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THE BULLETIN

April 2013

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"Pardon our Shell Bags"

A little over a year ago, GPGC signed up with Garrison Green to recycle our shells. Once we filled up 5 bags, we would then send them off to be processed and know that our landfill has less recyclable material in it than before. Due to the timing of our filled bags, we coincided with Garrison Green and Hi-Tec Plastics Recycling going through a merger. During this time, they will not be taking in any shells until May 1st. I am confident that we will be able to get our bags picked up shortly after the 1st and begin filling another 5 bags.

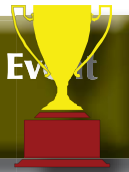
Thank you all for your support in this program and feel that it is running smoothly with the members contributing time and muscle to empty the full barrels. Below is a statement I received from Hi-Tec Plastics with regard to their merger.



"Garrison Green and HTPR are fully committed to making this program work but do realize that in fairness to everyone involved, the program cannot continue to proceed as is. Effective February 1, 2013, the program will be shut down for the next 90 days. This will allow us to get the gun shell recycling equipment up to speed and to restructure the program so that it is more manageable with an end result being a better quality, more dependable program for its members."

Don and Sandy Yeandle

GPGC Monthly Club Shotgun Event March 3, 2013



The Club Shoot went off without a hitch. Lunch was served at noon and shooting began at 1:00. It was a nice day and it really warmed up in the afternoon; The wind blew, but still there were some great scores.

We had 15 skeet shooters and 14 trap shooters. The rotation was each box of shells was to be shot on a different field. It kept everyone moving and it gave everyone a chance to shoot on a different field, making it equal for all. We even had both trap fields open for the two boxes of shells. Several people thought this was a great way to hold the events and it made it challenging and different.

Skeet: A Class Winner - Jeff Zwiebel - 99

Trap: A Class Winner - Wayne Johnson - 47
2nd - Jimmy Powell - 96
2nd - Jimmy Powell - 45

B Class Winner - Gene Wills - 93

B Class Winner - Bryan Roberts - 47
2nd - Randy Walhood - 90
2nd - Darian Mock - 43

C Class Winner - Chris Collinvitti - 92

C Class Winner - Shoot Off with
2nd - Adam Roberts - 89
Ron Costa- winning - 39

D Class Winner - Bryan Roberts - 89
Chris Collinvitti - 39

D Class Winner - Adam Roberts - 39

The next club shoot will be Sunday, April 7, 2013. Lunch will be served at noon and shooting to begin at 1:00. We will shoot 50 12 ga. and 50 28 ga. and 50 trap. We hope to see everyone come and enjoy shooting at the club shoot, remember this is for you!

Ginny

Ginny and Jay Warren

Jayw7@verizon.net ginleew@netzero.com

Range Officer Duty

Wed.	Apr. 3	Jim Wilson
Sat.	Apr. 6	Robert Nicholas
Sun.	Apr. 7	Jay Warren
Wed.	Apr. 10	Al Barsh
Sat.	Apr. 13	Mike Skidmore
		Pistol Range Officer - Dale Holder
Sun.	Apr. 14	Randy Walhood
Wed.	Apr. 17	Josh Wells
Sat.	Apr. 20	Howard Huber
Sun.	Apr. 21	Will Chisum
Wed.	Apr. 24	Joe Bettacchi
Sat.	Apr. 27	Ted Preston
Sun.	Apr. 28	Gene Stewart



Apr. 1 - APRIL FOOL'S DAY
 Apr. 4 - 7:30 GPGC Board of Directors Meeting
 Apr. 7 - 9:00 AM Club Skeet Shoot
 Apr. 9 - 7:30 PM GPGC Board of Directors Meeting
 Apr. 11 - 5:30 PM First Afternoon Beginners Skeet Instruction
 Apr. 13 - 9:00 AM Penny Penwell Memorial Registered Skeet
 Apr. 14 - 9:00 AM Penny Penwell Memorial Registered Skeet
 Apr. 18 - 5:30 PM Beginners Skeet Instruction
 Apr. 20 - 1:00 PM PUBLIC DAY
 Apr. 21 - 1:00 PM Club Sporting Clays Match
 Apr. 25 - 5:30 PM Beginners Skeet Instruction
 Apr. 26 - 7:00 PM NRA Rifle Workshop
 Apr. 27 - 8:00 AM NRA Rifle Workshop
 Apr. 27 - 9:00 AM .22 Pistol Metallic Silhouette Match
 Apr. 27 - 10:00 AM Kids Shoot
 Apr. 28 - NRA Rifle Workshop



