



A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FORT WORTH TRAP & SKEET CLUB

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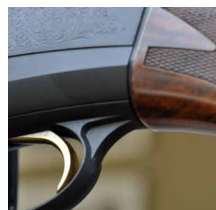


New Members Orientation



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, watch The Bullshooter and postings at the club for more information.

2011 Monthly Club Skeet Shoot



The 2011 club skeet shoot season starts on January 8th. Come on out and start the year off with a fun, relaxed competition among friends. Registration starts at 9:30 AM and the first squad shoots at 10:00 AM. For more information contact Mark Cutler at mcutler326@aol.com.

President's Message

by Gene Ragle



With the holiday season upon us, I hope each one of you have been able to spend time with friends and family reflecting on what is important in our busy lives. After all the guests have gone home and the decorations are put away (and your wife or husband is ready for you to be out of the house for a while) come back to the club and get ready for the 2011 season.

The club Christmas party was a great success. A big thank you to the Board of Directors who donated all of the food for the activity. There was a lot of shooting going on and folks just sitting around chatting, playing

cards and enjoying the company. The trap boys and Tracy decorated the club house and Jimmy went above and beyond with some special treats.

Preparations have already been made for the club shoots, registered shoots and special events that should make it a great year. We are also adding two more ERAD fields which should be in place by the new year. P1 is getting an ERAD receiver as well as Field 4 (both trap and skeet). When it is all done we will have the following fields ERAD capable: P1 (trap), 1 (trap), 4 (trap and skeet), 5 (skeet), 6 (trap and skeet) and 7 (skeet).

Remember the holidays are a good time to send your gun in for annual service. Everyone knows that malfunctions only happen in competition and not practice! Stay safe and by all means keep shooting!!

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There's Gold in 'dem Hills!!

Well not really gold but a whole heck of a lot of lead! The club has begun the process of mining the shot fields to reclaim all of the lead that has accumulated over the past five years. This time we have made arrangements to have the mining done during off hours so there will not be any interruption in shooting schedules.

You will notice there are a few semi-trucks and tractors at the end of the property by field 7. This is all of their equipment. It takes quite a bit of work to reclaim all that lead.

We should hopefully be done with the mining by the new year!



Club Skeet Shoot

The club skeet shoot has ended for the year. We had a good turnout for the last shoot and the weather was not too bad. Remember that we will start back up in January on Saturday the 8th. Registration is at 9:30 AM and shooting starts at 10:00 AM. Club shoots will follow every month on the second Saturday of each month.

The club skeet shoot is a great time to come out and shoot in a relaxed atmosphere. New shooters, experienced, young and old are all welcome. Even though it is a competition the feel is very laid back and it is easy to meet new shooting friends.

For the new year we will be combining AA and A classes as well as B and C classes, D class will stand alone. So don't be shy and come on out. If you don't have any *class*...I mean a shooting class, we will assign you one when you get here. The 2010 season results are posted below.



	12 Gauge		20 Gauge		28 Gauge		410 bore		HOA	
	Name/Points		Name/Points		Name/Points		Name/Points		Name/Points	
AA	Matt Sprague	15	Allen Cline	12	Matt Sprague	15	Allen Cline	12	Matt Sprague	25
	Mike Schmitt	4	Matt Sprague	10	Allen Cline	4	Matt Sprague	9	Allen Cline	12
			Mike Schmitt	4	Mike Schmitt	4	Richard Parr	5	Mike Schmitt	8
			John Devnew	2			Mike Schmitt	3	John Devnew	2
A	Wilbert Prather	21	Wilbert Prather	17	Wilbert Prather	19	Wilbert Prather	18	Wilbert Prather	34
	Richard McCarter	8	Richard McCarter	6	Richard McCarter	12	Richard McCarter	7	Richard McCarter	16
	Johnny Moore	7	Richard Parr	5	Johnny Moore	7	Tom Deaton	3	Richard Parr	8
	Rob Wilson	4					Johnny Moore	3		
B	Mark Cutler	20	Mark Cutler	12	Mark Cutler	20	Mark Cutler	12	Mark Cutler	32
	Bob Kelly	7	Bob Kelly	4	Bob Kelly	7	Bob Kelly	4	Bob Kelly	11
C	MG Ames	18	Gordon Bain	23	Gordon Bain	20	Gordon Bain	22	Gordon Bain	41
	Gordon Bain	17	MG Ames	9	MG Ames	15	Gene Ragle	11	MG Ames	24
	Gene Ragle	5	Gene Ragle	8	Gene Ragle	5	MG Ames	7	Gene Ragle	15
D	Gene Colvin	17	Gene Colvin	13	Tim Orr	13	Cecil Williams	13	Tim Orr	20
	Tim Orr	9	Tracy Ragle	10	Tracey Ragle	7	David Dils	12	Cecil Williams	18
	Tracy Ragle	8	Cecil Williams	10	Cecil Williams	5	Tim Orr	10	Tracy Ragle	17
			David Dils	10	Wayne Cook	5				

Last Chance Open

by Tracy Ragle

The 2010 NSSA registered skeet year was concluded at FWTS with The Last Chance Open on October 30th. For those who have not begun to shoot registered events, contestants accrue points from November 1st to October 31st; the goal being a “High Volume Points” winner or achieving “All American” status. Traditionally, when it is time for the LCO the majority of shooters have garnered their points and a smaller more relaxed crowd competes. This year 39 entrants were slated to shoot the four guns.



