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Monday Trap League

Doubles at 16-Yard Line

A few weeks ago Benny Emmons started another 6 week trap league. This time it is doubles at 16 yards. It is obvious that few of us shoot trap doubles because the scores are low. But we are having fun. There are 19 shooters and the averages for 50 targets vary from 24 to 44 with the overall average being 35.8.

The last night of the shoot will be Monday Sept. 10 and yes we will shoot Labor Day. So be there or bank ahead. It is too early to pick winners since some of the best shooters have taken a very slow start out of the gate but my money would be on Benny.

My goal is to not be last. I am very comfortable in the middle of the pack. Come on out and shoot with us, members and guests.

Results form the previous trap league:

Debra Altenbaumer beat the famous sporting clay shooter (ranked 10th in the world), **Jason Foshea** for "B" class winner. **Bill Schweitzer** won "C" class and in a shoot-off **David Anderson** took "D" class and **Larry Lewis** won the Surprise Drawing. Each prize was a \$45 gift certificate at BassPro Shop. I placed in the middle of the "E" class shooters.

Terry Cullender



Club Skeet Results

August 5, 2007



12ga Event

HOA Champion:

AA Champion:

AA 2:

A Champion:

A 2:

B Champion:

B 2:

C Champion:

C 2:

D Champion:

D 2:

Jack Martin - 50

Bobby Sherril - 48

Ken English - 48

Jason Foshea - 48

Wayne Johnston - 48

Bill Weatherby - 49

Rusty Porter - 47

David Dixon - 48

Gene Wills - 45

David Bengel - 44

Robert Stack - 43

Lewis Class Event 20ga

Class A:

Class B:

Class C:

Class D:

Class E:

Jack Martin - 49

Donnie Penwell - 48

Ken English - 47

Howard Huber - 45

Richard Kummer - 43

Doubles Event

Champion:

Runner Up:

3rd:

Howard Huber - 50 = \$130

Ken English - 47 = \$78

Benny Emmons - 47 = \$52

Welcome New Members!



Sharon West

*Sonny Goode
and
Brandon Harris
(no pictures
available)*

Range Officer Duty

Sat. Sept. 1 Jeff Zwiebel
 Sun. Sept. 2 Rich Reynolds
 Wed. Sept. 5 Kerry Williams
 Sat. Sept. 8 Joe Bettacchi
 Sun. Sept. 9 Don Kovatch
 Wed. Sept. 12 Herb Gundelfinger
 Sat. Sept. 15 Ed Kilgore
 Sun. Sept. 16 Buz Owens
 Wed. Sept. 19 Al Barsh
 Sat. Sept. 22 Randy Walhood
 Sun. Sept. 23 Mike Skidmore
 Wed. Sept. 26 Bill Weatherby
 Sat. Sept. 29 Ray Slater
 Sun. Sept. 30 Ken English

Club Trap Schedule 2007

September 16 November 18 (Turkey Shoot)
 October 21 December 16

John Slocum, 972-602-1600



Education Classes Set for 2007

Student Classes

September 10, 13 and 15
 October 8, 11 and 13
 November 5, 8 and 10
 December 10, 13 and 15

Instructor Workshops

Sept. 7 - 9 - Pistol Instructors Workshop

Grand Prairie Education Committee
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Sept. 2- Noon - Club Skeet Shoot
 Sept. 3 - Labor Day
 Sept. 6 - 7:30 PM GPGC Board of Directors Meeting
 Sept. 7-9 - NRA Pistol Instructors Workshop
 Sept. 8 - 9:00 AM ARA Rifle Match
 Sept. 10 - 7:00 PM Hunter Ed Class
 Sept. 13 - 7:00 PM Hunter Ed Class
 Sept. 15 - 8:00 PM Hunter Ed Class
 Sept. 15 - 1:00 PM Public Day
 Sept. 16 - Noon Club Trap Shoot
 Sept. 21-23 - World Warm-up Registered Skeet Shoot

2007 ARA Match Schedule for GPGC (American Rimfire Association)

September 8 October 6 & 7 (Tournament)

Matches start at 9:00 AM Saturdays. October Tournament starts at 11:00 AM on the 6th and 8:30 AM the 7th.

