

THE BULLSHOOTER



A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FORT WORTH TRAP & SKEET CLUB

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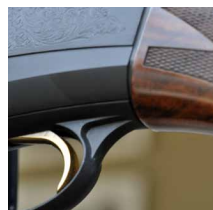
Annual Business Meeting



Mark your calendars for October 2nd, 2010. The club shoot starts at 10 AM (lunch will served from 11 - 1) and the business meeting is at 4 PM.

Club happenings, financial report and plans for the upcoming year will be covered. You will also have the opportunity to vote for your Board of Directors. See you there!

Last Chance Open



Coming up on October 30th. Whether your 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



During the last Board of Director's meeting the date was set for the Annual Business meeting and Club Shoot. On October 2nd members will be allowed to shoot \$3.00 rounds, compete for buckles and have a complimentary lunch. A program and proxy will be sent to you by e-mail if available or traditional mail if necessary. The day will be concluded with the business meeting and a trap boy calcutta. Please leave room in your schedule so that you can enjoy good food, good friends and good shooting!!

Speaking of good shooting, FWTS recently hosted the 2010 Cowtown Open Skeet Tournament and what a success for our club! Ninety two shooters registered and almost one third of those shooters were ranked AAA-A. This roster included the likes of **Rocky Goodman**, **Stuart McCain** and **Chris Simmons** and for those of you familiar with registered shoots, these names

are shooting celebrities. Our own **Allen Cline** and **Andrew Reed** also put on some impressive performances and those details are found in the shoot report. I would like to extend my sincerest thanks for organizing this event to my wife, **Tracy Ragle** who directed an event that received compliments from a majority of the shooters. Tracy credits the event's success to the staff of FWTS as well as some dedicated friends who volunteered time and talents.

Registered shoots, for those who have never experienced them are contests of endurance and concentration as well as shooting ability. While I encourage everyone to try at least one tournament, be forewarned that conditioning and nutrition are necessary for success. The experts recommend practicing in a format that will imitate the shoot schedule, e.g. 100 shots in the morning and 100 shots in the afternoon. Do not forget to add some doubles at the end of your day, in the event you are called to championship shoot-off! So it sounds like a lot of work doesn't it? Well why would you want to do it? Because not only have you challenged other shooters but you have also challenged yourself. It is also an opportunity to shoot at different clubs and meet people who like shooting sports as much as you do and the greatest thing is you are all blowing stuff up!!!

Consult your favorite shooting pro for additional tips and the FWTS Last Chance Open tournament on October 30 may be a good place to start. The Last Chance is only 50 birds per event and lasts only one day. Normally, the high octane shooters have finished their season by this time and we mere mortals have less to fear.

However you choose to participate in the shooting sports, remember FWTS needs your support, we are a "members only" group so if we don't do what needs to be done, it will not get done. I am very proud to be associated with the caliber of people that make up our membership and the potential for continued success of FWTS is present because of you. Keep Shooting! GR

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

As you might expect for August, it was hot; even though we started at 10 am, the temperature was easily in the mid 90's and climbing by the time we finished at noon. Nevertheless, we had a good turnout of 15 hearty shooters show up for the August club skeet shoot. A good time was had by all. Our top shooters this month were: **Allen Cline** with a 48 (20 gauge) and a 49 (410), **Richard Parr** with a 49 (20 gauge) and a 47 (410), **Gordon Bain** with a 48 (20 gauge), **MG Ames** with a 47 (20 gauge), **Willis Murphey** with a 47 (20 gauge), **Cecil Williams** with a 45 (20 gauge), and **Gene Ragle** with a 45 (20 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 September 11. We will be shooting 12 and 28 gauges. Hope to see you there.