The day began with 12 g. and saw our own **Mike Schmitt** run 50, however, so did JoEllen Collin and Ran Davis. Mike prevailed in the shoot off and took first. One of our up and coming shooters, Miss **Kendall Reed** took E1 and JRCH. C-class was dominated by **Wilbert Prather** and **David Weeks**, each shooting 48 and the Retired Military class was taken by **Allen Cline** and **Gordon Bain** respectively.

The twenty gauge event followed and was made interesting by the cool temperatures and gusting winds. Once again, **Mike Schmitt** was near the top with a second place score of 49. Teresa Botha was CH with a 50 and a long time friend of FWTS, CW Dagnal took third with a 49. Other class winners were **Matt Sprague** A3 (49), **Richard McCarter** A4(48), **Gene Ragle** B1(48), **Wilbert Prather** C1(48), **Gordon Bain** C3(43), **Wayne Cook** D1(36) and **Kendall Reed** D2(31).



At the conclusion of the 20G, FWTS hosted the “First Chance Event” which was geared to initiate new competitors to registered shooting. Each contestant would shoot one round of regular skeet with a referee and the highest score would win a trophy. **Mrs. Tracy Crow** and **Mrs. Cathy Cook** were our shooters and, after a close race, Cathy emerged as our winner. When the competition was over, both ladies expressed a new understanding of the pressures of competitive shooting.

During the 28G event **Mike Schmitt**, Vernon Drake and JoEllen Collin all shot a 49 with our hometown favorite winning the gun. Gusting winds continued to be an issue and at times, if the shooter was not able to drop quicker than the target, it was a lost bird.

The 410 was dominated by **Richard Parr** with a 49 and **Allen Cline** with a 48. **Mike Schmitt** brought in a 46 which would later give him heartburn in the HOA event. Club members **Gene Ragle**, **Gordon Bain** and **Tracy Ragle** took C-class with places 1, 2, and 3.

When the dust settled on The Last Chance Open, **Mike Schmitt** (194) missed HOA by one bird to Ms. JoEllen Collin (195); **Richard Parr** was our third place winner with a 189. It remains an impressive fact that these three shooters were able to compete in a 200 bird event and maintain near perfect accuracy.

The 2011 skeet calendar is posted on our website, the TSSA website and in the club house; I would like to invite more club members to be a part of one of these events. Whether it is as a volunteer or a competitor you will never find a better opportunity to connect with people who love the sight of a broken as much as you! TR

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M. G. Ames
Aledo, Texas
Member 16 years

Birthplace: Dallas, Texas
Favorite sports team: Dallas Cowboys
First Shotgun: Remington 870 12 gauge
Favorite Shotgun: Browning Citori XS
Other sports or hobbies: Bird hunting
Like best about FWTS: location

Two things that distinguish you: 1) I wear suspenders, but 2) they don't work.

Best day ever on the skeet field: 2008 – shot a 50 in the club shoot with 28 gauge and 49 with 12 ga.

Toughest challenge on skeet field? High 2
“Dream team” squad? Bill Lee, John Devnew, David Weeks, and Mike Schmitt

People who influenced my shotgun career most? Bill Lee-excellent instruction, and R.R. Smith

Best shotgunning advice received? Head on the stock!

Last good movie seen? Cowboys, with John Wayne

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

Like most about shooting sports? The people I've met and friendships I made, and continually improving



David Dils
Benbrook, TX
Member Since 2010

Birthplace: Sacramento, CA
Favorite sports team: Dallas Cowboys
Preferred shotgun sport: Skeet
First Shotgun: 870 Express
Current Shotgun: Blazer F3 - Briley Tubes
Other sports or hobbies: Reloading
Like best about FWTS: friendly people and great shooting backgrounds

Two things that distinguish you: I break the right side of the field quicker than the left and I can be found on Field 6 most days we are open

Best day ever on the skeet field: Shooting 98 (20 ga) at the 2010 Gumbo Shoot with the last 75 straight and a 97 (20 ga) at the World Warm Up in Grand Prairie.

Toughest challenge on skeet field? High 2
“Dream team” squad? Todd Bender, Paul Giambrone III, Wayne Mayes, John Shima

Greatest Shooting Influence: John Shima

Best shotgunning advice received? “Any time you want to get in front of it boss”

Last good book you read? Ghost Rider, Neil Peart

5-year goal? Shoot a 4x100, not all at once of course. Although that would be wicked awesome.

