



A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FORT WORTH TRAP & SKEET CLUB

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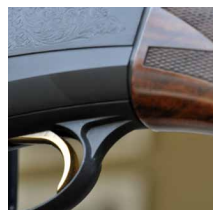


### New Members Orientation



If you are new to shooting and would like to get together with other new shooters to get some basic instruction, and shoot with other new shooters, and to find out a lot more information about our club and its activities, be sure to attend the New Member's Orientation scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 4, 2010.

### Club Christmas Party



December 4th is the annual club christmas party. There will be 3.00 rounds of trap and skeet all day and snacks for everyone. Come on down and show off your shooting and kick the holiday season off right! Email [skeetchair@fortworthtrapandskeet.com](mailto:skeetchair@fortworthtrapandskeet.com) for more information.

# President's Message

by Gene Ragle



The newly-elected board has begun work on the business of FWTS and immediate attention must be given to condition of the houses and the grounds. The process of having the lead mined has been initiated and attention to some of the roofing over the skeet houses as well. Not to be forgotten is the ever present driveway problem and believe me, no one wants it fixed more than !!!!

Sadly, I must report that during the annual meeting, one of our members mistakenly left an Apple iPad in the club house when the meeting was concluded. Being comfortable with our staff and membership, the

member did not attempt to retrieve the iPad until the next day and, unfortunately, it had been stolen. I have always felt like this is a second home and I find it disturbing that someone's property would not be respected. If anyone has any information about this incident and would like to remain anonymous they may contact me.

Fellow members, once again I ask that we respect each other and in turn this organization by conducting ourselves with integrity so that our club will remain an organization that is respected.

Keep shooting,

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## Houston We Have Liftoff!!

The website for Fort Worth Trap and Skeet Club is active. On the website you will find all the photos that did not make it into the newsletter, league scores and standings, by-laws, guest policy...pretty much everything you would want to know about the Club.

Take some time and visit us online at [www.fortworthtrapandskeet.com](http://www.fortworthtrapandskeet.com); we would love to see you. It is an evolving concept, just like The Bull Shooter. There is a contact form on the website so if you have any suggestions or just want to say "looks good," drop us a line and say hello.



# Club Skeet Shoot

What a beautiful morning for shooting! There was little to no wind; a bluebird sky and the temperature was just perfect. We had 17 shooters participate in the October monthly club skeet shoot. Our top shooters this month were: Allen Cline with a 50 (20 gauge), Richard McCarter with a 47 (20 gauge), Mark Cutler with a 47 (12 gauge) and a 46 (410 gauge), Gordon Bain with a 46 (20 gauge), Tracy Ragle with a 46 (20 gauge), and Gene Ragle with a 45 (20 gauge). Nice shooting guys and girls!

As you can see in the overall standings below, there are still several close races. These should go down to the wire. Next month's shoot is scheduled for Nov 14. We will be shooting 12 and 28 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     | 12 | Allen Cline      | 12 | Matt Sprague     | 12 | Allen Cline      | 12 | Matt Sprague     | 18 |
|    |                  |    | Mike Schmitt     | 6  | Allen Cline      | 4  | Richard Parr     | 7  | Allen Cline      | 12 |
|    |                  |    | Matt Sprague     | 4  |                  |    | Matt Sprague     | 5  | Mike Schmitt     | 4  |
|    |                  |    | John Devnew      | 2  |                  |    | Mike Schmitt     | 3  | John Devnew      | 2  |
| A  | Wilbert Prather  | 18 | Wilbert Prather  | 13 | Wilbert Prather  | 17 | Wilbert Prather  | 14 | Wilbert Prather  | 28 |
|    | Richard McCarter | 6  | Richard McCarter | 6  | Richard McCarter | 8  | Richard McCarter | 7  | Richard McCarter | 13 |
|    | Rob Wilson       | 4  | Richard Parr     | 5  | Johnny Moore     | 4  | Tom Deaton       | 3  | Richard Parr     | 8  |
|    | Johnny Moore     | 3  |                  |    |                  |    | Johnny Moore     | 3  |                  |    |
| B  | Mark Cutler      | 16 | Mark Cutler      | 12 | Mark Cutler      | 16 | Mark Cutler      | 12 | Mark Cutler      | 28 |
|    | Bob Kelly        | 7  | Bob Kelly        | 4  | Bob Kelly        | 7  | Bob Kelly        | 4  | Bob Kelly        | 11 |
| C  | MG Ames          | 15 | Gordon Bain      | 19 | Gordon Bain      | 16 | Gordon Bain      | 18 | Gordon Bain      | 33 |
|    | Gordon Bain      | 13 | MG Ames          | 9  | MG Ames          | 12 | Gene Ragle       | 11 | MG Ames          | 21 |
|    | Gene Ragle       | 5  | Gene Ragle       | 8  | Gene Ragle       | 5  | MG Ames          | 7  | Gene Ragle       | 15 |
| D  | Gene Colvin      | 13 | Gene Colvin      | 11 | Tim Orr          | 9  | Cecil Williams   | 12 | Cecil Williams   | 17 |
|    | Tracy Ragle      | 8  | Tracy Ragle      | 10 | Tracey Ragle     | 7  | David Dils       | 10 | Tracy Ragle      | 17 |
|    | Cecil Williams   | 7  | Cecil Williams   | 9  | Cecil Williams   | 5  | Tim Orr          | 9  | Tim Orr          | 15 |

