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SHOOT UNDER THE LIGHTS!!!

Monday Night Trap Leagues Still Going. Come Join US!

Every six weeks a trap league ends and the next Monday another one starts.

We are in the 5th week of the WOBBLE TRAP LEAGUE and first place is a hot competition between Kerry Williams with a 47 average and Benny Emmons with Debra Altenbaumer coming up on the rail to challenge.

In the middle of the pack is Greg Peil, Terry Cullender, Gene Wills, David Anderson, Brad Fitzgerald and Keith Hill.

Winners: B class Kerry Williams 46.5
C class Benny Emmons 46
D class Terry Cullender 44.5 avg.

Altogether we have 18 shooters and the bottom has a few surprise shooters there. Wind and dark changes the game.

December 10th starts the next league and it will be WOBBLE DOUBLES. That should lower the scores and level out the playing field. Come on out and shoot with us. Guests and visitors are welcome and the shooting is from 5:00pm till about 7:30. There are meals usually and the first one is free.

Terry Cullender

Notice

Annual Grand Prairie Sportsman's Development Corporation

General Meeting
January 10th, 2008 7:00pm

All gun club members and stockholders are welcome to attend. The agenda will be printed in next month's newsletter.

Club Skeet Results

November 4, 2007



12ga. EVENT

HOA Champion:	C.W. DAGNAL - 49
AA Champion:	Randy Walhood - 49
AA 2:	Bobby Sherrill - 47
A Champion:	Neil Altenbaumer - 47
A 2:	Gene Stewart - 47
B Champion:	Andy Chilla - 49
B 2:	Debra Altenbaumer - 48
D Champion:	Dick Peoples - 44
D 2:	Bill Ernst - 42

LEWIS CLASS EVENT - Pump Gun or Side-by-Side Only

AA Class Champion:	Jeff Zwiebel - 50
A Class Champion:	Jack Martin - 48
B Class Champion:	Jim Cervenka - 45
C Class Champion:	Dick Peoples - 43

DOUBLES EVENT - Pump Shotgun Only

Champion:	Gene Stewart - 49 = \$120
Runner - Up:	Kerry Williams - 42 = \$72
3rd Place:	Bobby Sherrill - 42 = \$48

Welcome New Members!



Left to right: Gerald Evatt, Mark Schuchmann
Luke & Ida May McPherson, and Brandon Harris

Range Officer Duty

Sat.	Dec. 1	Keith Hill
Sun.	Dec. 2	Jim Speer
Wed.	Dec. 5	Al Barsh
Sat.	Dec. 8	Terry Cullender
Sun.	Dec. 9	David Anderson
Wed.	Dec. 12	Bill Weatherby
Sat.	Dec. 16	Benny Emmons
Sun.	Dec. 17	Rich Reynolds
Wed.	Dec. 19	Andy Chilla
Sat.	Dec. 22	Don Ambrose
Sun.	Dec. 23	Richard Simbala
Wed.	Dec. 26	John Slocum
Sat.	Dec. 29	Gene Stewart
Sun.	Dec. 30	Jeff Zwiebel



Dec. 2 - Noon Club Skeet Shoot
 Dec. 6 - 7:30 PM GPGC Board of Directors Meeting
 Dec. 10 - 7:00 PM Hunter Ed Class
 Dec. 13 - 7:00 PM Hunter Ed Class
 Dec. 15 - 8:00 AM Hunter Ed Class
 Dec. 15 - 1:00 PM Public Day
 Dec. 25 - Christmas
 Jan. 1 - New Year's Day

Hall of Fame Awards Presented

Hunter Education celebrated its 35th year in 2007, and nine instructors were honored and inducted into the Hunter Education Hall of Fame at the annual awards banquet held in Mansfield on June 23. One of two "Hall of Fame" plaques is now full and 40 instructors have made their mark in the annals of hunter education history.



Shown here, left to right, are Jan Heath, Irving; Duke Walton, Porter; Albert Ross, Arlington; Jerry Couch, Irving; Bob Boswell, Houston; and Billy Holt, Breckenridge. They are the latest instructors reaching the Texas Hunter Education Hall of Fame

Club Skeet Shoot December 2, 2007

Fourteen shooters braved the stiff winds on December 2nd for the monthly Club Skeet Shoot. After lunch in the clubhouse, nine shooters chased 50 targets of 28 gauge skeet. Using a Lewis class scoring, **Rick Stockstill** shot a 48 to win AA1 and **Randy Walhood** shot a 43 to win A1.

The main event (12 gauge) consisted of 12 shooters trying to guess which way the targets would blow. **Jason Foshea** broke 47/50 to win Champ. **Randy Walhood** won AA1 in a fierce shootoff with **Rick Stockstill**. Both had shot 46/50. A1 was taken by **Jeff Zwiebel** with a 46/50. Jeff was substituting for **Brad Fitzgerald** in the shoot management department. Thanks, Jeff!