Sponsor - Mike Pallett, mwpallett@yahoo.com

Club Skeet Schedule 2007

Brad Fitzgerald, 972-816-0934

The main events will be 50 targets of 12 ga. unless otherwise noted. All shoots are on Sunday with lunch at noon and shooting starts at 1:00 PM.

Sep. 2 - 28 ga. Preliminary
 Oct. 7 - .410 bore Preliminary
 Nov. 4 - 20 ga. Preliminary
 Dec. 2 - 28 ga. Preliminary

Recipe Corner



Thousand Island Dressing

Submitted by Bill Schweitzer

Ok for years I have tried to find a recipe for Thousand Island dressing that didn't have to be made 20 gal. at a time - this one works!

Cheers,
Bill

- 1 qt. mayo
- 1 cup chili sauce
- 1 Tbsp. of minced stuffed olives
- 1 bell pepper, finely chopped
- 1 sm. onion minced (or to taste)
- 3 chopped hard boiled eggs
- 2 to 3 tsp. parsley

Optional

- 2 stalks of celery, finely minced
- sugar to taste (depending on how sweet you like it)



Wednesday Night Skeet League Results

can be seen online at the following link:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~lobird/>

Select the "**GPGC Wednesday Skeet League Results:**" link.

It will open an Excel spreadsheet.

Once the Excel session has started, select "Open," then select "Disable Macros." The spreadsheet should open and allow you to navigate through the tabs and see the same results that are posted on the Club House bulletin board each week. Results will be posted online usually by Noon on the following Thursday.

Pistol Range Improvements

Saturday the 18th at 8:00am, a group of dedicated gun club members met at the pistol range and started rebuilding some deteriorating features. Old patch boards were removed from the overhead baffles, and we started replacing and recovering them with new treated lumber. The firing line bench was also reconditioned. Completion of the improvements to the pistol range will take several more days of work parties. If you can help then contact Terry Cullender.

Thanks to our labor force:

Bill Schweitzer	Jeff Zwiebel
Terry Cullender	Tyler Cullender
John Slocum	Dan Brown
Jim Wilson	Kerry Williams
Walter and Josh O'Reilly	

Saturday the 25th was our latest workday and we had generally the usual suspects show up. Thanks guys.

Jeff Zwiebel	Bill Schweitzer
Terry Cullender	John Slocum
Kerry Williams	Dan Brown
Walter O'Reilly	Brad Ambrose
Randy Walhood	

This time we finished recovering the front overhead baffle, added some covering timbers to the top of the ground baffles and rebuilt some of the venetian blind baffle. The range is really looking good. We have decided to save the finish grading and the second overhead baffle to sometime to be determined in October. It is just too hot right now and we need to let dove season and deer camp work get done.

If you need more info on the project contact:

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Notice!

We Need Help!

September 22nd and 23rd is the Annual Registered Skeet Shoot sponsored by GPGC.

We make a little money and it is a nationally known event that gets the club good PR. Randy Walhood runs the administration of the event and Benny Emmons runs the team of volunteers that cooks, washes dishes, serves food, scores targets, loads houses, etc. Whatever it takes to make the event happen and be successful. If you can volunteer for a day or part of a day or the whole weekend please contact Benny. It takes over 25 people to make this happen and he needs help.

Benny Emmons supreme@flash.net



**Rex Doss
Keith Hill
Benny Emmons, Jr.
Jeff Nekuza
Benny Emmons
Donnie Jenkins**

We were hunting in Pedras Negras Mexico. 8/25/07

We killed lots of birds and had a good time.

