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Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC)

The Texas Hunter Education Instructor Association (THEIA) is expanding its state level YHEC program to the regional level. THEIA hopes to hold a regional event in the DFW area on the weekend of March 13-15, 2009, at the Arlington Sportsman's Club. Our goal is to get more youth involved in the shooting and hunting sports.

A typical YHEC event is comprised of 8 skills: 4 shooting events (Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun and 22 Rimfire), and 4 responsibility events (Hunter Exam, Safety Trail, Orienteering and Wildlife ID). Participants must have successfully completed the Texas Hunter Education course and be ages 9 through 17. Teams should have 6 – 8 youth participants and have 2 – 3 coaches, and are divided into Senior and Junior divisions. Teams / Participants in any YHEC event (regional or state) are eligible to go to the National YHEC event at Whittington Center in Raton, NM.

Participants would be from, but not limited to, the DFW Metroplex including youth from the Arlington Sportsman's Club, Haltom City Rifle and Pistol Club, Grand Prairie Gun Club, Johnson County Sports Shooting Association, Longhorn & Circle 10 Boy Scout Councils and local school districts and 4H and FFA Clubs. We hope to get approximately 6 – 8 teams with 40 – 50 youth involved in this event.

We also need about 25-30 volunteers to be event Chairmen and Coordinator/Scorers to operate the 8 competitive events, particularly the shooting events. Volunteers should be experienced hunter education instructors, NRA instructors and/or scouts with appropriate credentials relative to the event they wish to work.

Anyone wishing to form a team, please contact David Hammonds at 817-236-3158 or mrdavidhammonds@charter.net for further information.

Club Skeet Results



No skeet shoot in January!

Welcome New Members!



*Chad Michaelis
Steve Williams
John Ward*



*Scott Wilson
Robert Mendoza
James Teal*



*Jeff Petrosky
Dean Westerman
Gary Jones*



THE NUMBER OF
SHARES LEFT AS
OF JANUARY 27TH!
HAVE YOU BOUGHT
YOURS YET?

Range Officer Duty

Sun.	Feb. 1	Chris Collinvitti
Mon.	Feb. 2	Gene Wills
Wed.	Feb. 4	John Slocum
Sat.	Feb. 7	Steve Gilmore
Sun.	Feb. 8	Richard Simbala
Mon.	Feb. 9	Gil George
Wed.	Feb. 11	Jim Speer
Sat.	Feb. 14	Don Yeandle
Sun.	Feb. 15	Jack Foster
Mon.	Feb. 16	David Anderson
Wed.	Feb. 18	Joe Miller
Sat.	Feb. 21	Terry Cullender
Pistol Range Office Brett Burnett		
Sun.	Feb. 22	Robb Dunn
Mon.	Feb. 23	Bill Schweitzer
Wed.	Feb. 25	Rusty Porter
Sat.	Feb. 28	Kent Megarity



Courtesy Terry Cullender

Jan. 31- 8:00 AM NRA Range Safety Officer Training
 Feb. 1 - Noon Club Skeet Shoot
 Feb. 2 - 5:00 PM Handicap Wobble Trap League
 Feb. 5 - 7:30 PM GPGC Board of Directors Meeting
 Feb. 7 - 8:00 AM TP&W Area Chief Meeting
 Feb. 9 - 5:00 PM Handicap Wobble Trap League
 Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day
 Feb. 15 - 10:30 AM Sporting Clays/5 Stand Shoot
 Feb. 16 - 5:00 PM Handicap Wobble Trap Shoot
 Feb. 21 - 1:00 PM Public Day
 Feb. 23 - 5:00 PM Handicap Wobble Trap League
 Feb. 28 - 9:00 AM .22 Pistol Metallic Silhouette Match
 Feb. 28 - 11:30 AM Kids Shoot Event
 Mar. 1 - Noon Club Skeet Shoot
 Mar. 2 - 5:00 PM End Handicap Wobble Trap Shoot
 Mar. 2 - 7:00 PM Hunter Ed Class
 Mar. 5 - 7:00 PM Hunter Ed Class
 Mar. 5 - 7:30 PM GPGC Board of Directors Meeting
 Mar. 7 - 8:00 AM Hunter Ed Class