Editor's Report

by David Dils

As we wrap up the year for *The Bullshooter* I would like to take the opportunity to thank a few people who have helped make the return of *The Bullshooter* successful. **Wayne Cook** who has handled the Newcomer's Corner and is responsible for the majority of the excellent photos you see here, **Gene Ragle, Mark Cutler, David Weeks** and **Joel Powell** for their prompt responses to my requests for information. **Tracy Ragle** and **Ben Dobson** for their great extended write-ups on the Registered Skeet and Trap shoots and finally my wife, Carrie, for her assistance with the new layout.

This year in order to save costs and take advantage of technology we decided to only "print" the newsletter online and via e-mail. This has saved the club, your club, significant expenses associated with printing and envelopes. In order to get maximum penetration into our membership it is important that you keep your e-mail address up to date. You can do that by seeing Jimmy at the club or by emailing me directly. Remember you can also view past editions of the newsletter online at www.fortworthtrapandskeet.com.

As we enter 2011 *The Bullshooter* can still use and needs your help and support. If you are a photographer we are always needing help to document the events at the club (Wayne and I just can't get to all of them.) There are eight registered trap and three registered skeet shoots, not counting all of the club activities. If you would like to help out, please e-mail me at editor@fortworthtrapandskeet.com and we will get you signed up. During the registered trap and skeet events we can always use an extra hand around the club; one hour or the whole shoot we would appreciate your help. E-mail **Ben Dobson**, trapchair@fortworthtrapandskeet.com or **Tracy Ragle** at skeetchair@fortworthtrapandskeet.com for more information.

Now to put on my webmaster hat...

Most of you should know by now that the website is up and running! Be sure to visit us at www.fortworthtrapandskeet.com. On the website you will find breaking club news, hours and location, membership information and rates, guest policy, league scores, and events. I would like to thank **Mark Cutler** and **Wayne Cook** for their help in proof reading, mistake catching and readability help.

As always, if you have an idea for an article or would like to write an article (e.g. **Bob Kelly**, Reloaders Roundup) give us a shout. Articles can be on club topics or even on that last great pheasant hunt you went on. We're always looking for information relevant to our members and would love to hear more about your experiences!

This issue will be for December and January so I would like to remind everyone to come out and shoot at the club skeet shoot on the January 8th and February 12th. Also the first club trap shoot will be on February 4th. Check the website for times and dates for all our activities.

Thanks again for all of your support, comments and assistance. It is greatly appreciated.

Dave

Fall Leagues

I want to thank everyone for making the 2010 leagues successful and fun. I appreciate everyone's patience when a machine was not working or a voice pull was out of action. I hope everyone had an enjoyable time and will chose to shoot with the league again in 2011.

Final results are attached for both leagues. If you were not able to attend the Fall league ending dinner, please stop by the club and pick up your league hat. The hats will be available at the counter (ask the manager) for the next week or two. After that I cannot promise you that they will still be available as they may grow legs and walk off! Therefore, if you participated in the Fall league and did not receive your hat, stop by the club ASAP and please pick one up.

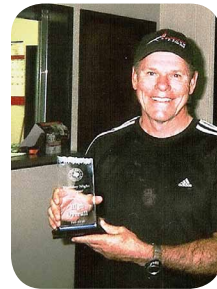
Mark down the 1st of February on your calendars and make sure to sign up early for the spring 2011 league. Signups will begin in February and shooting will begin the first week of March. See you then.

David Weeks

Monday Winners



1st Place Team: Malorie Crowell, Bob Crowell, Rob Wilson, Luis Cossio, Stuart Schuster, Scott Schuster



High Over All
Rob Wilson



High Skeet
Bill Haggerty



2nd Place Team: Bill Green, Jill Bregenzer, David Gallagher, Jack Harlow, Mike Roden, Billy Samuels



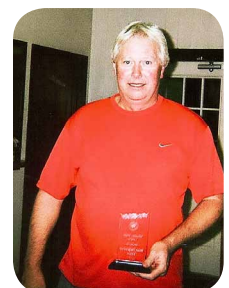
High Trap
Randy Read



High Lady
Malorie Crowell



Most Improved Trap
Jeniffer Jones



Most Improved Skeet
Harry Walker

Tuesday Winners



1st Place Team: Paul Savona, Glenn Barnes, Jim Clark, Mike Hynes, Josh Lemmon, and Dave Stock



High Over All
Travis Mears



High Skeet - Joe Anderson



2nd Place Team: Mike Parr, Frank Houx, H.B. Nettleton, and Buddy McKittrick
(not pictured Curt Junger and David Dils)



High Trap - Matt Fuqua



High Lady - Terena
Cheeseman



Last Place Team: Tom Price, Jerry Boydston, Charlie McClure, JoAnn Massey, Robert Massey, and Ron Wertz
(not pictured)



Most Improved Trap -
Martha Townsend

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