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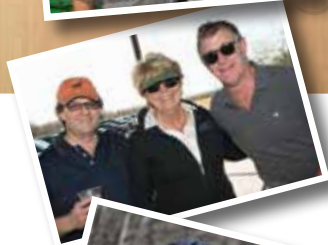


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## MANAGER'S MESSAGE

KEVIN DOUGHERTY, MANAGER

Welcome, members, to *ClayBird* Magazine, your one-stop shop for everything you need to know about the upcoming 2016 season at GHGC. We created this publication with you in mind as a resource to help you get the most out of your club this year.

It's been an interesting year so far. The current state of the economy has kept everyone on his or her toes in this energy-driven city. But despite a tough year, the club has fared very well. Membership, daily shooting attendance, and special events all saw increases in 2015. We are constantly working hard to improve to make GHGC more enjoyable for you.

As I look back at 2015, a few things stand out. The Club Championships on July 4th was one for the history books, and encompassed everything that our club is about. This was a first time event and turned out to be one of our largest. More than 200 members and their families attended and enjoyed evening activities that included a K9 demonstration, trick shooting show and a fireworks display that would blow your socks off!

Other notable 2015 events were the continued success of the *Diamond Classic*, *Briley Blue Goose*, *Best of Texas*, *Grand Prix* and *Buckle Race Series*. All with record attendance, these have become events you don't want to miss.

Don't forget that GHGC was voted the NSSA/NSCA ALL AROUND CLUB OF THE YEAR! This is a great honor and accomplishment that we couldn't have done without the support of you, our members.

We continue our expansion on the new

Event Center. This year we added the beautiful colored and stamped concrete porch, two giant 18-foot fans, and to add that little touch of class, a decorative iron railing that surrounds the porch. This space continues to improve and get better. More to come!



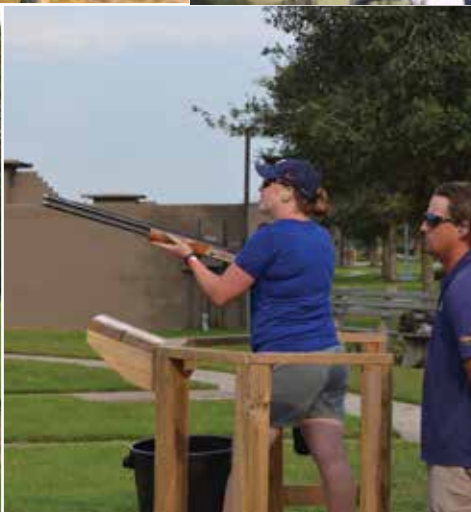
One of the challenges we addressed in 2015 was urban encroachment. Let's face it the city is growing and we are no longer "out in the sticks." By now most of you have noticed that, on the north side of our property line, much of the wooded area has been cleared. Warehouses now flank our once secluded sanctuary, and McHard Road now seems a little too close. As always, we will adapt and have already developed a plan to plant lines of oleanders along the east side of the main drive, and then extend them along the entire span of the north course. Over time this should help recreate the GHGC "refuge," our sanctuary away from the daily hustle and bustle that is Houston living.

Club members Craig and Karen Hill, who saw what was happening along the club entrance, offered to donate all the plants along the main drive. I would like to personally say thank you to Craig and Karen Hill for their generous donation to the club.

As you open your – and our – first issue of *ClayBird*, I hope you enjoy it as much as we enjoyed putting it together. Have a great year, stay safe and shoot lots!









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*Forest McNeir – Who over saw the construction of GHGC*

# EXPLORING OUR ROOTS

R.K. Sawyer, GHGC Staff Writer

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**W**e're over a half-century-old now. We know where we are, have an idea where we are going, but how many of us know where GHGC has been?

The roots of competitive sport shooting go back to just after the Civil War, a time when shotguns were most often in the hands of men who used them to eat. But growth in Texas' post-war economy provided some outdoorsmen with the means and leisure time to begin using guns for sport. These men were usually wealthy – the movers and shakers of Texas business and politics – and most lived in bustling San Antonio, Dallas, Waco, Galveston, or Houston. It was these urban sportsmen who, around 1870,

founded Texas' first competitive shooting clubs.

Members of these early clubs, along with their friends and families, often filled private Pullman rail cars and criss-crossed the state to compete in organized shooting matches. In the days before clay targets they used glass balls, live pigeons, or sponsored "prize hunts," where teams competed to kill the largest number of wild game on the wing. Winning "prize hunt" teams totalled the highest score from different point values assigned to waterfowl, shore- and wading birds, prairie chickens, doves, quail, hawks, eagles, and owls. With the reputation of their clubs and home cities at stake, wagers on the outcome of any sporting event varied from as

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little as an oyster and champagne dinner to thousands of dollars.

Houston Gun Club, Houston's first organized shooting venue, was founded in the 1870s on an 8,000-acre "game preserve" beside Buffalo Bayou. Houston Gun Club at the turn of the century boasted 50 members and a "finely appointed club house" that overlooked an artificial lake. At some point after the 1920s, the club grounds were relocated near what is now the corner of I-610 and Westheimer Avenue. The late Liston Roberts, a long-time GHGC member, recalled that Houston's growth forced the club to relocate in the 1950s. He said the birth of GHGC, in at least one version of its founding, was a result of sporting enthusiasts who saw opportunity in venerable Houston Gun Club's adversity.

It is hard today to visualize what the GHGC landscape looked like at the turn of the 19th century. The south bank of Simms Bayou was far from the heart of Houston; it took half a day on horseback to reach the location as swarms of mosquitoes rose in clouds from stirrup-high prairie grass. Travellers tried to avoid prairie potholes where they often mired in deep mud. The soil was rich, but too wet for agriculture until the late 1910s when the area was drained and the native prairie burned. Together man and beast turned the scorched earth into thousands of acres of rice crops, shaping miles of canals and levees. Some of those

levees can still be seen today south of the clubhouse.

Though no one suspected it at the time, the future of that rice field south of Houston would be linked with Forest McNeir. Born in 1875, McNeir was raised in the hardscrabble fishing and farming community of Smith Point, Chambers County. He made money as a boy collecting and selling turtles, eggs from birds and alligators, and hauling farm products to Galveston by sailing sloop. Later he worked as a market hunter, shooting and selling canvasbacks for Colonel Moody at Lake Surprise, deep in the Chambers County marshes. McNeir went on to become one of the best shots in Texas, and in his 1956 autobiography, credits his marksmanship to his market shooting days. He wrote that he learned to kill every bird he shot at because he had to - the cost of shotgun shells was so high he simply couldn't afford to miss. As an adult he became a general contractor, his path crossing GHGC's in 1957 when, in the months just before he died, he drew up the plans for our clubhouse, outbuildings, and shooting fields. His photograph today hangs prominently in the clubhouse.

The visionaries behind GHGC were founding directors and officers James C. Roberts (President, 1958), John R. Downes (Chairman of the Board, 1958), Gordon Nees, H.J. Yoakum, L. E. Minor, Edmund L. Buckley (President, 1960),

Titus Harris Jr. (President, 1961), and Ralph W. McNeir. Frank Moreno, from the South Louisiana Gun Club, was hired as the first club manager. The board initially advertised for members, instructing interested parties to contact E.L. Buckley at the Southwest Bank Building in Houston or, in the days before emails and area codes, to call him at CA (for capitol)-4-2915 for more information. The promotion worked; shares of stock were sold to 100 original members, their dues set at \$10 a month. The roster who proudly wore the first GHGC membership lapel pin was a who's who of 1950s Houston, including George R. Brown, Harry and Roy Cullen, oilman Michael Halbouty, Grant Ilseng of Texas Sporting Goods, and Jake Oshman, to name but a few. Keenly aware of the value of local press, honorary memberships were provided to another half dozen Houston area newspapermen.



*Original Greater Houston Gun Club  
Logo 1959-1996*

GHGC's founders selected the site for the club in a 130-acre rice field far removed from the Houston city limits. The dream became reality when the Board of Directors, along with some supportive founding members, each guaranteed \$2,000 on a \$30,000 bank loan. Forest McNeir & Son Contractors was selected to build the facility, with Ralph McNeir completing construction after his father's passing. Construction began on July 4, 1958. Delays plagued the work from the very beginning - it took a month just to build the access road, and flooding rains limited construction to only two days during the entire month of September.

When the club officially opened in December with two skeet and two trap fields, the clubhouse was still unfinished.

Despite the challenges, GHGC opened its doors with a bang. The public was invited to a weekend of festivities that included exhibitions by Winchester "Showman Shooter" Herb Parsons, and drew a crowd estimated with as many as 5,000 spectators. The event was covered by some of Texas' most renowned outdoor writers of the time, including GHGC honorary members Harv Boughton of the Houston Post and the Houston Chronicle's Bob Brister.

The club grew quickly in its first year. Additional skeet and trap fields were built. Clay targets were joined by live bird shooting, called "Flyer (pigeon) Shooting," after some of the founding members, who titled themselves the GHGC "Flyers Syndicate,"

donated the funds to build a pigeon ring, traps, "electrical controls," and a bird loft. By spring of 1959, the Houston press was abuzz with completion of the club's new \$100,000, "ultramodern" clubhouse, its "cocktail and dining lounges," ladies card room and, most importantly, air-conditioning. The interior décor was touted as "Early American," and designed by Mrs. J.C. Roberts, the wife of GHGC's first club president.

According to Kay Hawthorn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Roberts, GHGC in its early years was open to the general public. Access to the clubhouse is what separated the members from

non-members. While the public could not access the main building, they were provided use of outside restrooms. Both non-members and members lined up to purchase tokens for skeet and trap or shotgun shells from what, today, is the window that overlooks the porch from the club office.