Education Classes Set for 2009

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Student Classes

March 2, 5 and 7	October 5, 8 and 10
July 6, 9 and 11	November 2, 5 and 7
August 3, 6 and 8	December 7, 10 and 12
September 21, 24 and 26	

Instructor Workshops

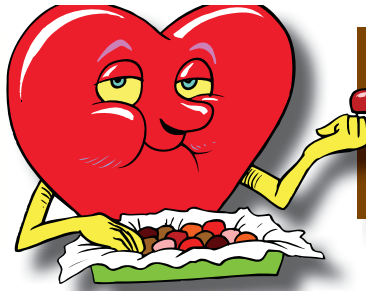
February 7 - TP&W Area Chief Meeting
 March 13, 14 & 15 - NRA Shotgun Workshop
 May 22, 23 & 24 - NRA Rifle Workshop
 June 26, 27 & 28 - NRA Muzzle Loading Workshop
 July 18 & 19 - NRA Range Safety Officer Training
 September 11, 12 & 13 - NRA Handgun Workshop

Grand Prairie Education Committee
 972-641-9940 (leave message)



Liz Watkins first deer, a 9 pt. buck, outside Winters, Texas. Shot weekend before Christmas.

Recipe Corner



Join the new Spring Skeet League!

Jerky - Beef or Venison

from HuntTheOutdoors.com

3 lbs. boned meat
1/8 tbsp. seasoned salt
2 tbsp. liquid smoke
2 tbsp. popcorn salt
3 tbsp. water
3/4 tbsp. seasoned pepper

Slice meat into 1/4" thick strips about 5" long. Remove all fat. Combine liquid smoke, water, and seasonings. Brush on strips and place (layer on layer) in a large bowl. Put a weighted plate on top of bowl and let stand in place overnight. Remove meat and dry it. Place strips across oven racks - edges may touch; don't overlap. Allow room for air to circulate. Racks should be no closer than 4" from top and bottom heat sources. Dry meat in oven for about 11 hours at 150 degrees. Remove and cool completely. Store in an air-tight container.

Venison Swiss Steak

1 lb. venison round steak
1/4 cup flour
Bacon grease
2 bay leaves
1/4 cup chopped green pepper
2 tbsp. brown sugar
1 pkg. dry onion soup
1 sm. jar mushrooms
Water

Pound flour into meat. Brown meat quickly in bacon grease. Drain excess grease; add remaining ingredients; cover with water. Simmer slowly 2 hours or until tender.

The Grand Prairie Gun Club (GPGC) will continue the summer skeet leagues starting around March 19th. The league is comprised of 4 to 5 member teams that shoot two 25-shot rounds against another team. A point is awarded for each round with the highest overall handicapped score plus and additional point for the highest overall handicapped score (max 3 points per night). Last season the sun set quickly and shooting became difficult towards the end of the season. This year we have only two leagues planned with a slightly different format for the shoot-offs that will add an extra week or two to the league. Typically we have had 8 teams but we can accommodate up to 10 5-person teams. Each league will run approximately 10 weeks and we will take a week or two off around the 4th of July and skip the weeks of Memorial and Labor Day. The league has a system where you can "bank" a score if you need to miss a week but each person is allowed only two without special circumstances.

The most important criteria to shoot in the league is "you have to have fun." The league is open to men and women and the shooters do not have to be members, but at least one team member must be a member of GPGC. The league is a handicap league to give everyone a sporting chance. For your team to win, the good shooters must shoot constantly well and new shooters must improve each week. New shooters that shoot both in the Thursday team skeet league and in the beginner-instructional Tuesday league have done very well. The league has turned several average and beginner shooters into very good shooters. Last season we had 3 shooters shoot their first straight (25) and all shot an additional 2 or 3 more before the season finished.