# Bair Hatcher Shoot

by Ben Dobson



The 2010 Bair Hatcher shoot was a great success; we had total entries of 121 shooters on both days. On Saturday the weather was very nice with temperatures in the low 80's and a mild south wind to 7 mph. 72 shooters took the line with Joe Max Walker breaking the only 100 straight in singles. Other winners were our own Rich Hatler AA, Jerry Ulmer A, Jack Miller B, Johnny McClure with a 98, Joneel Harris D with a 93, Vicki Jennings Lady, Cole Anders junior 94 Noel Blaas Vet and Johnny Burns Senior Vet.

In the handicap on Saturday the scores were very good; we had great targets set by Ron Cunning. The Champion was Larry Hooks with a 98. CS Erwin won short with a 95. JW Julien won mid yardage with a 97 and got a yard punch for that great score. Rich Hatler won long yardage with a 97, Ben Dobson took the 27 yard with a 93. Sherry Hairston, Lady 94, Morgan Swanson junior 90, Don Huffaker Vet 93 and Charlie Crow was Senior Vet 96.



On Sunday the weather again was great and Ron did his magic on the targets again. Bob Klauer won the doubles with a 191. Marvin Webb had a 188 to take AA, Robert Gonzales with a 185 took A. Barry Baker B 186, c was mark Sheets 187, d Charlie Crow 181. Joneel Harris won Lady 178 (and beat her husband Richard, he has to carry the Yellow Chicken) Victoria Wood Junior 164, our own Noel Blaas won Vet 190 and Gunter Knight Senior Vet with a 182.

The last handicap of the year saw another beautiful day. Scores were high again with Bob Klauer winning the championship with a 97, Jack Miller won short 97, mid yardage was won by Gus Meyer with a 94. The long was Steve Roach with a 94 (Steve has had four punches this year at FWTSC, good shooting Steve) Jeff Web took the 27 yardage with a 93. Lady was Dona Mathers from San Antonio with a 88, Junior Victoria Webb 90. Noel Blaas was the vet winner 89 and CS Erwin took Senior Vet 93. Bob Klauer was the High All-Around winner with a 476/500 score.

We had good fellowship and great food served. Look forward to seeing all for the 2011 Bair Hatcher (it will be a three day shoot in 2011).



Visit [www.fortworthtrapandskeet.com](http://www.fortworthtrapandskeet.com) to see all the pictures from the event.

# I AM FORT WORTH TRAP AND SKEET

Wayne Cook has come up with a great idea for learning more about our fellow members. For you skeet shooters you have probably seen the feature called "I am the NSSA", well now we are bringing that idea home...



