

# THE BULLSHOOTER

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FORT WORTH TRAP & SKEET CLUB

August 2010

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Hello and welcome back to the August 2010 edition of *The Bullshooter*. We took a break and are glad to be back in your email. As we work our way back you may notice some changes; we love feedback so tell us what you liked and what you did not like. Since we cannot possibly travel to all the shoots that our members attend it would be great if while you are there breaking clays snap a few pictures, take a couple of notes and tell us all about it! Yes we know it is like we are asking you to do our job but since there are so many of you and so few of us any help is appreciated! Pictures, stories and the like are welcome. Now we are shooting for a monthly offering, please bear with us as we get our footing and if you don't see the newsletter on the first of the month don't fret the next one will be on the way soon!

**Drop us a line at [editorfwt@gmail.com](mailto:editorfwt@gmail.com) to sign up! (David Dils)**

## PRESIDENT'S POST

I would like to open my message by thanking Dave Dils for assuming the daunting task of publishing *The Bullshooter*. The club has been without this form of communication for over one year and I know you will appreciate his publishing skills. Members can assist Dave by providing photographs and material for articles when a notable event takes place. The membership will also be happy to know that a new website is under construction and will be completed this fall. This too is a long time coming; it would take several editions of *The Bullshooter* to explain why it has been so difficult to resurrect, but once it is in place it will be invaluable.

Another concern has been the condition of the driveway; despite the fact it is in desperate need of repair our financial status has made us prioritize repairs and maintenance. However, a generous anonymous member has given us \$1000 to help with the driveway and we hope to use it for patching and small repairs.

As your Board of Directors we have faced many challenges this year, including managerial shortfalls from previous employees, fires, and reconstruction. Your patience is appreciated and I would like to reassure you we are working hard to keep Fort Worth Trap and Skeet a club you can be proud of and a place of enjoyment for you and your family. If you have a concern we want to know about it, but please remember, like you, we have jobs and family that require our attention as well, so if an issue is not resolved immediately that does not mean it is not being addressed.

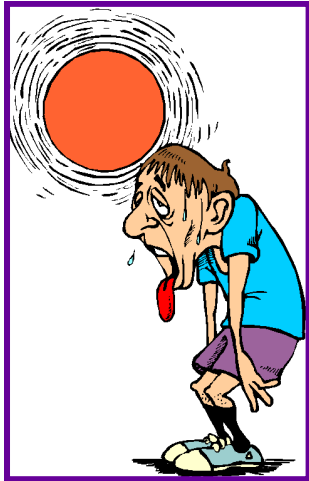
This Fall will be an exciting time for our club with many upcoming events from competition to education. Please attend the annual club meeting where the new Board of Directors will be elected and club champions will be presented.

Keep Shooting!!!

Gene Ragle



*We are right in the middle of our hot, humid Texas summer. If you have lived here through a summer you know there are things to do to protect yourself from heat-related illnesses. Jimmy and the guys are doing a great job getting the Igloo coolers out with ice cold water on the fields. It is important that you remember to drink plenty of fluids, most experts recommend 1/2 liter every half hour in high-heat conditions. If you are planning on attending a shoot be sure to eat a good breakfast, meals during the day and hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. Below are descriptions of heat-related illnesses. You cannot shoot your best unless you are feeling your best! Be safe..*



**HEAT STROKE**

Heat stroke is the most serious of health problems associated with working in hot environments. It occurs when the body's temperature regulatory system fails and sweating becomes inadequate.

**HEAT EXHAUSTION**

Heat exhaustion includes several clinical disorders having symptoms which may resemble the early symptoms of heat stroke. Heat exhaustion is caused by the loss of large amounts of fluid by sweating, sometimes with excessive loss of salt. A person suffering from heat exhaustion still sweats but experiences extreme weakness or fatigue, giddiness, nausea, or headache. In more serious cases, the victim may vomit or lose consciousness.

