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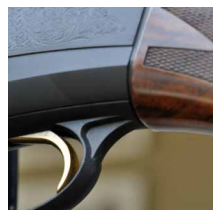
Tough Enough to Wear Pink



Mark your calendars for October 16th, 2010. The monthly club skeet shoot starts at 10 AM. October is national breast cancer awareness month and we will be shooting for charity. In addition to the regular monthly shoot there will be a special lewis class event.

Check inside for additional details.

Last Chance Open



Coming up on October 30th, 2010. Whether you are an old pro or a new shooter, you won't want to miss this event!

Check inside for additional details.

President's Message

by Gene Ragle



When the board selected me to serve as the 2010 President I felt that my greatest challenge would be maintaining financial stability of the club while updating the fields. The fire on January 28th made a difficult task take a quantum leap to seemingly impossible. The club's income was down and then regressed further to no income for approximately eight weeks. However, with **Jimmy Phillips** as manager, a very supportive board and membership, we have emerged as a club to be proud of.

I would like to see the next regime continue to address repairs needed for the skeet houses and renovation of the driveway and rental property. On a larger scale, I feel it is important that FWTS continue to promote the shooting sports through competition, charitable donations and support of organizations like the NRA and 4H.

As my term comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone who helped meet each challenge we encountered and I hope you will be as supportive of your next Board of Directors. KEEP SHOOTING!!! G.R.

Last Chance Open

The Last Chance Open tournament will be held at FWTS on October 30th. For those that are new to registered shoots, this is a great opportunity to get your feet wet. It is a four gun event with 50 birds per gun.

You can shoot one or all of the guns, any combination! Weather is always nice and, with only 50 birds per gun, shooting is done in one day!

For more information on this event contact **Tracy Ragle** at generagleglass@yahoo.com or 817-597-6656. Break 3 at 8!



Club Skeet Shoot

We had a nice turnout for the August club skeet shoot. Summer was still full swing but it wasn't the evil hot that we shot in for the July shoot. Our top shooters this month were: **Matt Sprague** with a 50 (12 gauge) and a 48 (28 gauge), **Rob Wilson** with a 49 (12 gauge) and a 46 (28 gauge), Mark Cutler with a 49 (12 gauge), Gordon Bain with a 48 (12 gauge) and a 45 (28 gauge), **Richard McCarter** with a 46 (12 gauge) and a 47 (28 gauge), **Wilbert Prather** with a 46 (12 gauge) and a 46 (28 gauge), **Morgan Swanson** with a 45 (12 gauge), **MG Ames** with a 45 (28 gauge). Nice shooting guys!

As you can see in the overall standings below, there are several close races. These should go down to the wire. Next month's shoot is scheduled for Oct. 16 (*note this date has changed*). We will be shooting 20 and 410 gauges. Hope to see you there.



	12 Gauge		20 Gauge		28 Gauge		410 bore		HOA	
	Name/Points		Name/Points		Name/Points		Name/Points		Name/Points	
AA	Matt Sprague	8	Allen Cline	8	Matt Sprague	8	Allen Cline	8	Matt Sprague	11
			Mike Schmitt	4	Allen Cline	4	Richard Parr	7	Allen Cline	8
			Matt Sprague	3			Mike Schmitt	3	Mike Schmitt	4
			John Devnew	2			Matt Sprague	2	John Devnew	2
A	Wilbert Prather	18	Wilbert Prather	10	Wilbert Prather	17	Wilbert Prather	10	Wilbert Prather	25
	Richard McCarter	6	Richard Parr	5	Richard McCarter	8	Richard Mc-	4	Richard Parr	9
	Johnny Moore	3	Tom Deaton	4	Johnny Moore	4	Carter	3	Richard Mc-	8
							Tom Deaton	3	Carter	
							Johnny Moore			
B	Mark Cutler	16	Mark Cutler	8	Mark Cutler	16	Mark Cutler	8	Mark Cutler	24
	Bob Kelly	7	Bob Kelly	4	Bob Kelly	7	Bob Kelly	4	Bob Kelly	11
C	MG Ames	15	Gordon Bain	15	Gordon Bain	16	Gordon Bain	15	Gordon Bain	30
	Gordon Bain	13	MG Ames	7	MG Ames	12	Gene Ragle	7	MG Ames	19
	Gene Ragle	5	Gene Ragle	5	Gene Ragle	5	MG Ames	5	Gene Ragle	11
D	Gene Colvin	13	Gene Colvin	10	Tim Orr	9	Cecil Williams	10	Cecil Williams	15
	Tracy Ragle	8	Cecil Williams	7	Tracey Ragle	7	David Dils	7	Tim Orr	14
	Cecil Williams	7	Tracy Ragle	6	Cecil Williams	5	Tim Orr	5	Tracey Ragle	13

