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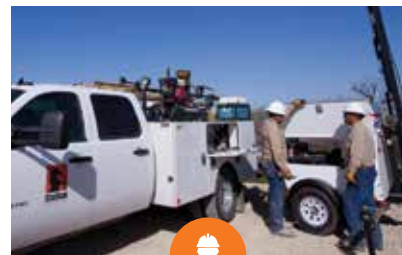
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### HOURS OF OPERATION

Wednesday – Friday: 12:00pm to dusk  
Saturdays – 9:00am to dusk  
Sundays – 9:00am to 6:00pm

**Pictured on the cover** is National Trap Shooting Hall of Fame inductee Forest McNeir, the general contractor who in 1957 designed the original GHGC clubhouse, outbuildings and shooting fields. The cover photograph hangs prominently in the GHSC clubhouse today.







# Manager's Message

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY

With so much going on, there's been a lot of GHGC communication with the membership this year, and rightly so! Our ongoing expansion, the increase in big name competitions, club awards and recognition, and of course the club name change. So, in this year's Manager Message rather than review what most already know, I thought I'd reflect on our club logo and how it has evolved over our history. But it's just a logo, right? Not really. A great deal of thought, planning, and design has gone into every logo, the art that defines our club "brand."

The original logo was designed in 1958, and was the club brand for 36 years, from 1959 to 1995. It featured the text Greater Houston Gun Club over a representation of the San Jacinto monument within a vertically-oriented oval. With new ownership in 1996, the club logo underwent a facelift to celebrate the change. That second logo was concentric, with several internal rings, and was designed to represent a clay target. In the bottom right of the circle was the state of Texas with a star marking the location of Houston. This logo was proudly displayed from 1996 to 2008.

In 2009 GHSC turned 50. If you were a member then, you likely recall the anniversary celebration we hosted - a weekend long event encompassing everything from lavish dinners to a poker championship. To commemorate this landmark of 50 years of service to the business and community - you guessed it - we redesigned our logo! It paid homage to the original logo, but was made more up-to-date. The oval was turned on its side, the San Jacinto monument reappeared, but a more-earthly color palate was used. This logo represented Greater Houston Gun Club from 2009 to 2018.

As we welcome the New Year, the club has designed a different logo to go with the new name - Greater Houston Sports Club. We can't discuss the latest logo without a few words about why the club name was changed. For us to have survived, now going into its 60th year, we've had to adapt to a changing Houston, state, country, and world. Change is not often easy. We plan on not just continuing to survive, but to thrive. As you know, the biggest part of our "plan to thrive" is expanding the shooting part of this club. But it is also to build a litany of family-friendly activities that do not involve breaking clay targets. For example, we hope to soon have our lake stocked with fish for catch-and-release family fun. A group of members is already planning a "club within a club" to use the property during non-core hours as a place to train their hunting retrievers. We may at some point offer the same thing with members who enjoy archery.

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1996



2009



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## Manager's Message (Continued)

The opportunities are endless! Simply put, a big part of our name change mirrors the importance of providing these exciting new activities to our membership.

I can only guess that shooting clubs in the Nineteenth Century were all about hunting. Many stories have been written about duck hunting on farms across the road from city neighborhoods. With the Twentieth Century came high population densities and everything that comes with urban encroachment. Clubs were all about Trap and Skeet and this was mostly a male dominated (middle age and seniors) sport with few women and young people participating. The atmosphere to a newcomer was often perceived as intimidating. In short through most of that era gun clubs struggled; often on the verge of going broke. The Greater Houston Gun Club is a perfect example of this during its first thirty-five years of existence. Then came Sporting Clays and a bit later came the Twenty First Century. The world changed. New sporting clubs sprang up everywhere and older clubs, for the first time in their existence, thrived and began to expand and improve their facilities. Their perceived atmospheres evolved from an intimidating one to a cozy atmosphere the included the entire family. Corporate and charity organizations replaced golf with sporting clays as their favorite activity for entertainment and fund raising. These events often result in new members joining our club. All this and much more led to our rebranding inspiration.

As you can imagine, there were a ton of early ideas for the future logo to best match the new name. In the end it was an easy choice. It's different from its predecessors; a move away from graphic art and geometrical shapes towards softer lines and, for the first time, a focus on people, Male and Female. The inclusion of the over-and-under shotguns was deliberate, as well as the choice of the "models" attire, which leans to the "civilized." The back drop is nature, actually an important part of what our club offers. In its entirety, the logo packs a lot of horse power into a small image. You'll know quite a bit about us from this logo. That is what we intended. A few other details - our club name is prominent and uses a classic, timeless font style. Under our name we honor the club's original visionaries with the reference to "established in 1959." And if you have an eye for detail, you'll notice we kept the original oval shape!