Education Classes for 2013

Student Classes

July 8-11-13	October 7-10-12
August 5-8-10	November 4-7-9
September 3 - Tues 5-7	December 2-5-7

Instructor Workshops (Open to the Public)

April 26-27-28	N.R.A. Rifle
May 24-25-26	N.R.A. Shotgun
June 14-15-16	T.P.W.D.
July 26-27-28	T.P.W.D.
September 20-21-22	N.R.A. R,S,D,

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

Beginners Skeet

We will start the Beginner's Skeet instruction on Thursdays starting April 11th at 5:30pm.

Youth Shoot Schedule 2013

Every 4th Saturday of the month we get together with our up and coming shooters. The youth shoot is for 8 to 17 year olds. During the cooler months, we begin our shotgun shooting at 10 am and move to the rifle range at 1 p.m. (October through April). Once the sun starts to get warmer, we move each event up an hour to 9 a.m. for shotgun and 12 noon.

April 27	May 25
June 22	July 27
August 24	September 28
October 26	** November 23
** December 28	

** For these 2 months we have 1 shoot and schedule it based on availability. The date will be e-mailed in November.

For more information or to be added to the Youth Shoot e-mail list please contact Don Yeandle at (817) 825-2535 or don@extramile2.com.

Recipe Corner



Peanut Butter Pie

Submitted by Dale Holder

Miranda Lambert's Recipe from Good Housekeeping

Ingredients

- 1 - 9-in. refrigerated ready-to-use piecrust
- 3/4 c. sugar
- 1/3 c. cornstarch
- 1 tsp. salt
- 4 c. whole milk
- 4 lg. egg yolks, lightly beaten
- 3/4 c. peanut butter (preferably crunchy)
- 3 Tbsp. butter, at room temperature
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla extract
- Freshly whipped sweetened heavy cream, for serving
- Chopped peanuts, for garnish

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 450°F. Place piecrust in 9-in. pie plate; bake as label directs for one-crust pie shell.
2. In 4-quart saucepan, stir together sugar, cornstarch, and salt. In large bowl, whisk milk and egg yolks until blended; gradually whisk into sugar mixture. Heat on medium 6 to 7 minutes or until mixture thickens and boils, stirring constantly. Boil 1 minute, stirring. Remove from heat; stir in peanut butter, butter, and vanilla until well blended.
3. Immediately pour peanut butter mixture into baked pie shell; press plastic wrap onto surface of filling. Refrigerate pie at least 4 hours or until well chilled and set.
4. To serve, top with whipped cream and garnish with chopped peanuts.

Deer Jerky

Submitted by Dale Holder

Ingredients

- 1 pound boneless venison roast
- 4 tablespoons soy sauce
- 4 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons liquid smoke flavoring
- 1 tablespoon ketchup
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon onion salt
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Directions

1. Slice meat into long strips, 1 inch wide and 1/8 inch thick. In a large resealable plastic bag, combine soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, liquid smoke, ketchup, pepper, garlic powder, onion salt and salt. Place meat in, and close bag. Refrigerate overnight. Knead occasionally, to evenly distribute marinade.
2. Preheat oven to 160 degrees F (70 degrees C). Place a pan on the bottom of oven to catch drips, or line with aluminum foil.
3. Place meat strips on a rack so that they do not touch each other, and dehydrate for 6 to 8 hours in the oven, or until desired consistency is achieved.

.22 Pistol Metallic Silhouette and Bullseye Pistol Matches 2013 Schedule

The **Silhouette Shoots** will be held the 4th Saturday of each month. We set up at 8:00 AM and begin the shoots at 9:00 AM.

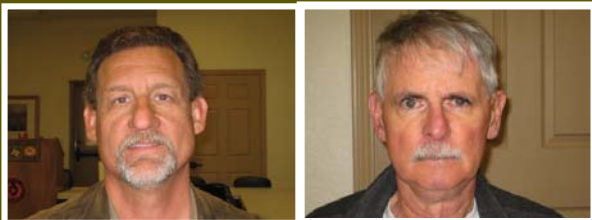
Apr 27	July 27	Oct 26
May 25	Aug 24	Nov 23
June 22	Sep 28	Dec 28

Bullseye Pistol Matches will be held every Thursday at 6:00 PM

Match directors:

Dan Brown - drdanbrown@att.net
Jim Wilson - jkw948@yahoo.com

Welcome New Members!



