

## Monday Night Trap League

We completed another successful Monday Night Trap League on October 20. The game was Wobble Handicap which started everyone at the 18 Yard Line and each week everyone moved back two yards. The final week was shot from the 27 Yard Line. I think that the experience that the participants obtained in this league should make for a much more competitive Turkey Shoot this year. Benny Emmons had the highest average which was followed by Kerry Williams, Brad Fitzgerald, and John Nix in that order. The prize money was awarded based on a Modified Lewis Class System which is purely a luck of the draw type of payoff. The winners of the prized money were Van Elliott and Kerry Williams. Van is one of our newer members who is shooting in both the Monday Night Trap League and also the Thursday Night Skeet League, so he is off to a great start.

We will be starting another Monday Night Trap League on November 3 which will run for six weeks. This will be a Doubles League. We will probable be doing some of the shooting under the lights which will be just like having a fireworks show when hits are made. Doubles also goes faster so we will not be standing out in the cold as long as we would be when shooting singles. Everyone please invite your friends (no one has to be a Club Member) and come out and have a great time. Remember, prizes are not awarded on your skill level, but on the luck of the draw. We also have hamburgers and chips available at \$5.00 per person!

Kerry Williams

## A Tribute to Ray Slater

by Gene Stewart

I first met Ray Slater at the Winchester Shooting Range in Dallas. I was shooting league and was lucky enough to get on a squad with Ray, Bill Weatherby and George Stevens. We always enjoyed the shooting and afterwards we all went to the Northwest Bar and Grill. Many lasting friendships started there. I introduced Ray to Grand Prairie Gun Club and helped him find a share. Ray immediately became a big part of the club. He and his wonderful wife Jean Ann made all the window treatments in the clubhouse. Ray was an all around shooter. He enjoyed skeet and also won some rifle matches at the club. He sat on the Board of Directors for many years.

Ray Slater was one of the nicest people you could ever meet. He would go out of his way to do something nice for you. I remember one time when we had been to a registered shoot we came back to the club and shot some more.

We solved many of the world problems over a beer or two. At one time Bobby Sherrill would call Ray "my Dad." Ray always had a story and was a philosopher and a teller of stories. He said that you could always learn more from a story than any other way. In the summer of 2007 Ray and Jean with their friends Charles and Shirley cruised to Alaska. Since I was working there, I took a few days off and toured them around the state. We did a bus trip to Denali National Park and saw bear, mountain goats and moose. We even watched a red fox out the window of the bus dig a ground squirrel out of the dirt and have breakfast. We fished the Turquoise Kenai River of Alaska. Ray had one of the best times of his life and talked about it many times over.

AA Ray was a good man and will be missed by all. We all have a reason here on earth and I know part of Ray's was to make this a better place. We will miss you AA Ray.

