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THE BULLET-TIN

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l. to r.: Will Knight, Richard Bailey, Randy Walhood (Treas.), Jeff Zwiebel (Sec.), Ray Slater, Bill Schweitzer, David Payne (Pres.), Bobby Sherrill, Don Stone and Jan Heath (VP); Wally Gray and Mike Pallett (VP) are not pictured

Club Skeet Results February 3, 2008



12 ga. EVENT

HOA Champion:	Rick Stockstill - 49
AA Champion:	Will Chism - 48
AA2: Champion:	Benny Emmons - 48
A Champion:	Joe Bettacchi - 49
B Champion:	Rusty Porter - 48
C Champion:	Donny Penwell - 48
D Champion:	Charles Richerson - 36
E Champion:	Robert Nicholas - 40

20 ga. EVENT - LEWIS CLASS

AA Champion:	Randy Walhood - 50
A Champion:	Rusty Porter - 48
B Champion:	Roy Walker - 45
C Champion:	Chris Collinvitti - 42

DOUBLES EVENT

Honors Champ:	Josh Wells - 47
Champion:	Rick Stockstill - 47 = \$110
Runner Up:	Will Chism - 47 = \$66
3rd Place:	Jim Cervenka - 45 = \$44

Welcome New Members!



*(back): Craig Hopkins, Chad Smith & Don Smith
(front): Don Yeandle & Sandy Yeandle*



Tom Sipe



Andy Coffing, Marty O'Connor, Ward Flora & Rod Stevenson

Range Officer Duty

Sat.	Mar. 1	Gil George
Sun.	Mar. 2	Bill Schweitzer
Wed.	Mar. 5	Andy Chilla
Sat.	Mar. 8	Ted Preston
Sun.	Mar. 9	Richard Kummer
Wed.	Mar. 12	John Slocum
Sat.	Mar. 15	Randy Walhood
Sun.	Mar. 16	Gene Stewart
Wed.	Mar. 19	Jim Speer
Sat.	Mar. 22	Benny Emmons
Sun.	Mar. 23	Steve Gilmore
Wed.	Mar. 26	Joe Miller
Sat.	Mar. 29	Gene Wills
Sun.	Mar. 30	Keith Hill



- Mar. 2 - Noon Club Skeet Shot
- Mar. 3 - 5:30 PM Handicap Wobble Trap League
- Mar. 3 - 7:00 PM Hunter Ed Class
- Mar. 6 - 7:00 PM Hunter Ed Class
- Mar. 6 - 7:30 GPGC Board of Directors Meeting
- Mar. 8 - 8:00 AM Hunter Ed Class
- Mar. 10 - 5:30 PM End Handicap Wobble Trap League
- Mar. 14, 15 & 16 - NRA Shotgun Workshop
- Mar. 15 - Noon Shotgun Interclub Challenge
- Mar. 15 - 1:00 PM Public Day
- Mar. 17 - 5:30 PM New Trap League Begins
- Mar. 20 - Spring Begins
- Mar. 21 - Good Friday
- Mar. 23 - Easter
- Mar. 24 5:30 PM Trap League
- Mar. 31 - 5:30 PM Trap League
- Apr. 1 - April Fool's Day
- Apr. 3 - 7:30 PM GPGC Board Meeting
- Apr. 5 - ARA Rimfire Rifle Match
- Apr. 6 - Noon Club Skeet Shoot
- Apr. 7 - 5:30 PM Casual Shooting
- Apr. 12-13 - Ivan Tabor Memorial



Education Classes Set for 2008

Student Classes

March 3, 6 and 8	October 6, 9 and 11
July 7, 10 and 12	November 3, 6 and 8
August 4, 7 and 9	December 8, 11 and 13
September 8, 11 and 13	

Instructor Workshop

- March 14, 15 and 16 NRA shotgun workshop
- May 23, 24 and 25 NRA rifle workshop
- June 20, 21 and 22 NRA reloading workshop
- July 19 and 20 NRA range safety officer
- September 26, 27 and 28 NRA handgun workshop

Grand Prairie Education Committee
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Thanks!

Thanks to **Jeff Zwiebel, John Slocum, Kenneth English, Gene Wills** and **Randy Walhood** for replacing the large piece of siding that had fallen off the 'old building.' It is now back in place and ready for the corner trim parts to be installed. This helps keep our building weather proof and more secure.

Thanks to **Gil George** for delivering and planting a replacement red oak tree on the Shotgun Field. This replaces one that had bores and was struggling to survive.