	12 Gauge		20 Gauge		28 Gauge		410 bore		HOA	
Class	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
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A	Wilbert Prather	15	Wilbert Prather	10	Wilbert Prather	14	Wilbert Prather	10	Wilbert Prather	23
	Richard McCarter	4	Richard Parr	5	Richard McCarter	4	Richard McCarter	4	Richard Parr	8
	Johnny Moore	3	Tom Deaton	4	Johnny Moore	4	Tom Deaton	3	Richard McCarter	6
			Richard McCarter	2			Johnny Moore	3	Johnny Moore	5
			Johnny Moore	2					Tom Deaton	3
B	Mark Cutler	12	Mark Cutler	8	Mark Cutler	12	Mark Cutler	8	Mark Cutler	20
	Bob Kelly	7	Bob Kelly	4	Bob Kelly	7	Bob Kelly	4	Bob Kelly	11
C	MG Ames	12	Gordon Bain	15	Gordon Bain	12	Gordon Bain	15	Gordon Bain	26
	Gordon Bain	9	MG Ames	7	MG Ames	9	Gene Ragle	7	MG Ames	16
	Gene Ragle	5	Gene Ragle	5	Gene Ragle	5	MG Ames	5	Gene Ragle	11
D	Gene Colvin	12	Gene Colvin	10	Tracey Ragle	7	Cecil Williams	10	Tracey Ragle	13
	Tracy Ragle	8	Cecil Williams	7	Tim Orr	6	David Dils	7	Cecil Williams	13
	Tim Orr	5	Tracy Ragle	6	David Dils	4	Tim Orr	5	David Dils	10
	Cecil Williams	4	Eric Colvin	4	Cecil Williams	4	Tracy Ragle	5	Tim Orr	10
	Wayne Cook	2	Willis Murphey	4	Willis Murphey	3	Carol Shelton	4	Willis Murphey	7
	Willis Murphey	2	Carol Shelton	4	Wayne Cook	1	Willis Murphey	3	Wayne Cook	2
	Caro Colvin	1	David Dils	3			Wayne Cook	1		
	David Dils	1	Tim Orr	3						
	Ray Gentry/	1	Bill Haggerty	2						
			Caro Colvin	1						
			Wayne Cook	1						

Club Trap Shoot

Well, let me start by saying it was HOT for the August club shoot, but this did not deter 15 members from signing up for the event. - Joel Powell



Trap shooting is hot!

These 15 represented 39 total entries in the 50 target events. Well done folks! The temp was high, but the wind was mild, which made for some good shooting at this month's shoot. Some of the notable scores are listed below. With one shoot left in the 2010 season we have some ties that may need to be broken by a shoot-off, but I'll wait for next month's scores and not put that "old horse before the cart"!

Oh yea, did I mention it was HOT at the club shoot???? We had two first timers to the club trap shoot join us this month, welcome to **Malorie Crowell & Colt Fadal**.



Some notable scores:

Singles:

Noel Blaas and Rich Hatler 50

Jim Painter and David Weeks 47

Handicap:

Tom McElroy 47

Noel Blaas, Rich Hatler, Joel Powell, Malorie Crowell all with 45

Doubles:

Noel Blaas 47

David Weeks and Rich Hatler 45

Brad Rudd 42



Good shooting on a tough day, people!

Did I mention it was DANG HOT?

One more shoot in the 2010 Club Trap Shoot season! The last event will be on the first Saturday in September that being, September 04 with registration starting at 11 AM the first squad will start shooting at Noon. Let's have a good turn out and I'll see you there!

Did I tell you it was HOT, HOT, HOT?

The annual Cowtown Open started with a bang!

Jamie Gaines opened the tournament by winning the Doubles buckle with a 99. **Stuart McCoin** followed with RU and **Chris Simmons** took 3rd.



On Saturday the sweltering heat was kept at bay by the 22 mph wind gusts; some contestants claimed they used a shovel to dig out the 12g targets. These conditions made it a hard fight, but seven shooters ran 100 straight with **Stuart McCoin** emerging as champion. Impressively, club member **Andrew Reed** was one of the seven with a perfect score and it was his first registered event. This elite group consisted of **Stuart McCoin, Andrew Reed, Bobby Sherrill, David Blomeyer, John Bulger, and Chris Simmons.**

The 20g event followed and not to be outdone, **Simmons** came back with another 100 for the championship buckle with **McCoin** taking the runner-up position and **Van Boerner** third. The **McCoin/Simmons** shoot-off was completed during the second box when **McCoin** dropped a high four.

The Fort Worth Trap and Skeet 2010 Cowtown Open was made a success because club members and employees worked many behind the scenes hours to produce a tournament we could be proud of. Many thanks to all involved and congratulations to an outstanding field of contestants.