**HEAT CRAMPS**

Heat cramps are painful spasms of the muscles that occur among those who sweat profusely in heat, drink

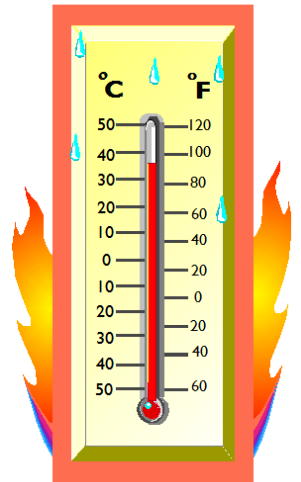
large quantities of water, but do not adequately replace the body's salt loss. The drinking of large quantities of water tends to dilute the body's fluids, while the body continues to lose salt. Shortly thereafter, the low salt level in the muscles causes painful cramps. The affected muscles may be part of the arms, legs, or abdomen, but tired muscles (those used in performing the work) are usually the ones most susceptible to cramps.

**HEAT RASH**

Heat rash, also known as prickly heat, is likely to occur in hot, humid environments where sweat is not easily removed from the surface of the skin by evaporation and the skin remains wet most of the time. The sweat ducts become plugged, and a skin rash soon appears.

**TRANSIENT HEAT FATIGUE**

Transient heat fatigue refers to the temporary state of discomfort and mental or psychological strain arising from prolonged heat exposure.



**The Club is open  
 Wednesday 1PM-Dusk,  
 Thursday 1PM-Dusk,  
 Saturday 10AM-Dusk, and  
 Sunday 1PM—Dusk  
 Check for closings on Holidays  
 Club Phone (817) 244-9878**

## NEWCOMER'S CORNER

Howdy, and welcome to a new feature of the Bullshooter. I'm **Wayne Cook**, and want to let you know what this section will be all about.

First, a little history so you know where I'm coming from. The one event I remember that brought me into this sport is a deer hunt-turned-quail hunt probably 30 years ago in South Texas. The deer hunt was short and sweet, but the quail hunt that followed I'll never forget. Our hosts supplied us with Remington 1100's – my first shotgun experience; There's nothing like the rush you feel when that first covey thunders up only feet from you and shots explode! Life went on, but the memory of that trip stuck with me, eventually leading me to Fort Worth Trap & Skeet (FWTS) in 2008 and the re-discovery of a great new world of shotguns.

I've learned a great deal from members and staff, not to mention personal experiences, reading and researching on my own. I've found shotgunning to be a fascinating sport.

As a newcomer starting from scratch, I've faced many of the "new shooter" challenges:

- Going to the club that first time itching to shoot, with no knowledge of how things work or what ammo you really need.
- Shooting with people you don't know and who shoot a lot better than yourself
- Understanding competitive shoots with all their unique rules and procedures

At times it can be intimidating, embarrassing, or even overwhelming. One thing's for sure: shotgunning can be a blast! Like me, you'll learn a great deal from other club members and staff, not to mention your own personal experiences, or the reading and researching you'll do.

I've made my share of mistakes and lived to tell about them (like the time I shot out of turn shooting trap, shooting at the high-7 bird first on station 7 doubles, or the time I loaded a shell in a wrong barrel in competition). Those were the *learning* memories – ones to remember, smile and laugh about now.

There've also been some highs, such as the first 25 and the first competitive shoot. Funny thing is most everyone has had their share of blooper moments in their own careers, if they think back long enough. It has been a greatly-satisfying journey, one I would not trade for anything, and would recommend to everyone.

My job in the Newcomer's Corner is to arm you with the insights and information I've accumulated so you can make the most of your membership at FWTS and in the world of shotgun sports. Whether you're an experienced shooter just new to this club or a brand new shooter as I was, this is the place you'll find helpful info, tips, advice, anecdotes and more.

We'll talk about the club, guns, leagues, competition, reloading, instruction, etiquette, and more. If you have specific questions you'd like to see addressed, feel free to email them to me at [ourteam001@netzero.com](mailto:ourteam001@netzero.com). We can incorporate them into this section, or I can respond directly to your questions or concerns via email.