Benny



Benny Emmons, Jr., Keith Hill and Donnie Jenkins





African Safari



Had a great 10-day safari in South Africa. The boys shoot plenty of plains animals. The Rhino score was Rhino 3 - Preston 1. It took 3 tries to locate and down a Rhino. Having to stalk within 20 yds. of the Rhino to get a clear shot was a challenging stalk. Took 3 hours of stalking from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM so the final pictures are rather dark.

Ted Preston

Every Thursday at 6:00 pm as long as daylight savings time lasts there is a bullseye pistol match sponsored by **Dan Brown**.

Bullseye Pistol Shoot

It is a 25-yard match with 3 strings of 10 shots, slow fire, timed fire and rapid fire. Any caliber pistol except for magnums, please. The cost will be \$3 and targets will be provided. The scores will be recorded and appropriate handicaps will be given. This is a FUN SHOOT and members and guests are welcome.

Come on out and shoot!!



l. to r.: Harry Sicko, Dan Brown, Terry and Tyler Cullender



Charles and The Dragon Slayer

by Charles Richerson

50 Big Bore Air Rifle Got Lucky...

The first week of May, 2007, I went to the Double C Ranch in South Texas hunting hogs. This was a three-day hunt including lodging, meals, guide, and three hogs. I bought this hunt on eBay back in the winter. It cost me about \$800.

Since I hadn't killed a hog while hunting with Eric, Sniper and Leroy in January I really wanted to get one this time as I was about out of pork in the freezer. Before the hunt I decided to take the first one with a center fire if I couldn't get a close shot from the stand with my air rifle. I did take a pretty good hog while the guide was taking me to the stand he had picked out for my first evening hunt. It was shot at 161 yards with a center fire.

So, after loading the first hog up for the guide to take in to be processed I cased my 30-06 and told the guide to put it in my cabin, as I would be air gun hunting the rest of the time with the .50 cal Career Dragon Slayer by Shin Sung. I would be using an Eotech red dot scope, as I knew I would probably be night hunting and the crosshairs on a regular scope would not show up.

Flashback time. The folks at the Double C had never heard of hunting with an air rifle. They allowed rifle, pistol, muzzleloader and bow so I knew they probably would be open minded about a big bore air rifle. They said first they wanted me to shoot it on their range. At 50 yards the Dragon Slayer .50 was making one big hole in the target off the bench. They thought it was shooting really hard. I was using round balls and knew that the power level was not really as much as I would like. They said sure use it, but we want a picture if you kill a hog with it. I have since modified the DS .50 to get more power and believe it will do better the next time I hunt with it.

So I am sitting on a tower stand watching for hogs when the feeder went off and all the exotics in the world started coming out of the woods. I had Black Buck, Axis deer, Fallow deer, wild sheep, elk, moose, buffalo, Water-buck, etc., all coming into the feeder which was about 45 yards away.

But no hogs. Finally after sunset but before full dark I saw a few hogs coming down the dirt road toward the stand. By the time they arrived at the stand it was full dark. I could hear them well but couldn't see them. The red light on the feeder had been bumped and was shining towards the treetops. I think the Elk bumped it while trying to knock feed out of the feeder. The hogs fed for about 15 minutes and then left. They had run all the other animals off when they arrived. I stayed in the stand until about 10

pm at which time the guide arrived to take me back to the Double C for dinner, cold beer and a soft bed.

The next morning we went to a new stand. I sat down, made myself comfortable while digging in my breakfast sack and pouring my coffee. While doing this I happened to glance out the window of the tower stand and saw three small hogs walk from under my tower stand headed for the feeder. I could just barely see them as the sky was just starting to get a little bit light in the east. I got the DS .50 up on the windowsill but couldn't get the shot I wanted. I wanted a headshot, as I knew the DS .50 wasn't putting out but around 575 to 585 feet per second and it wouldn't kill a hog cleanly unless I placed the ball perfectly.