We will have more information in the news letter as the season gets closer. For more information or questions about the league please contact:

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January 2009 Club Sporting Clays Shoot (Liberal Media Perspective)

1-19-2009: Deep economic recession on verge of depression causes massive failure & devastation in Grand Prairie, Texas. The invitations went out, no one showed up, & those who won cheated through exploiting the poor and down trodden. Participants were fed rancid week old roadkill, lines were long and service was sub standard. Sources say that George Bush was responsible for the hurricane force winds as well, and someone somewhere was maliciously struck by a stray bullet, we just haven't found them yet. Massive media exploitation expected as soon as we identify the proper victim. Massive layoffs expected for Grand Prairie's staff of 0 employees without immediate federal assistance, let's hope the incoming administration hears their cries of desperation.

-Lilly Livered Sob Sister Left Wing Reporter

January 2009 Club Sporting Clays Shoot (The REAL Story)

1-19-2009: Well, looking at the weather forecasted for Sunday we decided to put on the monthly sporting clays shoot at the last minute. Considering that the flyer went out Thursday night/ Friday morning turn out was nothing short of INCREDIBLE. We had 37 shooters consisting of 29 members and 8 guests (new record turnout). Several of the "usual suspects" weren't even present due to travel or mama's honey do list trumping their "shootin' pass." We threw \$466 worth of targets and paid out almost \$700 worth of prize money.

Here are the results, each 50 target course was paid by Lewis Class results and the combo was paid using modified Lewis Class scoring:

Morning 50:

LC1-1 Dwight S.
LC1-2 Will C.
LC2-1 Wayne J.
LC2-2 Bob R.
LC3-1 Robert N.
LC3-2 Keith S.
Guest-1 Charley C.
Guest-2 Steve D.

Afternoon 50:

LC1-1 Jason F.
LC1-2 Dwight S.
LC2-1 Gerald E.
LC2-2 Will C.
LC3-1 Weaver B.
LC3-2 Terry C.
Guest-1 Steve D.
Guest-2 Charley C.

Overall (combined score, modified lewis class):

LC1-1 Robert N.
LC1-2 Brad B.
LC2-1 Charles R.
LC2-2 Chris C.
LC3-1 Will C.
LC3-2 Donnie J.
Guest-1 Steve D.
Guest-2 Charley C.

Thanks to everyone that helped with bringing lunch, loading machines, picking up hulls, maintaining traps, setting targets, scoring, and any other little task that anyone chipped in on. These shoots couldn't go off as smoothly as they do without all the helping hands.

Jason Foshea

Other Sporting / 5-Stand Updates

Once we get back to longer days I plan on having sporting clays league on Monday nights. If anyone would like to volunteer to run a league on Wednesday nights PLEASE let me know, I have all the necessary score tracking software for anyone interested. Target setting duties could be rotated between the leagues to lighten the workload on our volunteers.

Pheasant Tower Shoot

As of 1-19-2009 we have 5 spots left for the pheasant shoot. Date of shoot is 3-14-09 and cost is \$249.99. It's literally a BLAST.

Please contact Jason Foshea ASAP if interested in going.

GPSDC GENERAL MEETING 2009



Jan Heath keeps a close eye on the board



Craig Neill, Shane Cole & Paul Weyandt



Terry making presentation to board & guests

Club Skeet Schedule 2009

Brad Fitzgerald, 972-816-0934

February 1 - Prelim 20 ga.
March 1 - Prelim 28 ga.
April 5 - Prelim .410 bore
May 3 - Prelim 20 ga.
June 7 - Prelim 28 ga.
July 5 - Prelim .410 bore
August 2 - Prelim 20 ga.
September 6 - Prelim 28 ga.
October 4 - Prelim. .410 bore
November 1 - Vintage Shoot
November 22 - Turkey Shoot

Lunch is always at noon and the preliminaries start at 1:00 PM.

Main event is 50 round of 12ga.

Monday Night Trap League Results

Well, we finally completed the Monday Night Trap Doubles League that began on November 3. We had to postpone the final night three different times because of inclement weather. The high scorers were as follows:

1st Place – Kerry Williams
2nd Place – Steve Hambrick
3rd Place – Gene Wills

The prize winners based on a "Modified Lewis Class System" were Gene Wills, Terry Cullender and Kerry Williams.