Mark Hummert

Leonard Senerote

.22 cal. Pistol Silhouette Shoot March 2013

The March silhouette shoot was rained out!

Thanks

Thanks to all that helped put on the FITASC shoot March 16th. These events could not happen without a lot of volunteer help. Also **Gene Wills** has been tilling up bare spots and planting new grass on our skeet fields. **Paul Stringer** made new instruction signs for the rifle range free of charge.

Thanks to the Penny Penwell contributors! The people and businesses listed below have added to the prize money.

- HOA by **Elizabeth Hoskins**
- 12Ga. Winner by **Mike Gerschick** representing 3 on 8
- 12 Ga. RU by **Donny Penwell** of **Mica Crane Service**
- 20 Ga. Winner contributors, **Jamie Gaines**, **Rocky Goodman**, **Gene Stewart**, **Bill Sinnnoit** and **Van Boerner**
- 28 Ga. Winner by **Jeff Nekuza**
- .410 bore Winner by **Gary Edwards** of **W.G. Edwards Co. LLC**

JOB OPENING!!!

The Gun Club needs a reporter/photographer. There is a great need for someone or several people to attend many functions at the gun club and do reports on them for the newsletter as well as taking photos.

Sharon West and I have been putting together the Bullet-tin since January 2003, and there have been a few issues late, but we have not missed one. Sharon is the publisher, and Jeff Zwiebel handles circulation. I have been the reporter, editor, and photographer, or at least the person that bugs the people that sponsor the events to provide me with write-ups and pictures. If you wonder why there are not more articles about the rifle range, trap shoots, archery, or hunter education, it is because either nothing is going on there or because the people in charge do not find the time to provide me the info.

As many of you know, I have been having some health issues and will probably continue to have them, so I am in need of help. I need someone to attend events, take pictures, and write articles. It is not a hard job, and it can be very rewarding. Let me know if you can help or just want to ask questions about it.

Sorry if you have recently been receiving spam from me. It was an accident, and I think I have it fixed.

Thanks, Terry Cullender
terrycullender@yahoo.com

The Report from The Registered Line

Spring is (allegedly) here and it is time once again for GPGC skeeter dudes and dudettes to get the shotguns out of the gun safe, check the pressure in the tires and set out to conquer the world of registered skeet. A number of GPGC members headed down I-35 to the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio the weekend of March 22-24 for the Blaser Skeet Classic, one of the biggest spring shoots in Texas. The weather was gorgeous for the Friday Doubles event, and warm and fairly windless for both the 12GA and 20GA on Saturday; but on Sunday Mother Nature decided to have a laugh and brought winter back with cold temperatures and strong winds. In the 12GA event both Jon McDonald and Mike Gerschick shot 100's and went on to win AA1 and A1, respectively, by shoot-off. Mike had to out-shoot two other competitors, while Jon had to beat well over a half a dozen to nab the AA win. Jon was also Triple Sub Champ out of five other hundreds. Way to represent in shoot-offs, guys! In the .410 bore event, Tom Sipe took B1 with a 95.

A reminder, there are only a few spots left for the upcoming "Mr. Penny" Penwell Memorial shoot the weekend of April 13th. Good shooting, good food and good company, what's not to love? Please contact Robert Nicholas at 214-325-9653 if you'd like to join in the fun!

The brags coming into this reporter have been skimpy; remember if you don't tell me, I can't brag on you. Send the info to maryannjenkins@me.com

maryannjenkins@me.com

Club Skeet Schedule 2013

Sun. - Apr. 7 - Noon	Sun. - May 11 - Noon
Sat. - June 9 - 9 AM	Sun. - July 7 - 9 AM
Sun. - Aug. 4 - 9 AM	Sun. - Sept. 8 - 9 AM
Sun. - Oct. 6 - Noon	Sun. - Nov. 3 - All Day

February shoots through October will be 3 event shoots. February 10th will be 50 - 12ga.skeet, 50 - 12ga. Doubles and 50 trap targets. November 3rd will be an all day event 4-gun club championship.