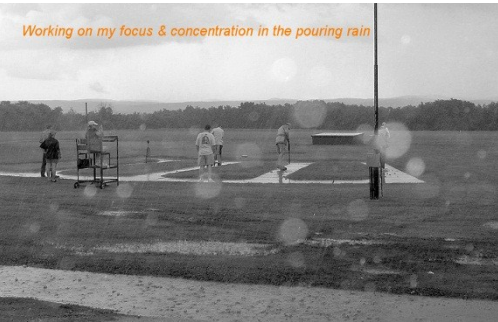
So here's to the newcomers, and to breaking birds the FWTS way....

Til next time, *Wayne*

## 2010 Southwestern Grand held this July at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio

By Jamie Becker

Fort Worth Trap & Skeet Club Members dominated the State Trap competition in San Antonio, July 6-11, 2010. In-between bone soaking, down pouring rain, the sun would shine. Can you say HUMID? And if you ever find yourself drenched and in need of dry clothes...FYI, there are washers and driers located behind the rest rooms/shower building at the east end of the National Shooting Complex. The Saturday night dinner at the pavilion was tasty but the thick, steamy air thinned the crowd down fast.



**Ben Dobson** won Class A and Open A Texas State HAA and State HOA and **Audrey Phillips** won State Lady HAA and HOA.

The White Flyer sponsored State Handicap event had 266 entries. **Ben Dobson** shooting a 95 from the 27 Yard Line won State Runner Up. **Russell Perrin** won State Runner Up for the State 18-20.5 yard line group after a shoot off against **Vicki Jennings**. **Jack Miller (right)** won the buckle for the State 21-23.5 yard line group after shooting off against **James Jennings (right)**. **Don Weeks** won State Senior Veteran Runner Up and **Noel Blass (lower right)** Open Veteran with a 96. **Noel** won real estate at the State shoot moving back to the 26 yard line and on the last day earning the prized 27.



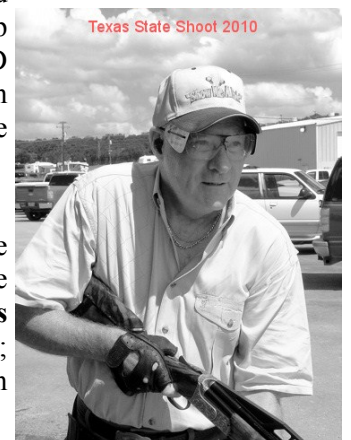
The State Singles event had 282 entries with our **John Scott** winning State Runner Up Champion after a six box shoot off. Representing Texas at the Grand American Trap Shoot will be **Audrey Phillips**. **William Stoeppel** won State D Runner Up.

The award for State Husband and Wife went to **Jimmy & Audrey Phillips (left)** shooting a 391. **Jimmy Phillips** and **Russell Carpenter** took prizes in the State 5 Man Zone.



The State Doubles event had 199 entries with **John Scott** winning State A with a score of 96; **Bill Bean** State C with a 91 and taking it after a shoot off. **Jamie Becker** used trickery to win State D Runner Up shooting against b who won Open D Class. **Ben Dobson** shot a 94 to win Open A and **Audrey Phillips** won State Lady Runner Up.

**Vicki Jennings** won Open Lady in the Lone Star Handicap event and in the Kolar Handicap event. **Audrey Phillips** won Open Lady in event 7 with a 98; Open Lady in event 9; and Lady in event 6.



## 2010 Texas State Skeet Championship held this July at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio

Club Members attending the State Skeet shoot were **Tracy and Gene Ragle, Mike Schmitt, and Richard McCarter.**

232 shooters participated in the 12ga event with club members **Mike Schmitt** winning AA6 & SS13 with a 99.

219 shooters participated in the 20ga event with club members **Mike Schmitt** winning AA1 and SSRU with a 100.

215 shooters participated in the 28ga event with club member **Tracy Ragle (right)** winning D3 with a 88.

181 shooters participated in the Doubles event with club member **Gene Ragle (right)** winning D1 with a 82.

