



Greetings!

March 2025 Newsletter:

The Board has asked if we could simplify the newsletter into just an email to our members so we are going to give it a try. A PDF of this email will be posted to our website but will have all the information from this email only in it. As always, all past newsletters can be found on our website.

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2025 YSSI:

We are excited to announce that the Youth Shooting Sports Invitational (YSSI) is returning in 2025, scheduled for May 2-3, 2025! As we prepare for another fantastic event filled with shooting sports, archery, and firearm safety training, we're reaching out to our dedicated community for volunteer support. Your time and expertise are invaluable in helping us create a safe, educational, and fun experience for our youth participants.

Volunteer roles include:

- Assisting with shooting and archery stations
- Supporting firearm safety training sessions
- Event setup and breakdown

- General event support and logistics
- Kitchen Cooking, Serving and Cleanup

If you're interested in volunteering, please let me know as soon as possible so I can coordinate roles and schedules. Feel free to reach out with any questions or suggestions as well. Contact Jim Tate ph: 309-453-0367 or email at jtate@chillisportsmen.org.

Thank you for your continued support in making YSSI a success! We look forward to working with you to make 2025 our best year yet.

Peoria DU:

Our Club is always looking for ways of supporting our Second Amendment freedoms and that is especially true for our local conservation groups. CSC member Mark Schore is the Chairman of the Peoria Ducks Unlimited Chapter and wanted everyone to know that there is an upcoming **Peoria DU Banquet on Saturday, February 22, 2025**. The link to the event and the flier is below:

<https://ducksunlimited.myeventscenter.com/event/2025-Peoria-Ducks-Unlimited-Banquet-98580>

Email [Mark Schore](mailto:Mark.Schore@ducksunlimited.com) or call him at 815-791-9993 if you have any questions.

2025 Hunter Safety Education Class:

High School trap league shooters are required to take a safety course to participate. Anyone born on or after January 1, 1980 must take a hunter education course in order to purchase their first adult hunting license in Illinois. The club is sponsoring a class on **February 27, 28 and March 1**. This thirteen-hour course is free and will be held from 6:00 – 9:30 PM on Thursday, 6:00 – 9:30 PM on Friday, and from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday. Students must attend all thirteen hours of the class. Also, if you are thinking about hunting out of state, you should check the requirements of the state you are considering since many western states have an earlier date than Illinois. Colorado for an example has a date of January 1, 1949. For more information about this course and to reserve a seat, since space is limited, contact the coordinating instructor, **Lowell Bennett at (309) 274-5586**.

Open House Coordinator:

The Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club would like to offer an open house opportunity this fall for our members and the community in which we reside. However, the Board is looking for help from our membership. If you would like to volunteer as coordinator of this opportunity, please contact any Board member and let them know. This position will cover your work hours for 2025 so think about this as an easy way to get your hours taken care of.

2025 Membership Renewal:

If you have not renewed your membership by February 1, 2025, you will have to apply again and start over as a new member. You will still owe for work hours not completed in 2024.

Please mail your membership card with any work hours signed off and a check for what you owe to:

Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club

Attn: Jenn Earleywine
P.O. Box 13
Chillicothe, IL 61523-0013

Do not mail in your key. First, you may want to use it. It is still good until January 1. Second, it may damage mail sorting equipment if you don't use the proper envelopes (and the Post Office may charge for the repairs).

How much do you owe:

Annual members will owe \$100 for dues, plus \$25 for the land fund and \$15/hour for each of the required 10 work hours you have not completed. If no work hours were completed, you will need to send \$275 to cover your dues. Sorry, no extra credit for work hours beyond the 10 required. Associate Life members of any age and Life members under the age of 65 will owe \$25 for the land fund and \$15/hour for each of the required 10 work hours you have not completed. Life members age 65 and over owe \$25 for the land fund.

We accept cash, personal checks, bank checks or money orders. We do not accept credit or debit cards, bit coin or any forms of electronic payment. Checks are recommended if you are mailing in your payment. Mailing cash is at the member's risk, we are not responsible if it is lost in the mail.

