



A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FORT WORTH TRAP & SKEET CLUB

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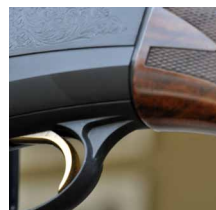


New Members Orientation, February 19th



If you are new to shooting and would like to get together with other new shooters for a little basic instruction, shooting time, and information about our club and its activities, come to the New Members Orientation on February 19th at 11:00 AM. We will be meeting in the clubhouse. No RSVP required, just show up!

2011 February Club Trap Shoot



The February Club Trap Shoot was postponed due to poor weather. It's been rescheduled for Sunday, 2/13. Registration starts at 12:30 PM and shooting starts promptly at 1:30 PM. Weather should be great so come out and break some targets! For more information visit the Events page at www.fortworthtrapandskeet.com.

President's Message

by Gene Ragle



I recently entered a skeet tournament at the Dallas Gun Club and once again I was impressed by the camaraderie of the shooting community. Participants from all walks of life and across several generations were catching up and wishing each other Happy New Year. Someone even commented on how nice it was to see new shooters becoming part of the crowd.

Unfortunately, the recent tragedy in Tucson probably gives the American citizen another impression. So as gun owners, our future holds greater scrutiny and possibly greater restriction than currently imposed.

Firearm enthusiasts will need to combat this several ways...

Our behavior will be unfairly held at a higher standard in all phases of life so the avoidance of conflict or peaceful resolution of a conflict should take priority.

We should promote firearms education to the community so fear of the unknown can be minimized.

Finally, shooters will need to keep a close eye on the political horizon. Great change can begin with small steps: start educating your immediate family; volunteer a few hours with a local 4-H club and the ripple effect may surprise you. Whatever you do 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.

We are still working towards getting all of the lead out... pun intended. However, with the Christmas holiday's and some downright nasty weather it is taking a bit longer than we would like. Currently we are approximately 1/3 of the way complete. So far we have taken twenty-eight 55-gallon barrels of lead and the "meaty" part of the shot field still awaits!



Station to Station

Exploits of FWTS Members

Fort Worth Trap and Skeet Club members compete all over the state and country in skeet, sporting clays and trap events. These are just a few of the recent events where our members have excelled.

2010 Mini-World Skeet Championship, San Antonio, Texas October 2010

Mike Schmitt, AA1 HOA

2010 World Skeet Championship, San Antonio Texas, October 2010

Mike Schmitt, AA5 12ga East, 9th Champ of Champs, AA10 HOA,

2011 Skeet Gumbo, Tyler Texas November 2010

Allen Cline, AA3 12ga, A2 DBLS

David Dils, C1 12 ga, CH2 20 ga, D1 DBLS

Richard Parr, A1 12 ga, AA1 20ga, CH3 DBLS

Gene Ragle, B3 12 ga, B7 20ga, D2 DBLS

Tracy Ragle, D3 12 ga, C5 20 ga, D4 DBLS

2011 January Open, Dallas, Texas

David Dils, C2 12 ga, A1 20 ga, B1 28 ga, B2 HOA

Gene Ragle, B1 20 ga, C2 28 ga, C2 HOA

Tracy Ragle, D2 12 ga, C2 410, C3 HOA

Mike Schmitt, CH1 12 ga, CH2 20 ga, CH3 28 ga, CH3 410, CH2 HOA

2011 Winter Chain Trap Shoot, Casa Grande, AZ, January 2011

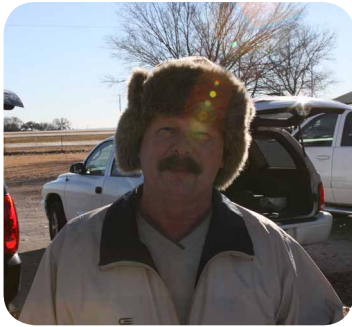
Russell Carpenter, A class runner up

Rich Hatler, AA singles champion, HOA, HAA, punched to 27 yard line

Bill Stoeppel, Doubles Champ 1/27

Congratulations to all the shooters. We love to hear about our members doing well at other shoots . If you or someone you know shoots well in an event please drop an email to editor@fortworthtrapandskeet.com so that we can recognize them in an upcoming newsletter. Photos are welcome and encouraged!

I Am Fort Worth Trap and Skeet



Cecil Williams
Azle, Texas
Member Since 2006

Birthplace: Dallas, Texas

Favorite sports team: Dallas Cowboys, even if they did suck this year. I am still a supporter and fan.

First Shotgun: Bolt action 410 at 9 years old. Worked all summer when I was 13 to buy a 20 ga. 870.

Favorite Shotgun: Browning 525

Other sports or hobbies: Hunting, fishing, camping, canoeing, hiking, horses, being in the woods and working outside.

Two things that distinguish you: 1) Grew up in a saddle shot, 2) I do custom leather work. I also teach high school and enjoy working with young men and women. It makes me proud to watch them become productive members of society and our nation.

