



G.P.G.C./G.P.S.D.C. THE BULLETIN

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Phone (972) 641-9940 (leave message)

American Rimfire Association (ARA)

Club Match Results

June 12, 2004

1st	Grant Pickard	2062.75
2nd	Carl Bailey	2027.50
3rd	Mike Pallett	1986.00
4th	Herb Gibson	1969.50
5th	James Pappas	1904.25
6th	Terry Vanpool	1895.25
7th	Billy Russell	1807.50
8th	George Lavender	1797.25
9th	Ginger Pallett	1589.50
10th	Fran Barletta	1549.25
11th	Danny Hoover	1371.50



We had 11 shooters for the June match. This was the first match for my daughter, **Ginger**, though her shooting needs some improvement. She did beat out some guys that had been shooting for years! She said it was fun and wants to do it more (there went my pocketbook). **Grant Pickard** won high overall with the rifle that I traded him.

NOTICE: **Bobby Sherrill** has some new shotshells. He said that they are so fast that you have to shoot behind the birds.

Annual Fun Shoot

June 13, 2004

We had a nice turnout even though the weather was hot. Shooting started at 10:00 and we broke for a fantastic brisket lunch provided by Benny Emmons and helpers. The competitions were unusual variations of skeet and trap that leveled the playing field. We had about 25 shooters off and on throughout the day.

Skeet/Trap Combo 100 birds

Walt Mentzer	95	Randy Walhood	78
Benny Emmons	92	Joe Henderson	77
Bill Carroll	89	Steve Gilmore	74
Weaver Branch	87	David Anderson	70
Bobby Sherrill	84	Jeff Zwiebel	69
Terry Cullender	83	Richard Robinson	68
Bill Schweitzer	81	John Slocum	57
Ken Hulsey	81	Shane Cole	55
Brad Fitzgerald	81	Dan Miller	54

Lewis Class Skeet Winners

1st Walt Mentzer	48
2nd Bill Carroll	44
3rd Richard Kummer	41
4th Jeff Zwiebel	36

Lewis Class Trap Winners

1st Walt Mentzer	47
2nd Ken Hulsey	40
3rd Steven Gilmore	38
4th Jeff Zwiebel	33
5th Gil George	32

Rabbit/Dove Winners

Brad Fitzgerald
Bill Schweitzer
Bill Carroll

Mystery Targets Winners

Walt Mentzer
Weaver Branch
David Anderson
Brad Fitzgerald
Bill Carroll

Wolf Chase

Many winners
and lots of laughing

Want a DISCOUNT on your NRA Membership?? Jan Heath has been appointed sales representative for the Dallas Arms Collector's Association for the NRA and he can renew or sell you a new membership to the NRA for a \$10 discount. If you are interested leave your name and number on the club recorder (972) 641-9940 and Jan will get back to you.

Thanks

Randy Walhood for getting the potholes repaired!

Several new members are looking for used Citoris. If you have one for sale, contact Terry Cullender, 972-264-7889; tcullender@sradesign.com

Argentina Dove Hunt

by Dave Robinson

The phrase "gratuity included" has always made me nervous. It seems to be a way for someone to gain maximum reward for minimum service. Well, on our recent trip to Argentina to hunt doves with Marcelo Gil, the included gratuity was nowhere near enough to reward the staff for the excellent care we were afforded during our 4+ days in their care.

Yes, the birds were there in incredible numbers, just as we were told they would be, not only doves but pigeons as well. During our year long correspondence with MG Hunting, not once did they mention pigeons as an enticement to book our hunt with them, but there they were, looking like bombers in flight accompanied by hoards of doves as escorts.

As important as the birds were, they turned out to be only half of the experience we shared as guests of MG Hunting. From the moment we cleared customs in Cordoba until we boarded the plane to leave, the folks at MG did their best to take care of us.