When they got to the feeder they kept milling around and not giving me a shot as they fed. I couldn't actually see them unless they were in the light aimed under the feeder. They couldn't find much corn and left pretty quickly without me getting a shot. As they walked away into the dark the feeder went off throwing corn all around. It wasn't 10 seconds before they returned on a run. A little brown one stuck his head right under the light and held it still for a few seconds while munching a pile of corn. I hit him in the neck at 41 yards and he dropped in his tracks. He was a small hog at 26 pounds but fine eating size. The ball went through his neck and lodged under the skin on the off side.

While waiting for the guide to pick me up I decided two hogs are enough for this trip. So I put up the DS .50 air rifle and shot some pictures of the exotics coming to the feeder after daylight. I was a bit disappointed in the power of the DS .50 and decided to do a few modifications on it to increase the speed of the ball or pellet. I now have it up to shooting about 675 FPS with round balls from the original 585

fps. That is about a 15% increase in the power of the air rifle. I think it will make a big difference in hog hunting. I enjoyed the Double C Ranch and this hunting

trip. It was the first trip I had purchased off of eBay. It will not be the last. I am checking eBay fairly regular for a trip somewhere else for this fall.



July 30th was a busy day at the Grand Prairie Gun Club. Charlie Wilson, Jimmie Caughron, and Heidi Rao, from Texas Parks and Wildlife brought 114 Vocational

Agriculture Teachers to the club.

Charlie and Jimmie are trying to introduce trap shooting into the vocational agriculture curriculum in Texas schools. Charlie and Jimmie had 46 instructors learning to teach trap shooting, and Heidi had 68 teachers wanting to be Hunter Education instructors. They had completed the classroom portion of their course on line and at the teacher's conference in Arlington.

She brought them to the club to go through the field exercise and live fire part of the course. Joe Cawthon, Will Knight, Richard Bailey, David Akin and Jan Heath conducted these classes for them.

Our group conducts these exercises very efficiently and thoroughly and every one in the course enjoyed it very much. Our group has been doing these classes for about eighteen years and do an excellent job.

Thanks to everyone involved for a job extremely well done!



Charlie Wilson showing the field exercise to instructors

Hunter's Ed

Hunter Ed Report

The education group has just passed a couple of milestones and I thought I would let everyone know what we have been up to.

Back in 1989, twelve of our members formed the Education Committee, underwent a lot of training from the N.R.A. and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and started teaching Texas Hunter Education and N.R.A. Basic Firearms courses. Over the years a number of our group (5) became N.R.A. Training Counselors enabling us to train N.R.A. Instructors. We also have a Parks and Wildlife area chief to train Hunter Education instructors.

To date, we have taught 4,501 Hunter Education students, 145 Hunter Education instructors, and 2,960 N.R.A. instructors. In our last class we had our first second-generation student. The first class we had, October 1, 1989 (we did 2 classes that year) consisted of 45 students. We had a meeting and decided this

was entirely too large a class so we tried to limit our class size. We have since had two classes with 89 students and we don't even consider a class to be large unless we have 60 or so students.

We have come a long way since that first class! We maintain about 25 active instructors and do on-average 6 classes per year. Our instructors are extremely good. They have all taken a lot of training (on average 200 or more hours each). They have attended nearly all the in-service workshops that Parks and Wildlife offers and have developed into an extremely good and professional group.

These people started out in a building that was impossible to keep clean and whatever the weather conditions were outside, it was 10 degrees worse inside. They stuck with it and now have as good a teaching facility as there is in this state.

We have been teaching Hunter Education for 18 years and have seen many changes, most notable the Home Study Program, which our group adapted to very readily. We have a great group and a great facility. Let's hope we can get another 18 or more years done!

Jan Heath



Future trap instructors being taught by Charlie Wilson



Jimmie Caughron instructing trap to instructors

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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!**

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*1 Available for large construction projects

*2 Assign to range officer duty

*3 Target frame construction

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