Our new name and logo are only what they are - a name and a logo. The club's culture and its core values are a reflection not only of its leadership, but more importantly, its members. You. As I look back over the past year, I feel blessed that we have such a wonderful group of people supporting us. Your club has never been healthier or more prosperous. I thank you all for the support and I'm excited to see what the future holds for us and the Greater Houston Sports Club.



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*on the occasion of its*

### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Congratulations on your years of success! Since 1958, the Greater Houston Gun Club has been a premier shotgun sports complex for shooters and has played an important role in the Houston community.*

*You continue to demonstrate the hard work and commitment that have helped your club achieve its longevity, and I wish you continued success in the future.*

*First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in extending best wishes.*



*In testimony whereof, I have signed my  
name and caused the Seal of the State of  
Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin,  
this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.*

Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas

# A Short History of Greater Houston Sports Club

R.K. SAWYER

The roots of sport shooting in Texas go back to just after the Civil War, when the state's first competitive shooting clubs were founded by urban sportsmen in bustling San Antonio, Dallas, Waco, Galveston, and Houston. Houston Gun Club, founded in the 1870s, was the Bayou City's first shooting venue. It was this club, some 70 years later, that formed the nucleus for Greater Houston Gun Club (GHGC). The list of GHGC's original 100 members reads like 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.

GHGC's founders selected the site for the club in a 130-acre rice field well beyond the Houston city limits and began construction on July 4, 1958. Weather delays plagued the work, and when the club opened six months later its two skeet and two trap fields were functional, but the clubhouse was still unfinished. The club grew quickly, and by spring of 1959 the Houston press was abuzz with the completed \$100,000, "ultramodern" clubhouse, its "cocktail and dining lounges," ladies card room and, most importantly, air-conditioning.

Amenities aside, the main reason GHGC existed was as a trap and skeet 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. In addition to state, national, and world championship titles, several GHGC members were inducted into the prestigious *National Trapshooting Hall of Fame* and *National Skeet Shooting Hall of Fame*. The trend continues to this day.

Although no one could have predicted it at the time, GHGC was about to make history when Houston outdoor writer Bob Brister brought sporting clays from England to America. The venue was the 1983 *Orvis Classic*, and the place GHGC. Sporting Clays went on to become one of the fastest growing sports in the US. The fast-paced game introduced the art and fun of clay target shooting to a whole new legion of men, women, and juniors, many of whom had never had any experience with a shotgun before. Since then sporting clays has grown steadily not only

at GHGC, but at clay target facilities across the US.

GHGC today, some 60 years since its inception, has not just evolved but thrived. In just the past ten years the club has welcomed 800 new members, introduced the *Clays for Ladies* program, raised funds to sponsor junior shooter competitions, developed a youth program to provide shooting opportunities to organizations such as the FFA and 4H, and grown the list of charity fund-raising shooting events. The club has also hosted some of the largest and most prestigious skeet and sporting clays competitions in the nation, attracting shooters to the Lone Star State from all over the world. Known as the "big hitters" of the shooting community, some of these competitive shoots include the *US Open*, *Best of Texas*, *Browning Briley*, *Briley Blue Goose*, and the club's sponsored *Diamond Classic*.

The vision of GHGC's club owners, and the hard work of both manager Kevin Dougherty and the entire GHGC staff, is recognized. The club has been named National All-Around Club of the Year four times, most recently in 2017, and *Texas State Club of the Year* in 2012 and 2017. GHGC does not take these honors lightly.

GHGC is currently in the midst of a 160-acre expansion that will provide not only more shooting venues, but also more family-friendly activities. In addition to the popular July 4th and Thanksgiving family festivities, numerous other new venues are under consideration. Work is already underway to construct a pavilion over a new lake that will be stocked with fish for catch-and-release family fun.

Our future will embrace a continuation of the old with a lot of emphasis on the new. There will be enough "new," in fact that after 60 years of the words "gun club" in its moniker, the club will change its name to reflect the focus, and growth, in our core shooting sports as well as family activities. In 2019 GHGC will celebrate its 60th year as the Greater Houston Sports Club (GHSC) and, just as GHGC did before it, the Greater Houston Sports Club looks forward to another 60 prosperous years of serving its members, their families, the city of Houston, and the great state of Texas.