**Robert "Bob" Farnham**  
Willow Park, Texas  
Member Since 2007

**Birthplace:** Aberdeen, South Dakota  
**Favorite sports team:** Dallas Cowboys  
**Preferred shotgun sport:** Trap  
**First Shotgun:** Remington 870 20 gauge  
**Favorite Shotgun:** Beretta 686 Over/Under  
**Other sports or hobbies:** Bird hunting  
**Like best about FWTS:** location & friendly members

**Two things that distinguish you:** Board member of Wisconsin ATA, & National Handicap Committee

**Best day ever on the skeet field:** Shooting my first 100 at the Missouri State Shoot, let out a war whoop, then had to apologize to teammates still shooting.

**Toughest challenge on skeet field?** Wide-angle shots

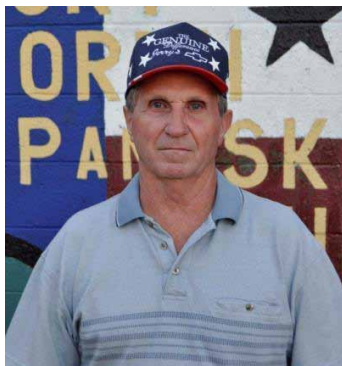
**"Dream team" squad?** Dan Benelli, Ray Stafford, Mr. Morrissey

**Greatest Shooting Influence:** Vic Rinders of Waukesha, WI

**Best shotgunning advice received?** To set foot position for hardest angles

**Last good book you read?** *Have a Little Faith!* Mitch Albom

**5-year goal?** To still be shooting a 50 now & then, position myself to help our club grow.



**Wilbert Prather**  
Weatherford, Texas  
Member Since 1991

**Birthplace:** Weatherford, Texas  
**Favorite sports team:** Texas Rangers  
**Preferred shotgun sport:** Skeet  
**First Shotgun:** Mossberg bolt-action 16 gauge  
**Current Shotgun:** K-80 with Briley tubes  
**Other sports or hobbies:** hunting – deer & dove  
**Like best about FWTS:** friendly people and great shooting backgrounds

**Two things that distinguish you:** I break the birds fast, and methodical, start with a pause on each station

**Best day ever on the skeet field:** Shooting 97 (12 ga) at 1996 Mini-World, and a 98 @ Cowtown (20 ga)

**Toughest challenge on skeet field?** Station 8

**"Dream team" squad?** Todd Bender, Paul Giambrone III, Wayne Mayes, Robert Paxton

**Greatest Shooting Influence:** Allen Cline and Mike Schmitt

**Best shotgunning advice received?** The whole lesson with Todd Bender

**Last good book you read?** The Bible

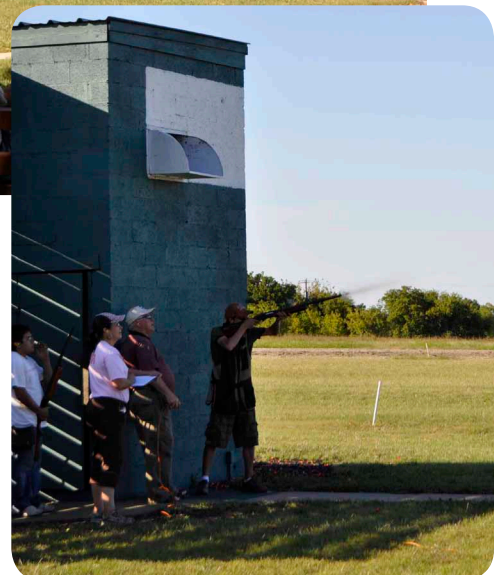
**5-year goal?** To still be shooting, at the same or higher level

Wayne and David will be scouring the club looking for two members to feature each month. If it seems as if we keep missing you, don't be shy! Stop us, email us, or give us a call. We would love to hear from you!

# 2010 Club Championship

The Club Championship was a success! We had plenty of shooters all day long and good food cooked by Pete Fowler. There was some stiff competition for the awards. Thanks to everyone who came out and shot as well as attending the Annual Business Meeting.

