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FOUR TEXANS ARE FETED ON HISTORIC ELK HUNT

Dallas - It was a rainy morning on Friday in January here when four Texans boarded a plane for Billings, Montana. The temperature on the other end was reported to be 26 degrees below zero and snow but the trip was important.

The party was headed by former Gov. John B Connally and world renowned hunter Herb W. Klein. Included were Rangers Arms officials Van C. Ellis and Homer E. Koon.

The party was greeted in Billings by newsman with cameras and escorted to the hotel by the Montana Highway Patrol thru the streets of a city that had its flags out in their honor. Montana Gov. Forrest Anderson and officials of the Crow Tribal Council honored the party at a dinner where presentation rifles were given to Gov. Anderson and Edison Real Bird, chairman of the Crow Tribal Council. The rifles presented were the new Texas Magnum made by Ranger Arms in Gainesville.

SOME FUSS

Why all this fuss over a hunting party? Well, history was being made that weekend. The Crow Reservation, the Little Big Horn, (of Custer fame) was a reservation long before Montana was a state. To the four Texans came the honor of receiving the first four



GPGC Skeet Shoot June 2011



The first summer club shoot was Saturday morning on June 11th. The shoots have been moved to the morning for the summer to take advantage of the cooler temperatures and on Saturday to avoid conflicts with church. The temperature at the start of the shoot was in the mid 70s, but by noon the scores and temperatures were about the same.

Robert Nicholas was the 12 gauge main event gun champ with a 98 and the doubles gun champ with a 47. Mike Gershick made Robert earn the doubles honors in a shoot-off. Terry Cullender had the second highest score with an impressive 97 for his first club shoot in a long time. Jon McDonald dominated the AA field for the second month in a row winning both the 12 gauge main and doubles. Are there any other AA shooters than can put an end to Jon's dominance?

The shooting finished up around noon and Barleys BBQ had a great lunch (as always) waiting for us on the table. The next club shoot will be Saturday July 2nd and includes a 100 bird 12 gauge main event followed by a 50 bird 410 event.. Both events will be based on NSSA classification and Gun Champ for the main event will come out of class. Also, any member can shoot targets only just to get in some practice.

Registration will start at 9:30 and we will start shooting at 10:00. As always, lunch will be around noon. Please be sure to RSVP so we can provide enough food and schedule the rotations and fields. Also let me know if you plan on brining a guest to shoot with your squad. If I have more than 25 shooters I will need to break the tournament into

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Range Officer Duty

Sat.	July 2	Andrew Wyer
Sun.	July 3	Roy Walker
Wed.	July 6	Joe Bettacchi
Sat.	July 9	Jeff Zwiebel
Sun.	July 10	Shane Cole
Wed.	July 13	Al Barsh
Sat.	July 16	Jack Foster
Pistol Range Officer - Jim Wagner		
Sun.	July 17	Jason Foshea
Wed.	July 20	Mike Shuping
Sat.	July 23	Randy Walhood
Sun.	July 24	Ken English
Wed.	July 27	Bill Weatherby
Sat.	July 30	Donny Penwell
Sun.	July 31	Ted Preston



July 2 - 9:30 AM Club Skeet Shoot (12 ga. 100 birds & .410)
 July 4 - Independence Day
 July 5 - 7:00 PM Hunter Education Class
 July 6 - 7:00 PM Bullseye Pistol Match
 July 7 - 7:00 PM Hunter Education Class
 July 7 - 7:30 PM GPGC Board of Directors Meeting
 July 9 - 8:00 AM Hunter Education Class
 July 12 - 7:30 PM GPSDC Board of Directors Meeting
 July 13 - 7:00 PM Bullseye Pistol Match
 July 16 - 1:00 PM Public Day
 July 17 - 1:00 PM 5 Stand/Sporting Clays Shoot
 July 20 - 7:00 PM Bullseye Pistol Match
 July 23 - 8:00 AM TP&W Game Scoring Workshop
 July 23 - 9:00 AM .22 Pistol Metallic Silhouette Match
 July 23 - 1:00 PM Kids Shoot
 July 24 - 8:00 AM TP&W Ag Teacher Instruction
 July 25 - 8:00 AM TP&W Ag Teacher Instruction
 July 27 - 7:00 AM Bullseye Pistol Match