# SAFETY AND 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 GHSC'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 GHSC'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 GHSC 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 GHSC property for all motorized vehicles is 15 mph.
10. Alcohol 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 GHSC property. No alcohol can be brought onto GHSC grounds at any time.











# 2019 GHSC

## BUCKLE RACE SERIES

POWERED BY:



**JANUARY 19 FEBRUARY 9 JUNE 2 JULY 20 NOVEMBER 9 DECEMBER 17**

### ENTRY FEES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL BUCKLE RACE LEG:

#### SKEET

- Event #I – Morning 100 targets \$55 (plus fees)
- Event #II – Afternoon 100 targets \$55 (plus fees)
- \$5 back to class in each event
- Event I and II Champ receives \$10 above highest class payout
- Event I and II Runner up receives \$5 above highest class payout
- Event I and II third receives same as 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 \$10 (All monies returned to class)
- HOA receives \$150, RU receives \$100 and 3rd \$75 or \$10 above highest class payout (removed from class).

#### SPORTING CLAYS

- Event I – 100 target sporting clays \$65 (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)
- RU receives \$100 and 3rd \$75 or \$10 above highest class payout (removed from class)

#### 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 Receives \$100 or \$10 above highest class payout
- 5-stand event does not count towards all around buckle scores and is a stand alone event.

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#### SKEET

**Rotation #1 9:00am and 12:30pm**

**Rotation #2 10:45am and 2:15pm**

#### SPORTING CLAYS

**European Rotation**

#### 5-STAND

**European Rotation**

### OVER 80 BUCKLES AWARDED

SKEET CLASSES	SPORTING CLAYS
HOA & RU (removed from class)	HOA & RU (removed from class)
AAA Class 1st & 2nd	Master Class 1st & 2nd
AA Class 1st & 2nd	AAA Class 1st & 2nd
A Class 1st & 2nd	AA Class 1st & 2nd
B Class 1st & 2nd	A Class 1st & 2nd
C Class 1st & 2nd	B Class 1st & 2nd
D Class 1st & 2nd	C Class 1st & 2nd
E Class 1st & 2nd	D Class 1st & 2nd
Lady 1st & 2nd	E Class 1st & 2nd
Junior 1st and 2nd	F Class 1st & 2nd
Sub Junior 1st and 2nd	Lady 1st & 2nd
	Junior 1st and 2nd
	Sub Junior 1st and 2nd

ALL ROUND	5-STAND (not included in All Round)
HOA & RU (removed from class)	5-Stand
AAA Class 1st & 2nd	Open HOA & RU (removed from class)
AA Class 1st & 2nd	Master Class 1st and 2nd
A Class 1st & 2nd	AA Class 1st & 2nd
B Class 1st & 2nd	A Class 1st & 2nd
C Class 1st & 2nd	B Class 1st & 2nd
Lady 1st & 2nd	C Class 1st & 2nd
Junior 1st and 2nd	D Class 1st & 2nd
Sub Junior 1st and 2nd	E Class 1st & 2nd
	Lady 1st & 2nd
	Junior 1st and 2nd
	Sub Junior 1st and 2nd

#### Information:

- Open to all NSSA and NSCA members.
- NSSA and NSCA rules apply.
- Ties for Champ and all class monies shoot off.
- Lunch provided for all participants
- To be eligible for HOA or RU buckles you must shoot a minimum of 800 targets for skeet, 400 targets sporting clays and 300 targets for 5-Stand
- All around scores will be based on 100 skeet targets and 100 sporting from a minimum of 4 events