B1 was taken by **Rusty Porter** with a 46/50 thanks to **Kent 'no-show' Megarity** who also shot a 46/50 and had to leave before the shootoffs. **Jason Foshea** and **Jeff Zwiebel** both shot 47/50 in the doubles event! As the smoke cleared on the shootoff field, Jason emerged as Champ (\$72) and Jeff finished as Runner Up (\$48). Winning at doubles can pay for your shoot!

The Club Skeet Shoots will begin again in February 2008. Watch your newsletter and email for notices of this popular event!

Recipe Corner

Bittersweet Chili

from *Woman's Day Magazine*

Serves 6
Active: 10 min
Total: 30 min

The secret ingredient? A bit of bittersweet chocolate stirred in at the end.

Ingredients:

1 1/2 lb lean ground beef
1 large red onion, chopped
1 medium red pepper, chopped
3 Tbsp chili powder
2 tsp minced garlic
2 tsp cumin seeds or ground cumin
1 tsp dried oregano
1/2 tsp salt
1 can (28 oz) fire-roasted crushed tomatoes
1 can (15 oz) red kidney beans, rinsed
1 cup water
1 Tbsp chopped bittersweet chocolate (optional)

Toppings: shredded Cheddar cheese, chopped red onion, red pepper and cilantro

Garnish: sliced avocado and red pepper (optional)

Preparation:

1. Heat a large, deep nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add beef, onion and red pepper. Cook 5 minutes, stirring to break up meat, until it is no longer pink.
2. Stir in chili powder, garlic, cumin, oregano and salt. Cook, stirring, 1 minute until fragrant. Stir in tomatoes, beans and water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 15 minutes to develop flavors.
3. Remove from heat; stir in chocolate (if using) until melted. Serve with some or all of the Toppings.



Annual Pheasant Shoot

February 9, 2008

For the last several years a group of Club members have visited Upland Bird Country in Corsicana, TX for their tower shoot. This year we have scheduled February 9, 2008 and there is room for 40 shooters. Several are already signed up. Shooters are stationed around an eighty foot high tower and pheasants are released two at a time. If you have a shot, you take it. Nine birds per shooter are released from 9:00AM to noon. If we have a full squad, 360 birds will be released. Bring your full chokes (as most shots are long) and 5-6 boxes of pheasant loads (no shot larger than #5). You need to have a valid hunting license and an upland bird stamp. All birds are retrieved by dogs and will be cleaned and divided up among the shooters. A barbeque lunch is served at the clubhouse at noon and you pick up your birds on the way out. Total cost is \$210 per shooter.

This year Upland Bird Country has started an Upland Bird Trophy for the gun club that has the highest percentage of birds killed and retrieved. We have always had a very high percentage and this year the Grand Prairie Gun Club should be the first name engraved on this inaugural trophy!

If you are interested, contact Randy Walhood (214-850-1680) or catch me at the Club and get your name on the list by paying a \$100 deposit (you will pay the remaining \$110 at Upland Bird Country the day of the shoot). This is always a great event that can be done in less than a day with guaranteed shooting! Hope you can make it.

Check their website at www.uplandbird.com for more information.



Education Classes Set for 2007

Student Classes

December 10, 13 and 15

Grand Prairie Education Committee
972-641-9940 (leave message)

New Light Poles Installed at Grand Prairie, Texas

On Saturday, November 10, 2007, the crew of Terry Cullender, Benny Emmons, Mike Pallett, Donny Penwell, Bobby Sherrill, Randy Walhood and Jeff Zwiebel installed the poles and field lighting on the Shotgun Ranges. The light poles once stood on the property and illuminated the old sewer plant. (See, we do recycle!) Once the wiring is complete, the trap only field, the combination field and skeet field #2 will be lighted. These improvements are being funded through the Shotgun Committee and donations from individuals. No funds from the Development Board or the Club General Funds were used for these improvements.

For the newer members of the Club, the Shotgun Ranges are allowed to be used until 9:00PM through the Specific Use Permit with the City of Grand Prairie. The Rifle and Pistol Ranges close at legal sunset each day. This is how our zoning was established to allow the Club to operate within the City of Grand Prairie.

Many thanks to the guys who donate and volunteer at our Club! We continue to grow in membership and recognition throughout the State because of the enthusiasm of the volunteers of this Club.