Club Skeet Schedule 2008

Brad Fitzgerald, 972-816-0934

- March 2 - 28ga. Prelim.
- April 6 - .410 bore Prelim.
- May 4 - 20ga. Prelim.
- June 1 - 28ga. Prelim.
- July 6 - .410 bore Prelim.
- August 3 - 20ga. Prelim.
- September 7 - 28ga. Prelim.
- October 5 - .410 bore Prelim.

Lunch is always at noon and the preliminaries start at 1:00 PM.

Main event is 50 round of 12ga.

Recipe Corner



Chili Pie with Cornmeal Crust

from *The 50 Best*

Chili:

- 2 lbs. ground lean beef or turkey meat
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 T. vegetable oil
- 2 14-1/2-oz. cans whole tomatoes, cut up
- 1 10-oz. can diced tomatoes with chilies
- 2 T. chili powder
- 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes
- 1 tsp. crushed cumin seeds
- 1 cup beer
- 1 15-oz. can pinto beans

Cornmeal Crust:

- 2/3 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 3 T. melted butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup shredded Colby or Monterey Jack cheese

Chili:

In a large chili pot, lightly brown meat, onion and garlic in hot oil, stirring as needed. Add canned tomatoes, seasonings and beer. Bring to a boil; cover and simmer 45 minutes. Rinse and drain beans; add to beef mixture; simmer 20 minutes.

Spoon chili into a 3-quart casserole or a 13x9-inch baking pan. Heat in a 375 deg. oven for 15 minutes.

Remove chili from oven and spoon cornmeal mixture (recipe below) evenly over the top. Return to oven and bake 30 to 35 minutes or until cornbread is browned.

Cornmeal Crust:

Combine cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in a mixing bowl. Beat milk and eggs together. Add to cornmeal with melted butter and cheese. Stir until well mixed.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Notice!

Please be alert and aware of the new trail that crosses Lower Tarrant Road. Pedestrians and cyclists do not always look for vehicular traffic. The City of Grand Prairie has been notified of this potential hazard and is looking into installing signs on the trail on either side of the road indicating that 'crossing traffic does not stop'. They will also clear some of the brush on the side of the road making it easier to see the trail. Please be alert and watch for pedestrians on your way to the Club on Lower Tarrant Road!

Also: Please make sure your targets are properly placed on the Pistol Range. You should hear your bullet hit the trap if you have your target placed correctly. If you do not hear your bullet hit the trap, STOP and re-evaluate your target placement. This will help our baffles last longer and help insure that bullets stay within the confines of the range. Thank you for helping keep the range safe!

2008 ARA Match Schedule for GPGC (American Rimfire Association)

April 6
May 3
June 7
July 5
August 2
September 20
Tournament - October 4 at 9:00 AM
and 8:30 AM October 5

Saturdays at 9:00 AM
Mike Pallett, mwpallett@yahoo.com

Wednesday Skeet League

The Wednesday Skeet League will begin on Wednesday, 16-April. The later start date will ensure that teams that shoot second will not run out of daylight.

If you are interested in participating in the league, send an e-mail with your name (all 5 members if you are submitting an entire team), phone number(s) to Rick Stockstill at: lobird@earthlink.net as soon as possible. If you don't have e-mail, then you can call Rick at: 972-712-4164.

The league will run for no longer than 11 weeks, depending on the number of teams that desire to participate; we can accommodate up to 10 teams.

I've posted flyers about the League with contact information in several locations around the club house.

A friendly reminder...

We currently allow the pistol range to be used for shotgun slugs - this means carefully aimed "slugs only" - no birdshot, no buckshot - slugs only. Please stay within the rules and don't shoot up the target frames and our new structures. If you want to pattern a shotgun we have a nice pattern board (big steel hanging plate) down by skeet field #5. Shotgun slugs are allowed on the pistol range only and not the pattern board. Members have recently spent a lot of weekend time rebuilding the pistol range into a very nice facility - it's a shame to see it abused and a waste of the Board's time having to deal with common sense.

Along the same lines, a remind on the rifle range: The .50 BMG (or anything else equal to or over this power range) --- **is not allowed on our range - in "any" configuration!**

Any shooter brought to the Board's attention firing a .50 BMG will have to come before the Board to justify his action and maintain his membership status.



Eric Day with GPS equipment

Rifle Range Improvements

In the middle 1980's when design and development of the GPGC was underway we had limited funds but an abundance of free labor and tireless members. We designed and built some of the safest ranges in the state. Our rifle and pistol ranges were outstanding in their ability to contain errant shots. The only shortcoming was the lack of a positive interception system for ricochets caused by hitting the ground prior to reaching the impact berm. At the time we had run out of money and we also deemed that the possible ricochets were not critical due to our downrange area being uninhabited wooded floodplain. And the fact that ricochets were deformed and lost most of their energy quickly so should not travel far.