**Tracy Ragle (right)** took D2 HAA with a 420.



Join the  
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Renewing your NRA membership at the club will cost you the same amount. However, our club receives \$5 of that money back from the NRA. Thank you and the National Rifle Association for supporting our 2nd Amendment and our hobbies! 1 year Membership cost \$35.00 and as a member you select one of the following magazines to receive: American Rifleman, American Hunter, or America's First Freedom. 1 year Junior Membership is \$15 receiving the magazine Insights.

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David Dils at  
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# Monday and Tuesday Skeet League

The spring and summer Monday and Tuesday leagues have once again been quite popular, with both operating at capacity. The summer league is nearing completion and we are accepting deposits for the fall league as of July 24<sup>th</sup>. The fall league begins Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> and will run for 11 weeks. The league will consist of five weeks of skeet followed by five weeks of trap. You don't have to worry about classes or averages... just come on out. Shooting is handicapped and each week your handicap will be adjusted up or down depending on how you shoot. This is a great league for shooting with friends or making some new ones. During the spring and fall you can usually find Pete cooking up some good eats after everyone is done. Friends and family are welcome as shooters and / or spectators. Please get your deposits in early to avoid being left out!



The league is open to all who are interested in shooting trap and skeet whether they are Fort Worth Trap and Skeet Club members or not. Total league cost for ten weeks of shooting including targets, trophy fee, and league dinner is \$135. The league shoots 50 targets (two rounds) each week for a total of 500 targets. This is quite a bargain considering the facilities available to the league, the prizes, and the enjoyment of a little friendly competition every Monday and Tuesday evening.



New shooters are invited to participate. If trap and skeet shooting has been one of your interests, I strongly recommend the Monday and Tuesday leagues as it is a good way to set aside a specific time to improve your shotgun skills and have fun at the same time. Who knows, maybe we will find the next Wayne Mays, Harlan Campbell Jr., or Mary Digiovanni!

If you need additional information concerning the league prior to committing please call **David Weeks** (817) 777-0315 or **Jimmy Phillips** at the Fort Worth Trap & Skeet Club (817) 244-9878 for additional information.



## 2010 Fall League - 5 Weeks Skeet/5 Weeks Trap

First week of shooting Fall 2010 League - Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Tenth week of shooting Fall 2010 League - Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Fall 2010 Awards Dinner - Monday, November

There will be no league shooting September 6<sup>th</sup> or September 7<sup>th</sup> due to the Labor Day holiday.



## MONTHLY CLUB SKEET SHOOTS

MARK CUTLER WILL SEND OUT A REMINDER THE WEEK PRIOR VIA E-MAIL TO THOSE ON HIS E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST. IF YOU WANT TO JOIN THE DISTRIBUTION LIST OR FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE LEAGUE EMAIL MARK AT [MCULTER326@AOL.COM](mailto:MCULTER326@AOL.COM)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Gauge</u>	<u>Start shooting at</u>
August 14	20 & 410	10 AM
September 11	12 & 28	10 AM
October 9	20 & 410	10 AM
November 13	12 & 28	10 AM
December 11	20 & 410	10 AM

The club skeet shoots may well be the best kept secret at FTWS. Every month, weather depending, we hold the club skeet shoot. When I say weather depending I say it very loosely; the hard core crew that showed up in February shot while standing in 6 inches of snow and the August crowd will probably face 100 degree heat!

Scores are kept individually in each gauge and in 5 classes from AA to D. There is a wide variety of shooter proficiency represented every month; shooters are scored with other shooters in their class. Now for the money part...yes there is a entry fee. Brace yourself and put the check book back in your pocket, the entry fee is \$2.00 per event plus regular target fees.

Prizes are awarded in each gauge and each class. With a \$2.00 entry fee don't expect to retire though! The real value in the club skeet shoots is participating in the camaraderie and fellowship exhibited while shooting with others who enjoy your sport. Points are awarded each month and prizes are awarded based on cumulative points at the end of the calendar year; the more you shoot the more points you have an opportunity to earn!

See you soon, Mark.