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# 2019 EVENT DATES



GHSC EVENT	DATE
HLSR RANCHING AND WILDLIFE	JANUARY 14
<b>BUCKLE NO. 1 12GA NSCA-NSSA</b>	<b>JANUARY 19</b>
LUPE TORTILLA CLAYS CLASSIC BENEFITTING PTSD	FEBRUARY 5
<b>BUCKLE NO. 2 20GA NSCA-NSSA</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 9</b>
SPRING BRANCH EDUCATION FOUNDATION	FEBRUARY 11
AGC HOUSTON	FEBRUARY 12
SIGHT INTO SOUND	FEBRUARY 18
BCH	FEBRUARY 19
SMALL STEPS	FEBRUARY 21
HLSR YOUNG GUNS	FEBRUARY 22-23
MEMORIAL HERMANN LIFE FLIGHT	FEBRUARY 25
AOS	FEBRUARY 26
ALLEY THEATRE	MARCH 1
AJG	MARCH 5
<b>CLAYS FOR LADIES</b>	<b>MARCH 9</b>
ACHCRI	MARCH 15
METHODIST MYOLONIC DYSTROPHY	MARCH 18
CROSSPOINT COMMUNICATIONS	MARCH 19
KINKAID	MARCH 22
ALS FOUNDATION	MARCH 25
AIM	MARCH 26
T4T	MARCH 29
<b>BROWNING &amp; BRILEY NSCA</b>	<b>APRIL 4-7</b>
MCA	APRIL 12
HOUSTON SAFARI CLUB	APRIL 13
ABC	APRIL 15
CAPITAL CLAYS	APRIL 16
COMERICA BANK BENEFITTING JUNIOR ACHIEVMENT	APRIL 22
BOMA	APRIL 23
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA	APRIL 25
HOUSTON POLICE FOUNDATION	APRIL 26
METHODIST HOSPITAL	APRIL 29
VECTOR	APRIL 30
WARD	MAY 3
IBI TEXAS	MAY 6
ALLIED ADVOCATES	MAY 7
DUCKS UNLIMITED	MAY 10
RIVER OAKS BAPTIST SCHOOL	MAY 13
STAR DRUG COURT	MAY 14
TRINITY OAKS	MAY 17
CYCLE	MAY 20
<b>BRILEY BLUE GOOSE NSSA</b>	<b>MAY 24-27</b>
RIDGEPOINT FFA	MAY 31ST, 2019
<b>BUCKLE NO. 3 28GA NSCA-NSSA</b>	<b>JUNE 2</b>
TEXAS CRANE OWNERS ASSOCIATION	JUNE 3
HUNTON GROUP	JUNE 4

GHSC EVENT	DATE
<b>GHSC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (MEMBER EVENT)</b>	<b>JUNE 30</b>
<b>BUCKLE NO. 4 DOUBLES NSCA-NSSA</b>	<b>JULY 20</b>
SPAWGLASS	AUGUST 19
PAC GAMESDAY	AUGUST 20
ENSITE USA	AUGUST 23
<b>BEST OF TEXAS NSSA</b>	<b>AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 1</b>
CENTER FOR HEARING AND SPEECH	SEPTEMBER 10
URBAN LAND INSTITUTE	SEPTEMBER 12
ISA	SEPTEMBER 13
ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL	SEPTEMBER 14
EHS	SEPTEMBER 17
MURPHY OIL	SEPTEMBER 19
JOE GIUSTI EVENT	SEPTEMBER 20
ABC	SEPTEMBER 23
SHRINERS HOSPITAL	SEPTEMBER 24
SKYHIGH	SEPTEMBER 27
TAUBER OIL	SEPTEMBER 30
BEAR CPS	OCTOBER 1
FRIENDSWOOD EDUCATION FOUNDATION	OCTOBER 4
<b>DIAMOND CLASSIC NSCA</b>	<b>OCTOBER 10-13</b>
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS IN ENERGY	OCTOBER 17
TREES FOR HOUSTON	OCTOBER 18
HOUSTON BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE	OCTOBER 21
LATHAM & WATKINS	OCTOBER 22
ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL	OCTOBER 25
ROBERTS MARKEL	OCTOBER 24
CYSTIC FIBROSIS	OCTOBER 26
HOUSTON FOODBANK	OCTOBER 28
IICF	OCTOBER 29
STRAKE	NOVEMBER 4
HAYNES AND BOONE	NOVEMBER 5
DUCHESNE	NOVEMBER 7
<b>BUCKLE NO. 5 20GA NSCA-NSSA</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 9</b>
ANDREWS MYERS	NOVEMBER 11
ENTERPRISE	NOVEMBER 12
A4LE	NOVEMBER 18
JIMMY PAPPAS BENEFITTING SUNSHINE KIDS	NOVEMBER 19
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF STAFFORD	NOVEMBER 22
<b>THANKSGIVING FUN SHOOT AND FEAST (MEMBERS EVENT)</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 24</b>
EO	DECEMBER 2
CHINQUAPIN	DECEMBER 3
ALLIANT	DECEMBER 5
<b>BUCKLE FINALS 12GA NSCA-NSSA</b>	<b>DECEMBER 7</b>
OPERATION FINALLY HOME	DECEMBER 9
CAMP ARANZAZU	DECEMBER 10
TEXAS WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION	DECEMBER 16

