

FREEPORT SPORTMEN'S CLUB FALL/WINTER 2022/23 NEWSLETTER

Please be advised that we will no longer be printing, folding, stuffing, labeling and mailing our newsletter. It will now be made available on our Website. Anyone sincerely interested in having a physical copy can pick one up at a general monthly meeting where a small supply will be on hand. The newsletter is targeted for quarterly updates & will be posted in the message boards at the driveway & the clubhouse.

The 2023 annual dues payment period began in October and ends promptly December 31, 2022. Any renewals received after this firm date will be subject to paying the \$40.00 annual dues and the \$40.00 initiation fee. Sunday, December 11th - there will be a membership reactivation day 1:00 - 4:00 pm for members who aren't able to attend a meeting to renew their membership.

Also concerning Membership, please be advised effective September 30th the club is no longer accepting new members and is closing the membership from the general public. The only exceptions to this will be in legacy situations where a new membership may be granted to direct family members of an existing member in good standing.

The main gate keys will be replaced early in 2023. Watch for the announcement at a general meeting and on the website as to when this will occur. This is important for a number of reasons. In addition to being able to gain access to the club grounds and facilities, we'll require each member to sign a liability waiver at the advice of counsel and give each member the opportunity to provide us with their email address to benefit in the distribution of future newsletters and other communications.

Also, per the advice of counsel, we will soon be posting the entire club property with custom signage clearly indicating that only members are permitted within the boundaries. We will not be employing the new purple paint method as it indicates that a property posted in this manner that is actually open to hunting with written permission which does not apply to a private club situation such as ours.

Please fill out the sign-up sheets when using the rifle and trap ranges.

All the officers and trustees would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our Spring and Summer weekly work crews who did an outstanding job maintaining the club grounds and performing a variety of other repairs and upgrades with our equipment and facilities. Please join us in thanking the following members who contributed their time each week so that we can all enjoy what the club has to offer: Mike Sakaluk, Rod Barber, Marc Riggle, Lou Silliman, Carl Good, Dave Ostroski, Rick McIntire, Larry Spencer, Eugene Mennow, Chuck Wike, Walter Sproat, Eugene McBee, Tom Rusnack, Bill Affrica, Tom Colorio, Stan Romanowski, Dennis Paskorz, & Dave Kemp.

To help more members gain work hours towards earning their clubhouse fobs, we initiated Wednesday evening work details in September. In the short time we had before the fall hunting seasons kicked in, we laid out and installed anew archery range with both traditional and 3D type targets. We also removed many rocks from our developing food plots.

Thank You Dennis Paskorz, Chancellor Jones, Zack Kepple, Jim Michel and Bob Gray.

In addition to listing our new Officers and Trustees, you'll notice that we are also listing Committee Chairs. Many of these committees have been initiated through member ideas and participation. Please know that our Trustees are always willing to consider forming new committees if there is some type of benefit to be gained by the club and it's members. Feel free to share any ideas you think may be helpful. Committee Chairs are also given the benefits of having their membership dues compensated and receiving a Clubhouse Access Fob so that they may organize activities, meetings and work details pertinent to their Committee's objective.

In addition to providing us with exceptional maintenance and upkeep, our Garage Work crew provided the Officers and Trustees with helpful input that led to the total upgrade of our Garage and Equipment storage areas. The original garage is being used as the mechanical work area and the new garage is housing our large equipment. Each are now improved with a quality, durable cement pad creating a cleaner and much more functional work area. In addition, the Club purchased and installed a used shipping container behind the main garage area for safe storage of all our smaller equipment. Additional upgrades are planned for the Clubhouse. We will be replacing the roof with a metal roof and replace the soffit and fascia around the existing porch prior to enhancing the functionality of our lower kitchen area with the addition of a new pavilion.

Renovations to the trap houses are also planned for Spring 2023. Come out and join us at a regular meeting to stay informed and participate in any of the Club's positive directions and projects.

Important Announcement: We will be having our Winterfest Social on Saturday, January 14 from 5pm until 8pm. The event will include a fully catered meal and the Club will be giving door prizes. The Social is open to all members and their immediate families. We need to complete our head count no later than Saturday, January 7th. Please RSVP to our Social Committee Chair Joyce Barber by then @ 724.968.9532 so that we can make adequate arrangements with the caterer. Thank You.