Club Trap Shoot

Fire, flooded trap houses, cold, heat and wind -- All hurdles cleared by the FWTS club trap shooters this 2010 season!



Trap shooting was great this year!

All those that participated in the club shoots are winners in my book! Here are the Champions:



High Over All Champion – Rich Hatler 431

Singles Champion – Jim Painter 149

Doubles Champion – Noel Blaas 136

Handicap Champion – Tom McElroy 139

Ladies Singles Champion – Janice Weeks 137

Ladies Doubles Champion – Taylor Dennett 101

Ladies Handicap Champion – Devan Bauer 106

Singles Class “A” Champion – Johnny Burns 145

Singles Class “B” Champion – David Weeks 142

Singles Class “C” Champion – Brad Rudd 140

Doubles Class “A” Champion – Joel Powell 114**

Doubles Class “B” Champion – Mark Cutler 107**

Doubles Class “C” Champion – Kevin Bauer 86

Handicap Short Yardage Champion – Don Weeks 136

Handicap Middle Yardage Champion – Dwain Batts 137

Handicap Long Yardage Champion – Russell Carpenter 126**

High Overall Junior Champion – Morgan Swanson 121*

Buckles were awarded in the order listed.

Members may only win one buckle.

*Shooter must have shot three scores in an event to be eligible for a buckle, except were this rule would mean the buckle would not be awarded.

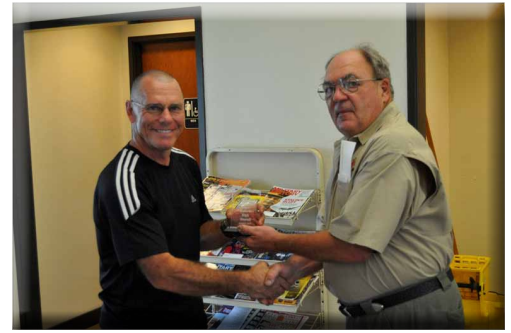
**When a buckle could not be awarded due to no eligible shooters in the event: example all shooters in class “A” had already won a buckle, the highest score in the next class “B” took the “A” buckle and so on.

Summer Leagues were a Success!

Summer leagues ended in August. Once again we had a great turnout on both nights reaching full capacity. Some photos of the Monday night winners are below.



Monday 1st Place team: Dave Butcher, Regan Borg, David Lancaster, Loren Young, Matt Fugua



High Overall: Rob Wilson



High Skeet: Danny Abshire



Monday 2nd Place Team: Malorie Crowell, Stuart Schuster, Erica Addison, Rob Wilson, Bob Crowell

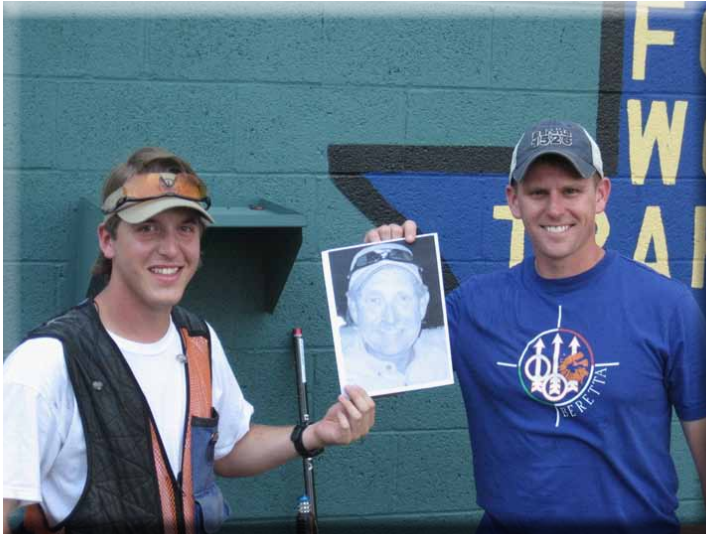


High Lady: Malorie Crowell



High Trap: Matt Fugua

Tuesday Night Winners



High Overall: Travis Mears
High Skeet: Lonnie Mears
High Trap: Andrew Reed
High Lady: Amy Wolfe (not pictured)