New Directors: Jay Warren and Ginny Warren - jayw7@verizon.net and ginleew@netzero.com



Craig Neill and Bill Schweitzer at the pistol range measuring for a gong at the 50-yard line

Sporting Clays Matches Schedule 2013

April 21st - 1:00 PM	May 19th - 1:00 PM
July 21st - 1:00 PM	August 18th - 1:00 PM
October 20th - 1:00 PM	November 17th - 1:00 PM

No shoot in June, September or December
Jason Foshea, fosheajason@hotmail.com



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Spring Skeet League



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Beginners Skeet Shooting 2013

Thursday afternoons beginning April 11 and going through May, approx. 5:30 pm till dark, Bill Schweitzer, with help from 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.

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 where you are shooting and what to do to correct whatever needs adjustment.

Any questions??

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**The Grand Prairie
Gun Club**
PRESENTS
**WARREN "MR. PENNY"
PENWELL MEMORIAL**

**REGISTERED SKEET SHOOT
400 TARGETS**

Events:

SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2012

Event 1	12 Ga.	100 Targets
Event 2	28 Ga.	100 Targets

SUNDAY April 14, 2012

Event 3	20 Ga.	100 Targets
Event 4	.410	100 Targets

Event 5 High Overall (HOA)
100 targets shot concurrently with the 12, 20, 28,
and .410 - Based on NSSA 4-gun average (not
lower than your lowest gun class)
All money returned to class

\$10.00 entry fee

HOA Champ comes out of class and receives

\$400

HOA Runner Up comes out of class and receives

\$250

Entry Fees

\$49.00 PER 100 TARGETS

PLUS DAILY FEES

\$10.00 RETURNED TO CLASS

Rotations: ROT. 1 ROT. 2 ROT. 3

SAT.				
12 Ga.	9:00	10:30	12:00	
28 Ga.	1:30	3:00	4:30	
SUN.				
20 Ga.	10:30	12:00	9:00	
.410	3:00	4:30	1:30	

Gun Champions

Champ comes out of class and receives **\$250**

Runner up comes out of class and receives **\$150**

Class Purse Splits:

1-5 Shooters	One Winner
6-10 Shooters	60/40
11-15 Shooters	50/30/20
16 and up	40/30/20/10

HANDICAP OPTIONS

\$10.00 ENTRY FEE PER GUN

ALL MONEY RETURNED

CLASS	.410	28	20	12
AAA	2	1	0	0
AA	4	2	2	1
A	7	3	3	2
B	9	5	4	3
C	11	7	5	4
D	13	9	6	5
E				6

HOA Handicap Jackpot Option \$10.00

Winner receives payout and FREE 4 guns plus

HOA entry into 2014 Tournament

Money splits same as class purse split

Shoot Off will be Handicapped by gauge

Kentucky Doubles for shoot off

(AAA/AA-410; A-28ga; B-20ga; C/D-12ga)

Shooting Bonus:

AAA/AA 12 ga winner receives 2014 entry in 12 ga event

A 20 ga winner receives 2014 entry in 20 ga event

B 28 ga winner receives 2014 entry in 28 ga event

C/D 410 winner receives 2014 entry in 410 event

All 2014 entry wins are

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Concurrents:

All age concurrent groups are available at no cost for honors only

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ONLY non-classified or junior shooters may shoot "Targets Only"

SHOOT OFFS

Doubles at 3, 4, and 5 Miss and Out

Fair-Pair in the Air

No limit on allowed gun malfunctions

RULES:

This shoot is governed by the NSSA and NSSA rules will govern. Texas residents must have a current TSSA card. **Grand Prairie Gun Club** reserves the right to change this program without recourse or protest. Professional referees will be furnished by TSSA

Shoot management may cause the withdrawal or refuse the entry of any competitor for disruptive or unsportsmanlike behavior.

FOOD

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided both

Saturday and Sunday

Saturday Night Social

Saturday night social will feature a Shrimp Boil

Dinner included for shooters, \$8 for guest.

PRACTICE

Practice may be available at \$4.00 per round

\$50.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED

Please email or call for squadding times and availability. Deposit is required prior to March 30 to insure positions. Preference will be given to sponsors, returning shooters and 4 gun shooters. Deposits will not be returned for cancelation after April 3, 2012.

Mail Deposits to:

Attn: Robert Nicholas

Grand Prairie Gun Club

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Grand Prairie, TX 75053-0274

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If you need shot, please contact us.