It would be appreciated if you would **not** staple payment and card together. The first thing that has to be done is separate them and this just adds time to the process and is annoying.

If you have any questions, send Jenn Earleywine an e-mail at chilli_membership@chillisportsmen.org or you can call Jenn at 309-224-9226.

EVENT DIRECTORS:

The [2025 Calendar of Events](#) is still being drafted. If you have changes or additions to the calendar, please contact Bruce Hayashi at bruceh@chillisportsmen.org to have your events added to the calendar.

New Speed Limits:

Also, for those of you traveling through the Rome area on 29, **IDOT has lowered the speed limit to 45 MPH on Illinois Route 29** as you enter Rome, a few miles south of Chillicothe. Locals have reported seeing multiple police agencies enforcing the **new 45 MPH speed limit**. Forewarned is forearmed, better that you know before you travel through the area. Your money would be better spent on firearms and ammunition, not speeding fines.

2025 Work Hours:

Members are urged to try to make some of the monthly work party days to earn work hour credits. Work hours are part of our effort to keep the Club in good shape and running smoothly. It also saves you money by not having to pay for your work hours. Contact **Kevin Bauswell at (309) 678-2438** for questions or how to get in on some of the work parties.

Remember, this is YOUR Club to enjoy so be sure to come out and just have fun on any of the many ranges. Bring your fishing rod along and try out the pond! There are all sorts of things to do here at the Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club!

Keep in mind that we focus very heavily on safety at our Club. For a full listing of all our [Club Rules](#), please find them on our website by following the above link ([Club Rules](#)).

Annual Activity Information:

Did you know that you will find the full 2025 calendar of events as well as the newsletter information under the NEWSLETTER area as well as a main menu button. Here is a link to the [2025 calendar of events page](#).

We still have our website with the [Articles for Sale page](#) so if you have any items you would like to sell let me know and I will get them posted - it is free! There have been some additions to the webpage so check it out.

All our activities can be found at our Club Website / newsletter by clicking on the above link.

As you are probably aware, we are now delivering this newsletter only via email / the internet. If you know of someone that was getting the paper copy, please have them send an email to newsletter@chillisportsmen.org to get added to our email database. Likewise, if you know of someone that would LIKE to get these email newsletters, forward this email to them and have them click on this link to [Sign up](#)!

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Remember to stay safe when at the Club and in a safe manner (personal protective equipment)! Keep in mind that your decision to come to the Club and shoot or participate in an activity is your free choice! We want you to be safe at all times; coming to the Club, participating at the Club, going home from the Club and around your home! BE SAFE!

Ever wonder what some of the acronyms that we tend to throw around really means? Well, here is an [ACRONYMS](#) webpage. Check it out and let me know if there are any that I might have missed!

Speaking of the newsletter, here is the link to the newsletter. Feel free to save it to your hard drive or just view it when you want to.....it will always be up there. If you ever want to review our old newsletters, click on the Newsletter webpage link and then select the Newsletter Archive link. There are a lot of newsletters up there for folks who enjoy reading about our Club.

[Click here for the Newsletter webpage](#)

[Click here for the March 2025 Newsletter!](#)

Best Regards,

Tim Vik

Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club Secretary and Webmaster