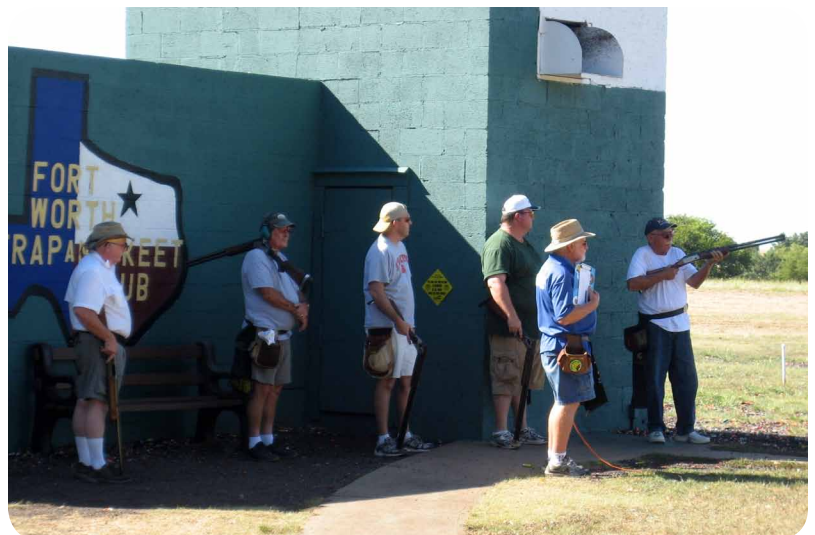
The weather was hot Sunday morning and so was the competition for 28g Champ.

During this event, **Louise Barbetini** and **Allen Cline** exceeded 100,000 registered targets and Fort Worth Trap and Skeet was privileged to have been their host. The shoot off to determine the winner surprisingly, did not involve **Stuart McCoin** or **Chris Simmons** this time, instead **James Speer** and **Van Boerner** were the only 100 straights and **Speer** edged out **Boerner** on station four.

As temperatures rose to 107 and the breeze died, the 410 contest began. A score of 99 won the event and it was credited to **Stuart McCoin**. Colorado's **Raymond Ray** took runner-up and Briley's **Cliff Moller** took third.

McCoin's outstanding performance captured the HOA title, giving a total of three buckles and some nice spending money. **Chris Simmons** finished with an impressive 395 and **Kyle Shumaker** was one bird back for third place. Lady champ was **Teresa Botha** with a 381 and **Marilyn Barclay's** 372 brought her the runner-up title.

Each day of the Cowtown was concluded with the End of the Trail contest, this was a special event that would provide the opportunity for shooters of all classes to compete side by side for a cash prize. Ten names were drawn at random from the day's contestants and each shooter was handicapped according to class. When **Stuart McCoin's** name was drawn on Sunday, **Gene Stewart** requested that **McCoin** be given a BB gun as his handicap and promptly produced one, complete with ammo. The generous donors for this experience were **Mike Cusack, Wilbert Prather** and **Steve Landsfeld.**



Fort Worth Trap and Skeet Members in the Cowtown Open

Wilbert Prather	Rob Wilson
Dave Dils	David Weeks
Tom Deaton	Bob Kelly
Gene Ragle	Ron Wertz
Andrew Reed	Wayne Cook
Randal Reed	Travis Holder
Richard McCarter	Cliff Mitchell
Mike Schmitt	Gordon Bain
Allen Cline	Joe Whitaker



Overheard on the Fields

Remember, its only made of clay and it doesn't have a brain, so don't try to out-think it! -Allen Cline



Even a blind hog finds an acorn every once in awhile. -Tracy Ragle (A frequent emotion when doubles on six was a big problem)

We are counting them not grading them. -Joel Powell



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

Dear Editor,

When I took on the monumental task of Skeet Chairman I knew I would need a tremendous amount of assistance from the people who had done it in the past and to their credit, they were very patient. The unfortunate occurrence of the fire in January required that the Dave Rush tournament in March be canceled. This made the Cowtown Open my first opportunity to run a shoot, bearing in mind this shoot is listed among the top 50 in the nation. If the membership read the shoot article, they can see it was a grand success however, it could not have been such without a volunteer staff that was stellar. Please allow me to acknowledge them and offer my sincere gratitude.

Allen Cline, Mike Schmitt, Travis Holder, Steve Landsfeld – shoot format and squadding

Jimmy Phillips – extended hours and moral support

Dave and Carrie Dils – creating beautiful shoot program

Howard Crump – mowing the pasture twice

Dean Nichols – three days of volunteering

Pete and Alecia Fowler – preparation of delicious food

Mark Cutler, Jack Miller, Jamie Becker – helped keep fields clean, p/u score sheets

Wilbert Prather, Steve Landsfeld – donated money for bonus events

Trap Boys – all of which put forth max effort everyday and were complimented on their manners.

Wilbert Prather – donated food for afternoon snacks.