Education Classes for 2011

Student Classes

July 5, 7 & 9	Oct. 3, 6 & 8
Aug. 8, 11 & 13	Nov. 7, 10 & 12
Sep. 5, 8 & 10	Dec. 5, 8 & 10

Instructor Workshops (Open to the Public)

July 23 TP&W Game Scoring Workshop
 Sep 24 NRA Range Safety Officer Workshop

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

Sporting Clays/5 Stand Schedule 2011

July 17	Oct. 16
Aug. 21	Nov. 20 - Turkey Shoot
Sep. - No Shoot	Dec. & Jan. - No Shoot

Match Director: Jason Foshea, fosheajason@hotmail.com

Summer Schedule and Time Changes Wednesday Bullseye Pistol Matches

Bullseye Pistol Matches shall remain on Wednesday afternoons for the rest of 2011, but starting times will change per schedule below:

Begins at:

7:00 PM - June 1 thru August 10th
 6:30 PM - August 17 thru September 28th
 6:00 PM - October 5th thru Daylight Savings Time
 when Wednesday matches end for 2011

Recipe Corner

Salsa

Submitted by Dale Holder

Ingredients

1 – Large Onion
4 – Lg Garlic Flowers
8 – Jalapeno Peppers
1 – Bunch of Cilantro
1 ½ – TSP Cumin
2 ¼ - TBSP Salt
1 – TBSP Pepper
½ - Cup of White Vinegar
5 – 28 oz Cans Whole Peeled Tomatoes

- Blend the first four items in a chopper or blender until the desired consistency is obtained.
 - Boil chopped vegetables, seasonings and Vinegar for 5 minutes.
 - Drain the liquid from 2 cans of tomatoes and put aside.
 - Blend the tomatoes and juice in blender until the desired consistency is obtained. (Chunky or Smooth)
 - Add to pot of vegetables and boil for 15 minutes.
- (For thinner salsa add the remainder of the tomato juice.)

Stuffed Jalapeno Firecrackers

Submitted to allrecipes.com by templina71

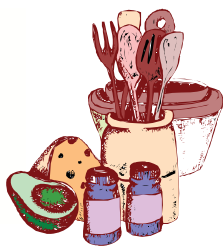
Ingredients

12 jalapeno peppers, halved lengthwise
1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
Cajun seasoning, or to taste
12 slices jalapeno bacon, cut in half
Toothpicks

Preheat the oven's broiler and set the oven rack about 6 inches from the heat source.

Fill the jalapeno peppers with cream cheese. Sprinkle the Cajun seasoning on top, then wrap each stuffed jalapeno with a slice of bacon. Secure with a toothpick. Arrange the wrapped jalapeno peppers in a single layer, face down on a broiler rack.

Broil in the preheated oven until the bacon becomes crisp, 8 to 15 minutes on each side.



2011 Hunting Club Lease

We're working with a farming outfit located about 90 minutes northeast of the metroplex on a low-cost, open-access dove lease for this autumn.

The property we're looking at right now is approximately 9,000 total acres of farmland (wheat, corn, soybeans, sunflowers, and pasture) with tanks and ponds, spread out in the area between Van Alstyne and Wolfe City. The lease would run the last weekend of August through the end of January. Species on the list include not only dove, but fowl, small game, varmints, hogs, and fishing (no deer).

The owners (DJ Farms) have been offering hunting leases on their land for 30 years and allow approximately 175 people in total to sign up. If our group has at least 15 people, we would receive a dedicated field in addition to the open-access acres. With a dedicated field, we would not have to worry about finding an open spot on opening weekend (which I've been told is the only time the lease is busy).

Cost would be around \$150 per hunter, however children (17 and under) would be free.

The area is rural farmland. There is a motel / rv park in Leonard, although they reportedly book up for opening weekend. The owners allow short term camping on the land, but there are no hookups.

Details will be finalized around mid-July when we visit the property and meet with the operators. We will be signing people up at the end of July. Approximately 20 people from the club have expressed interest.

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, please contact Andrew Wyer. open-access dove lease for this autumn.

Andrew Wyer

Spring Skeet League Ends With a Bang Bang

Going into the finale, **Improved Cylinder** and **Claybusters** were fighting it out to determine who would be the champion. Only one point separated

the two of them, and on that last night both teams pushed hard to add three points onto their scores, but since IC already had the lead they were able to snatch the victory.