In a nod to the modern Houston awakening on the once backwater river banks of Buffalo Bayou, early advertisements often described the club location as “11 miles south of the Shamrock Hotel,” the glitzy oasis built by fast-living wildcatter Glen McCarthy. The Shamrock Hotel even catered special club events; Mrs. Hawthorn remembers that, when her husband Hub purchased the club in 1996, some of the Shamrock dinner plates were still stacked in the kitchen. She had one framed that today hangs in the main clubroom near the buffet.

Amenities aside, the main reason GHGC existed was as a shooting club. To that end, GHGC’s founding fathers and members brought or perfected skills that had an immediate and lasting impact on the shooting sports – not only in Texas, but nationally. Club contractor Forest McNeir, who a half-century earlier

couldn’t afford to miss a duck, brought a pedigree as a member of the gold medal-winning 1920 U.S. Olympic trap shooting team, winner of three state trapshooting championships, and as inductee into the National Trapshooting Hall of Fame. First GHGC chairman John Downes was the first president of the Texas Trapshooters Association, won two state championships while representing GHGC in the 1960s, and was inducted in National Trapshooting Hall of Fame. In fact, of the 11 Hall of Fame inductees that call Texas home, three were affiliated with GHGC, the third being John Hall, former manager of GHGC in the 1970s.

Titus Harris Jr., one of the club founders and GHGC president in 1961, won the World skeet shooting competition in 1956, and was inducted into both the Texas and National Skeet Shooting Hall of Fame in 1977. One can imagine the friendly, but no doubt intense, competition between Harris and his closest GHGC skeet-shooting competitor in those early years – Grant Ilseng.

Ilseng, who was one of the 100 original club members, was on 12 All-American skeet teams between 1936 and 1953, won the World skeet championship in 1948, and was Texas state skeet champion seven times between 1947 and 1961. Before he returned to his Texas roots in the late 1940s, he was known as the “shooting coach of the stars,” having taught Gary Cooper, John Wayne, Clark Gable, and Fred MacMurray, among others, at California’s Santa Monica Gun Club. Ilseng, who shot the same 1940 Winchester Model 12 for 40 years, sponsored competitive shoots at GHGC until the late 1980s. His name lives on as a 1970 inductee in both the Texas and National Skeet Shooting Association Hall of Fame, and his photo hangs in our main



*Front door of Clubhouse in 1959*



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*Grant Ilseng – Professional shooter and instructor*

clubroom.

Three telephone poles by the trap fields stand as silent sentinels to another significant piece of GHGC history. In 1983, they were part of a dove tower that, according to Bob Brister, marked the beginning of sporting clays in America. Bob said that Houston was the cradle of US sporting clays, and it all began at GHGC with the 1983 Orvis Classic and the dove tower. But that is later history, and it may be part of a future article. That, however, depends on you. GHGC's history is your history. We'd like you to share it with us. Consider copying some of your photographs with by-lines, or provide us with some written or oral stories. Kevin Dougherty, along with

several members interested in our history, will collect and archive them.

Special thanks are extended to Kay Hawthorn, who generously provided historical materials to the club's fledgling historical archives, and kept the author out of historical hot water.

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# 2016 EVENT DATES

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K9 FOR COPS	Monday, February 1st	Club Closed	rosanne@k9sforcops.org
Sight into Sound	Monday, February 8th	Club Closed	kari.musgrove@sightintosound.org
Camp Hope PTSD 2016	Tuesday, February 9th	Club Closed	nikicsmith19@gmail.com
Buckle Race Series Leg #2 20ga	Saturday, February 13th	North Course and Skeet tournament only	greaterhoustongunclub.com
Houston ICC (Clark & Gains)	Monday, February 15th	Club Closed	jclark@clarkgaines.com
Spring Branch edu shoot (2016)	Tuesday, February 16th	Club Closed	cecilia.thompson@springbranchisd.com
Alley Theatre	Friday, February 19th	North Course closed from 1-4pm	lauraw@alleytheatre.org
Faith in Practice charity shoot	Saturday, February 20th	All Venues Open normal times	tganji@faithinpractice.org
TCCCS	Tuesday, February 23rd	Club Closed	sean_mccoy@me.com
Museum of Fine Arts	Saturday, February 27th	North and South Course closed from 9am-12pm	joettinger@mfah.org
Memorial Hermann Foundation	Monday, February 29th	Club Closed	alicia.kuhn@memorialhermann.org
AOS Dad's Club	Tuesday, March 1st	Club Closed	krismcginty@yahoo.com
Diamond Classic	Thursday, March 10th	Club Closed	greaterhoustongunclub.com
Diamond Classic	Friday, March 11th	Club Closed	greaterhoustongunclub.com
Diamond Classic	Saturday, March 12th	Club Closed	greaterhoustongunclub.com
Diamond Classic	Sunday, March 13th	Club Closed	greaterhoustongunclub.com
Private Event	Monday, March 21st	Club Closed	
Teen and Family Services	Tuesday, March 22nd	Club Closed	jada@teenandfamilyservices.org
ALS Event	Monday, March 28th	Club Closed	k.mccloughlin@alsa-texas.org
Private Event	Tuesday, March 29th	Club Closed	
Kinkaid School	Friday, April 1st	North and South Course closed from 12-5pm	kate.mccarroll@kinkaid.org
Private Event	Monday, April 4th	Club Closed	
Private event	Tuesday, April 5th	Club Closed	
MCA	Friday, April 8th	Skeet, Trap, and 5-Stand closed from 1-5pm	
Ensite USA	Tuesday, April 12th	Club Closed	sgeaccone@ensiteusa.com
Targets for Tourettes	Friday, April 15th	North and South Course closed from 3-5:30pm	tourettetexas@aol.com
Associated Builders & Contactors	Monday, April 18th	Club Closed	mhughes@abc.org
Tom Davis	Tuesday, April 19th	Club Closed	tom@davisbros.net
Pin Oak	Monday, April 25th	Club Closed	jeffrey.yates@clarktexas.com
BOMA	Tuesday, April 26th	Club Closed	mthuston@houstonboma.org
Bay IBI	Monday, May 2nd	Club Closed	rachel.floyd@bay-ibigroup.com
Allied Advocates	Tuesday, May 3rd	Club Closed	daniel@ddhlawyers.com
Troy Construction	Friday, May 6th	North and South Course closed from 12:30-3pm	
Generation One	Monday, May 9th	Club Closed	kmalkemes@generationone.net
Elves and More	Tuesday, May 10th	Club Closed	rebecca@elvesandmore.org
HOUSTON SAFARI CLUB	Friday, May 13th	North and South Course closed from 2-4pm	jessica@houstonsafariclub.org
Private Event	Monday, May 16th	Club Closed	
Private Event	Tuesday, May 17th	Club Closed	
Private Event	Monday, May 23rd	Club Closed	
Star Drug Court	Tuesday, May 24th	Club Closed	keyseratty@aol.com
Briley Blue Goose	May 27, 28, 29, 30	Skeet tournament only	greaterhoustongunclub.com

Trinity Oaks	Friday, June 3rd	North and South Course closed from 9am-12pm	Jeffrey.green@sprint.com
Fowl Bunch	Monday, June 13th	Club Closed	tjmach@machindustrialgroup.com
Buckle Race Series Leg #3 28ga	Saturday, June 18th	North Course and Skeet tournament only	greaterhoustongunclub.com
HGS	Saturday, June 25th	Skeet closed from 9am to 12pm	tom_mccarroll@yahoo.com
Club Championships	Sunday, July 3rd	All Venues Open normal times	greaterhoustongunclub.com
Buckle Race Series Leg #4 Doubles	Saturday, July 23rd	North Course and Skeet tournament only	greaterhoustongunclub.com
ABC	Tuesday, August 16th	Club Closed	
Grand Bridge	Monday, August 22nd	Club Closed	BWilleford@grandbridge.com
TSA Pac	Tuesday, August 23rd	Club Closed	victorl@nationalterrazzo.com
Private Event	Thursday, August 25th	South closed from 3-6pm	
Young Life	Monday, August 29th	Club Closed	keith.rockwell@riverkidstexas.com
Private Event	Tuesday, August 30th	Club Closed	
Best of Texas	September 2nd, 3rd, 4th	Skeet tournament only	greaterhoustongunclub.com
TAUBER OIL	Monday, September 12th	Club Closed	
Center for Hearing and Speech	Tuesday, September 13th	Club Closed	nvuckovic@centerhearingandspeech.org
AHA	Friday, September 16th	All Venues Open normal times	jboettiger@slb.com
Cornerstone	Monday, September 19th	Club Closed	kelli@fondrenfundraising.com
EHS	Tuesday, September 20th	Club Closed	mark.montgomery@bbva.com
Private event	Thursday, September 22nd	South closed from 3-5pm	
Grand Prix	Saturday, September 24th	North and South Course tournament only, 5-stand tournament only	greaterhoustongunclub.com
AIM	Monday, September 26th	Club Closed	bert.langdon@gmail.com
State Farm	Tuesday, September 27th	Club Closed	
Houston Food Bank	Monday, October 3rd	Club Closed	
Alliant	Tuesday, October 4th	Club Closed	
Private Event	Thursday, October 6th	Club Closed	
Innovative Alternatives	Monday, October 10th	Club Closed	SBayus@innovativealternatives.org
HLSR	Tuesday, October 11th	Club Closed	dorothy.stapleton@vallourec.com
Trees for Houston	Friday, October 14th	All Venues Open normal times	jessica@treesforhouston.org
St Michaels Shoot	Monday, October 17th	Club Closed	mperrotti@stmichaels.org
FBCA	Tuesday, October 18th	Club Closed	kwalker@fortbendchristian.org
Cystic Fibrosis	Saturday, October 22nd	North and South Course closed from 9am-12pm	korgan@cff.org
FEE	Monday, October 24th	Club Closed	dana@benoitassociates.net
Lathem Watkins	Tuesday, October 25th	Club Closed	hannah.gibson@lw.com
Duchesne	Thursday, October 27th	North and South Course closed from 2-5pm	anne.hoppe@duchesne.org
Strake Jesuit	Monday, November 7th	Club Closed	elizabeth.santillan@eqd.com
Haynes and Boone	Tuesday, November 8th	Club Closed	ashleyblack@haynesandboone.com
Buckle Race Series Leg #5 410	Saturday, November 12th	North Course and Skeet tournament only	greaterhoustongunclub.com
Private Event	Tuesday, November 15th	Club Closed	
Jimmy Pappas	Tuesday, November 29th	Club Closed	preden@acclaimenergy.com
12th MKOT	Friday, December 2nd	All Venues Open normal times	ajtrejo2005@gmail.com
Buckle Race Series Leg #6 12ga	Saturday, December 3rd	North Course and Skeet tournament only	greaterhoustongunclub.com
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# 2016 GHC BUCKLE RACE SERIES

