



# G.P.G.C./G.P.S.D.C. THE BULLET-TIN

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## South Dakota Birds

*Ted Preston and Joe Bettacchi*

Our trip was eleven days long hunting exclusively in South Dakota; South Central for pheasant, northwest for sharp tail grouse. The first four days were spent hunting pheasant in food plots with men walking and blockers on the sides and the end of the plot. The walkers were using Labrador Retrievers to push the birds to the end of the plot and, in theory, there would be good shooting for all. It was relatively late in the season and, as a consequence, a lot of the roosters had already been taken. This made it necessary to identify the sex of the bird, with the majority of the rising birds being hens. Even with this situation we managed to shoot at least our limit.

The fifth day we had the opportunity to visit Mt. Rushmore. I, seeing it for the first time, was really impressed. It is certainly worth a visit for anyone in the area.

At about the sixth day we were in Red Owl, South Dakota. This village is very close to Sturgis. Here we were going to hunt sharp tail grouse and Hungarian partridge. The sharp tail grouse is the approximate size of a pheasant hen, a bird that I found much more sporting than the pheasant. If I were to go back, I think the sharp tail grouse would be a higher priority than the pheasant. We carried along pointing dogs, but realized these were of marginal value in hunting these two birds.

The scenery in that part of the state was truly breathtaking. When the lyrics, "Home, Home on the Range," were penned, the author surely must have been somewhere in this vicinity.

All in all, we had a great time in spite of missing some easy shots, but making some that made us very proud.

Joe

## Thanks!

Thanks to **Bobby Sherrill** (electrician extraordinaire) for mounting a motion sensor light at the club entrance and putting an end to the dreaded "Skidmore steps of death."



*Joe, Gary Humpal, the outfitter, and Ted*



## Looking for Stories and Photos

Anyone with a good recent hunting story please send to **Bill Schweitzer** or **Terry Cullender**. We also would like to print good photos of the club, members or events.

## Notice

**GPSDC Annual Meeting will be held on  
January 8, 2004, at 7:00 pm, at the Hunter  
Education Building at the Club. This will be a joint  
meeting with GPGC as the typical 1st Thursday  
of the month meeting is New Years Day.**



## Education Classes Set for the Year 2004

The club will conduct six (6) TEXAS HUNTER EDUCATION classes this coming year. The schedule is as follows:

### Student Class

March	08 - 11 - 13
July	19 - 22 - 24 (Change)
August	16 - 19 - 21 (Change)
September	13 - 16 - 18 (Change)
October	25 - 28 - 30
November	15 - 18 - 20
December	06 - 09 - 11

### Workshops

March	05 - 06 - 07	NRA Shotgun
April - May	30 - 1 - 2	NRA Rifle (Change)
June	04 - 05 - 06	NRA Range Safety Officer
July	16 - 17 - 18	NRA Reloading
October	16	PWD Wounding/Loss
October	22 - 23 - 24	NRA Pistol
November	27	PWD Wounding/Loss
December	18	PWD Wounding/Loss

Each class will consist of two (2) night sessions and one (1) full day. The days are Monday and Thursday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and the Saturday session will be from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The cost is \$10.00 check, money order or cashier's check made out to

**Grand Prairie Education Committee**

**214-641-9940 (leave message)**

## 2004 ARA Match Schedule for GPGC

(American Rimfire Association)

- April 10th
- May 8th
- June 12th
- July 10th
- Aug. 14th
- Sept. 11th

October Tournament 2nd & 3rd

Match start time 9:00 a.m.

Tournament start times - 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd and 8:30 a.m. on the 3rd.

Sponsors:

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## Did you know?

Your GPGC front gate key will unlock the lock of the door on the lower level of Skeet Field #1 for access to a restroom. Good to know when you are on the rifle or pistol range when the Hunter Education Building is not open. Please lock the restroom when you leave.

**Welcome New Member!**

Clif Holland



# Tidbits

New member **Luke Krawietz** shot his first 25 straight Nov. 26, 2003. Congratulations!

Anyone interested in attending a trap clinic by **Harlan Campell, Jr.**, in April, please contact **John Slocum** at 972-602-1600.

2-Day clinic - \$200 / limit 5 students

Do you have something to sell? Ads will be placed in the newsletter as room permits. Contact **Terry Cullender**

tcullender@sradesign.com or 972-264-7889



## Upcoming Events

### Events Scheduled - First Quarter of 2004

Jan. 8 - Annual GPSDC stockholders meeting combined with GPGC Board of Directors Mtg.

Jan. 11 - Club Skeet Shoot

Jan. 17 - Public Day

Jan. 18 - Club Trap Shoot

Feb. 5 - GPGC Board of Directors Mtg.

Feb. 8 - Club Skeet Shoot

Feb. 15 - Club Trap Shoot

Feb. 21 - Public Day

Mar. 4 - GPGC Board of Directors Mtg.

Mar. 5-7 - NRA Instructor Class (Shotgun)

Mar. 7 - Club Skeet Shoot

Mar. 8, 11, & 13 - Hunter Education Class

Mar. 13 - Inter Club Challenge Shotgun Shoot (trap & skeet)

Mar. 21 - Club Trap Shoot

Also on Monday from 5:30pm trap shooting under the lights and on Tuesday from 5:30pm skeet shooting under the lights. This includes all Mondays and Tuesdays in January, February, and March.

**Every Monday - 5:00 pm - Casual Skeet & Trap**

**Every Wednesday - 1:00 pm - Casual Skeet & Trap**

**Every Saturday & Sunday - 1:00 pm - Open Skeet & Trap**

*unless there is a scheduled event!*



*Ted Preston with bird in hand.*



*Joe and Dotty Bettacchi. Birds are still in the bush.*

### Private Instruction

TRAP - George Stevens (972) 264-8809

SKEET - Ken English (972) 641-7505

Call for appointment and fees.

# GPGC Board of Directors

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