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Tuesday 1st Place Team: Jeff Bryan, Jerry Klipstine,
Lonnie Mears, Travis Mears, Ken Fields, Trey
Ehrhardt (Not Pictured)



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Tuesday 2nd Place Team: B. Hoefin, M. Riley, G. Melton,
T. Donohue, J. Culberson and S. Allen



Are you “Tough Enough to Wear PINK?”

October is the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We are going to hold a fund raising event to support the Susan G. Komen for the Cure campaign against breast cancer. Show up in your pink shirt to show support for Breast Cancer awareness. The fund raiser event will be concurrent with the monthly club skeet shoot on October 9.

By wearing your pink shirt you are eligible to participate in our Lewis Class event (www.sportingclays.net/lewisclass.pdf). There is a \$10 entrance fee, per gun (20 and 410). We will have three classes in each event; with a 60/40 payout.

Oh by the way, if you don't wear pink, you can still participate but you will have to pay an additional \$10 'wimp out penalty fee'. Additionally we will have some door prizes for those lucky shooters that are thrown a pink bird (if you hit it). This should be a fun event and we will raise some money for a worthy cause.

Visit www.nbcam.org to learn more about National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Range Safety

By David Weeks

A few concerns have been brought up on league night but we can all use a reminder about gun safety while shooting at FWTS.

1. First I want to emphasize that everyone please check your shotgun at home to ensure it is unloaded prior to arriving at the club. Seeing anyone unload a shotgun in the parking lot is not comforting.
2. Next, whether your shotgun is loaded or not, please be mindful of where you are sweeping the muzzle of your gun. Lack of muzzle control combined with #1 above makes people dive for the dirt and can be upsetting.
3. Lastly, I want to emphasize *no one load their shotgun until they have stepped into the shooting box*. Loading your shotgun or closing it while walking up to the station is not acceptable.



I know that most of us walk around with loaded guns while hunting and that is fine. However, trap and skeet shooting is not hunting. Please NEVER rely on your safety to prevent shooting someone. Most shotgun safeties simply prevent the trigger from being pulled; They do not block or disconnect the sear like on many safe action pistols.

On most shotguns, even with the trigger blocked, the only thing keeping the hammer from releasing is the TINY amount of engagement between the sear and the hammer. A jar, jolt or mechanical failure could allow the hammer to fall and the gun could go off. Make sure the muzzle is always pointed in a safe direction away from anyone or object that you do not want destroyed.

Newcomer's Corner

By Wayne Cook

At registered shoots, other "games" (also known as purses or options) will frequently be offered in addition to the regular shoot rankings of gun champ, HOA, etc. At the Cowtown Open last month at FWTS, the Oklahoma Option and Handicap were offered. These games are based on your 100-shot scores per gun/gauge in the regular events, and are completely optional. They can be a fun way to win a few extra bucks. Below is generally how each works – for more information check out this or other websites: www.sportingclays.net/lewisclass.pdf.

Lewis Class System – generally, everyone who signs up and pays the entry fee for this game is included in the pool. Once shooting is completed, the scores are listed in numerical order from high to low. The pool is then divided into however many groups as decided upon by the shoot committee, and the top shooter in each group wins that group's money. In other words, if there are 100 entries paying \$10 each, and the shoot organizers decided on 4 groups, the top shooter in each group wins \$250. That would be in a perfect world, where only one score is highest in a group. In the event of ties, the money is divided equally among all high scorers within each group. *Example: if in group 3 there are five 90's shot, and that's the high score for that group, each would win \$50.*

There are a few more specifics as far as ties at the top and bottoms of the groups, but this is generally how Lewis Class System works. Raw score isn't that important, it's where your score falls within the groups. You can win with a 75 or 100!

