboy Action Shooting is a unique shooting sport that combines the thrill of target shooting with the fun of historical reenactment. Participants use period-correct firearms to shoot at steel targets, costumes, and props to recreate the look and feel of the Old West. But what makes Cowboy Action Shooting so special for families? For starters, it's a great way to bond over a shared interest. With Cowboy Action Shooting, parents and children can work together to choose costumes and frearms and develop their own unique personas and backstories. It's a chance to explore history and creativity together, and to make memories that will last a lifetime.

Cowboy Action Shooting is a safe and supervised activity that can help teach children responsible gun ownership and respect for firearms. Many SASS clubs offer safety and training courses, as well as mentorship programs, to help new shooters learn the ropes. Children compete in special categories just for them, such as Buckaroo and Junior.

But perhaps the biggest reason to try Cowboy Action Shooting with your family is the sense of community and camaraderie it offers. SASS clubs are known for their welcoming and inclusive environments, where members support and encourage each other, regardless of age or skill level. Many clubs also host social events, such as potlucks, picnics, and campfires, where families can get to know each other and have fun outside of shooting competitions.

And let's not forget the fun of dressing up and playing cowboy! Joining SASS is a chance to step out of the stresses of your everyday life and into a world of adventure and friendship. You can become your own Wild West hero or villain, complete with a colorful alias (nickname) registered with SASS. It's a chance to let your imagination run wild and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Of course, Cowboy Action Shooting is not just for families: it's also a great activity for individuals and couples. But if you're looking for a new way to spend time with your loved ones, and to introduce them to the joys of shooting sports and historical reenactment, then Cowboy Action Shooting is definitely worth a try.

So saddle up and head on down to your local SASS club. With its unique blend of history, shooting sports, and family fun, it's the ultimate Wild West adventure!



SINGLE ACTION SHOOTING SOCIETY" TOLL FREE: 1-877-411-SASS WWW.SASSNET.COM



### SPORTING CLAYS

There has been a new addition to the Sporting Clays course. Two, actually. The club purchased two brand new throwing machines to add the to already impressive arsenal available on



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There has also been approval to purchase several used throwers recently. These should become available later in the season so they may not see much use this year but watch out come spring. Pretty sure the Clays Manager has some ideas that will add even more challenge to our Sporting Clays course.

### Red Card

Sporting Clays is 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.

Weather shooting red card during the week or out during public hour on the weekend, remember to sign in. Additionally make sure any guest you have 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.

### RANGE RULES

All members are responsible for understanding the range rules for the indoor and outdoor ranges. 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: <a href="https://www.fentonlakes.com/RangeRules.html">https://www.fentonlakes.com/RangeRules.html</a>

# **RANGE RULES HIGHLIGHT**

Incident reports must be filled out whenever there is damage to club property, an injury, or any observed rules violations. If you are ever in question of if you should fill out an incident report, always fill one out. If you are unable to fill one out, contact a member of club management as soon as possible with the information. Contacts are available on the club website: <a href="https://www.fentonlakes.com/ContactUs.html">https://www.fentonlakes.com/ContactUs.html</a>

# **PROJECT APPLESEED RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM RETURNS**



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# EVENTS THIS MONTH

Event	Date	Time
Sporting Clays Open to Public	Sat. & Sun.	10AM - 2PM
Sporting Clays League	Monday's	6PM - 9PM
Monthly Business Meeting	8/8/23	7PM
Steel Challenge	8/12/23	9AM-1PM
Cowboy Action Match	8/13/23	8:30AM-12:30PM
New Member Orientation	8/17/23	6PM - 9PM

# FOR SALE

Contact Larry Andrykovich IndoorRngMgr@fentonlakes.com

Fenton Lakes Sportsman"s Club Hats \$20

# 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: <u>https://my-store-c0b81b.creator-spring.com/</u>



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