**Rob Wilson** took home High All Around Honors. **David Weeks** was skeet High Over All champion, **Wilbert Prather** was the 12 gauge champion and **Allen Cline** demolished the 410 bore competition. **Rich Hatler** was High Over All for Trap and Trap Doubles. **Johnny Burns** was the Handicap Trap Champion. **Vickie Jennings** was High Lady Trap, **Tracy Ragle** was High Lady Skeet, and **Jamie Becker** was High All Around Lady



Don't forget you can view all of the pictures from the 2010 Club Championship at [www.fortworthtrapandskeet.com](http://www.fortworthtrapandskeet.com)

# You WERE “Tough Enough to Wear PINK!”

The month of October saw pink being sported on fire trucks, fireman, NFL players and on professional cowboys; but who would have put pink targets on the skeet field? Tracy Ragle did during the “Tough Enough to Wear Pink” shoot on October 9th. If you have attended the monthly Club shoot for October, you would have been given the opportunity to enter Fort Worth Trap and Skeet Club’s first ever fundraiser to support breast cancer research. A pink shirt and \$10.00 per event would have gotten you entered in the 20g and 410 bore with a Lewis class purse at stake. The winnings were to be split 60/40 with Susan G Koman Foundation but in true Fort Worth Trap and Skeet Club style all the winners donated 100% of the purse to the cause making the total donation \$280!! What about the pink targets? If a shooter was lucky enough to hit a random pink target they were eligible for a door prize. The door prizes ranged from shopping bags to a Red Card and were donated to help the cause.

Special thanks to Mark Cutler for acting as banker, Allen Cline for council and Jamie Becker for the donations to the door prize cache. Thank you also to all the shooters who looked so handsome in pink! The support was uplifting!



## Newcomer's Corner

By Wayne Cook

Last month, we got into the various purses offered at registered skeet shoots. This month, we'll finish talking about registered skeet shoot competitions.

Concurrents – this is another classification NSSA uses, and is based on a shooter's status and age as of November 1st of any given year. You'll see designations like Senior (age 60+), Sub-Senior (50-59), Sub-Sub-Senior (40-49), Lady, Veteran (age 70-79), Military, and so forth. You can find a complete listing of these in the NSSA rule book. Many shoots offer prize money for concurrent winners as well as for the regular shoot placements based on class. Example: If you're 50-59 as of November 1st, you're classified sub-senior, and compete against other sub-seniors for any concurrent purses offered.

NSSA Classification - Each time you shoot in an NSSA-registered event, your scores are sent in, and your average adjusted. Until you have 5 scores, you will shoot as N/C (not classified), in the class based on what your average is for up to 4 previous shoots. After 5 shoots, you become a classified shooter and are assigned a Class based on your average. Each shoot after that, your newest score will be added and your oldest score dropped to figure your new current average and class. See Section V-A-10 in the NSSA Rule book.

A great way to get started shooting competitively is to first take some lessons to learn the fundamentals you need to incorporate into your shooting, and maybe buy and study one or more of the great instructional DVD's on the market. Then 1) practice until you feel comfortable with your gun, 2) feel like your technique is becoming consistent and you don't have to think about technique on every shot, and 3) when your scores become consistent or are climbing gradually. Personally, I'd recommend shooting in leagues and the monthly club shoots to get used to the feel of shooting in a competitive environment. Both of these events are pretty laid back, relaxed venues, and can be a lot of fun while honing your skills – more relaxed maybe than the official registered events. You'll be surprised how the more you shoot competitively, the more your game and focus will improve. You'll see where you need to work, whether on technique in general or on specific shots or stations. Before you know it, you'll be stringing 10 and 12 and 20-straight hits together, and a 25 may even magically appear out of nowhere. Shooting at the events at FWTS is a great way to start, as you'll be shooting with people you know and in a familiar environment.

So far, I've mainly covered skeet shooting. I'll begin discussing trap shooting next month. While there are some similarities – primarily that you're shooting a shotgun, 25 shots/round, etc., the two games are completely different in technique.

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### 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](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 breaking birds the FWTS way....

Til next time, **Wayne**

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\$ 1,950

Contact Wayne Cook, 817-422-4233 / ourteam001@netzero.com

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## Browning Citori 28 Gauge

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Features include selective hammer ejectors, gold plated single trigger, and top-tang barrel selector/safety. Select American Walnut stock features a rounded semi-pistol grip buttstock. The checkering pattern is generous on grip & forend, with Browning's high gloss finish.

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\$ 1,500

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