Our next league beginning January 19 will be a Progressive Wobble Handicap League where everyone will start on the 18 Yard Line and move back 2 yards each week, with the final week being shot from the 27 Yard Line. Everyone needs to remember that they have an equal chance to win a prize because winners are selected using the "Modified Lewis Class System." The only criteria required to have a chance of winning is a score for all six nights of shooting.

Kerry L. Williams

Something for the Kids

Don Yeandle will be running a Saturday morning 22. cal. Shoot for youths. It will be held on the 4th Saturday of each month. The shoot will consist of Gun Safety Instruction mixed with lots of fun shooting out on the range. We will meet at 11:30 on the clubhouse porch. The start time is flexible if all can agree.

Girls and boys age 7 to 13 years are welcome to participate. Youths 14 and up can work as assistants in the class room and field. They will also get some shooting time. We will start with 20 to 30 min. of safety, then shoot for an hour. We will take a snack break with some review of the instruction and shoot for 45 min. or until the ammo runs out.

What to bring??

- 1) 100 rounds of 22. cal. long rifle ammunition, none of the ammunition will be returned to the youths. **NOTE: The ammunition is to be given to the instructor or range officer by the parent upon arrival. (NO YOUTH WILL BE ALLOWED TO CARRY AMMUNITION)**
- 2) Bring their 22. caliber rifle if they have one, if not there will be extra guns you can use.
- 3) Something to drink and a snack. There are soda machines inside the club house.
- 4) Ear and eye protection
- 5) Hat
- 6) Sunscreen

Experience level kids who have never shot a gun in their life to Billy the Kid. The shooting will be a fun learning experience, and at some point we can set up a friendly competition.

Any Questions feel free to contact me at 817.825.2535. Look forward to seeing everyone on the rifle range.

.22 Pistol Metallic Silhouette Shoot 2009 Schedule

Feb. 28	Aug. 22
Mar. 28	Sep. 26
April 25	Oct. 24
May 23	Nov. 28
June 27	No Match in December
July 25	

All matches start at 9:00AM and should finish before Noon. Cost is \$10.

120 shots will be fired for a full match in strings of 10 shots per 2 minutes. Ranges are 15-yard, 25-yard and 50-yard. We will shoot double rotation so we can accommodate up to 24 shooters per match. One shoots a string while one scores, then reverse. Bring ear and eye protection and your favorite .22 pistol.

Dan Brown, browndan@tx.rr.com

COLD SILHOUETTE SHOOTING

Saturday morning, January 24th. Temperature 36 degrees. 16 people showed up for a 9:00AM .22 pistol shoot.

The coldest day was our best attended shoot. We had 12 stations and 16 people so only 12 shot while the others were safety range officers and watched. Next month we will be better prepared and will shoot a double relay so we will be able to handle up to 24 shooters.

Obviously our shooters have been practicing because more chickens and pigs were on the ground than usual. We shot as a group but scored the scoped sights separately from the iron sights. The group of helpers is on the rise. Don Yeandle and Jim Wilson repainted the targets prior to the shoot. Terry Cullender built new target frames for the 50-yd. targets and Dan Brown, Jim Wilson and Terry installed them. Van Elliott has taken over the job of registering the shooters and totaling the scores plus he maintains all the records and sends out all notices.

The month of February should be a good month for the pistol range. The columns will be replaced and the overhead baffles will be repaired and refaced. Don Yeandle, Donny Penwell and Dale Holder will be the prime people responsible for setting the poles and moving the overhead baffles. Please thank them when you see them. Appeals for help will be sent out by email. The results are as follows: There were 6 shooters that shot in the 40's out of 60 targets.

In the Scoped .22 Pistol Division

- 1st - Dale Holder shot the all time high score of 54/60
- 2nd - Keith Schemp with a score of 42/60

Open Sights .22 Pistol Division

- 1st - Clint Freeman with a record score of 48/60
- 2nd - Floyd Jester with a very healthy total 44/60

As you can see from the photos Saturday was a frigid morning but the spirits were high as were the scores.