## DATES:

January 23rd      July 23th  
February 13th    November 12th  
June 18th        December 3th

## ENTRY FEES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL BUCKLE RACE LEG:

### SKEET

- Event I – Morning 100 targets \$50 (Plus fees)
- Event II – Afternoon 100 targets \$50 (Plus fees)
- \$5 back to class in each event
- Event I and II champion receives \$10 above highest class payout
- Class Purse 1-6 shooters, one place; 7-13 shooters, 60/40 two places; 14 or more shooters, 50/30/20 to three places
- Event III – HOA Class Option \$10 (All monies returned to classes)
- HOA receives \$150 or Guaranteed \$10 above highest class payout (removed from classes)

### SPORTING CLAYS

- Event I – 100 target sporting clays \$60 (Plus fees)
- \$10 back to class
- Class Purse 1-6 shooters, one place; 7-13 shooters, 60/40 two places; 14 or more shooters, 50/30/20 to three places
- HOA receives \$150 or Guaranteed \$10 above highest class payout (removed from classes)

### 5-STAND

- Event 2 – 75 target 5-Stand \$60 plus fees
- \$10 back to class
- Class purse 1-6 shooters, one place, 7-13 shooters, 60/40 two places, 14 or more shooters, 50/30/20 to three places.
- 5-Stand HOA will receive \$10 about highest class payout
- **5-stand event does not count towards all around buckle scores and is a stand alone event.**

**LADIES, JUNIORS & SUB-JUNIORS  
RECEIVE \$10 OFF EACH EVENT!**



### SKEET

**Rotation #1 9:00am and 12:00pm**

**Rotation #2 10:30am and 1:30pm**

### SPORTING CLAYS

**European Rotation**

### 5-STAND

**European Rotation**

**OVER  
50 BUCKLES  
AWARDED**

### SKEET

Open – HOA & RU	Open – HOA & RU
AAA Class – HOA & RU	AAA Class – HOA & RU
AA Class – HOA & RU	AA Class – HOA & RU
A Class – HOA & RU	A Class – HOA & RU
B Class – HOA & RU	B Class – HOA & RU
C Class – HOA & RU	C Class – HOA & RU
D Class – HOA & RU	D Class – HOA & RU
E Class – HOA & RU	E Class – HOA & RU
Lady 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lady 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Junior 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Junior 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Sub-Junior 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sub-Junior 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>

### SPORTING CLAYS

### ALL ROUND

Open – HOA & RU	Open – HOA & RU
AAA Class – HOA & RU	AAA Class – HOA & RU
AA Class – HOA & RU	AA Class – HOA & RU
A Class – HOA & RU	A Class – HOA & RU
B Class – HOA & RU	B Class – HOA & RU
C Class – HOA & RU	C Class – HOA & RU
Lady 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lady 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Junior 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Junior 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Sub-Junior 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sub-Junior 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>

### 5-STAND

*(not included in All Round)*

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# DIAMOND Classic

## March 10-13, 2016

### MAIN EVENT PAYOUTS

HOA \$5,000 / Ru \$2,500

Master – E 1st	\$1,500
Master – E 2nd	\$750
Master – E 3rd	\$600
Master – E 4th	\$500
Master – E 5th	\$400
Master – E 6th	\$300
Master – E 7th	\$250
Master – 8th-15th	\$200
Concurrent 1st	\$250
Concurrent 2nd	\$150

### 5-STAND PAYOUTS

HOA \$500 / Runner up

Master – E 1st	\$200
Master – E 2nd	\$150
Master – E 3rd	\$75

### FITASC PAYOUTS

HOA \$500 / Runner up

Master – E 1st	\$200
Master – E 2nd	\$150
Master – E 3rd	\$75

### SUB GAUGE HOA PAYOUTS

HOA \$500 / Runner Up

Master – E 1st	\$200
Master – E 2nd	\$180

### 750 NSCA TARGETS

#### 200 TARGET MAIN EVENT

\$250 - Saturday and Sunday

\$220 - Junior and Sub-Juniors

#### 100 NSCA 5-STAND

\$100 - Saturday and Sunday

#### 100 TARGET FITASC

\$140 - Friday, Saturday & Sunday

#### 100 TARGET PRELIM

\$85 - Friday

#### 50 TARGET SUB-GAUGE 20 GA, 28 GA, 410

\$60 - Friday (each gauge)

Please join us for the Saturday Night Banquet where a drawing will be held for five guns, sponsored by Ables Sporting. Five Lewis classes will be determined based on Saturday's Main Event scores. Each class will have a random name drawn for a gun!

For sponsorship opportunities or other event questions please contact Kevin Dougherty at [manager@greaterhoustongunclub.com](mailto:manager@greaterhoustongunclub.com) or 281-437-6025.

For registration and sign up questions please contact Ashley Burnett at [ashley@greaterhoustongunclub.com](mailto:ashley@greaterhoustongunclub.com) or 281-437-6025

\* TSCA and NSCA fees apply  
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# CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AND INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

**Sunday, July 3, 2016**

*Don't miss it!*

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# GRAND

September 24

PRIX

2016

**125 Target Main Event: \$85 + fees**

**\*50 Match Play Sporting: \$85 with \$50 back to purse**

**50 Target 5-Stand: \$40 + fees**

All Targets set by GHGC's Matt Garver.

**Main event and 5-stand are European rotation.**

**Match Play Sporting is squadded**

**REGISTRATION OPENS AT 7:30 AM**

**FIRST SHOT AT 8:00 AM**

**ALL SCORECARDS IN BY 4:00 PM**

## MAIN EVENT PAYOUTS

HOA → \$500

Ru → \$250

3rd → \$150

M-E 1st → \$100

M-E 2nd → \$75

M-E 3rd → \$50

Concurrent 1st → \$50

**SHOOT-OFFS @ 4:30 PM  
TROPHIES**

**OPTIONS AVAILABLE  
LUNCH PROVIDED**

Golf Cart Rentals \$50. Golf Cart reservations must be in before September 19th. After September 19th it will be first come first served.



### \*New! Match Play Sporting:

Match Play is a 50 bird 10 station tournament / competition where an individual will compete against his squad mates solely. Not the whole of the participants.

The Competitor will compete on five consecutive stations for the points awarded per stand known as station points. To win the station points, a shooter will have at every station 3 targets to choose from. Each target will have a different value depending on its difficulty.

The easiest will have a 1pt value. The intermediate target will be worth 2 points and the PSCA level target will have the highest value of 3 points.

It will be the shooters choice to choose the targets he deems necessary to win the station high score. The shooter who shoots the highest score combining the targets broke plus his or her given handicap (see Rules), wins the station points. (Highest score = 3pts, second highest score = 2pts, third highest score = 1pt).

Upon completion of the first station, the competition moves to Round 2 or the next station. After the completion of the 5 stations, the highest station score total in each of the participants squads advances to the Shoot Off.

#### Station Point Handicaps by class

Master - 0	AA - 2
A - 3	
B - 4	C - 4
D - 5	
E - 6	

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Price does not include NSCA/TSCA fees. NSCA Rules apply.

Shoot management reserves the right to alter or cancel any part of this program if conditions warrant.



**SEPTEMBER 2-4, 2016**

# Annual Thanksgiving Fun Shoot and Feast!

**NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

THE FUN BEGINS AT 9 A.M. | DINNER SERVED AT 2:30 P.M.

## 50 SKEET

(2 rounds of 25) Lewis class awards

## 99 TRIPLE SPORTING CLAYS

(3 machines per station) Lewis class awards

## 4 PERSON TEAM FLURRY EVENT

100 targets in 100 seconds

Team awards, Lewis class

## 20 TARGET QUAIL WALK

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### ENTRY FEE FOR ALL EVENTS:

Member – On the house

Guests – Skeet \$25, Super Sporting \$35, Team Flurry \$10 each shooter

*\*guests are not eligible for awards*

Member participants will receive a commemorative pin and hat

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## FEAST

Turkey and Dressing are compliments of GHGC.