# CAMP HOPE CLAYS CLASSIC ANNUAL SPORTING CLAYS EVENT

BY R.K. SAWYER



# CAMP HOPE

A PTSD FOUNDATION OF AMERICA OUTREACH

Supporting clays have become the “go to” model for raising funds for great causes, and GHSC is one of the top venues in the state to host them. There’s several good reasons organizations are choosing clay target fund raisers. One is the low overhead – most of the money raised goes directly to the cause. Also, a venue like GHSC handles all of the logistics during the event, which frees up volunteer time to handle their core business. Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, is the high attendance at these venues - after all, what better way to support a worthy cause then to spend a day outdoors with friends?

GHSC has been proud to host one of these, the *Camp Hope Clays Classic* benefitting the PTSD Foundation of America, for the past four years. These folks and their sponsors put on a world-class show, complete with games, raffles, auction, awards, lunch and dinner with offerings by chefs from a variety of culinary stations, and name brand music. Last year there were 160 participants, and each received a Filson duffle bag with Apple AirPods, Lupe Tortilla gift cards, Colegun shooting vests, ear protection, an Amazon Echo, a Zippo battery charger/hand warmer, and more. The grand prize was a shotgun, and other prizes included tennis ball shooters and gift cards. In short, these folks take this event very seriously, and so do their supporters. It’s easy to understand why.

Funds raised are used to support Camp Hope, a Houston facility that provides interim housing for veterans and their families suffering from post-traumatic stress (PTSD), and the PTSD Foundation of America. Camp Hope opened in 2012, its staff of combat veterans and pastors offering a PTSD recovery program and personal healing along with

help in job placement, coordination with the Dept. of Veterans of Affairs, and service organizations to assist with claims and benefits. Its foundation for success is a network of government agencies, churches, and private sector businesses - a “Corps of Compassion” – that helps heroes and their families adjust to a new normal.

Event Chairman Peter Holt of Lupe Tortilla, a Houston Tex-Mex restaurant fixture since 1983, has been there from the shoot’s 2016 inception. “We developed the *Camp Hope Clays Classic*,” Peter says, “to create a world-class clay shoot unlike any other in Houston, to raise money, and more importantly to raise awareness of the amazing work of this organization.” As for Peter’s motivation, he says, “On average, twenty-two veterans commit suicide every day due to the effects of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). This issue is close to my heart and I feel led to be part of a solution to help these veterans and their families adjust and find their new normal. Many of them are serving in our communities and continue to give so selflessly, so our support is more important than ever. The Mission of the PTSD Foundation of America is to take a proactive approach through a faith-based program with peer-to-peer mentoring from Veterans that have gone through the program themselves.”

Last year the *Camp Hope Clays Classic* raised \$300,000 for America’s veterans, bringing the total from their three annual shoots to over a million dollars. Peter is quick to say that, in addition to Presenting Sponsor Lupe Tortilla, the success of the *Camp Hope Clays Classic* would not be possible without the support of other patrons. It’s a strong list that includes Good Ol’ Dog Ranch, Quantum Energy Partners, Camp Construction, GR Birdwell



Construction, Weatherford, Smithco Development, and Mischer. Chris Shaw, Project Director at Goode Company Barbecue, is also part of the event committee and has been a crucial part of planning and organization.

There are many ways to help to our veterans through PTSD Foundation of America and Camp Hope. One of the easiest is to come out and shoot! Everything you need to know about the February 2019 fund-raiser can be found at <http://www.camphopecc.com>. Interested in doing a little more? Send donations. Odds are your drawers, cupboards, garage or pantry are filled with items that could make a difference. And the Camp Hope folks make it easy – they list what they need at <http://ptsdusa.org/support-us/camp-hope-needs/>. Donations can be sent to 9724 Derrington Rd, Houston TX 77064, or call the office at 832-912-4429.

The next time you think about scheduling a day shooting clay targets with old friends, or looking to make new ones, read over the GHSC calendar of fund-raisers. It's full of opportunities like the Camp Hope Clays Classic - opportunities to do some real good while enjoying the sport!

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# GHSC'S YOUTH ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

BY R.K. SAWYER

They're young and want to shoot clay targets, but their budget is probably limited to an allowance. They're going to do something other than learn to shoot unless someone – or some entity – provides them with an opportunity. Greater Houston Sports Club (GHSC) has done just that.