### STANDINGS

<b>Class</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Points</b>
AA	Matt Sprague	11
AA	Allen Cline	4
AA	Mike Schmitt	4
A	Wilbert Prather	10
A	Richard McCarter	6
A	Richard Parr	4
B	Mark Cutler	16
B	Bob Kelly	11
C	Gordon Bain	22
C	MG Ames	14
C	Gene Ragle	8
D	Tracy Ragle	12
D	Tim Orr	10
D	Cecil Williams	10

## MONTHLY CLUB TRAP SHOOTS

JOEL POWELL WILL SEND OUT A REMINDER THE WEEK PRIOR VIA E-MAIL TO THOSE ON HIS E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST. IF YOU WANT TO JOIN THE DISTRIBUTION LIST OR FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE LEAGUE EMAIL JOEL AT GARANDCLIP@YAHOO.COM

Date	Registration	Start shooting at
August 5	11 AM	12 AM
September 4	11 AM	12 AM

### July Club Trap Shoot Notes

Happy Independence Day to all! I hope you are having a fun and safe holiday weekend, on this our 234th anniversary of the founding of our great country.

For the July shoot it was small but fun; the rain stayed away, it was cool and the wind was not bad at all. I wish to welcome a couple of newcomers to the club trap shoot, **Kevin Bauer** and his daughter **Devan** shot with us today, they both vowed to make the final two club shoots of the season. **Devan** is a junior shooter so it looks like we'll have some competition for that Junior Champion buckle after all!

The next club trap shoot is set for Saturday, August 5th. Registration begins at 11 AM and the first squad will start shooting at 12 Noon. Only two more chances to enjoy shooting in a club trap shoot in the 2010 season! Come on out and enjoy the afternoon; good shooting, good friends and a real good time. Watch the club bulletin boards and your email for reminders, see you there.

Joel

### *Notable Scores*

Event	Name	Score
Singles	Noel Blaas	49
Singles	Jim Painter	49
Singles	Rich Hatler	49
Singles	David Weeks	48
Singles	Janice Weeks	46
Singles	Joel Powell	46
Doubles	Rich Hatler	48
Doubles	Brad Rudd	42
Handicap Long Yardage	Rich Hatler	48
Handicap Long Yardage	Jim Painter	48
Handicap Middle Yardage	No shooters	
Handicap Short Yardage	Joel Powell	45
Handicap Short Yardage	Don Weeks	44
Handicap Short Yardage	Janice Weeks	43

# John Shima Skeet Clinic July 31st and August 1st

By David Dils

John Shima, [www.johnshima.com](http://www.johnshima.com), held a skeet clinic over the weekend of July 31st and August 1st on Field 7. For those who do not know John, he is a five-time World Champion, 2001 Inductee into the National Skeet Shooting Association Hall of Fame and has been an internationally recognized instructor for over 30 years. He can stand behind you and tell you where and why you missed and what to do to fix it. Don't let his easy-going, relaxed style fool you, John is passionate about his shooting and gets the best out of his shooters in a non-intimidating, fun environment. New shooters, experienced shooters, and even champion shooters come to John to learn more about their game.



Gordon and John Mastering Station 4



Gene Working on Doubles at 3

John spent two days with 10 shooters in two hour blocks while shooting over 1300 targets! Members that participated in the clinic were **Gordon Bain, David Dils, Bob Kelly, Willis Murphey, Tracy and Gene Ragle, and Andrew, Kendal, and Randall Reed.** There was even one gentleman that flew all the way from Hawaii to spend a few hours shooting with John on Sunday morning! Blazing hot weather was the forecast and it did not disappoint! Everyone spent time watching each other shoot, staying well hydrated all while having a great time. In John's own words "Fort Worth Trap and Skeet is a great place to shoot. Good targets and a great background. I love coming here and look forward to it every year."