Oklahoma Option – uses groupings of 50 shots within a specified gauge. The nominal entry fees are used as prize money paid to the winners in each of 3 groups. There may also be more than one place paid – for example, 1st and 2nd in each group may win, with 60% going to 1st place and 40% to 2nd. Paying 3 places would be in maybe a 50/30/20 split.

Your 1st and 2nd 25-shot rounds are used in Group 1, your 2nd and 3rd 25-shot round totals are used in Group 2, and your 3rd and 4th 25-shot rounds are added for your Group 3 score. Within each group, the winners of each place are determined and paid.

Example: 7 shooters pay \$15 entry fee, totaling \$105. Each group would have a \$35 purse (\$105 / 3 groups).

If in Group 1, there is one 50 and a 49 and the rest 48 and below, the 50 shooter wins 60% (\$21) of group 1's purse and the 49 shooter gets 40% (\$14). If in Group 2 there were two 50's and all others were less, the two 50-shooters would split that group's purse evenly (\$17.50 each). If in Group 3 there was one 50 and two 49's and all other scores less than 49, the winner gets 60% (\$21), and the two 49-shooters split 40% and get \$7 each (\$14/2).

Handicap Option – the shoot committee will use a Handicap Option Table similar to the one shown below, which gives shooters in different classes "handicap" birds to be added to their score (maximum score=100). All shooters in all classes in each gun event shoot against each other, with the lower class shooters receiving more handicap birds to level the playing field. Ties are usually divided evenly.

	410	28	20	12
AAA	2	1	0	0
AA	3	2	1	0
A	6	3	2	1
B	8	4	3	2
C	10	6	4	3
D	13	9	6	4
E				6

From the mail bag

I received an email from a member fairly new to shotgunning and the club, who was interested in shooting with others of similar experience level and maybe having an orientation class. We've all been there, and sometimes it can be a bit intimidating to always have to practice with guys who've been shooting for years and who shoot well. If interested in getting together with other new shooters in a very informal environment, get to know each other and break a few clays, send me an email. I'll be there to answer questions, and help as needed. Should be fun.



If you have specific questions you'd like to see addressed, feel free to email them to me at ourteam001@netzero.com. We can incorporate them into this section, or I can respond directly to your questions or concerns via email.

So here's to breaking birds the FWTS way....

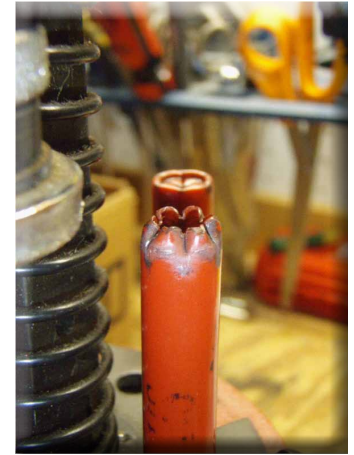
Til next time, **Wayne**

Reloader's Round-up

by Bob Kelly

Probably the most frustrating shotshell reloading job there is, are the sub gauges, 28 and .410. With the introduction of the HS hulls by Winchester I was nearly ready to give up – particularly with 28 gauge. But...just a little trick on my MEC presses smoothed out the reload, made the hulls last longer, and they look better. Now all I have in the small gauges are the HS hulls, and they work the best.

Inside the crimp starter die is the little piece of formed metal like a ring that is supposed to swivel around inside and align itself automatically with the existing crimp pattern on the hull about to be crimped. But on six point crimps that little piece of metal has a hard time getting to the right spot. If it gets stuck between crimp valleys, the final crimp gets crunched and disfigured. So....I used a bit of super glue to stick that crimp starting ring in one place and then marked my die with a Sharpie to coincide with a crimp valley. As a result, I crimp each hull in the same place every time. The hull keeps a "memory" for the form and folds perfectly every time. It takes a little longer reloading to look at the hull and twist it to line up with the mark, but the reloads come out nice and neat. These .410 loads are using Alliant 2400 powder, Winchester primers, and Federal .410 wads on an old MEC 650 press.



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