GHSC has long recognized that youth participation is critical to the future of the clay target shooting sports. Most members are aware that the club raises funds each year to provide competition entry fees to junior shooters for events such as the *Briley Blue Goose* and *Diamond Classic*. Our junior sponsorships have been an integral part of who we are, and has been well received by club members. Be on the lookout for a number of future champions that are likely to evolve from this pool of talent!

The club has recently rolled out another program for young shooters that we hope will be just as popular - our new *Youth Organization Membership*. The idea behind this youth program is to provide a practice venue for area clubs such as the *Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation* (SCTP), *4-H*, *Future Farmers of America* (FFA), *Youth Target Foundation* (YTF), and *USA Youth Education in Shooting Sports* (USAYEES). Growing up, many of us belonged to these or similar clubs, and likely have fond memories of the adult leaders who volunteered their time, and maybe even some of the sponsors who provided support for activities.

Few kids involved with the *Youth Organization Membership* program are likely to ever forget GHSC. Our members know this is a first-class shooting venue, and we hope you share our conviction that it's a privilege to provide an opportunity for the future – today's youth.

Here's the blueprint. A recognized, insured club applies for GHSC membership and if it meets qualifications, pays a one-time initiation fee of \$1,000. An Account Administrator is then named who will be responsible for paying regular rate monthly dues and invoice charges. He or she may then designate two Account Officers. After that club officers, parents, and youth shooters can use the GHSC facility during scheduled practice sessions. There are not many rules. Club officers have to book in advance, and shoots are limited to 20 participants. One adult supervisor is required for each group of five shooters.

We're hoping this program grows and becomes a recognized part of what GHSC offers our community. You can help - if you know of a Houston area club that might benefit from this opportunity, let them know about it. And if you see a squad of youngsters on one the courses, maybe say howdy. You're looking at the future, and maybe at one of the next clay champions. For more information, contact Kevin Dougherty, club CEO, at 281-437-6025.





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BUCKLE RACE SERIES

## 2018 BUCKLE RACE SERIES

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY

The 6th season of the Buckle Race marked a huge success. With participation up 20% this year over last, the popularity of this contest is undisputed! The year-long series consisted of six fantastic one-day events that run in the months of January, February, June, July, November, and December. Each event is a different gauge gun. We changed the program only slightly in 2018, omitting the doubles event and adding a second 28-gauge event. After a lot of feedback throughout the year we're adding the doubles back in for 2019!

Our membership had a great showing this year. Greater Houston members took home 67 of the 88 available Buckles! A look at the HOA's gives a sense of the club accomplishments:

Skeet HOA – Brandon Cade  
Sporting Clays HOA – Justin Napier  
All Around HOA – Justin Napier  
5-Stand HOA – Bobby Fowler

A special shout out to Club member Valerie Moore on taking home the Iron Women Buckle once again. Yet another year she entered every event at every Buckle Race. That's 375 targets times six! Congrats to you.

In 2019 we welcome back Legacy Ford as our title sponsor, and introduce our newest sponsor RIO ammunition. These two sponsors are putting up some special prizes. At each Buckle Race leg shooters will have the ability to earn up to 4 raffle tickets, earning one raffle ticket for each event you participate in. If you shoot all four legs, you earn 4 tickets. Tickets will be entered into a drawing that will take place at the Buckle Race Finals in December. One lucky shooter will win a Blaser shotgun, compliments of Legacy Ford! Two other lucky shooters will each win 25 cases of RIO 12-gauge ammo. We thank everyone for attending the 2018 Buckle Race and look forward to another year of fun filled shooting. It's going to be an exciting year!

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# MEMBER WINNERS

## SKEET BUCKLE WINNERS

HOA	BRANDON CADE
RUNNER UP	JUSTIN NAPIER
AAA 1ST	PAT BYRNE
AAA 2ND	WILLIAM EDMUNDS
AA 1ST	RANDY WALL
AA 2ND	WALTER EDMUNDS
A 2ND	MITCHELL ALLEN
B 1ST	HARRY DANIELS
C 2ND	MIKE GUTHRIE
D 1ST	DENNIS BRADLEY
E 1ST	JOHN GREENE
E 2ND	PRENTIS BURT