Team captain

Don Yeandle was all smiles as he and his teammates **Robert Nicholas**, **Sandy Yeandle**, **Jay Warren**, and **Ginny Warren** accepted their Champion Team gold belt buckles. Claybusters (**Kerry Williams**, with **Gene Wills**, **Gerald Evatt**, **John Nix**, and **Brad Fitzgerald**) laid claim to their Second Team buckles, and **Grumpies** (**Mike Scuping**, with **Jim Barret**, **Don Illingworth**, **Johnny DeLeon**, and **Dan Spence**) took Third Team. Keep an eye out for those shiny new buckles and make sure to congratulate the wearer on their success.

The individual challenges had some ups and downs that made for an exciting and surprising night. In the previous week, **Robert Nicholas**, **Jason Foshea**, and **Will Chisum** were all tied for the High Overall position, and odds were expecting a three-way shoot-off. However, the first tragedy was when Robert's game fell apart in the first round and dropped him out of the running. Jason and Will finished up tied at 435x450 and so they went into a doubles shoot-off. But no sooner had folks walked over to watch than it was over; Jason shot first and missed. Will picked up his birds to claim the title.

But Jason wasn't in the pits, since they each

shot eight straights Will and Jason split the Most Straights Pot. How's that go; green can look as nice as gold.

As with last autumn, this spring we awarded class champions based on the last 100 birds. The prizes were custom embroidered terry-cloth sport towels for folks to clip to their belts. And by the way, these titles don't always come easy; **Josh Wells** and **Buz Owens** each shot a 91, so they headed into a doubles

shoot-off. In the true style of AAA class shooters the two of them kept at it neck-and-neck. Finally, after a number of rounds Josh was able to seal the deal

and win E-Class.

Elsewhere, after nailing 92 birds **Dave Benge** took D-Class; **Gene Wills** watch 95 powdered birds blow away in the breeze to take C-Class; leaving just three birds to sustain the species **Terry**

Cullender claimed B-Class; and **Jason Foshea** with 98 dead birds took A-Class champion.

Congratulations to each of you!

I hope that everyone in the league had a fun time, Brad and I had a blast participating and running the competition. With the heat of summer upon us, the league will sit back to enjoy some lemonade on the patio and dream of the cooling days in September and October when the league will return. I look forward to seeing you all again this autumn and thank each and everyone one of our shooters for participating.

-Andrew Wyer



Place	Team	Points	Avg
1st	4 - "Improved Cylinder"	21	21.86
2nd	5 - "Claybusters"	20	22.60
3rd	3 - "Grumpies"	15	20.82
4th	8 - "Duh Boys"	13	21.60
Tied	6 - "The Fun Bunch"	13	21.10
Tied	9 - "Pellet Heads"	13	18.78
7th	7 - "Dead & Dead"	12	20.64
8th	2 - "Go Figure"	11	21.18
9th	10 - "Off Constantly"	9	21.38
Tied	1 - "Got That Straight"	9	14.58