Every morning we were greeted with a full breakfast of fruit, cereal, scrambled eggs, scones and boiled coffee. We loaded



up in the Mercedes van and headed to the dove fields. As we drove through the countryside to the hunting grounds, it was like being in a time warp and returned to the 1920's. All the school children wore uniforms and walked or rode bikes to school. We even saw a few horse drawn rigs which were mixed right in with the rest of the traffic.

After a 45 minute ride we arrived at the camp site. The cooks were already working on lunch and they had a fire going to make coals used for cooking lunch. While we had a final cup of coffee the guns were uncased and placed in the rack of the hunting

vehicle. We were assigned bird boys, which is a misnomer, because they were actually shell boys. They assigned the biggest ones to Ted and John because they had to carry such a large load of shells.

Off to the fields we went for the

morning hunt, the idea being that the birds were to fly over us on their way into the fields. In the afternoon this was reversed so we could shoot the birds on their way to the roost. There was never a time when birds were not in sight and many times there were more than you could shoot at.

Around noon the truck would pick us up and take us back to camp. A canopy was set up over the dining table which was



covered with a white linen table cloth and napkins, china, silverware and crystal for your water and wine. A small table was set to one side with appetizers and refreshment to enjoy while the noon meal was prepared. The meal was a minimum of 4 courses and usually 6, which was all served by our waiter dressed in a white shirt and bow tie. Lawn chairs were set up for those who wished to take a short nap after lunch.

Back to the fields again for a day's recap, clean and pack up the guns and drive back to the hacienda.



After a quick cleanup we usually met in the dining room where the appetizers and refreshments reappeared. In about an hour or so the first course of dinner would appear and we would proceed to stuff ourselves again. By the end of the meal Marcelo and his right hand man, Patrick, would put in an appearance and inform us of the plans for the next day and to find out if we had any unanswered needs. After dinner we could play pool, ping pong or indulge in a friendly game of poker, using empty shell cases for chips. By 6 the next morning it was time to start all over again.

This is hunting like we will never see again. The people are delightful, there is no anti-American sentiment in this small town, the game is plentiful and the weather is perfect. I could tell you that the hunting is so good that 2 days is actually enough but you wouldn't believe it. You will have to go yourself to find out if this is true.

There is much more to the trip than space allotted here will allow us to relate and many tips we



can give you on the trip. If you would like more info just contact Ted Preston, Dave Robinson, John Ehler or Chris Collinveti.



Education Classes Set for the Year 2004

The club will conduct seven (7) TEXAS HUNTER EDUCATION classes this coming year. The schedule is as follows:

Student Class

July 19, 22, 24	Oct. 25, 28, 30
Aug. 16, 19, 21	Nov. 15, 18, 20
Sep. 13, 16, 18	Dec. 6, 9, 11

Instructor Workshops

July 16, 17, 18	NRA Reloading
Oct. 16	PWD Wounding/Loss (Open to Public)
Oct. 22, 23, 24	NRA Pistol
Nov. 27	PWD Wounding/Loss (Open to Public)
Dec. 18	PWD Wounding/Loss (Open to Public)

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)

Congratulations!

Ken English was runner-up in Doubles - State Senior Division. Good shooting, Ken!

Notice

Don't forget Range Officer duty!

Sat., July 3	Andy Chilla
Sun., July 4	Bill Schweitzer
Wed., July 7	Bill Carroll
Sat., July 10	Pete Heidtke
Sun., July 11	Steve Thompson
Wed., July 14	Joe Miller
Sat., July 17	Andy Chilla
Sun., July 18	George Stevens
Wed., July 21	Jack Martin
Sat., July 24	Gene Stewart
Sun., July 25	David Payne
Wed., July 28	Bill Carroll
Sat., July 31	Ted Preston
Sun., Aug. 1	Jack Foster

No Flood But Lots of Help

We received word Wednesday the 9th from the city staff that the gun club was going to flood the next day. Within hours about 20 people were at the club removing the low house machines, moving clay targets to higher ground, disconnecting electrical lines, tying down barrels, moving anything that would float and generally preparing for high water. The club has not been under water since 1989, 1990 and 1991. Below is a list of all the helpers we noticed. If we overlooked anyone let us know and we will add your name later.