Adriana Gentilini & Johnny DeLeon
Tel. 214-674-4227 ♦ Tel. 214-553-4454

shotorder@gmail.com

FITASC TOURNAMENT RESULTS

On Saturday March 23rd, GPGC hosted a first ever registered Sporting Clays event. We held a 75 target—3 Parcour FITASC tournament. We awarded over \$200 in prize money. As you can see from the results, we had great representation in all classes, and the winners won a “punch” which are points earned by top scorers that determine their classification. Example, it requires 6 “punches” for a “D” class shooter to graduate to the “C” class. The number of punches required to advance are more at each level—it takes 20 “AA” punches to achieve “Master Class” status.

Prior to the event, we had pre-booked every slot of the 54 we had available, unfortunately the threat of rain deterred a few shooters, but we had a couple walk ups and finished with 52 total participants. This is particularly good, since a shoot is required to have 50 shooters in order to award “All-American” points. We had a number of top area shooters attend, including our first champion, Ronnie Mericle, William Walton—2nd Team All-American, Jerry Steadham, reigning US ZZ-Bird champion, and noted shooter and range owner David Neiderer—owns Fossil Pointe Sporting Grounds in Slidell, TX.

The event itself ran very smoothly and we hired local noted FITASC referee, Mark Davidson to head up our officiating. Prior to the shoot he trained GP GC members Jason Foshea, Will Chisum, and GPGC Guest Dan Spence—who are now official FITASC refs! In spite of the early rain, we did start on time and registration ran smoothly—special recognition to Dan Spence for setting up the tournament for us, bringing his own equipment and heading up registration. He, along with members Steve Allen and Jason Davidson made sure it ran smoothly—great job guys! The day prior to the event, yours truly, Darian Mock made sure all the machines were set, the batteries charged, machines filled, etc . . . this paid off as we had no major breakdowns and refilling machines was a snap with the help of GPGC member Matt Burke during the event.

We did cater lunch, provided by our official club caterer, Bartley’s, and as usual they delivered on another fine product! This was very much appreciated by the participants as many were not expecting it. Very special thanks, to Gene Wills and Robert Nicholas for the help during the lunch hours—the ice cream was a nice touch!

Many of the participants in the tourney had never been to GPGC, many had no idea we existed and several inquired about memberships. I had several folks come up to me and said they would attend a shoot every time we through it, they thought the targets were fair, creative, and our club was first rate in running this tournament. Even though it was our first, no one would know it, since it ran so smooth. We did learn that we could use a couple more volunteers to help with registration and as well we could use a couple more reserve refs. Right now we are looking at the calendar and intend to throw at least 2 more tournaments this year and based on the feedback and how much we’ve learned, we will add a 4th flight and take the number of entrants to a max of 72. Look for another event in May or June, and again this fall in October.

I would also like to thank the GPGC Development Board for believing in us and providing us with top-notch equipment to use for these endeavors. As a GPGC member, you too can participate in these events and if you haven’t given Sporting Clays or FITASC a try, you should come out to our monthly club shoots. Based on the success and the word getting out, I suspect we will have more participants in our monthly shoots.



FITASC TOURNAMENT RESULTS

GPGC FITASC RESULTS				
Shooter	PAR 1	PAR 2	PAR 3	Total
Class M (19)				
M1 RONALD A MERICLE	24	24	23	71
JERRY STEADHAM	24	23	21	68
WILLIAM WALTON	22	23	22	67
GARY VAN SANT	24	21	22	67
JUSTIN NAPIER	20	25	21	66
RYAN OOTEN	21	21	23	65
DAVID NIEDERER	22	19	23	64
JASON DAVIDSON	21	21	21	63
DUB BRACKEEN	18	22	18	58
JAMES TEAL	19	20	18	57
MIKE HUBBARD	18	21	18	57
MIKE ALOISIO	19	21	16	56
TERRY MCGILLIVRAY	18	20	16	54
GAYLORD JOHNSON	16	16	21	53
DAVID WARD	19	18	14	51
MICHAEL WILLIAMS	17	18	15	50
TODD ANDJULIS	15	15	16	46
JACK BAKER	14	17	13	44
KEN BROOKS	14	15	8	37
Class AA (9)				
AA1 KYLE MCGILLIVRAY	24	18	22	64
JOE BILL REID	20	22	20	62
LARRY COLLIER	21	21	18	60
RUSSELL JAMES	21	20	16	57
MARC RICHMAN	18	18	18	54
BENJAMIN L BOWERS	17	21	16	54
WEAVER BRANCH	18	19	15	52
LARRY ANDERSON	13	19	18	50
GERALD EVATT	11	9	6	26