If you plan to attend dinner please be sure to RSVP by Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to bring a dish please contact Ashley at [ashley@greaterhoustongunclub.com](mailto:ashley@greaterhoustongunclub.com)



## OTHER NOTABLE DATES

<b>NSCA</b>			
<b>DIAMOND CLASSIC</b>	MARCH 10-13	GREATER HOUSTON GUN CLUB	TX
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL</b>	MARCH 18-20	SIDE X SIDE RANCH	OK
<b>BROWNING BRILEY</b>	MAR 30 – APR. 3	CANEY CREEK LODGE	TX
<b>WESTERN REGIONAL</b>	APRIL 13-17	COYOTE SPRINGS CLAYS	AZ
<b>NORTHEAST REGIONAL</b>	MAY 18-22	M&M SPORTING CLAYS	NJ
<b>US OPEN</b>	MAY 30-JUNE 5	CANEY CREEK LODGE	TX
<b>WORLD FITASC</b>	JULY 14-17	APD SPORTING CLUB	ITALY
<b>NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL</b>	AUGUST 17-21	NORTHBROOK SPORTS CLUB	IL
<b>TEXAS STATE</b>	SEPT. 6-11	CANEY CREEK LODGE	TX
<b>GRAND PRIX</b>	SEPT. 24	GREATER HOUSTON GUN CLUB	TX
<b>SOUTHEAST REGIONAL</b>	SEPT. 28 – OCT. 2	BACK WOODS QUAIL CLUB	SC
<b>NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	OCTOBER 22-30	NATIONAL SHOOTING COMPLEX	TX
<b>NSSA</b>			
<b>BLASER SKEET CLASSIC</b>	MARCH 18-20	NATIONAL SHOOTING COMPLEX	TX
<b>KRIEGHOFF MASTERS</b>	APR. 28 – MAY 1	FOREST CITY GUN CLUB	GA
<b>BRILEY BLUE GOOSE</b>	MAY 27-30	GREATER HOUSTON GUN CLUB	TX
<b>TEXAS STATE SHOOT</b>	JUNE 23-26	DALLAS GUN CLUB	TX
<b>NORTHBROOK SKEET CLASSIC</b>	JULY 28-31	NORTHBROOK SPORTS CLUB	IL
<b>SOUTHWEST CLASSIC</b>	AUGUST 19-21	DALLAS GUN CLUB	TX
<b>BEST OF TEXAS</b>	SEPT. 2-4	GREATER HOUSTON GUN CLUB	TX
<b>US OPEN</b>	SEPT. 8-11	STOCKTON	CA
<b>MINI WORLD SKEET CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	SEPT. 30 – OCT. 2	NATIONAL SHOOTING COMPLEX	TX
<b>WORLD SKEET CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	OCTOBER 3-8	NATIONAL SHOOTING COMPLEX	TX





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# DREADED TOWERS

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**BOBBY FOWLER,**

PROFESSIONAL SHOOTING INSTRUCTOR, ELITE SHOOTING SCHOOL

**Y**ou're on GHGC's North Course with friends, and you're shooting pretty well. But as you round station nine, you get that nagging feeling – you know the one – from the knowledge that the dreaded tower stations are coming up! If you have ever experienced this trepidation, you are not alone. But with a little knowledge, and a few key tips, you may never have to worry about those tower shots again.

The first step to success when taking on the tower is to use the correct choke and shell shot size. The tower definitely requires a tighter choke, as it keeps the shot compressed for a longer distance. I prefer using a modified choke, but a light modified choke will do. A 7 ½ shot size is ideal for long tower shots, as it is for better penetration. You can use 8's, but 9's won't do it.

The next piece of the puzzle is to determine the correct break point, or sweet spot. As you watch the target, decide ahead of time where you are going to break it. Usually this will be somewhere halfway between the trap and the point at which the target starts to drop. Your break point also dictates where you are going to start the gun – the hold point. This will be about halfway between the trap and your break point. Be sure to start, and move, the gun below the line of the target, which allows you a clear field vision on the bird the entire time.

The next consideration is lead, one of the most talked about topics in the shooting sports. Lead is estimated "at the barrel" relative to the target. Typically, every inch of lead you see at the barrel is equivalent to a 1-foot lead at the bird. Let's take an example, a left to right crossing shot, where the tower is set at approximately 100-feet, or about 38-yards. By the time the target reaches your break point, it is about a 50-yard shot. I shoot a 5 to 6-foot lead at



this range. My sight picture, then, will be a gap of about 5 to 6 inches at the barrel.

Sounds pretty simple? It is. The basics of the shot are not hard to learn. The challenge, however, is to put it all together.

For tower shots, I teach my students to place the barrel of their gun below the line of the target, halfway between the trap and their break point, then to look back at the trap and call "pull." Once the target exits the trap, they start moving their barrel from under the line of the bird up to the break point with a 6-foot lead, or 5 to 6 inches of gap between target and barrel. There are a few more tips I encourage them to consider to truly master the shot. First, to remember that the gun barrel should always be in their peripheral vision so they can focus their eye on the bird. Second, to always shoot the target at their predetermined break point. Lastly, to always keep their barrel moving when the shot is taken – the longer the shot, the more critical the follow-through.

Give these tips a try next time you're faced with the dreaded tower shots again. Hopefully they will help you break more birds and have more fun. Or let me help you put it all together. Visit <http://eliteshooting.com> or give me a call at 713-858-4200 to schedule an appointment for a lesson.

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

<b>JANUARY 1</b>	NEW YEARS DAY	OPEN 9:00A
<b>JANUARY 18</b>	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	CLUB CLOSED
<b>FEBRUARY 15</b>	PRESIDENTS DAY	CLUB CLOSED
<b>MARCH 25</b>	GOOD FRIDAY	OPEN 9:00A
<b>MARCH 27</b>	EASTER SUNDAY	CLUB CLOSED
<b>MAY 30</b>	MEMORIAL DAY	OPEN 9:00A-5:00P
<b>JULY 3</b>	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION	OPEN 9:00A-5:00P
<b>JULY 4</b>	INDEPENDENCE DAY	OPEN 9:00A-5:00P
<b>SEPTEMBER 5</b>	LABOR DAY	OPEN FROM 9:00A-5:00P
<b>OCTOBER 10</b>	COLUMBUS DAY	CLUB CLOSED
<b>OCTOBER 31</b>	HALLOWEEN	CLUB CLOSED
<b>NOVEMBER 11</b>	VETERANS DAY	OPEN NORMAL HOURS
<b>NOVEMBER 24</b>	THANKSGIVING DAY	CLUB CLOSED
<b>NOVEMBER 25</b>	DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING	OPEN 9:00A-5:00P
<b>DECEMBER 24</b>	CHRISTMAS EVE	OPEN NORMAL HOURS
<b>DECEMBER 25</b>	CHRISTMAS DAY	CLUB CLOSED
<b>DECEMBER 31</b>	NEW YEARS EVE	OPEN NORMAL HOURS
<b>JANUARY 1, 2017</b>	NEW YEARS DAY	OPEN NORMAL HOURS



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# A *Family* AFFAIR



BY CORA SUE MACH,  
GHGC ADVISORY BOARD



**I**n 1982 we had reached one of the many crossroads in our family life. Our oldest son, Butch, was in High School, and our youngest son, Steve, was in what is now referred to as Middle School. Butch had received his Eagle Scout Badge and Steve was in the process of completing his. We, as parents, were trying to figure out what best to suggest for them to do with their spare time. I happened upon a newspaper article about Grant Ilseng, who was holding shotgun shooting classes for women at Greater Houston Gun Club. I signed up for the classes and before long my husband Harry, as well as Butch and Steve, were students, too. The rest is history, as you might say, and validates how just one decision can have a lasting effect on the life of a family.

Our family had the honor, pleasure and lasting benefit of our relationship with Grant Ilseng. Being the great teacher that he was, he not only worked with us on the sport, but also spent countless hours instilling the discipline, philosophy and rules that went along with it. Each of us remembers how, every time one of us got up to the line, he would counsel: "Keep your eye on the target and your head on the gun." Believe me, if you did not, you felt the tap on your shoulder from his cane!

Together, our family learned, practiced and subsequently shot our first World Skeet Shoot in 1983. You might say that by then, we were "hooked." We have great memories of travelling around Texas and shooting at the various gun clubs. We were proud parents when, in 1989, Butch became the 12-Gauge Texas State Skeet Champion.

Skeet Shooting had changed our lives, but little did we know just how many more changes it would bring about. Butch went to college at Randolph Macon in Ashland, Virginia and continued shooting while he was there. Steve

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chose to attend Trinity University in San Antonio, as they had a national skeet shooting team, and was Collegiate All-American all four years at Trinity.

When Butch returned from Virginia he joined a Five-Man Team that travelled around the nation participating in all of the major shoots. One of the team members was Don Wyant from Dallas, and he and Butch became good friends. Don's Daughter, Carmen, a student at Oklahoma University, joined her Dad at the Toepperwein Shoot in San Antonio. Butch met Carmen that weekend, and she has been a part of our family ever since. Meanwhile Steve, back in San Antonio, met a lovely young woman named Joella Lupe through his shooting relationships. Joella also became part of our family.

We are truly blessed to have these wonderful women as the wives of our sons and the mothers of our five precious grandchildren. I sometimes find myself reflecting upon how different our lives might be if we had not gotten into skeet shooting, and it confirms that we made a really great decision in 1982!

Another Crossroad. I have to say, too, that skeet shooting helped to get us through the empty nest phase of our lives. We not only participated in Texas shoots, but also travelled the country. We had some of the best times of our lives and met many wonderful people.

Harry was elected to the Texas Skeet Shooters Association (TSSA) board, eventually becoming president of the organization. TSSA was truly a labor of love with him, and he was honored when he was named to the TSSA Hall of Fame in 2007.