Gene Ragle, Richard McCarter, Mike Schmitt, BJ Clark – donated added money for shoot



Many thanks to all who helped make this a successful event! - Tracey Ragle

Newcomer's Corner

By Wayne Cook

Registered Skeet Shoots – who should enter them? Why? Am I really ready? How do they work?

After shooting in several the last couple of years, I'd have to say they're a lot of fun and will hone your skills better than anything else I've found. If you're comfortable with your gun and technique, and you want to improve, then go for it! No, you definitely do **not** have to be shooting 25's to enjoy them and gain valuable experience. Look at the first few as learning experiences, using them to get the new "feel" of an organized shoot. You'll find areas in your game that are good, and some that need work. It'll teach you to focus like nothing else will. Not to mention the fun of the challenge and the friends you'll make. Atmosphere at most of the shoots I've attended has been very relaxed, almost informal.

First, you'll need to join the NSSA (www.mynssa.com) and TSSA (free membership 1st year, www.mytssa.com). It's easier if you have joined prior to signing up, but you can normally sign up at the host club, too. Prior to entering, read up on the rules – you get a rule book when you sign up with NSSA. The fewer surprises you run into on your first competitions, the better. It'll explain how classes are divided, what concurrents are, and a whole lot more.

To find a registered shoot, go to the Texas Skeet Shooter's Association website, click on the calendar link at the top, then scroll down to the current month. All the shoots scheduled will be shown, and some have links to flyers and entry forms as well. If not, click on the Clubs link at the top, find the club, and contact them by phone or email. Note: phone is *always* more reliable with shotgunners.

There's two main decisions to make: 1) which gauges/guns you want to shoot (partly determined by how many the club is offering), and 2) what rotation you prefer (determines times you shoot each day). Example: rotation 1 may shoot at 9am and 1:30pm, rotation 2 at 10:30am and 3pm, etc. At some shoots doubles are offered - you shoot only doubles at every station – a challenging game. You can shoot as many or few events as you choose. If it's more than a week prior to the shoot, send your entry form in. Otherwise, take the entry form with you to the host club. If you want to shoot with a specific squad, its best to send all entries and fees in one envelope, and note the order each member prefers to shoot in on the entry – check the flyer for the club's specifics about squads. If directions to the site are NOT on the flyer – be sure and print some.

Plan to arrive an hour or more ahead of time, to allow plenty of time to sign in, get your gun ready, find the fields you're shooting on for each event, and generally acclimate yourself prior to the start. Its easier to keep nerves in check and mind on shooting when you're not rushed.

Be at your field a few minutes early, with at least one box of ammo more than you'll need, in the odd chance of misfires. For first shoots, its best to take factory ammo as opposed to reloads – just one less variable to worry about. The referee will be there, and will get you started and keep scores. After each 25-shot round, you'll have time to empty hulls and reload, and not much more usually, so be ready. When your event is done, normally there's plenty of time to grab some refreshments or lunch, get your next gun, and get to your next event. Once you've completed your events, scores will be posted, broken down by class and placement. It'll be a full, fun day of shooting, you can be sure of that! So go for it, and get ready to have a blast!

Next month, I'll go into the various prize purses that are offered, establishing averages, and more.

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**

Grand American



by Andrew Reed

At the 2010 Grand American, the heat and humidity were the fiercest competitors for all in attendance. Even with the heat, the scores were high. Those from the club in attendance were Jimmy & Audry Phillips, James & Vicky Jennings, Jerry Ulmer, Ron Cunning, John Scott, Rusty Perrin, and Andrew Reed (if you attended the Grand and I forgot to mention you I apologize in advance).

Ron Cunning, Vicky Jennings, and Rusty Perrin did the club proud taking home multiple trophies throughout the entire Grand. Rusty and Vicky both won Medallions in the President Gary Sherrod Handicap. Ron's winning included multiple singles, handicap, doubles and HOA trophies. He also won the White Flyer 2700 High Over All Class B trophy. The attendance at the Grand appeared to be down but it did have a full attendance during the AIM Grand Championships.

I had a great time this year at the Grand where I shot in the AIM collegiate championships and in the main Grand program. For me the Grand was a great way to finish this year's trap season. In the AIM Championships I won a \$1000 scholarship that was awarded to eligible collegiate shooters.

For all those that ask, "Is the pressure to shoot well higher at the Grand?" The answer is definitely yes! It takes double the concentration to win at the Grand. My hat goes off to Ron for being able to shoot the entire 2 weeks of the Grand in amazing fashion!

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