The Eagle Returns



Name	Team	5 Wk	Class	Handicap	Overall	Straights
Adriana Gentilini	1	17.60	E	5.76	317	0
Andrew Wyer	1	18.10	E	3.48	349	0
Bill Schweitzer	6	21.70	D	2.50	388	0
Bill Weatherby	2	22.40	D	1.44	313	1
Billy Gore	1	9.00	E	14.69	162	0
Brad Ambrose	6	21.70	D	2.88	386	0
Brad Fitzgerald	5	22.60	C	1.44	411	1
Brittany Foshea	10	19.20	E	4.56	336	0
Buz Owens	2	21.60	D	1.82	393	1
Charles Richerson	6	19.10	E	4.44	335	0
Charlie Cannon	9	10.30	E	12.80	126	0
Chase Cannon	9	21.30	E	2.40	299	0
Dan Spence	3	20.80	E	3.46	377	0
Dave Bengel	8	22.70	C	1.54	398	1
David Todd	7	20.50	E	4.42	361	0
Don Illingworth	3	21.70	D	2.98	376	0
Don Kovatch	6	19.30	E	3.55	365	0
Don Yeandle	4	23.50	B	1.63	409	1
Dwain Cottrell	2	21.30	E	3.24	373	0
Fred Marshall	1	11.80	E	9.12	209	0
Gene Wills	5	23.50	B	1.44	414	2
Gerald Evatt	5	23.00	C	1.44	412	2
Ginny Warren	4	21.30	E	3.24	373	0
Glenn Hughes	8	23.60	B	0.67	422	2
Hal Taylor	9	19.80	E	4.44	316	0
James Wilson	8	20.90	E	1.32	395	0
Jason Foshea	10	23.90	B	0.38	435	8
Jay Phillips	2	19.40	E	4.13	357	0
Jay Warren	4	20.90	E	3.17	375	0
Jim Barret	3	20.30	E	3.07	367	0
Jim Hundley	7	22.30	D	1.54	408	2
John Basilone	7	21.70	D	1.44	394	2
John Nix	5	21.20	E	2.76	381	0
Johnny DeLeon	3	23.70	B	0.67	425	7
Josh Wells	7	21.20	E	2.04	393	0
Ken Flippin	8	19.40	E	3.65	362	0
Kerry Williams	5	22.70	C	0.84	415	2
Kevin Forehand	7	17.50	E	5.64	322	0
Laura Chisum	10	17.60	E	4.99	318	0
Mary Ann Jenkins	1	16.40	E	6.82	301	0
Mike Johnson	9	21.80	D	2.40	397	0
Mike Miller	9	20.70	E	3.26	374	0
Mike Shuping	3	17.60	E	5.57	322	0
Robert Nicholas	4	23.60	B	0.12	432	7
Russ Flippin	8	21.40	D	3.46	372	0
Sandy Yeandle	4	20.00	E	3.94	364	0
Terry Cullender	6	23.70	B	1.44	414	2
Wade Grimes	10	22.20	D	2.52	387	0
Walter Kilroy	2	21.20	E	2.78	379	0
Will Chisum	10	24.00	A	0.38	435	8

For those who have been wondering where the big beautiful eagle trophy that sits on the fireplace mantel at the club comes from, the eagles are won at the Texas state skeet tournament in the 5-person team event. The winning club gets to take the trophy home and display it for a year until the next state tournament.

This year's team of **Gene Stewart, Jon McDonald, Mike Gerschick, Robert Nicholas and Richard Parr** won the doubles event for the club with an impressive 474. Actually the score is not that impressive considering it has a handicap added to it and the team from Bandera Texas also had a 474. As with all ties in registered shoots, the tie is broken by shooting doubles from stations 3, 4 and 5. The Bandera club shot first from station 3 breaking an impressive 9 out of 10 birds. Considering the 30 mph wind, 9 of 10 was a great start for the Bandera club. The first 4 shooters from GPGC were 8 for 8 and the Bandera team tried to physic out anchor shooter **Richard Parr** but to no avail as **Richard** crushed both birds to win the shoot-off for the Grand Prairie Gun Club 10-9.

The eagle trophy will be on display in the club house until next year when we will have to take it back to the State shoot and try to win it again. Hopefully we can get 2 or 3 teams next year to represent the club an win more eagles.

GPGC Bullseye Pistol

June 2011

June 22: We had 8 shooters in the heat. I suspect some folks say - its too hot! There was a little breeze, but in general it was hot.

Richard Kolek ran away with the match, shooting a 287 with 6Xs. He shot his red-dot sighted 9 7/8" barreled Browninig Buckmark.

Ed Dotson was 2nd, shooting a 278-5Xs - with his red dot sighted with a 5 1/2" barreled S&W M 41.

I was 3rd with 272-5Xs shooting my iron sighted Ruger Mk II with a 10" barrel.

The shooters, minus **Meredith Turney** who took this shot and also recorded the scores. **Jana Whaley**, **Jim Grabbe** her Dad, **Dan Brown**, **Adam Kolek**, **Richard Kolek**, **Ed Dotson** and **Mike Horton**. Thanks, **Meredith!**

Dan Brown, GPGC Board



Ed Dotson, Richard Kolek & myself



June 1: We had 8 competitors tonight. It was warm, but a good breeze helped.

Richard Kolek won the match shooting a 371 with 4Xs, using his long barreled Browning with a red dot sight.

Ed Dotson shot second place with 260 with 2Xs, shooting his M1911 having a .22 conversion and a red dot sight.