Certified NRA Rifle, Shotgun, Pistol, and PPIH Instructor

Metallic and Shotshell Reloading Instructor

Chief Range Safety Officer

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| 2 2-Open Trap-*Weather Permitting*--10 AM | 3 Indr Small Bore—5 PM | 4 Indr WTSP—6 PM | 5 Indr Small Bore—11 AM | 6 Indr—MP-4H—5 PM | 7 | 8 Indr Small Bore—8AM Indr & CH Clean-9 AM I-Mauser Match—9 AM |
| 9 | 10 Lincoln's Birthday Indr Small Bore—5 PM | 11 Board Meeting 6:30PM | 12 Indr Small Bore—11 AM | 13 | 14 Valentine's Day | 15 Indr Small Bore—8 AM Indr Bowling Pin – 900 AM |
| 16 2-Open Trap-*Weather Permitting*--10 AM Indr—USPSA—9AM Newsletter Submission Deadline | 17 President's Day Indr Small Bore—5 PM | 18 Indr WTSP—6 PM | 19 Indr Small Bore—11 AM | 20 Indr—MP-4H—5 PM | 21 | 22 Indr Small Bore—8AM |
| 23 | 24 Indr Small Bore—5 PM CH—NMO—6:30 PM | 25 | 26 Indr Small Bore—11 AM | 27 CH - Hunter Ed — 6PM-9:30PM | 28 CH - Hunter Ed — 6PM-9:30PM | |
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| 2 2—Open Trap—10 AM 5—MZL-R—9 AM Trap Worker Meeting – 12PM | 3 Indr Small Bore—5 PM | 4 Indr WTSP—6 PM | 5 Indr Smallbore -11AM 2—Open Trap 4:30 PM | 6 Indr—MP-4H—5 PM | 7 | 8 Indr Small Bore—8 AM Indr & CH Clean-9 AM 1-Mauser Match—9 AM |
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| 16 2—Open Trap—10 AM 5—MZL-R—9 AM Trap Spring Work Party – 12 PM Newsletter Submission Deadline | 17 St. Patrick's Day Indr Small Bore—5 PM | 18 Indr WTSP—6 PM | 19 Indr Smallbore -11AM 2-Open Trap 4:30PM Trap League Captain's Meeting – 6PM | 20 Indr—MP-4H—5 PM | 21 | 22 3,4,5,6A-6C - USPSA 10 AM Indr Small Bore-11 AM 1—HPR—1PM |
| 23 7 – Rimfire 7-1130AM 3,4,5,6A-6C - USPSA— 9 AM | 24 Indr Small Bore—5 PM CH—NMO—6:30 PM | 25 | 26 Indr Smallbore -11AM 2-Open Trap 4:30PM | 27 | 28 | 29 Indr Small Bore-11 AM |
| 30 | 31 Indr Small Bore—5 PM | | | | | |

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| | | 1 Indr WTSP—6 PM | 2 Indr Small Bore-11 AM 2-Open Trap 4:30PM League (1)—6 PM | 3 Indr—MP-4H—5 PM | 4 CH—Gun Show Setup— 9:30 AM | 5 Indr Small Bore—8 AM CH-Gun Show 8:30 AM- 4 PM |
| 6 CH-Gun Show 8:30 AM- 4 PM 2—Open Trap—9 AM 5—MZL-R—9 AM 2- HS Trap (1) Practice 5 PM | 7 Indr Small Bore—5 PM 2- HS Trap Make Up 5 PM | 8 Board Meeting 6:30PM | 9 Indr Small Bore—8 AM 2-Open Trap 4:30PM League (2)—6 PM | 10 | 11 | 12 Indr & CH Clean-9 AM 1-Mauser Match—9 AM |
| 13 2 – ATA Trap 8 AM 4,5-Cowboy—9 AM Newsletter Submission Deadline | 14 Indr Small Bore—5 PM 2- HS Trap Reserve 5 PM | 15 Indr WTSP—6 PM | 16 Indr Small Bore-11 AM 2-Open Trap 4:30PM League (3)—6 PM | 17 | 18 Good Friday | 19 Indr Small Bore—8 AM 1—HPR—8:30 AM 5-Outdr Bowling Pin- 900 AM |
| 20 Easter Sunday | 21 Indr Small Bore—5 PM 2- HS Trap Comp 1 5 PM | 22 | 23 Indr Small Bore-11 AM 2-Open Trap 4:30PM League (4)—6 PM | 24 | 25 | 26 Indr Small Bore—8 AM 3,4,5,6A-6C - USPSA 10 AM |
| 27 7 – Rimfire 7-1130AM 3,4,5,6A-6C – USPSA – 9 AM 2- HS Trap (2) Comp 5 PM | 28 Indr Small Bore—5 PM 2- HS Trap Make Up 5 PM | 29 CH—NMO—6:30 PM | 30 Indr Small Bore-11 AM 2-Open Trap 4:30PM League (5)—6 PM | | | |
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