As I look back, I am reminded of Mr. Ilseng, who told us that there are three types of skeet shooters: the club shooter, the state shooter, and the national shooter. I am so grateful that our family experienced it all!

But there's more. These days we are consumed with family, school, scouts, little league, and the list goes on. But our shooting provides a necessary diversion. We discovered sporting clays charity shoots, which in addition to allowing us to continue to shoot together, is a way to give back to our community. We, as a family, are still out there shooting clay targets, and anxiously awaiting our up-and-coming champions.



*The Author really wanted to include this photo with the Claybird article. Caption- Butch Mach (left) 1989 TSSA 12ga Champion with Johnny Cantu (right)*

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# 2015 DIAMOND CLASSIC TOURNAMENT WRAP-UP



**BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY,**  
GREATER HOUSTON GUN CLUB MANAGER  
DIAMOND CLASSIC – TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Now in its 14th year, the GHGC *Diamond Classic* has emerged as one of the top shooting venues in Texas, and for the matter, in the nation. After the wildly successful 2014 *Diamond Classic*, GHGC management and staff determined to make 2015 even more spectacular. Through the support of our sponsors, the hard planning work of our staff, and the tireless preparation of our tournament crew, we think we achieved our goal. And fortunately, Mother Nature cooperated!

Day One of the *Diamond Classic* was on Friday, March 13th 2015. Featured events were the Prelim event, Sub Gauge, 5-stand and FITASC. Competitors from around the globe descended on the club, and completed the registration process

without a snag. A record numbers of shooters signed up to compete in the Prelim Event course, the first competition of the day. Each of the events were executed flawlessly – always a worry for event management – as shooters moved through the course and enjoyed the Diamond's renowned, top-notch hospitality.

Although a tricky course was made more challenging by a brisk breeze out of the northeast, it didn't seem to faze the competitors. By the end of Day One, three-time NSCA National Champion Bobby Fowler took top honors for the Prelim with a score of 95, closely followed by another former NSCA National Champion, Tony Rivera, with a 92. Bobby continued to lead the day, as

well, in the sub-gauge events. He took the High Over All (HOA) with a combined score of 136.

Day Two of the *Diamond Classic* dawned cool with a light northeast wind. With the Main Event, 5-Stand and FITASC scheduled, it was going to be a big day for both staff and the shooters. The first rotation began at 9:00am sharp. As shooters returned from the first Main Event rotation, it was clear that the target setter had exceeded perhaps even his own expectations for a challenging course! GHGC has always prided itself in providing an optimal test between shooter and target setter at the *Diamond Classic*. As the targets this year were more "testy" than any previous *Diamond Classic* presentations, it is fair to say we met our goal! Scores of 10 to 15 targets below average was the norm for Day Two.

Our challenging course layout was, in the eyes of some, at least partially forgiven by the Saturday evening festivities. Food was in abundance, the favorites being bacon-wrapped quail and peeled shrimp cocktail presented on a very special *Diamond Classic* ice sculpture. Evening events included the annual Clay Snooker championships followed by the day's shoot-off. Spectators hovered around the stadium field to watch the qualifiers battle it out for the cash awards. The two finalists were Bobby Fowler and Brett Winstanley. In the end Brett bested Bobby to take the Clay Snooker Championships and a cash payout of \$1,000.

Sunday, March 15th, was the final day of the event with the Main Event, 5-Stand, and FITASC as the day's scheduled competitions. The leaderboard was a veritable Who's Who in the shooting world, boasting the names of former National Champions, and All-Americans

jockeying for the lead. On target sets that offered little to no margin for error, it was remarkable to see the scores improve somewhat on Sunday compared to the day before. Everyone, it seemed, was raising their game. All eyes were cast to the scoreboard after each venue, as by mid-day Sunday the *Diamond* championship was anyone's to win. By afternoon NSCA National Champion, Brad Kidd Jr., and NSCA National Champion Gebben Miles led the pack, but their closest competitors were only one or two targets back. When the last scores were posted, Gebben Miles captured the 2015 championship gold ring and HOA check for \$5000. Brad Kidd, Jr., only one target back from Gebben, took the runner-up position.

As in the past, the 2015 *Diamond Classic* was fully subscribed. A host of reasons account for the success. We strive to provide superior tournament organization, challenging targets, great food, drinks, snacks, and hospitality that is unmatched by any other shoot of its kind. Main Event payouts stretched all the way down to 8th place, in every class, from \$1500 to \$200. All first place concurrences were awarded a cash payout and won a brand new shotgun donated by Able's, the place to go for hunting and shooting supplies.

The GHGC members, Board of Directors, and management team wish to congratulate the winners and thank all the participants who attended this year's *Diamond Classic*. A big thank you goes out to all of our sponsors as well. Without them it would not be possible to host such a remarkable event. Very special thanks go to Hinz Jewelers and Beck and Masten Buick/GMC North for your support. See you all this March for another bigger and *Diamond Classic*!

# Getting Better...

the **mental** game?

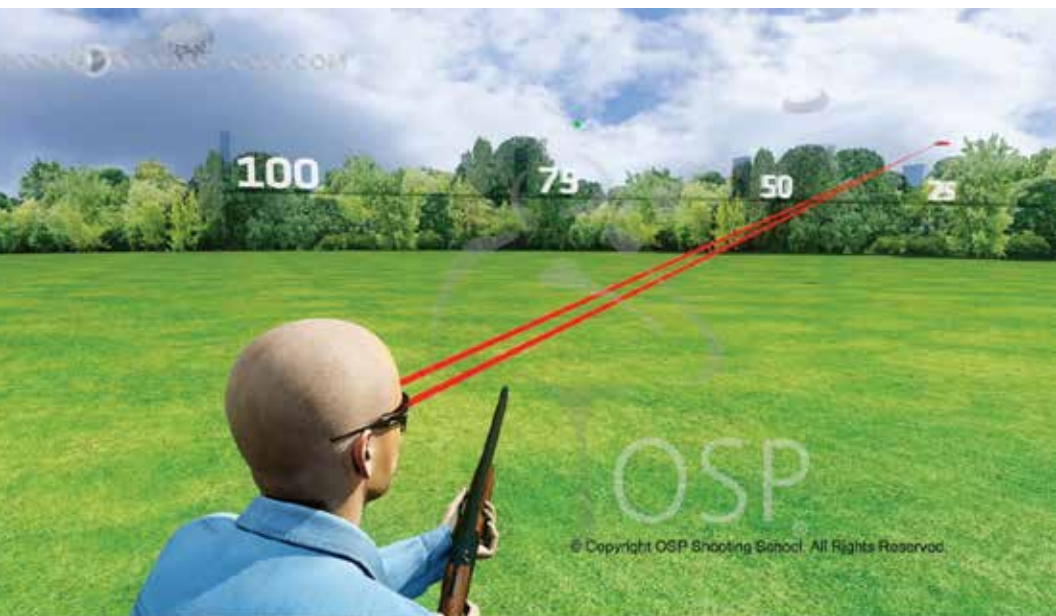
BY GIL ASH





“Skill is developed through repetition but it must be the correct repetition.”

In our experience all shotgun shooters are recovering perfectionists and eventually come face to face with themselves when they try to get better at shooting tournaments or even just improve their scores by trying to become more consistent. The paradox of the mental game is that to get better at it you must actually think less. You don't think your way to the right action you act your way to the right way of thinking. We are all products of our own experiences, which is what makes us different while we are so alike. So conventional wisdom says that if you say to your self that you can break that 50 yard Chandelle that eventually you will believe yourself and you will be



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able to break that 50 yard Chandelle. Our research shows that if you have hit a 50 yard Chandelle 500+ times that you don't have to tell your self that you can hit it because you know you can and you just do it. Telling yourself you can do something while positive does not build skill because skill is an insulated circuit in the brain and the insulation grows not by thinking about it but by actually doing it. If you want to know more about this read the Talent Code by Daniel Coyle, it definitely changed the way we coach and what we coach and the order in which we coach things.

Skill is developed through repetition but it must be the correct repetitions. There

are certain Threshold Concepts (TC) that must be crossed and in a certain order for skill to be developed rapidly. A TC is a deeper understanding of what is going on when a person does something and when the threshold is crossed over the persons perceptions and concepts of what is going on is altered forever! Crossing a TC typically comes from developing skill to a level such that the brain has chunked many circuits together and all these smaller circuits are woven into one large circuit and all of a sudden skill increases and the task becomes easy. In basketball the first TC would be dribbling without looking at the ball and always knowing where the ball is allowing full mobility on the court. In Hockey the first TC would



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be skating and being able to have full mobility on the ice at all times. One other big thing that occurs when a TC has been crossed is the speed at which a person learns accelerates sometimes as much as 2 to 3 times faster than a person that has not crossed the same TC!

We are beginning to see these TC evolve in shooting skeet, trap, sporting and wing-shooting and while they are similar, they each have their own uniqueness's and order in which they must be mastered but the beginning TC is the same in all disciplines. What is the TC you ask? The ability to move and mount the gun and knowing where it is pointing at all times without looking at it! As professional coaches for 23 years and each of us having 40,000 plus hours as coaches and Brian already pushing 1000 hours coaching with us, certain things come to the forefront. Perhaps the most obvious one is that the overwhelming majority of missed targets are due to muzzle awareness either before the shot or during the shot. We continue to be amazed at the number of sporting shooters who for whatever reason just will not learn to move and mount the gun so they are destined to shoot with a mounted gun and to never cross the first and most important TC of shooting a shotgun.