Donny Penwell's crane



Bobby, Jeff and Randy



Mike Pallett burning holes

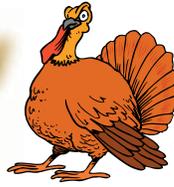


Mike and Randy



Donny Penwell operating the crane

Annual Turkey Shoot



The annual Turkey Shoot was held on November 18th and games were played on the shotgun fields with turkeys for prizes (just in time for Thanksgiving!). As always, a turkey lunch with all the fixins' was served at noon. Thanks to **Benny Emmons** for smoking the turkeys we ate as well as the ones that were pre-sold to members. Benny had set up a modified 5 stand on the trap only field using our old Winchester skeet machines. This proved to be very popular and was busy all afternoon with shooters trying to best each others scores. The old standard of 'wolf chase' was played on the trap field with much heckling to those who could and could not hit the targets. If you have never been to this event, try to put on your calendar for next year and come out for an afternoon of fun with your shotgun!



Wolf Chase



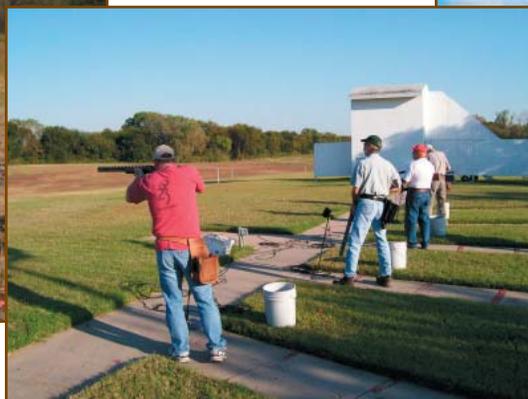
Terry Cullender



Gene Wills, Randy Walhood & C. W. Dagnal in shoot-off; Randy won!



Steve Gilmore



Brad Fitzgerald & Gil George



27-yd. One Miss and You're Out

Turkey Shoots



Jim Cervenka shooting with Ken Hulsey, Bobby Sherrill and David Anderson watching



Gene Stewart



Benny and Shane scoring Jim Hundley



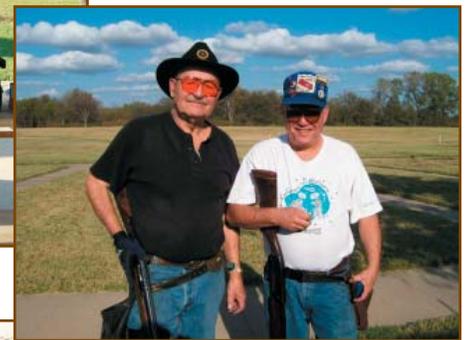
Charles Richerson w/ Shane Cole, Al Barsh, Joe Miller, Gene Stewart shooting and Jeff Zwiebel pulling



Shane Cole & Benny Emmons scoring



Deb Altenbaumer



Al Barsh and Ron Costa



Jim Cervenka, Ken Hulsey, Jim Hundley with Shane Cole and Benny Emmons at the table



Bill Schweitzer



David Anderson, Kerry Williams, Gerald Evatt



*Wolf Chase winners:
Bobby Sherrill, Kerry Williams, Jim Cervenka*

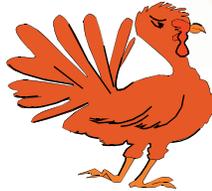


Charles Richerson, standing; Benny, Shane and Gene sitting



Gerald Evatt

Muzzleloaders Turkey Shoot



Grand Prairie Gun Club
Sunday, December 9, 2007
12:00 (noon) – 4:00 pm

\$5.00 Member fee
\$9.00 Non-member fee



Jim Cervenka

The Muzzleloader Turkey Shoot is open to all current members, guests and the general public. The shoot will consist of five matches, each with its own target for a possible 50 points. Matches will be shot offhand, hunter style. Distances will be 25 and 50 yards. The aggregate scores from each match will determine the overall: First, Second, and Third Place winners. These winners will be awarded the appropriate meat prizes of a 10-lb. turkey, 5 lbs. of hamburger and 3 lbs. of hot dogs.

Registration will end on Saturday, December 8th. For registration information call:

Selverio Pacleb, (817) 249-5898

Your entrance fee buys you a bratwurst lunch so come early!



Steve Gilmore & Keith Hill

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Future Construction

Future construction by the Trinity River Authority (TRA) will begin on our property in January 2008. This is to replace a large sanitary sewer line between the shotgun fields and the archery ranges. This is part of a large project that begins on our property and extends to SH360. The cost of this project is in excess of \$16 million and will be constructed by the S.J. Louis Construction Company. This project will not impact the rifle or pistol range. There will be times that the hours on the shotgun fields will be restricted. There will be advance notice of any change in operating hours after the contractor has had a pre-construction meeting. The archery range will be completely shut down for about the first year of construction. The large sewer line will run through the middle and entire length of the range. Afterwards the site will be graded and the range can then be rebuilt with permanent improvements. The sanitary sewer metering station behind our new building that provides that wonderful aroma will be relocated outside our main fence closer to Lower Tarrant Road. The new metering station will be sealed and access for TRA will be easier by being adjacent to the roadway. Stay tuned for more details!



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