

Abe Lincoln Gun Club News  
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### **Fall Work Day**

The Club will hold its annual Fall Work Day on Saturday, October 7, starting at 8:00 in the morning. We hope as many of you as possible will turn out to get the facilities and grounds ready for winter. Nothing major is planned, but we will replace target backers as necessary, make and repair frames and cut a winter supply of cardboard. There may be some painting and of-course there will be the usual need for cutting weeds, trimming trees, etc. We will need guys with box-cutters, weed eaters, wheel barrows, chainsaws, rakes, shovels, hand tools, etc. as always.

Turnout for this fall day is usually a bit light, in part because October is a pretty busy month. That means we especially need YOU!!

### **The Juniors Program**

We would first like to express the Club's appreciation to the anonymous member who donated two fine old single shot .22 caliber rifles to the Club for the use of the Juniors who traditionally shoot at the club on Sunday evenings through much of the year. These have been cleaned up and sighted and are now available for use.

Unfortunately, the immediate future of the Juniors' Program is somewhat in doubt at this time. Our long-time Chief Instructor, Steve Rowoldt, has resigned this position citing in part a lack of adequate help for the Juniors' program. Steve and Dan Croll have pretty much carried this program for several years and have recently brought more kids into it. However, Steve has been saying for some time that they need a couple of more adults to keep an eye on things, and especially they need someone with an instructor certification.

Steve's resignation means that the Juniors' program for the coming winter is on-hold while we look for some members to take over and continue this into the future. Dan and Steve, while emphasizing safety and marksmanship, have also managed to keep the program light and fun for the kids. To make this work for the future, we will need a team of at least three to four persons who really want to work with young people and who can be available on Sunday evenings for at least part of the year.

The club provides all the necessary ammunition, rifles, and targets for participating kids. Typically the Chief Instructor takes charge of these materials and keeps them at his or her residence. Anyone interested in this important position needs to contact President Jim Johnson as soon as possible at 652-4564 or [abelincolngunclub@outlook.com](mailto:abelincolngunclub@outlook.com)

## Steel Reactive Target Rules

Most of you already got notice that the 100 yard steel reactive target is now operational. Although the rules have been previously spelled out, it doesn't hurt to repeat them:

### STEEL TARGET USAGE RULES:

1. The installed steel targets may only be fired at from covered benches 10 and 11 on the club's one-an-only outdoor firing line.
2. Ideally a soft-point round would be used on the steel but our testing shows that FMJ rounds cause negligible damage and currently may be used.
3. No round considered to be armor piercing may be fired at the steel targets USE COMMON SENSE! The goal is to enjoy, not destroy the targets.
4. Shoot the lowest power round you can in order to extend the life of the targets and if unsure, after a few rounds check for unacceptable damage levels before continuing with the ammunition.
5. Bring your own spray paint (preferably white) to restore the targets. Only paint the 8 inch circular tops of the target, this area should be your aim-point.
6. Do not place or hang any other steel targets in the bunker! The only exception to this rule is granted to the CMP Junior Shooting program.
7. As with any other club range, aimed fire rather than rapid fire is the rule.
8. Direct any feedback or questions concerning the steel targets to Jim Johnson 217-652-4564 or [abelincolgunclub@outlook.com](mailto:abelincolgunclub@outlook.com).

## Club Website

The club website is up and running and will in short time be our primary tool for club communications. Please go check it out at [abelincolgunclub.com](http://abelincolgunclub.com), and then check it often for the latest club news.

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