When we are able to go to a shoot and observe shooters we are amazed at how much they are focused on the end of their muzzles when they are getting ready to call pull. They look at the gun when they load it and then focus on the muzzles while looking at the break point then they glance back at the trap and back to the muzzles and then mount the gun in the break point all the time looking at the front bead to make sure everything is lined up. Then they move the gun back to their hold point still looking at the front bead and glance at the trap then back to the muzzle and out to the break point and you guessed it back to the front bead. Then at the last second they glance over to the trap and call pull and they wonder why their eyes keep bouncing back and forth between the barrel and the target during the shot!

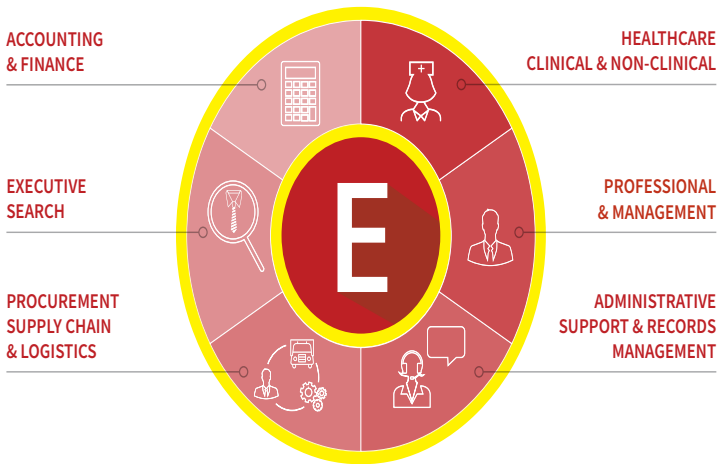
Until you know without looking at the barrel where the gun is pointed at all times and what it feels like to have it mounted correctly without looking at the figure "8" (just to be sure) you will never pass through the first TC and will be destined to chasing the targets down with the muzzle trying to get the lead right. Shooters who pass through this first TC are much safer because they don't have to look at the barrel to know where it is pointed! These shooters also learn at rates that are amazingly fast and it is easier for them to focus on the target. Why you ask? Well, because they know where the gun is pointed at all times without looking at it and several things happen and they are immediate. They are safer instantly and because they don't have to look at the gun to see where it is they have more of their available focus to put on the target and they learn faster because the gun no longer distracts them. Oh and there are 6 more TC that must be passed through to be a real contender but we will talk about those at another time. We will see you out there!



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# MAJOR

## TOURNAMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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### NSCA

#### DESIRAE EDMUNDS

- North Eastern Regional - Lady Runner up
- North Central Regional – Lady Champion
- Western Regional – lady Champion
- South Central Regional – lady Champion
- World FITASC – Lady 5th
- US Open – Lady Champion
- Texas State – Lady Runner up
- Diamond Classic – Lady Champion
- National Championship – Lady Runner up

#### DOMINIC GROSS

- North Eastern Regional – Sub-Junior Runner up
- South Eastern Regional – Sub-Junior Champion
- Western Regional – Master 4th, Sub-Junior Champion
- South Central Regional – Sub-Junior Champion
- US Open – Sub-Junior Champion
- Texas State – Sub-Junior Champion
- National Championship – Sub-Junior 4th

#### ZACH KIENBAUM

- North Central Regional – Master 4th
- South Eastern Regional – Master 2nd
- Western Regional – Master 5th
- Texas State – HOA Champion
- Diamond Classic – Master 5th

#### CORY KRUSE

- South Central Regional – Master 3rd
- Texas State – Master 3rd

#### RICK STOREY

- South Central Regional – Veteran Champion
- Texas State – Veteran 10th

#### CLARK WALRAVEN

- South Central Regional – Veteran 3rd
- Texas State – Veteran 6th
- Diamond Classic – Veteran Champion

#### NADIM NASIR

- World FITASC – Veteran Champion
- Texas State – Veteran 8th

#### BOBBY FOWLER

- Texas State – HOA Runner up
- Diamond Classic – Master 1st
- National Championship – Master 12th

#### BRAD KIDD

- Texas State – Master 5th
- Diamond Classic – HOA Runner up

#### DAN CARLISLE

- National Championship – Master 6th
- National Championship – Veteran Runner up

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- Texas State – Veteran 7th

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- Texas State – Super Veteran 6th
- Diamond Classic – Super Veteran Runner up

### GONZALO VARGAS

- Texas State – Super Veteran 7th

### GEORGE BALL

- Texas State – Senior Super Veteran 3rd

### RICHARD RUIZ

- Texas State - Senior Super Veteran 5th

### WILLIE HINZ

- Diamond Classic – AA 3rd

### MEL PARKS

- Diamond Classic – A 6th

### CHARLES MOYSE

- Diamond Classic – A 7th

### NADIM COOK

- Diamond Classic - A 8th

### SAM MARTIN

- Diamond Classic – B 6th

### STEVE DERENTHAL

- Diamond Classic – C 8th
- National Championship – C 13th

### GLEN MORRIS

- Diamond Classic – D 6th

### STEVE KNAUSS

- Diamond Classic – E 4th

### VIKEN WANNESIAN

- Diamond Classic – Veteran Runner up

### CHENG HOCK CHOO

- Diamond Classic – Super Veteran Champion

### HAROLD MILLER

- Diamond Classic – Senior Super Veteran Champion



### GHGC MEMBERS THAT MADE THE 2015 NSCA KRIEGHOFF ALL AMERICAN TEAM

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**Cory Kruse:** Open Second Team

#### **Desirae Edmunds:**

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**Sandy Nail:** Lady Third Team

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**Justin Napier:** Junior First Team

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**Frank Gross:** Veteran First Team

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- Briley Blue Goose – 12ga Champion
- Briley Blue Goose – HOA A 4th
- Texas State Championships – 12ga Runner up
- Best of Texas – HOA A 3rd

#### JOHN CASTILLO

- Briley Blue Goose – 20ga Champion
- Texas State Championships – 410 3rd
- Southwest Classic – 410 Runner up
- Southwest Classic – HOA Runner Up
- Blaser Skeet Classic – 410 Champion
- Blaser Skeet Classic – HOA 3rd
- World Championships – 12ga AAA 5th

#### CHRISTIAAN WEBB

- Briley Blue Goose – Doubles Champion
- Briley Blue Goose – HOA Champion
- Texas State Championships – HOA AAA 2nd
- Blaser Skeet Classic – Doubles 3rd
- Blaser Skeet Classic – 12ga Champion
- Blaser Skeet Classic – 20ga 3rd
- Blaser Skeet Classic – HOA AAA 4th
- Krieghoff Masters – Doubles Champion
- Krieghoff Masters – 12ga Runner up
- Krieghoff Masters – HOA AAA 2nd
- World Championships – Doubles AAA 1st

#### HUNTER EDMUNDS

- Briley Blue Goose – Doubles 3rd
- Briley Blue Goose – HOA AAA 3rd

#### WALTER EDMUNDS

- Briley Blue Goose – HOA B 5th

#### CLIFF MOLLER

- Texas State Championships – HOA AA 5th

#### TONY STACHURSKI

- Texas State Championships – HOA A 8th
- Best of Texas – 410 Runner up
- Best of Texas – HOA A 1st

#### PHIL MURRAY

- Texas State Championships – HOA B 1st

#### JOHN BARNES

- Southwest Classic – HOA AAA 3rd
- Blaser Skeet Classic – 20ga 3rd

#### MIKE FOX

- Best of Texas – HOA A 2nd

#### RANDY WALL

- Best of Texas – HOA B 3rd

#### JOSHUA MARKS

- Best of Texas – HOA C 1st

#### ED RAMSEY

- World Championships – 28ga B 3rd



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# The Facts About Texas's License To Carry

BY EDWIN T. WALKER,  
TEXAS LAW SHIELD

**O**n January 1, 2016, thanks to the Texas Legislature and Governor Abbott, Texas will see something it has not seen for over 140 years—the lawful open carry of handguns by ordinary citizens. The change in Texas gun law is very simple - if a person has a handgun license issued by or recognized by the State of Texas, they may lawfully carry a handgun of their choosing in plain view if it is carried in a belt or shoulder holster.

The new law changes the name of our *Texas Concealed Handgun License* to a *Texas License To Carry (LTC)*. There are no other changes to a license holder's currently held handgun license or the ability to carry a concealed handgun. There are no new requirements that a current license holder receive any new training, obtain a new license, or carry a concealed handgun in a holster.

A license holder will be able to lawfully carry a visible handgun in a belt or shoulder holster anywhere the license holder can currently carry a concealed handgun, with one significant exception. Campuses of public or private institutions of higher learning (colleges, universities, and technical institutes) are “no open carry” zones. In a compromise made to ensure the passage of “campus carry,” the Texas Legislature has declared that a license holder can only carry concealed

handguns while on college or university sidewalks, walkways, streets, parking lots, parking garages, and (as of August 1, 2016 for colleges, universities, and technical institutes, or August 1, 2017 for public junior colleges) buildings.



In anticipation of the apprehension that openly carried handguns might cause, the Texas Legislature enacted a new law. The new Texas Penal Code Sec. 30.07 is a duplication of Texas Penal Code Sec. 30.06 (criminal trespass by a license holder carrying a concealed handgun) whereby private property owners can restrict carrying visible handguns on their property. Private property owners are permitted to prohibit the open carry of handguns by license holders on their property by posting a new ‘30.07’ sign or giving a ‘30.07’ written or verbal trespassing notice. In the event that a property owner wishes to prevent license holders from carrying concealed or visible handguns on their property they must post both a ‘30.06’ sign and a ‘30.07’ sign.