Class A (4)				
A1 BRIAN HEBERT	19	20	18	57
SHANE TIQUIN	23	17	16	56
MICHAEL YOUNG	19	21	15	55
BOB CARMICHAEL	15	19	19	53
Class B (5)				
B1 RICHARD OOTEN	19	20	17	56
JEREMY BAGLEY	16	19	16	51
VICTORIA FEATHER	16	17	17	50
MIKE MABRY	17	17	12	46
STEVE GRIFFIN	11	17	14	42
Class C (7)				
C1 STEVE ALLEN	18	19	18	55
MATTHEW BURKE	18	18	17	53
TYLER BALDWIN	16	17	19	52
BILLY ONION	13	20	18	51
GARY TUFTE	13	17	14	44
W A WILLS	12	16	15	43
DAVID BLAKEMORE	7	21	10	38
Class D (5)				
D1 CLINT BITNER	16	18	12	46
BOB JAECKS	15	14	16	45
CHRISTOPHER AYRES	18	15	11	44
SAM JAMES	13	12	12	37
W H ENDERS	12	11	13	36
Class E (3)				
E1 JACKSON MARINCIK	18	18	7	43
PHILIP SYKES	13	9	9	31
MARK MARINCIK	7	9	6	22
Bold Names are GPGC Members				



FITASC TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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 "Parcours". Bigger events will have over 150 targets, whilst the European and World Events are staged over 200 targets, 50 shot each day.

The Parcours 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.



Charles Richerson's Trip to Alaska



Denali Mountain in Alaska



Hiking in Bear Country near Garwood, Alaska. I did see a bear later that day. Notice the ugly short barrel shotgun I am carrying.



Denali sign



Sign post at the end of the Alcan Highway in Tok, Alaska



My sister, Linda, who joined me for two weeks in Alaska at the end of Alcan Highway sign in Tok, Alaska



No-name gravel road in Montana



Mount Rushmore

My trusty ride, a Chinook RV, somewhere in Montana



Old Faithful



At Diamond Tooth Gertie's saloon in Dawson, Yukon. I am holding my winnings (about \$300) and Gertie.

Bullseye Match Results

March

March 14: We had 6 participants last night. It was a beautiful weather, in the 70s and no wind.

The participants were: Mike Horton, Jim Grabbe, Jim Wilson, Ed Dotson, Dan Brown and Ron McCuller

The high scorers were: Jim Wilson, Jim Grabbe, and Ed Dotson

Jim Wilson really did not finish 3rd and can't add. See the score sheet below.

Jim Grabbe, shooting a Walthers GSP.22 shot a 265-3Xs for first place.

Ed Dotson, shooting a M 1911 45, shot a 252-4Xs, for second place.

Both Jim Grabbe and Ed shot one-handed. Both had red dot sights on their guns.

I shot a 230-2Xs using my Ruger Mk II with iron sights for 3rd place.

We lamented that there were several "regular shooters" not there for various reasons, and hoped that they could join us for the match next week.

March 21: We had 9 shooters to participate tonight in beautiful but windy weather. It was in the lower 70s. The shooters were as below in the picture: Dan Brown, Gary Ledbetter, Ed Dotson, Jim Wilson, Floyd Jester, Adam Kolek, Meredith Turney (behind Mike Horton), Mike Horton, and Jim Grabbe.

The high scorers were:

Floyd Jester, first place, shooting his Benelli .32 S&W iron sighted, using a two-hand hold. He shot a 273-7Xs for score.

Jim Grabbe, second place, shooting his Walthers GSM .22 and a red dot sight, using a one-hand hold. He shot a 268-4Xs for score.

Ed Dotson, third place, shot his M 1911 with a red dot sight, using a one-hand hold. He shot a 259-7Xx score.

Congratulations guys, And this was Floyd's first Thursday night match! The score sheet is given below.

Dan Brown



Thanks to Ron McCuller's wife for taking the picture!



Jim Wilson, Jim Grabbe, and Ed Dotson




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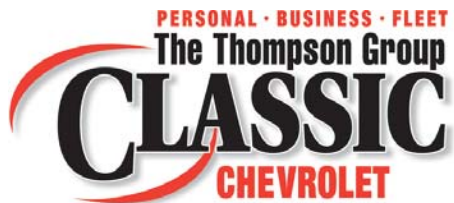


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