We apologize for having to turn a few shooters away because we were full but with our new double rotation plans for next month we will be able to accommodate up to 24 shooters and should still finish before noon. So come on out and have fun. Silhouette shooting is a very enjoyable sport.

Dan Brown – Match Sponsor - browndan@tx.rr.com
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Beginner's Skeet Shooting for 2009

Tuesday afternoons beginning April 7 and going through May approx. 5:30 PM till dark, Bill Schweitzer and Terry Cullender, along with several more skeet shooters, will be sponsoring a beginning skeet shoot. This is primarily to help new shooters learn basics and gain a comfort level with the sport. There is no charge for the shoot except for the normal range fees. It is also open to members, non-members, guests, and shooters of all ages. Most of the instructors will be men but Debra Altenbaumer has graciously volunteered to instruct again.

Bring your shotgun with you and the appropriate ammunition. Any gauge shotgun will work and the ammo is best with #9 or #8 shot but 7 ½ will be okay. We always have several youth size 20 gauge semi-auto shotguns for use if you need it. You need earplugs, glasses and a shooting bag or large pockets.

After 6 or 8 weeks of shooting you should become a fairly competent shooter and then with more practice you can take your ability to whatever level you want. We teach shooting safety and stress enjoyment. This is a social sport that should be fun. Come on out for an afternoon and try it out. For the first afternoon or two we work one on one with the raw beginners then try to place shooters in groups of similar abilities and then work with you as we see a need.

No one can learn to shoot shotgun without help. If you are not hitting a bird you cannot tell if you are in front, behind or above the bird. But an experienced shooter standing behind you while you shoot can tell you where you are shooting and what to do to correct whatever needs adjustment.

Any questions??

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*Cleaned alley at pistol range, courtesy of **John Slocum***

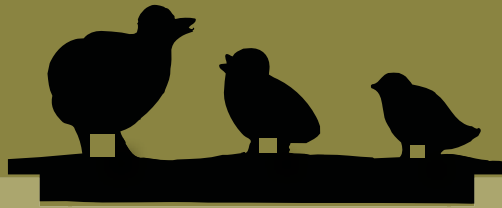


***John Slocum** aboard the Jolly Green Giant moving dirt at the pistol range, 1-23-09.*



*Thank you, **John Slocum**, for making the pistol range look good!*

Metallic Silhouette Pistol Shoot



A full line of shooters



Clint Freeman & Floyd Jester with Girl Scout cookie prizes



Paul Stringer & Floyd Jester on 50-yd. targets



Hoa Nguyen, Gary Castellino & Clint Freeman all hooded up



Dale Holder and Jim Wilson check out small chickens



Scoped Guns: Dale Holder - 1st Place; and Keith Schemp - 2nd Place



Terry, Dale & Jim still wearing ears

Member Hoa Nguyen and guest Brian Bettis were brave enough to shoot skeet after the pistol shoot...brrrrr!

More Pistol Fun!



Keith Schemp & Paul Stringer



Gary, Dan & Clint, cold but happy



Gene Wills in the hoody warming his hands



It was so cold, Jim Wilson's gun stuck to his cheek!



Gene Wills



Jim Grabbe evaluating the brass catcher lane separator built by Dan Brown



Setting 50-yd. targets

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Be Courteous!
Reload the houses when
you finish shooting. Pick up your
hulls - clean up the area a
little - use trash cans!

Hours of Operation

Rifle/Pistol
 8:30 am until legal sunset

Shotgun
 Wed., Sat., Sun. - 1:00 pm until dusk
 Mon. - 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

GPGC Bullet-in

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If you have articles, pictures or recipes you would like to submit for publication in an upcoming issue, contact Terry or Sharon by the 20th of each month. For best quality, photos should be in digital format, however good quality originals are acceptable for scanning.

Classified Ads??

In the past we have had a classified section. Would you like to have it again?

Send in an ad to:
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Membership share questions?

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Writers wanted...

If any of our members have good hunting pictures and/or stories you would like to share?

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