An unexpected benefit of the debate over the “open carry” bill is that it resulted in lowering the potential penalty for any person accused of violating a ‘30.06’ sign

from a Class 'A' misdemeanor to a Class 'C' misdemeanor with a maximum fine of \$200. This is the penalty for the new 30.07 law as well. This means that even if a license holder is convicted of trespassing in violation of a property owner's '30.06' or '30.07' sign, there is no jail time and no revocation of their handgun license. However, if a license holder is given a personal, verbal '30.06' or '30.07' warning such as: "we don't allow guns in here" or "you are not allowed to open carry in here," and the license holder refuses to leave or conceal their handgun, the potential penalty remains a Class 'A' misdemeanor.

It should be mentioned that the "open carry" bill did not get through the Texas Legislature without some controversy. An amendment to restrict a police officer's ability to stop and verify that a person who is carrying a handgun is licensed to do so (or falls under some other

exception) was initially put into the bill to prevent possible police abuses of open carriers, but was later removed by the Legislature's conference committee so that the bill would pass. This means that a police officer who observes a person in a public place with a handgun may detain them for the purposes of determining if they are exempted from the general prohibition criminalizing carrying a handgun. Once the person is verified to be in possession of a valid LTC, the police encounter should end.

Texas' move towards acceptance of a citizen's right to openly carry a handgun has been a long time coming. Even though Texas is viewed as a having a pro-Second Amendment history, it was behind 44 other states in approving some form of "open carry" of handguns. It is a new day in the protection of our precious freedom.

A photograph of Sarah Jane Swanson, a woman with dark hair, smiling and standing outdoors in a wooded area. She is wearing a brown vest over a plaid shirt, a patterned scarf, black pants, and brown boots. She is holding a rifle in her right hand and a leash in her left hand, with a small dog on the leash. The background is a dense forest with green foliage.

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# **SKEET:**

## **THE ORIGINAL AMERICAN SHOTGUN SPORT THAT HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**

BY MIKE FOX,  
SAN JACINTO COLLEGE PROFESSOR & GHGC MEMBER



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A little background. The uniquely American sport of skeet shooting got its start in 1920, and is credited to Charles Davis of Andover, Massachusetts. Davis, in an effort to improve his hunting skills, designed a layout of a 50-yard diameter circle to enable him to practice virtually any type of shot a bird hunter might face in the field, not just those going away targets that trap shooting offered at the time. Initially, Davis located 12 equally placed stations along the circumference of the circle, with one additional shooting station in the center of the 50-yard circle. He shot two shots at each station and a final one at the center station. The number of targets was exactly the same as the total number of shot shells in a single box. Davis named his hunting practice field “shooting around the clock.”

After a neighbor complained about shot falling onto his land, Davis removed half the circle and added an additional trap. This is why skeet fields today, nearly a hundred years later, are in the layout of a semi-circle. Davis’s cleverly designed skeet layout allowed for a variety of shots from two stationary trap locations, the “high house” on the right, and “low house” to the left of the course. By walking around to each of the 8 stations, the skeet field provided the opportunity to shoot the straight away outgoing targets, fast quartering targets, slow incomers, crossing targets, an overhead target, as well as doubles from anywhere around the field.

While “shooting around the clock” was intended for the pragmatic reason of developing and honing Davis and his follower’s bird hunting skills, it quickly spread around the country and evolved into a quite popular game. Davis’s original moniker was replaced by the name “skeet,” which is Scandinavian for “shoot.” In 1926, the first National Skeet Championships were held, and the rest, as they say, is history. Over the next few decades the popularity of skeet spread across the globe. While the game is essentially similar around the world, there are some slight variations in the rules. Australians follow the American version of the sport, but English skeet rules are different. In 1968, when the Olympics held the first medal events for skeet shooting, they utilized an international format.

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**Skeet - A traditional way to master shotgun fundamentals.** The logic and simplicity of the skeet field design makes it a non-threatening environment for a new shooter to learn gun safety and how to shoot clay targets. One of the best places to teach the basics of shotgunning is the low house at station 6 and high house at station 1. Both the low and high house target paths are fairly consistent and demand little lateral movement, which makes these ideal places for a beginner to gain experience and confidence in breaking targets. With some mastery at stations 1 and 6, beginning shooters can next move around the field to shoot targets that require some lead while learning more about stance, mount, hold points, follow through, and the proper use of the eyes.

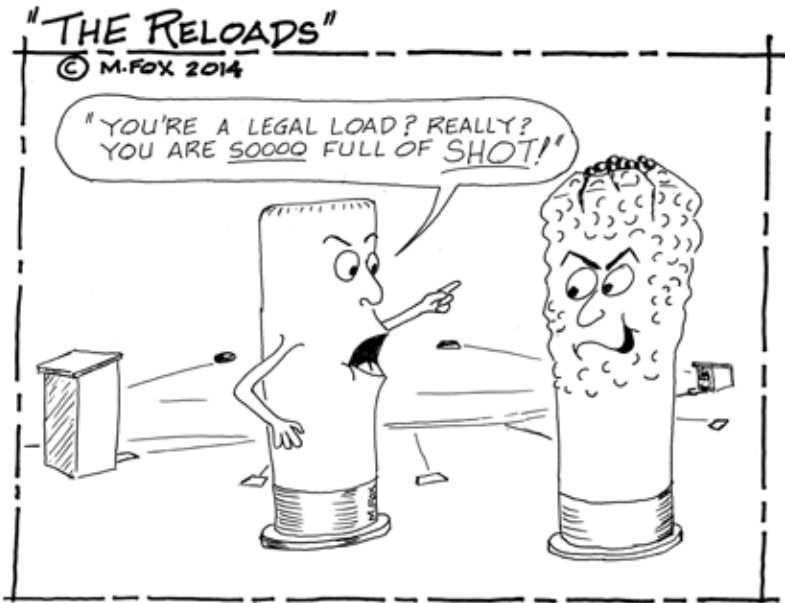
**The game of American skeet - A single round.** For the first time skeet shooter, field etiquette can, at first, appear a little intimidating. But it will not take you long to get accustomed to it. The standard or regulation version of skeet goes like this:

A squad of shooters, usually no more than five, begins by lining up next to the high house at station 1. The lead shooter has the option to look at a pair of targets from each house. If the targets are

crossing at the correct height at the center stake and land within the distance of a couple of yards of the distance stake, the lead off shooter will set up, call for, then shoot the high house single target. If the shooter breaks the target, he or she will then shoot the single low house target. After breaking the low house target, the shooter calls for a pair, shooting the closest house (outgoing target) first, then the low house (incoming target) next. If the shooter has broken all of his or her targets at this station successfully, he or she will step off of the shooting pad and move behind the rest of the shooters in line. If at any point the shooter has missed a target, the shooter has the opportunity to shoot the same target again. This is called the "option." The option is allowed only once for each round of 25 targets. The goal for skeet shooters is to not have to shoot the option until he or she has cleared the 24th shot on station 8, the last station of the round.

After each shooter has shot station 1, the lead shooter steps up onto the pad at station 2 and shoots the high house single target, the low house single target and finally the true pair, shooting the outgoing high house target first. After everyone has shot their targets, the squad moves on to the longer crossing shots at stations 3, 4, and 5 with each shooter shooting just a single high house and low house target. There are no pairs shot in the regulation version of American skeet at stations 3, 4 and 5.

At station 6, the lead-off shooter begins by shooting a long incoming high house single, then a sharp quartering low house target. Like at stations 1 and 2, true pairs at stations 6 and 7 follow the single targets. The main difference is that the outgoing low house target is shot first. The final station, 8, is unique in that each shooter, on the first round, shoots only the high house as a single target.



This is then repeated for a single low house target. At this point, if the shooter breaks the low house single, he or she has made it through the first 24 targets without a single miss! The option shot is taken on another station 8 low house. You can imagine the feeling when you break the “option” target on this station! When a shooter has broken all 25 targets successfully in a round it’s called, “running the box,” which means that a target was hit with every shot out of the 25 shells in a box. Typically a skeet competition includes 4 rounds (100 targets) of American skeet for a single gauge event.

**The doubles skeet event.** To add even more challenge to the sport of skeet, shooters created an event with true pairs at each of the station, with the exception of station 8. According to skeet shooting legend Robert Paxton, this was tried as a preliminary event in the late 1970’s at the World Skeet Championships. Doubles became so popular that it was added as a championship event in 1981. Typically doubles are shot as a 50 target

or 100 target registered event. Starting at station 1, a squad shoots true pairs at stations 1 through 4 with the high house target first, followed by stations 5 through 7 with the low house target taken first. This completes 14 targets. At this point shooters reverse the sequence of stations for a total of 24 targets in the first round. The second round is an exact duplication of the first round until, at the end of the round, the squad returns to station 1 to shoot the final pair, for a total of fifty targets in two rounds. If the doubles event is a 100-target competition, the third round replicates the first round exactly, and the fourth round is identical to the second round.

**Registered competition.** The sanctioning body that governs registered American skeet competition is the National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA). While there have been recent rule changes which allow for events of differing size to be held, the typical shoot is held over the course of a weekend and includes the following events, each with



a total of 100 targets: 1) Doubles with 50 pair, 2) 12-gauge event, 3) 20-gauge event, 4) 28-gauge event, and 5) the .410 bore event (100 total targets). The overall high score from a total of all the individual events is called the High All Around (HAA) winner. Additionally, there is the High Over All event (HOA) winner, which totals the scores of the individual gauge events but not including the more

challenging doubles event.

