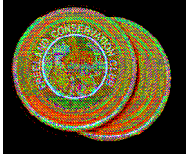


FREELAND CONSERVATION CLUB



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Newsletter for
The Friendliest Club
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Gentleman's Cup 2012

Only 10 weeks until our 12th annual Freeland Conservation Club Gentleman's Cup. This is a great side by side event and has been growing in popularity the past few years. The event will be held on April 21st and registration will start at 9:00 am. The cost is \$45.00 for 100 birds and will include a buffet lunch. Each contestant will have 50 sporting clays, 25 skeet and 25 5-stand. The high overall will win the cup. There will be certificates for first, second and third in Senior's, Men's, Ladies and Black powder. You can re-enter with a different gauge for \$30.00.

Also our friends with the Tri-city arms collectors will have their mini gun show upstairs. Many old and rare firearms to be seen, don't forget to check it out. This is a good time and will feature as always, many laughs and fun with good friends, good food, and a good time shooting clay targets with those good old side x side shotguns. Come out and enjoy this annual event. Last year we needed a shoot off in two categories to crown the champion in those divisions. That is exciting to see.

Please plan to attend our monthly meeting and support your club. The meeting will be held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm. There will be pizza at 6:30 for those that would like to come to the meeting. If you would like to donate a couple bucks to help offset the cost, thank you.

Next Freeland Conservation Club Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **March 7th, 2012 at 7:00pm.**

3/7/12	10/3/12	5/1/13	12/4/13
4/4/12	11/7/12	6/5/13	1/1/14
5/6/12	12/5/12	7/3/13	2/5/14 *
6/6/12	1/2/13	8/7/13	3/5/14
7/11/12	2/6/13 *	9/4/13	4/2/14
8/1/12	3/6/13	10/2/13	
9/5/12	4/3/13	11/6/13	

* Annual meeting, election of officers.

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Winter League

Please join with others and sign up for the annual Winter League. The Freeland Conservation Club is once again ready for winter with our league and all the fun that goes with it. The league will start on Sunday, January 1, 2012. Each participant will log two rounds each of Sporting Clays, Skeet, Trap and 5-Stand, little bit different this year. There will be a total of 250 birds in all. The famous banquet will be on Saturday, March 31 and will once again feature the great steak cookout with shooting cards for the winners. Names will be drawn at random and paired up for a total 2-man score. Fees for shooting will be an additional \$1.00 per round. Skeet and Trap will be \$5.00, 5-Stand will be \$6.00 and Sporting Clays will be \$15.00.

Turkey Shoot – Silent Auction

Please save the date of May 20th, 2012 for the Freeland Conservation Club annual Spring Turkey shoot. This is the 3rd Sunday in May, as usual and we will have the traditional shoot with 15 birds of your choice, prizes awarded per round, silent auction upstairs and our annual raffle. Details to follow.

We would like to take this time to ask for your generous donation of items for our **Silent Auction**. This is a big part of our Turkey Shoot day and is a great fundraiser for the club. If you have any items that you would like to donate such as decoys, shooting apparel, hunting or fishing gear, home décor, or any handmade or homemade items that you would like to donate, we would all appreciate it. Your generous donations are what really make us the “Friendliest Club”.

The Freeland Conservation Club is open to the public all year. Our club is available for corporate shooting events, association shooting events and any group small or large. If you would like to have such an event at the club, please send us an email or give us a call.

Upcoming club dates to remember

1/1/12 – 3/31/12 Winter League
3/31/12 Winter League Banquet – Last Saturday in March
4/21/12 Gentleman’s Cup Side by Side
5/20/12 Spring Turkey Shoot
6/2/12 Annual Small Bore Event
8/12/12 NSCA Registered Shoot
11/23/12 Black Friday Shoot

Hunter Safety

Thank you to all that have participated in our hunter safety program. In 2011, we had 162 students with 4 classes spread throughout the year. Dates below are for 2012. Classes will be Sat and Sun classes and will continue to be a

firearms simulation class. Thank you Al & Liz Schreur for a wonderful job.

March 10 & 11
September 29 & 30
October 13 & 14

Times are;
Saturday, 9:00AM – 4:30PM and
Sunday, 1:PM – 5:00PM.

Please contact Al & Liz Schreur, if you have any questions or would like to get enrolled in an upcoming class. Contact them at;
(989) 893-8522 or click schreur@msn.com

Winter Course

Thank you to our master target-setters, and trap men. Once again we have a really nice winter course. There is a really good mix of targets, different presentations. Both left handed and right handed shooters may enjoy this course but don't get too used to it, changes are already on the horizon. There are 12 stations for winter in the woods, participants can shoot the stations, odds out and evens in or shoot every station or catch the inside ones on the way back.

Time to Renew Your Annual Membership

You should have already received your annual membership packets. The Freeland Conservation Club annual dues are still only \$60.00. We thank you for your support. Here are the methods of payment, cash, check credit card or you can pay on line without leaving home by visiting the Club's web site at www.freelandconservationclub.com.

Please remember to fill out the form with your contact information weather you are a new member or simply renewing you membership. The form can be mailed or brought to the club on your next visit. All members are recorded for the club and we would like to keep our contact list with everybody up to date. The Freeland Conservation Club doesn't exist without the support from members like you.

Volunteers

Our club can always use some volunteers. We always need help running the desk, outside work and keeping the club going when we are open. Our club enjoys a really good benefit of having a component order for members only and I would like to ask anybody who can help out unloading the truck when it come in to let us know. We have four shipments of birds with components per year and it takes six people about 1-1/2 hours to unload the birds, lead and other components along with separating them into each order upstairs so it is ready for members to pick up. People volunteer their own time for this service and if you can help out a

little we would sure appreciate it. What else could be better than 7:00 am in the morning rubbing elbows with some of our community's finest? Thanks in advance.

Next Meeting is March 7th. The board will be discussing the subject of purchasing a tractor for use around the club. Needs are for spreading wood chips at the shooting stations, spreading gravel and perhaps even cutting our CREP property when it is needed. Would also like to eventually keep some of our fields in the woods cut. When we took out the stumps and leveled out some of the ground, we planted some native grasses donated by pheasants forever. This grass will need some maintenance from time to time. There are many uses for such a piece of equipment around the club property.

Club Winter Hours

Wednesday 12:00 pm – 7:00pm

Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm – 4:00pm



The days are getting longer by 3 minutes per day. The longer daylight hours make Wednesday evening longer and soon there will be time for Sporting Clays for those of us that have other commitments during the day.

Hope to see you at the club.

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