Most of the same group put everything back Saturday so the club would be ready for the Sunday FUN SHOOT. Volunteers are what makes this club work. Participate when you can and thank those that do.

**Benny Emmons and his
Mariachi Band of 6**
Randy Walhood
Richard Kummer
Terry Cullender
Bill Schweitzer
Ken Hulsey
Andy Chilla
John Slocum

**Ken English left when
the work started**
Wendell Day
Mike Pallet
Jan Heath
David and Scott Payne
Shane Cole
Bobby Sherrill



Wolf Chase 1. to r.: Jeff Zwiebel, Bill Carroll, David Anderson, Weaver Branch, Terry Cullender, Shane Cole, Steve Gilmore, Bill Schweitzer, John Slocum, Brad Fitzgerald, Randy Walhood & Benny Emmons pulling.



Tie-breaker: David Anderson, Benny Emmons pulling and Bill Schweitzer, winner.



Upcoming Events

Enjoying the shade - Gil George, Bill Schweitzer, Jeff Zwiebel, Walt Mentzer

July 1 - GPGC Board of Directors Meeting
July 4 - Independence Day
July 8 - GPSDC Board Meeting - 7:00 PM
July 10 - ARA Rimfire Rifle Match
July 11 - Club Skeet Shoot
July 16 - 18 - NRA Reloading Instructor Workshop
July 17 - Public Day
July 18 - Club Trap Shoot
July 19 - 7:00 PM Hunter Ed Class
July 22 - 7:00 PM Hunter Ed Class
July 24 - 8:00 AM Hunter Ed Class

August 5 - GPGC Board of Directors Meeting
August 8 - Club SKeet Shoot
August 14 - ARA Rimfire Rifle Shoot
August 15 - Club Trap Shoot
August 16 - 7:00 PM Hunter Ed Class
August 19 - 7:00 PM Hunter Ed Class
August 21 - 8:00 AM Hunter Ed Class
August 21 - Public Day

Trap Schedule for 2004

John Slocum, 972-602-1600

July 18, 2004	10:00 AM
Aug. 15, 2004	10:00 AM
Sep. 19, 2004	10:00 AM
Oct. 17, 2004	10:00 AM
Nov. 21, 2004	Club Turkey Shoot
Dec. 19, 2004	10:00 AM

Club Skeet Schedule 2004

Brad Fitzgerald - 972-816-0934

July 11	11:00 AM - Club Shoot
Sep. 5	11:00 AM - Club Shoot
Sep. 25-26	World Warm-up Registered Shoot
Oct. 3	11:00 AM - Club Shoot
Nov. 21	Club Turkey Shoot
Dec.	No organized skeet shoot

GPGC Board of Directors

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Be Courteous!
Reload the houses when
you finish shooting. Pick up
your hulls - clean up the
area a little - use
trash cans!

Give Jeff your email address and have your newsletter in color, quicker and save the club handling and postage!

Notice

Renewals were sent out the last week in May. Members should contact Jeff if they have not received their renewal by mid June. The renewals should be returned by June 30. New cards and keys will be mailed in early July.

Jeff Zwiebel: jeff.zwiebel@alcatel.com
 972-490-8438

Lockers Available

There are approximately twenty lockers in the men's restroom of the Hunter Education Building that will be available for rent. The rental will be \$25/year and included on your renewal form. These lockers are not for storage of firearms and this is strongly discouraged. The Club will not be responsible for the loss of any content in these lockers. The renter will provide a padlock and assume all liability for content. The lockers are great for keeping a change of clothes and personal items. There is a shower in the restroom.

Please contact **Randy Walhood** if you are interested in renting a locker: 972-919-2588 (wk.) or 972-387-1811 (hm.)

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