**Shoot-offs.** Although it may be hard for a novice shooter to imagine, shooters commonly make perfect scores in registered skeet tournaments, especially in the higher classes. In order to determine the event champion, class winners participate in a shoot-off at the more challenging stations. A typical shoot-off



will start with true pairs at station 3, then move to stations 4 and 5. The sequence is repeated until only one shooter remains without missing – the winner! Shoot-offs are perhaps the most exciting part of a skeet tournament. Among the most entertaining are those that involve 2-man or 5-man teams, or that match family members together (husband vs. wife, dad vs. daughter, etc.), or shoot-offs between

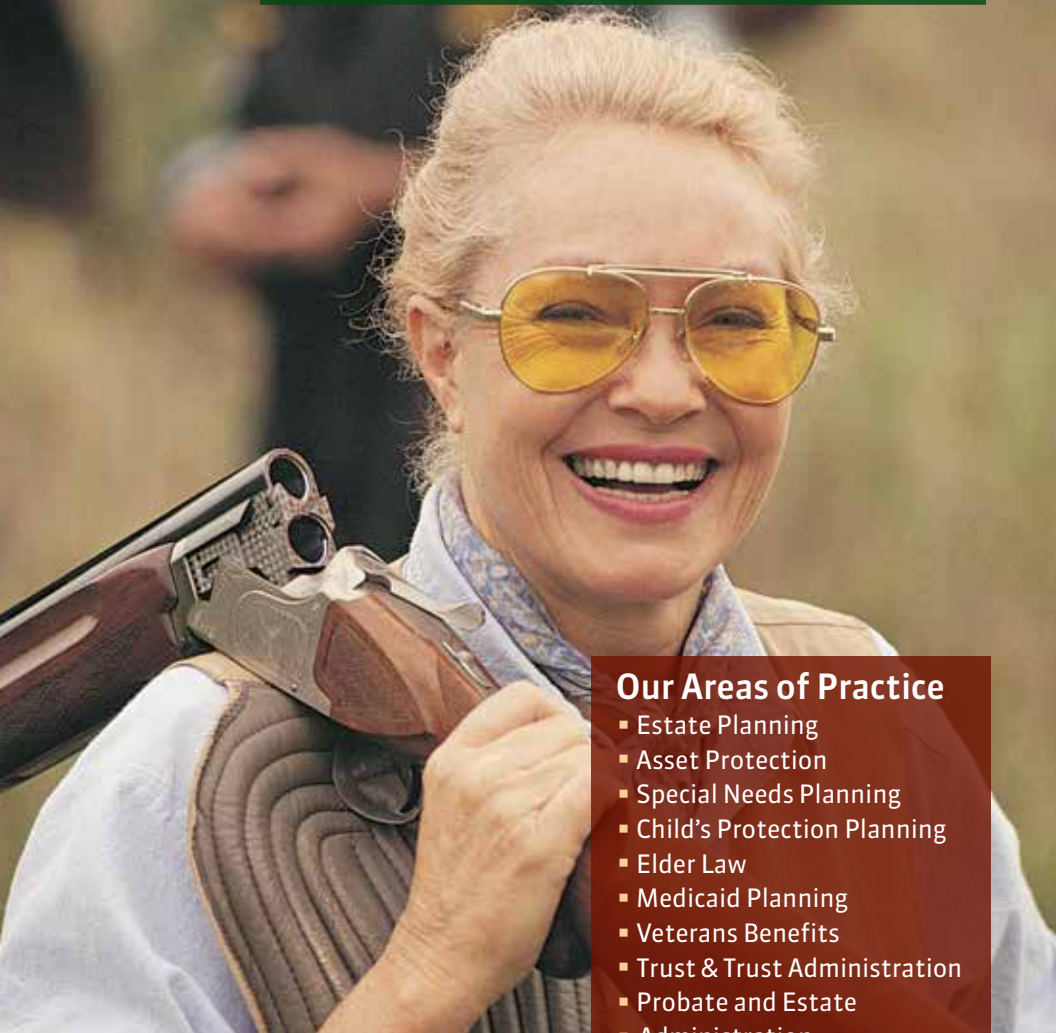
long-time competitors who face off for some friendly bragging rights. Too, it can be uniquely gratifying to see the average shooter who comes out of any class with a perfect score being called to the championship shoot off-field to compete with some of the very best in the game. I always compare this to getting called up to bat at the plate with Nolan Ryan pitching, or racing against Richard Petty. And in skeet, it happens often!

**Skeet competition at GHGC.** GHGC has a long tradition as one of the finest skeet shooting venues in the country. Each year the club hosts a number of NSSA sanctioned skeet tournaments that attracts the most accomplished shooters from around the state and the nation. The club is home to a number of world skeet champions, Texas state skeet champions, All-Americans, and Texas All-State shooters. But perhaps the greatest club claim to fame is the 12 “Eagles,” or team trophies, that the GHGC five-man team has won at the Texas State Skeet championships since award inception in 1997.

**What skeet means to me.** Over the years and countless targets, I find I am still drawn to skeet for three simple, but important reasons. First is the goal, the challenge if you will, to hit each and every target every time. Secondly, the people who shoot skeet, although they are keenly competitive, are also incredibly friendly. Lastly are the life lessons I have learned along the way. Skeet for me is a sporting refuge, a place away from fast-paced, daily life. It is a game that is simply perfect the way it is. And while it is true that the game of skeet has had some changes along the way, it remains a stable game, influenced by only subtle changes over the years. It is a place I can be with friends, or alone in my thoughts while participating in the greatest shooting sport around.



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# SAFETY & ETIQUETTE

## SAFETY

The safety of our members, guests and staff is our Number One priority! It is everyone's responsibility to practice safety at all times and report violations. For everyone's protection always be aware of what is happening around you and never hesitate to report a safety violation, suspected safety violation or anything that makes you uncomfortable. You just may save someone's life. Target shooting is a sport we all love but it can also be dangerous if safety is not our first priority.

Always remember it is your responsibility to see that your guests are following all of GHGC's safety rules. Upon check-in, be sure your guests have the proper equipment and are well versed on safety rules and appropriate etiquette.

Below is a list of GHGC's safety rules that everyone, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, must follow at all times.

1. While on any shooting venue, eye and ear protection are required at all times.
2. Never mix gauges while shooting, pick one gauge to shoot at a time.
3. 7.5, 8 or 9 shot only.
4. Never load more than two shells.
5. A yellow chain pulled across a shooting station indicates GHGC staff is servicing that station, please move on to another station.
6. Guns must be open and empty unless you are in the designated shooting position.
7. Always make sure your gun is empty before leaving the shooting position.
8. Always check your breech for obstructions before loading.
9. The speed limit on GHGC property for all motorized vehicles is 15 mph.
10. 1Alcohol is not permitted on any venue at any time.

11. Shooting after consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited.

## ETIQUETTE

For the enjoyment of all, please practice the following:

1. Always be respectful to other members, guests and staff.
2. While shooting Sporting Clays it is courteous when stopping at a station to pull your cart off to the side of the road to allow others to pass.
3. While waiting for a group to finish at a station, be respectful by keeping your distance and keeping conversations and radios on a low volume.
4. While shooting Sporting Clays, if you plan to practice on a particular station for an extended period of time, it is courteous to allow others to shoot through.
5. Skipping over stations is permitted, but do so in a manner so as not to disrupt the flow of the course or the group you are passing.
6. To keep the flow of the courses moving when the Club is busy, please only move from station to station in a clockwise direction.
7. The Gun Care Center is for all members and guests. Please pick-up after yourself so others can enjoy the space.
8. All tools, brushes, oils and cleaning supplies are complimentary, please use what you need and leave the rest.
9. Please keep dogs out of the main Club House during the dinner hour.

## REMINDER

As of July 1, 2014 the policy of BYOB is no longer permitted anywhere on GHGC property. No alcohol can be brought onto GHGC grounds at any time.

# RESOURCES

## SHOOTING INSTRUCTION:

Bobby Fowler Elite shooting School	713-858-4200	elitegun@aol.com	www.eliteshooting.com
Brad Kidd Jr.	985-232-1696	bradkiddjr@nvindt.com	www.bradkiddjr.com
Diego Duarte	608-770-7958	duarte125@live.com	www.diegoduarteclaytarget.net
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Dan Carlisle Gold Metal Academy	706-566-1276	dan@shooting4gold.com	www.shooting4gold.com
Gil & Vicky Ash OSP Shooting School	800-838-7533	osp4u@ospschool.com	www.ospschoolshooting.com
Cory Kruse			

## LOCAL GUNSMITHING:

Briley Manufacturing	800-331-5718	sms@briley.com	www.briley.com
Big Guy Shooting Supply	713-416-6331	low8X2@yahoo.com	www.bigguysshootingssupplies.com
Feland's Gunsmithing	281-373-0335	felandsgunsmith@yahoo.com	www.felandgunsmith.com
Dustin Mounts Gunsmithing	281-431-0240	info@dustinmounts.com	www.dustinmounts.com

## CUSTOM AUDIO PROTECTION

The Audio Protection company	713-461-5521	timholt@earthlink.net	
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## GUNS, AMMO, ACCESSORIES, RELOADING, TRAPS AND RENTALS

Briley Manufacturing	800-331-5718	sms@briley.com	www.briley.com
Big Guy Shooting Supply	713-416-6331	low8X2@yahoo.com	www.bigguysshootingssupplies.com
Ables	800-720-3275	www.ableammo.com	

## SHOTGUN FORUMS AND GUN TALK

Shooters page Texas	www.shooterspagetx.com
Shotgun World	www.shotgunworld.com

## OTHER FRIENDS:

National Skeet Shooting Association	www.mynssa.com
National Sporting Clays Association	www.mynsca.com
Texas Skeet Shooting Association	www.mytssa.com
Iclays	www.iclays.com
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