

SARASOTA TRAP, SKEET AND SPORTING CLAYS

NEWSLETTER

1ST QUARTER 2009

First sixty days new board of directors:

1. New security system installed to reduce inventory theft as much as possible.
2. For the first time all machines have been inspected for condition and issued an inventory number.
3. For first time a staff position of Director of Maintenance (Dan Braswell). He will put in place preventative maintenance program and training for employees to perform regular inspection and maintenance.
4. For the first time our club has a financial budget. All aspects of the club are being based on the financial budget (payroll, fixed expenses, capital improvements, etc) A budget is required under the By-Laws but has never been implemented in the past.
5. For the first time the club will have a safety training program (Richard McCabe-Volunteer position) will be the club's safety officer. He will implement a range Safety training for all employees as soon as program materials arrive.
6. The board has hired a new General Manager (Don Webster). Don is a member of our club and comes with a strong background in business management.
7. For the first time our club has a capital improvement plan in place for 2009.
 - (a) In an effort to improve our sporting clay course and make it competitive with other first class courses 8 new machines have been ordered. Also a maintenance program for existing machines will aid in making our course a premier shooting venue.
 - (b) Five stands will be upgraded with a new machine and an overhaul of six machines from the sporting clay field will be installed.
 - (c) Skeet field 6 has two new machines installed. The machines on the other two fields are being serviced.
 - (d) Trap fields have newer equipment but will be inspected and serviced.
 - (e) Our material hauling equipment (forklift) is being replaced and maintenance by a dealer service department will be implemented.
 - (f) Our current rental guns will be retired and replaced with new quality guns.

8. For the first time the board has prepared (Facility Rules and Regulations). These will be posted and available from the manager's office. These rules are required by club By-Laws but has never been prepared previously.
9. Gun transfers using the club federal firearms license has been temporarily suspended. Hundreds of past violations have been found and proper procedures are under review.
10. Disposal of our field waste (broken birds and wads) has been discovered on county property. It appears to be several years old and has been removed. The club is on property leased from the county and all actions should be with the intent to be a quality tenant.
11. Our golf carts are a mix of club owned and rental units and most are in average or poor condition with maintenance cost a major factor. Replacement is on the capital budget list and preparation of a plan is in progress.
12. Grounds maintenance and cleaning has been neglected in the past. The board working With the new manager will set up standards and procedures for improvement.
13. The new manager has a list of objectives and as they are achieved new ones will be added.
 - a. Personnel organizational chart
 - b. Job descriptions
 - c. Safety training for range officers
 - d. Office procedures
 - e. Inventory control
 - f. Event planning for sporting clay, skeet and trap

THANK YOU CLUB MEMBERS FOR PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT

Stay tuned for 2nd quarter