Recently the downrange area has been converted into a walking, jogging and bike trail so last year prior to the trails construction the gun club board of directors approved the design of an eyebrow ricochet catcher that was built. The eyebrow catcher is located on the front top of the 200 yard impact berm and is 220 feet long and 6 feet high and hangs over the berm at approximately 90 degrees to the slope. This ricochet catcher has been very effective but in an effort to increase safety and reduce the likelihood of ricochets the board has once again approved design and construction of more safety baffling.

This week the range was closed for a few hours while a survey was made prior to making construction drawings. In a nutshell the plan is

to mine for lead and rocks and reshape the impact berm behind the 200 yard target line. Then a steel hood will be installed over the 200 yd. target line.

Several rows of ground baffles, similar to but more durable than the new ground baffles on the pistol range will be installed and these will help protect the target lines as well.

This process will take some time and frequently the rifle range will have to be closed. Whenever possible the closing dates and times will be posted in the newsletter and there will always be email notices prior to closings. Please bear with us and rest assured that we will try to keep the closings to a minimum. If you have special events in the future let the board know so we can work with you.

If you feel that you have some positive input to help us improve the range or have extra time and would like to be on our list of labor volunteers please contact us.

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Did you know...?

That in 2007, the shotgun range threw over 416,375 targets. This is slightly over 2 semi-trailer loads of targets and is a record high for the Club!

GPGC Pheasant Shoot

On February 9, 2008, twenty-two shooters representing Grand Prairie Gun Club traveled to Corsicana, Texas to the Upland Bird Country for a pheasant tower shoot. We were joined by ten other shooters for a morning of shooting with 288 pheasants being released two at a time from an eighty foot high tower. With the shooters strategically located a safe distance from the tower, the shots were usually high and long requiring a full choke. There was a retrieving dog and handler behind every other station to quickly pick up the downed pheasant. A BBQ lunch was served in the clubhouse while the birds were counted and cleaned. Once the math was done, it was determined that we had downed 82.5% of the pheasants! Everyone got to return home with seven birds each. This is a great day trip that lets you get back home by mid-afternoon and guarantees plenty of shooting! Check this place out at www.uplandbird.com. They also have guided hunts for smaller parties.

The two men far left in the picture are dog handlers who jumped in the picture so the dogs would pose!



Starting with the 3rd person from the left and going left to right are Paul Stringer, Richard Hovas, Jeff Zwiebel, David Anderson, John Slocum, Randy Walhood, Shane Cole, Steve Gilmore, Jason Foshea, Richard Kummer, Gene Wills, David Todd, Will Chisum, Charles Richerson, Terry Cullender, and Jim Hundley.

Beginner's Skeet Shoot for 2008

Tuesday afternoons beginning April 8 and going through May, approx. 5:30 pm till dark, Bill Schweitzer and Terry Cullender along with several more skeet shooters will be sponsoring a beginning skeet shoot. This is primarily to help new shooters learn basics and gain a comfort level with the sport. There is no charge for the shoot except for the normal range fees. It is also open to members, non-members, guests, and shooters of all ages. Most of the instructors will be men but if some of the shooters would feel better being instructed by a female shooter let me

know. I think I may be able to talk a very competent lady shooter into helping.

Bring your shotgun with you and the appropriate ammunition. Any gauge shotgun will work and the ammo is best with #9 or #8 shot but 7 1/2 will be okay. We always have several youth size 20 gauge semi-auto shotguns for use if you need it. You need earplugs, glasses and a shooting bag or large pockets.

After 6 or 8 weeks of shooting you should become a fairly competent shooter and then with more practice you can take your ability to whatever level you want. We teach shooting safety and stress enjoyment. This is a social sport that should be fun. Come on out for an afternoon and try it out. For the first afternoon or two we work one on one with the raw beginners then try to place shooters in groups of similar abilities and then work with you as we see a need.

No one can learn to shoot shotgun without help. If you are not hitting a bird you cannot tell if you are in front, behind or above the bird. But an experienced shooter standing behind you while you shoot can tell you where you are shooting and what to do to correct whatever needs adjustment.

Any questions??