I shot 3rd place 254 with 4Xs with my 10" barreled iron sighted Ruger Mk II.

Ed shot with a one hand hold. Richard and I used a 2 hand hold on our guns.

Jim Grabbe was "way off his feed" shooting a 238 as his daughters **Meredith Turney** and **Jana Whaley** either equaled his score of 238 (Meredith) or bested it (Jana) with a 241.

The score sheet, made up by **Meredith Turney** is given below. Thanks, Meredith!

Dan Brown

Bullseye Shooting Log - National Match Course

Dan Brown
Range Officer

6/22/2011

Date

	Name	M	Optics	Slow Fire	Timed Fire	Rapid Fire	X Count	Total	Rank
5	Dan Brown	Y	N	87	97	88	5	272	3
7	Ed Dotson	Y	Y	87	94	97	4	278	2
10	Jim Grabbe	y	N	75	91	87	3	253	4
12	Meredith Turney	y	N	76	81	88	3	245	5
23	Jana Whaley	N	N	72	84	70		226	6
33	Mike Horton	N	N	48	40	30		118	8
35	Adam Kolek	Y	Y	63	81	82	1	226	6
36	Richard Kolek	Y	Y	89	100	99	6	288	1

3 Event Average	Hdcp.	Adjusted Score	Rank by Handicap
255	0.6944	291.4432	3
259	0.6671	292.6762	2
250	0.7225	286.9575	5
213	0.8299	290.6445	4
243	0.7535	281.759	7
160	0.8936	280.6352	8
222	0.8131	286.1694	6
275	0.47	293.64	1

The Report from the Registered Line

Greetings GPGC Prairie Dogs, May and June were definitely good months for our club's skeeters. Starting off at the Houston Gun Club's Memorial Day Shoot, GPGC shooters showed they were definitely not "PG" rated, turning in hot and steamy "X," (as in excellent) performances. Robert Paxton shot his way through a shoot-off to the Doubles championship (99), Mike Gerschick clinched B1 with a 385, which Jim Speer and Jack Davis won B2 and B3 respectively. That is an all GPGC B-class victory parade folks! Jim Speer went on to win the HOA in the Veteran concurrent, and in all guns except 28 gauge, where C. W. Dagnal was outright Champion with a solid 98.

The following weekend, GPGC members continued to dominate at Dallas Gun Club's Pan American. Robert Paxton took 3rd place in the .410 after shooting off amongst seven 100's. Jon "does my smoke bother you" McDonald, won AA1 in the 12GA after shooting off among 17 100's. Howard Huber won B1 HOA by shoot-off (387). Walt Mentzer nabbed B1 in the 20GA with a 99. Jeff Nekuza won C1 in the .410 with a stellar 95. Jim and C.W. continue to wreak havoc on the other Veterans. Jim was Veteran champ in the 20GA with his 99, while C.W. was Veteran Champ in the 28GA with a 97 after whupping others in his shoot off.

Contrary to popular rumor, Mary Poppins and her umbrella were not seen floating across the fields in the 30+ MPH winds that swirled through the Texas State Skeet Shoot at the Waco gun Club on June 17-19. GPGC skeeters nailed their feet to the ground and their eyes to the targets to let the 180 shooters in attendance know that they were there to play. Gene Stewart, Jon McDonald, Mike Gerschick, Robert Nicholas and Richard Parr overcame the high winds to win the 5-man Club team doubles competition after a shoot-off with the team from Bandera, bringing home a very nice Eagle for the clubhouse mantle. Each and every GPGC shooter hit all of his pairs on three, while one poor soul on the Bandera team missed one of his two targets. The splits on these targets were horrific, so "gettin' off 3" was a big deal, and was what it took to win the coveted Eagle trophy that day.

To see just how well our GPGC friends fared at the State and other shoots, you can look up all wins and places on www.bdb.com or www.mytssa.com (click calendar tab, then scroll down to look for "winners").

Some of the most significant wins in HOA, class and/or concurrent are listed below:

Howard Huber was the 12GA State Champion after shooting 100 in the nasty wind, and besting both Abby Leeder and Mark Myers in a shoot-off. To put this accomplishment in perspective, at last year's state shoot, there were a dozen 100's as opposed to only three. Also in the 12GA, Jack Davis took AA1 with a 99, Jeff Zwiebel won B1 (97), and C.W. Dagnal got C1 (95). In the 28 gauge, Jay Warren won D1 with a fabulous 89 given the conditions. In Doubles the GPGC folks let the crowd know that north Texans are not to be trifled with. Bragging rights go to Jon McDonald (3rd, 96, TS CH), Robert Paxton (AAA1, 95, SS CH). And in a final note, and a big shout-out for marital harmony, Jack and Glea Davis won the Husband/Wife category in the .410 and the doubles.