## SPORTING CLAYS BUCKLE WINNERS

HOA	JUSTIN NAPIER
RUNNER UP	BOBBY FOWLER
MASTER 2ND	CLARK WALRAVEN
AAA 2ND	MIKE CRANE
AA 1ST	BLAKE BAJALLI
A 1ST	RICK KIEMSTEADT
A 2ND	CARLOS VAQUERO
B 1ST	CADE FAETCHE
D 1ST	WILLIAM MARSHBURN
E 1ST	LINDA CORDOVA
E 2ND	STEVE WILSON
F 1ST	ROBERT ANDERSON
F 2ND	NED BARNETT

## ALL AROUND BUCKLE WINNERS

HOA	JUSTIN NAPIER
RUNNER UP	JOHN BARNES
AAA 1ST	WILLIAM EDMUNDS
AAA 2ND	MIKE CRANE
AA 1ST	ROBERT SMITH
AA 2ND	MICHAEL VILLAR
B 1ST	VALERIE MOORE
B 2ND	BILLY ZALESKI
C 2ND	CHARLES PECKHAM

## 5-STAND BUCKLE WINNERS

HOA	BOBBY FOWLER
RUNNER UP	AUSTIN KIEMSTEADT
MASTER 2ND	CLARK WALRAVEN
AA 2ND	BOB MATA
A 1ST	CADE FAETCHE
A 2ND	MIKE CRANE
B 1ST	NADIM COOK
B 2ND	JOSEPH MATULEVICH
C 1ST	RICK KIEMSTEADT
C 2ND	STEVE WILSON
D 1ST	BRYAN ANDERSON
E 1ST	VALERIE MOORE
E 2ND	BRADEN BERGMAN

## SUB-JUNIOR, JUNIOR AND LADY BUCKLE WINNERS

### SKEET

JUNIOR 1ST	BRADLEY PANG
JUNIOR 2ND	MATTHEW WARD
LADY 2ND	KAREN WARD

### SPORTING CLAY

SUB-JUNIOR 1ST	DYLAN ANDERSON
JUNIOR 1ST	AUSTIN KIEMSTEADT
LADY 1ST	LINDA CORDOVA
LADY 2ND	KAREN WARD

### ALL AROUND

LADY 1ST	KAREN WARD
LADY 2ND	VALERIE MOORE
5-STAND	
SUB-JUNIOR 1ST	DYLAN ANDERSON
JUNIOR 1ST	AUSTIN KIEMSTEADT
LADY 1ST	LINDA CORDOVA



# THE AGUILA MINI-SHELL – EVOLUTION OR REVOLUTION?

BY R.K. SAWYER

I confess that most serious shooters probably knew about Aguila Mini-Shells long before I did. It wasn't until the *GHGC 2018 Browning-Briley*, when I saw Aguila Mini-Shell sponsorship of the 5-Stand, that I realized there was something new in the world of shotgun shells. Certainly, the mini-shell concept represents an evolution in shotgun shell manufacturing, perhaps even a revolution, and I set out to find more about it.

Aguila Mini's are manufactured in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico. At 1  $\frac{3}{4}$ " length, the shell is an inch shorter than conventional 2  $\frac{3}{4}$ " shells. The 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  shot size carries a 5/8 oz load that delivers 1175 fps at the muzzle. Since average 12-gauge target loads run around 1175 to 1275 fps, you aren't sacrificing much in speed. Ballistically, then, the difference is in the number of pellets. Most over-the-counter 12-gauge shells carry between 1 oz and 1  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz ounce of 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  shot or between 350 and 400 pellets. I estimate (although I didn't count them) that the Aguila's 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  shot delivers about 200 to 225 pellets. That results in a shell very similar to a .410. A typical 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " .410 shell has 175 pellets, and most 3" shells have about 240. So, without doing any higher math, it looks to me like Aguila has designed a shell that approximates a .410 target load that you can shoot from your 12-gauge.

There are two main selling points for Aguila Mini-Shells. First is the obvious advantage of less recoil. A soft delivery is great for first time shooters and might also be appreciated by the average shooter who prefers to shoot only one gun, a 12-gauge. The second selling point is the challenge of shooting clay targets with the equivalent of .410. This is significant, and in itself a good reason to add a few boxes to your shooting arsenal.

I tried my first Mini's on a patterning board before going to the skeet field. The patterning board is a critical step for anyone serious about these shells. What I was looking for was a choke to use with Mini's that best approximated the pattern of a skeet tube using 2  $\frac{3}{4}$ " target loads. This, of course, will vary from gun to gun and shooter to shooter. For the test, I matched the muzzle velocity of regular 2  $\frac{3}{4}$ " shells to the Mini's. With test shots at 30-yards, I found I got a similar pattern to my skeet choke and conventional loads from the Mini's by using an IM choke. Most pellets were inside the same diameter circle as with the conventional loads, but there were less pellet penetrations.