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Gene Wills



Kerry Williams



Debra Altenbaumer



Robert Nicholas



l to r: Ben Barnett, Terry Cullender, Keith Hill, Jim Hundley, Charles Richerson, Neil Altenbaumer



Jim Hundley

Monday Night Trap League Wobble Under the Lights

24 shooters are participating in the six week Handicap Wobble Trap league. At the end of the 3rd week the leaders are as follows:

Long Yardage:	First	Michael Falco
	Second	Gene Wills
Mid Yardage:	First	Keith Hill
	Second	Larry Lewis
Short Yardage:	First	Ben Barnett
	Second (Tie)	Gerald Evatt Robert Nicholas

Last place is currently held by me, **Terry Cullender** but there is a large group that are trying to wrestle bottom away from me.

Come on out some Monday afternoon and participate or at least watch and cheer the shooters on.

Terry Cullender



Steve Gilmore, Don Yeandle & Charles Richerson



Trap group waiting for their shooting placement



Bill Schweitzer shooting night trap



Don Yeandle



Brad Fitzgerald being scored by Kerry

SPIRIT OF HOPE SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

April 5, 2008

Alpine Range, Rendon



Schedule of Events

- 7:30 Registration
Coffee, Donuts
& Fellowship
- 8:30 First team out
- 12:00 Start serving hot lunch
- 12:30 Awards (*or* last shooter in)
- 12:45 Shotgun Raffle

Awards

- First & Second and third place team scores
- High scoring shooter
- Top scoring female shooter
- Top scoring youth shooter (under age 16)

Cost

Individual Shooter & lunch	\$75.00
Individual Shooter & lunch	\$75.00
Team (5 shooters & lunch)	\$375.00
Station Sponsor Team	\$600.00

(5 shooters, 2 x 3 sign at one station & lunch)

Additional donations will gladly be accepted.

Shotgun purchase and rentals are available from the Alpine Store. Sponsor registration needs to be signed up and paid by March 15th. Teams and individuals can register up until the morning of the shoot. But please register or sign up early so we know how many lunches to prepare.

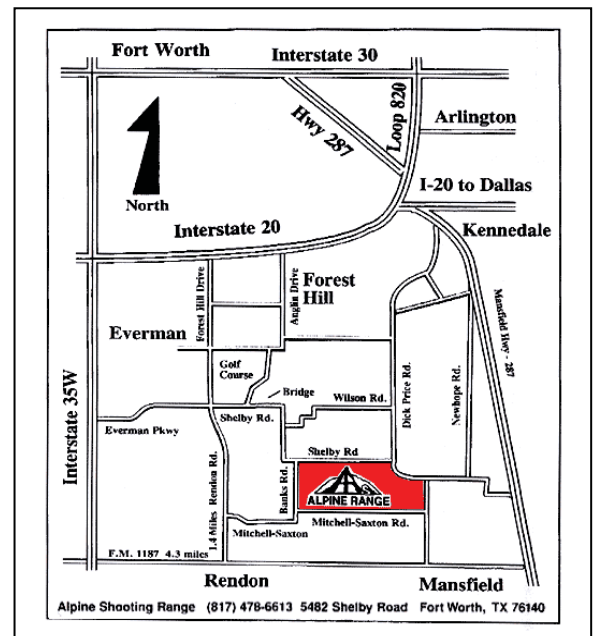
Shoot Gun Raffle

We will raffle off a new 20. Ga. Beretta Semi Auto shotgun valued at \$1,200.00. A \$20.00 entry will give you a 1/100 chance to win.

Lunch

A wonderful hot lunch will be prepared and served by the Saint Vincent DePaul Men's Club.

For additional information about the Spirit of Hope Foundation and all of the great things it does for the children of our community, please visit www.spiritofHopeFoundation.Org. For information relating to the sporting clay shoot call Don Yeandle (817) 825 – 2535 or E-Mail Don@extramile2.com.



Hope to see everyone out there ready to break a few clays to help kids who could use a BREAK!

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TRA Sewer Line Construction

The Trinity River Authority (TRA) has an existing 48" sanitary sewer line that lies between the shotgun fields and the archery range. This is being replaced with a 72" line. The contractor is scheduled to start laying this pipe the last week of February. As part of our agreement with TRA, the contractor is filling the two pits closest to the road. This will give the Club more usable yard space and be easier to maintain. The contractor will maintain a work trailer for the TRA inspector outside our main gate for the duration of this project. When the project is finished, this area will be restored to its original condition.

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If you have articles, pictures or recipes you would like to submit for publication in an upcoming issue, contact Terry or Sharon by the 20th of each month. For best quality, photos should be in digital format, however good quality originals are acceptable for scanning.

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