This year there was a first ever Mini State Open also held at Waco on Thursday, 6/16. It was a 4x50 bird event that preceded the main event. It sure was a good warm-up as it had all of the wind and hot temps enjoyed by those who participated in the main event. Here is a list of GPGC folks who did well in the Mini:

Jon McDonald Open HOA CH
Elizabeth Hoskins LY HOA CH
Ginny Warren D1 HOA
Richard Parr AA1 28GA
Gene Stewart A1 .410
Mike Gerschick B1 12GA
Jim Cervenka B1 .410
Ginny Warren D1 28GA
Jay Warren E1 12GA

Breaking news: Robert Paxton just won the HOA at the 2nd Annual Poco Loco 400 at St. Joe Valley Conservation Club in St. Joe, Indiana held on 6/25-26. He shot a blistering 396 out of 400 .410 targets to beat L.P. Giambrone by 1 target. That's right, all .410 all the time. Four 100-bird .410 events over two days. On the overtrained, underachiever side of the coin, Elizabeth Hoskins good-naturedly took part and placed 2nd in the "Biggest Loser" shoot-off. Ask her about it sometime...

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there. The cost will be \$30 for the main event, \$20 for the 410 event and \$5 for lunch. Like last year, lunch to celebrate our independence will be something special and a true bargain for only \$5.

12 gauge main event:

Gun Champ- Robert Nicholas 98
AA-1 Jon McDonald
A-1 Mike Gershick
B-1 C.W. Dagnel
C-1 Terry Cullender
D-1 Genny Warren
E-1 Jay Warren

Doubles:

Gun Champ- Robert Nicholas 47
AA-1 Jon McDonald
A-1 Mike Gershick
B-1 C.W. Dagnel
C-1 Richard Kummer
E-1 Jim Barrett

For more information or to RSVP, please call Robert Nicholas or email at Skeet@GPGC.net



Ginny Warren and Terry comparing matching brownings



Trailer load of Cyprus to become new chairs



Planing wood at Charles' shop

Thank You!!!

Jim Grabbe and **Jim Wilson** spent several long evenings last month repairing **Mike Pallet's** welder so the gun club could borrow it for a Saturday workday on the rifle range. Mike has used this welder many times in the past when the rifle and pistol ranges were originally built. Great job guys!!

Thanks to **Dale Holder** for bringing his welders out to the club several times doing welding projects for the rifle baffles. His help has been invaluable.

Adirondike style chairs made with cypress are being built by a **Don Ambrose**, **Charles Richerson**, **Ed Dotson** and **Bill Schweitzer**. It was supposed to be a cool weather project but now it is a hot weather project. Also, many thanks to **Benny Emmons** and son for unloading the lumber from the freightline, storing it and reloading it on our trailer.

Don Yeandle and **Bill Schweitzer** has been heading up the rifle range overhead baffle replacements with the following list of Saturday helpers: **Jim Wilson**, **Mike Cekosky**, **Al Barsh**, **Randy Walhood**, **John McGlone**, **Jim Grabbe**, **Steve Bandy**, **Dan Brown**, **Ed Kilgore**, **Pittman Haymore**, **Pete Heidtke** and **Doug Todd**. **Richard Kummer** paid for lunch for all the workers.

John Slocum cleared the impact line on the pistol range of the old RR Ties and then he and his son, Paul reset the impact plates on the east end.

Also there is always a group of unsung heros that do something every week. Thanks to **Darian Mock**, **Dan Brown**, **Jim Wilson**, **Gene Wills**, **Don Ambrose**, **John Slocum**, **Jeff Zwiebel**, **Randy Walhood**, and others I have overlooked.