John does a Quick Gun Fit Check on Kendall



Willis Setting up for Station 4

This is my second clinic with John and once again he did not disappoint. The clinic starts with a quick check and adjustment, if necessary, of each shooter's gun. Next he discusses your game, shooting experience, goals, and any particular stations that are problems to make sure that you, the student, get the most out of the clinic. The first time with John or any instructor for that matter is the "are they going to change everything" fear. John works with your strengths and does not give a "shoot like John" clinic. Nothing is set in stone and he gives options for improvement. Eye dominance can be an issue with shooters and John is well versed in eye dominance issues and how to overcome them. Station to station, shot to shot, he focuses on helping you be consistent with hold points, look points and kill zone. His easy going manner and knowledge of the game are what makes shooting with John fun and beneficial!

John is based out of San Antonio, shoots out of the National Shooting Complex and can be reached at [www.johnshima.com](http://www.johnshima.com).

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## Upcoming ATA and NSSA Shoots at FTWS

### ATA Shoots

The club will be hosting two more registered shoots during the 2010 season.

September 11th and 12th

October 9th and 10th

For more information contact **Brent Williamson** at 682-225-3801 or 817-244-6266.

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### NSSA Shoots

The club will be hosting two more registered shoots during the 2010 season.

#### *August 20th thru 22nd                      Cowtown Open*

The annual Cowtown Open registered skeet shoot is scheduled for August 20th thru 22nd. **Tracy Ragle**, our skeet chairperson, says that registration has filled up nicely and it should be a great shoot with quite a few of the top shooters from around the state.

#### *October 30th                                      Last Chance Open*

More information to follow

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## Upcoming Events at FWTS

Save the date—September 25, 2010 FWTS will be holding the annual meeting. More information to follow on the website and in next months newsletter.



October is the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. During the October Club Skeet Shoot we will be having a Tough Enough to Wear Pink day. Step up and wear a all pink shirt and be eligible for some cool prizes. Visit [www.nbcam.org](http://www.nbcam.org) to learn more about National Breast Cancer Awareness Month



## Letters to the Editor

*As we are stating off after a short break a couple of letters / questions may have slipped through the cracks. Below is a letter that was sent to us in April 2010. Many of us around the club know of Travis Mears accomplishments on the field and are once again enjoying shooting with him and his dad Lonnie Mears in the Tuesday night league. Travis sent us this letter after winning another National Collegiate Championship to say thanks. Way to go Travis! Good luck in your new career!*

To all that have supported me,

I just wanted to let everyone know that has supported me in my shooting career of the success of the Lindenwood Clay target Team and myself at the Nationals Championship in San Antonio this last weekend. It was an awesome event with 10% growth over last year which put the total amount of shooters at 375 with 45 different Universities. We fought our way to the 7th straight National Championship Team award while also winning all events which has never been done before.

The team performed better then ever before and ended up winning 1st place, 90 targets over 2nd place which also is a record. Last year we won by 67 and the two years prior to that we won by 5 and 3 birds. the team is getting better and better every year. I also had one of the best performances of my life. I ended up bringing a truck load of trophies home to end my final Collegiate National Championship. I could not have gone out a better way. I owe my success to the people that have supported me through my shooting career and college career which is soon to be ending in May.

I will be finishing up my Masters in Business and heading back to Texas to begin my new job with Nationwide Insurance in the Fort Worth area with The Rayburn Karageorge Agency. I am looking forward to beginning this next step in life with another large step in the near future. Raelynn and I will be getting married October 16th which also is extremely exciting. It has been a very busy year, and will not be slowing down in the near future. Thank you for all of your support. Below I am going to list all my individual awards from the week.

6 game High All Around National Champion  
 4 game HOA ACUI National Champion  
 1st team All American Captain  
 1st place international trap  
 1st place international trap team 1st place international skeet  
 1st place international skeet team  
 HOA international combined event  
 1st place sporting clays  
 3rd place 5-stand (tied for first)  
 HOA combined trap events  
 Captain & member of Lindenwood University 7 time National Championship team

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*Have some news to share? We want to hear. As much as we hate to hear it we know you have a life outside of the club. Send your accomplishments, stories and photos to [editorfwts@gmail.com](mailto:editorfwts@gmail.com) and we will be glad to spread the news.*

*-The Editor*