Best day ever on the skeet field: 2009 Club shoot shooting a 45 in skeet doubles.

Toughest challenge on skeet field? Bad vision, high 3 and low 5

“Dream team” squad? My league team.

People who influenced my shotgun career most? My uncle Benny Emmons.

Best shotgunning advice received? Take a deep breath, relax and focus.

Last good movie seen? Avatar

5-year goal? To retire, do more leather work, be of service to others and shoot, shoot, shoot, shoot.

Like most about shooting sports? The people with like interests and it is just plain fun.



Gordon Bain
Trophy Club, TX
Member Since 2007

Birthplace: Augusta, NJ

Favorite sports team: NY Giants

Preferred shotgun sport: Skeet

First Shotgun: Fox 20 ga SXS

Current Shotgun: Beretta 682 with Briley Ultra-lights

Other sports or hobbies: Reloading / Lionel Trains

Like best about FWTS: friendly people

Two things that distinguish you: I shoot 32” barrels for skeet and I am usually wearing Syracuse (Not UT) Orange.

Best day ever on the skeet field: First 25 straight at the 2009 Cowtown Open with a 410. First 50 straight in trap during Spring 2008 league

Toughest challenge on skeet field? Staying focused and keeping my head in the gun.

“Dream team” squad? William Haggerty, David Dils, Gene and Tracy Ragle.

Greatest Shooting Influence: My father who got me starting shooting and John Shima who taught me to shoot skeet.

Best shotgunning advice received? Head on the gun, eye on the target

Last good book you read? Lone Survivor by Marcus Luttrell

5-year goal? 100 straight and skeet and trap.

Like most about shooting sports? The friends I make and being outside

Spring Leagues

GENERAL INFORMATION

League will begin accepting deposits for the spring league February 5th. Spaces fill up fast so get on out and reserve a place. The league secretary is David Weeks. He can be reached at the club.

2011 League Organizational Meeting At The FWT&S Club – Monday, February 28th

2011 Spring League Starts Monday, March 7th and Tuesday, March 8th

Shooting will begin at 5:30pm on Mondays or Tuesdays, as applicable, depending on what league night you are participating in. Please have your equipment at your designated field and be ready to shoot no later than 5:25pm. The Spring league begins shooting on Monday, March 7th and Tuesday, March 8th, as applicable.

The Spring league consists of 5 weeks trap followed by 5 weeks of skeet.

Each week, weather permitting, the league will shoot two rounds of either skeet or trap (as scheduled). Each round consists of 25 targets. The league consists of 250 trap and 250 skeet targets.

League members may shoot practice rounds on Mondays or Tuesdays for the duration of the league at a cost of \$5 a round (price includes tax).

LEAGUE FEES

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| Targets (10 weeks @ \$10 per week) | \$100 |
| Trophy Fee & Dinner | \$35 |
| Total | \$135 |

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Collection of League Fees:

The league collects, at a minimum, \$50 of the total league fee prior to shooting on Monday, March 7th and Tuesday, March 8th, as applicable. Full payment is expected by the fourth week of shooting. Make checks payable to "Fort Worth Trap & Skeet League". If one of these payment options does not work for your situation, please see the league secretary to work out an alternate plan. We will work with your situation if at all possible.

Odds and Ends

If you would like to add anything to the Odds and Ends just send an email to editor@fortworthtrapandskeet.com and after reviewing the material we will get it in the next issue.

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Social Networking

What is a social network? A social network is a social structure made up of individuals (or organizations) called “nodes”, which are tied (connected) by one or more specific types of interdependency, such as friendship, kinship, common interest, financial exchange, or in our case shotgun sports. We are trying the social networking experience by starting a Facebook page.

If you have a Facebook account drop by and give us a look. It is in its infancy but the page can be a place to find up to date information about the club, arrange to shoot with friends, or just come and tell us how you did in a recent shoot. Facebook is free to join.

To find our Facebook page, simply go to Facebook.com and search for us. We’ve also got a link at fortworthtrapandskeet.com. Hope to see you there.

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Volunteers Needed

We are looking for some volunteers for the Dave Rush Memorial Skeet Tournament on Saturday, March 19th. It is a one day tournament and we can use a hand with picking up hulls, loading houses, and general meet and greet for all the shooters. If you would like to help out email Tracy Ragle at skeetchair@fortworthtrapandskeet.com. We would appreciate it greatly.

Volunteers will always be welcome at any of the registered events. The trap chair, Ben Dobson, and skeet chair, Tracy Ragle, put a lot of time and effort into organizing and running registered shoots at the club. If you would like to help at any of the events just shoot either of them an email at trapchair@fortworthtrapandskeet.com or skeetchair@fortworthtrapandskeet.com I know that they will appreciate the help.

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Events at Fort Worth Trap and Skeet Club

Rather than list all of the registered events, both trap and skeet, that are going on at the club this year, I would like to remind you that there is an up-to-date listing on the website at www.fortworthtrapandskeet.com. Go to the Rvents tab and follow the link to the event that you would like to get more information about.

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