Saturday Work Day



More Work Day Pictures



More Work Day Pictures



5-Stand / Sporting Update

On Memorial Day, May 30th, we conducted the first ever FITASC sporting clays shoot at GPGC. With a modest turnout of 6, we competed over two Parours de Chasse (two-25 bird layouts). Attendees included Members: Gerald Evatt, Jason Davidson, James Teal, Matt Burke, myself and guest, Dan Spence. If you are interested in this style of shooting, send me a message and I will be happy to add you to the invite list—because of the setup, we would be limited to about 12 shooters at a time and we will only host these shoots periodically. For those braving the Monday night heat, we have been practicing this style of shooting for the past several weeks.

Earlier in May, in competing at the “Triple Classic” international event in the Houston area, I was lucky enough by virtue of another GPGC member (G. Evatt) dropping out to be paired with 20 time World Champion George Digweed. Picture below was my FITASC pairing with “King” George and other international shooters, including Jaime Brighton, another accomplished English shooter (the guy behind me and a foot taller!). George ended up finishing 2nd in the event, but won the 5-Stand and Sporting Events, adding two more world titles to his resume. Yours truly finished M19/86 and 50/220 in the FITASC event. It was truly a memorable event and I learned a great deal by shooting with these guys.

What is FITASC Sporting?

Commonly referred to as simply Fitasc, the name is an acronym of Federation Internationale de Tir Aux Sportives de Chasse. FITASC is an international form of Sporting Clays. Some of us refer to it as “French Invented Tough A__ Sporting Clays” as the targets are generally a little tougher than standard sporting clays shots.

Format

Competitions are typically 100 targets made up of four rounds, or “Parours.” Bigger events will have over 150 targets, whilst the European and World Events are staged over 200 targets, 50 shot each day.

The Parours comprise of five traps on a layout with three different shooting positions. The positions are marked by a 1 metre diameter hop (think hula hoop) placed on the ground. A squad of six shooters shoots the sequence of targets from Peg 1 and then moves on to Peg 2, then Peg 3. The downside of this system is that only one squad can be ‘in action’ on a particular layout at one time.

On arriving at the stand, the squad is shown the targets they will shoot. The first shooter will shoot all their singles from that stand and will then step off to allow the next shooter to move forward. The doubles is then shot with shooter number 2 starting, number 1 having dropped to the last person to shoot. On the next layout, number 3 shooter will lead off and so on. This means that a different shooter starts each time. Double targets can be simultaneous, on report or trailing, “raffael” in FITASC terminology.



On single targets, full use of the gun is allowed and a kill is recorded whether the first or second shot breaks the target. For the doubles, there is no requirement to fire one shot at each target and a competitor may fire both barrels at one of the targets if they wish. There is no penalty for doing so and the target will be scored if broken with either shot.

The Details

Gun position until the target appears, is strictly monitored. The heel of the stock must be touching the body below a horizontal line, 25cm down from the top of the shoulder. This line is always marked on the shooters vest to aid the referee. Typically, this will be embroidered on the vest but it is not unusual to see everything from tape to chalk used for this purpose. If the shooter moves his gun before the target is visible they will be warned immediately by the referee. Repeated instances will result in targets being deducted.

Since shooting does not take place in a cage, the shooter has great freedom of movement and is not restricted in any way. Safe gun handling, whilst always important, is of even higher priority.

FITASC targets are not limited to standard clays and you will see all types, battues, rockets, rabbits and minis, in use. The variety adds considerable interest and makes accurate reading of the target more difficult.

Cartridge load is now restricted to a 1oz load, but this reduction has not noticeably affected scores. FITASC can be shot with a regular Sporting Clays gun but many will opt for the longer barrel lengths.

Darian Mock

Spirit of Hope Sporting Clays

June 4, 2011



Hunter, Vic, Brad & Bill



Ladies Team: Mary Ann on left & Sandy, middle



Parker, Brad & Bill



Winners: Bill, Brad, Hunter, Vic & Parker



Bill, Vic & Hunter



Brad Ambrose

2011 ARA Match Schedule for GPGC (American Rimfire Association)

June thru August - No shoots
September 17, 9:00AM
October 1, 9:00 AM

Shoots are on Saturdays at 9:00 AM
Mike Pallett, mwpallett@yahoo.com

YOUTH SHOOT SCHEDULE 2011

January thru October
4th Saturday of each month
(Weather permitting)
10:00AM Shotgun Instruction
1:00PM .22 rifle shoot

This shoot is geared to teach fire arms skills and safety. Both Boys and Girls 10 years old for shotgun, 8 and up for 22. This shoot is great way for kids to use our facility and have fun learning. Email me for more information.

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Metallic Silhouette Pistol 2011 Schedule

July 23	October 22
August 27	November 26
September 24	December - No Shoot

All matches start are held on the 4th Saturday of each month starting at 9:00AM.

Entry fee 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. Bring ear and eye protection and your favorite .22 pistol.

Match Director: Dan Brown, drdanbrown@att.net

NOTICE

As of May 1, 2011 guest fees for the shotgun ranges will be increased to \$6 per round/25 shots. Member fees remain \$3.50 per round.

On PUBLIC DAY, the 3rd Saturday afternoon of the month, non-member rates on the rifle and pistol ranges are \$15 per visit per range effective May 2010. This does not apply to guests of members.

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Club Skeet Schedule 2011

Robert Nicholas - Nicholas.robert@sbcglobal.net

July 2 - Sat. morning, 12 ga. Main (100 targets), 410 Bore (50)
Aug. 6 - Sat. morning, 12 ga. Main (100 targets), Dbls. (50)
September - Bird hunting - No shoot
Oct. 9 - Sun. afternoon, 12 ga. Main, Vintage and Vintage Doubles
Nov. 5 - Sat. all day, 4 gun (50 bird) - Club Championship
Nov. 6 - Sun. afternoon (100 bird), Doubles Club Championship

Morning and all day events will start registration at 9:30 AM and shooting at 10:00 AM.

Afternoon events will start registration at 12:30 PM and shooting at 1:00 PM.

Lunch will be served at noon for all club shoots.

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field tested in Montana over the past few years, and their fame has spread throughout the state. Because Gov. John Connolly owns serial #1, Herb Klein #2, Van Ellis, #3 and Homer Koon owns serial #4. To the best knowledge, it is the first time in history that the first four serial numbers of any rifles manufactured have been on a hunt together with their owners.

GREAT HUNT

The hunt itself was great! On Saturday morning the party accompanied by guides and members of the Crow tribe flew from Billings to a field camp set up on the reservation in the Little Big Horn mountains. That morning with the temperature at 10 below and the wind blowing 20 mph, Herb Klein located and downed a magnificent six point bull elk.

The animal ended up in the bottom of a canyon and later had to be carried out manually a quarter at a time. That afternoon Homer Koon had his full headed bull elk down and out. After delivering the meat to the Crow Indians, the hunting party flew back to Billings for the night.

The next morning found the party back on the reservation to fill out the remaining two permits. It took Gov. Connolly and Van Ellis only one hour to locate two trophy size bull elk and down them with one shot each from their Texas Magnum rifles. The Governor's was truly beautiful trophy - nine points. Again the meat was delivered to the Crow Indians, with the hunters keeping the trophy heads. By noon Sunday, the party was back in Billings, packing for their return to Texas.

The total hunting time was less than one and half days. The score - four Texas hunters and four magnificent bull elk. The party will long remember their weekend hunt and will rightfully elaborate on the truth as time as time passes. The State of Montana will also remember the weekend that four Texans came north to write a little history.

A little secret: Read the description of John Connolly's elk. Then compare that to the picture. Then compare that to the mount at GPGC. Figured it out? 2nd hint: Ranger Arms arranged the hunt with John Connolly and Herb Klein as VIPs. Would my father take his elk before his VIPs?

Never the less, this elk hung at Ranger Arms, Omega Arms, H. Koon Inc., Alpha Arms, and my pool room until my wife decided that it didn't fit (it really didn't). My father called him Sam. He appeared in numerous magazine articles. I am very grateful that he now resides at the GPGC.



Front row John Connolly (left), Herb Klein (right). Aft row Homer Koon (left), Van Ellis (right)

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with Terry Cullender as team scorekeeper, showed that GPGC continues to own this event. This is a great shoot for a great charity, lots of fun, lots of prizes and cold beer at the end. Does life get better than that?

As a final note, somehow Terry Cullender talked me into taking over reporting on registered skeet for the newsletter. My condition was that I would report, but not collect the information, so I'm depending on all of you to let me know what is going on. If you have something you'd like me to brag on you about, drop me an e-mail at maryannjenkins@me.com.

That's all folks.
Mary Ann Jenkins

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