Once I picked my choke configuration, it was time to have some fun on the skeet course, and these shells were indeed fun. At first, I didn't expect the discharge to sound so different from my conventional loads, and it took some getting used to. These shells are quiet, and it rattled me at first. It only took a couple of rounds to adjust, and I quickly sent the Aguila payload where it needed to go. And as expected, the "shorties" offered less punch to the shoulder. Between the quiet and the gentle recoil, I found I was singularly focused on only one thing – lead. I liked it. My take away was that practicing with Mini-Shells could help the average shooter become a more consistent shot.

There are caveats with these shells. First, they won't cycle in most auto-loaders, and they are iffy in pump guns. They're great for double-barrels, but they pattern differently from conventional loads. If you don't have time for a pattern board, a good rule of thumb is to replace your skeet tubes with modified. Too, Aguila Mini's can, at certain times of the year, be hard to purchase. I went to the internet to buy mine in the summer, and out of 20 sporting goods companies that advertised the shell, only one had any in stock. The good news is that Houston's Able Ammo carries them when they are available, and for only \$10.80 for a box of 20. I've seen other places charge as much as \$15. It is important to add that, as this piece went to press in December, there was no shortage of Mini's at any of the dealer web sites.

The Aguila Mini-Shell is an evolution of the shot shell. Whether it becomes a revolution is harder to say. I enjoyed shooting them and would find a place for them in my practice sessions. I figure if you can improve your game with Mini's, then switch back to 2  $\frac{3}{4}$ " shells. You're likely to see a difference.

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# 2018 LADIES LEAGUES WERE A HIT! 2019 LADIES LEAGUE DATES SET

BY SJ SWANSON



2018 marked the third consecutive year for both the *Greater Ladies League*, and the *Clays for Ladies Day*. The idea actually started several years before that when a few female club members and club management held a series of meetings to figure out how to better connect our women members through some ladies-only activities. The GHGC “Greater Ladies” group was eventually “born” with the goal of inspiring women to become involved in shooting sports as a lifelong pursuit, develop their skills and confidence in the field, and get to know other like-minded women through a series of casual shooting events.

Both of the 2018 *Greater Ladies* events were a great success. Over 100 lady shooters of every age and ability participated in the two events. It has been awesome to watch the level of female participation grow at the club, and to see the ever-expanding group of ladies shooting not only in the club’s official events, but also just out together for fun and friendly competition. As discussed elsewhere in *The Clay Bird*, the club has a new name. It brings a smile to this writer to see that the club’s new logo reflects our membership of both men and women shooters.

*2018 Greater Ladies League.* The Greater Ladies 3rd Annual Winter League ran from January through

March. Once again, the ladies turned the league into a fun-filled eight weeks of afternoon shoots followed by a post-shoot happy hour to wind down and discuss the day’s scores. Appetizers and specially-selected fine wines were served, along with some occasional light-hearted smack talking. The Greater Ladies League group were obviously having so much fun that there was a noticeable uptick of other member traffic into the GHGC bar when the ladies would arrive back to clubhouse! Congratulations to the 2018 League winner Brooklynn Norwood with an awesome season, including a weekly session of 100% dead birds!

Adding to the fun was the session in which professional shooting instructor and Women’s World English Champion Desirae Edmunds joined us to help improve our shooting skills. She gave each shooting group feedback on form and tips for breaking those clay birds. Desirae also brought out some Beretta shotguns for the ladies to demo – always fun to test out other fabulous guns. The ladies also had the opportunity to demo guns from Syren USA (a division of Caesar Guerini and Fabarm). Syren rep (and Lady Clay Shooters, Inc.’s president) Barbara Garney brought out some from the beautiful line of shotguns designed specifically for the female shotgun enthusiast (news alert - Syren USA will sponsor







the Greater Ladies in 2019!). The League ended with a dinner in the clubhouse and a final toast to another great season and many friendships made.

*2018 Clays for Ladies Day and Tournament.* The Clays for Ladies Day on April 21, 2018 was simply a blast. The women gathered under the pavilion for breakfast and fellowship before the program and shooting got underway. SJ Swanson emceed a quick program which included a primer from club manager Kevin Dougherty on tournament logistics, Lewis Class System scoring, and a safety briefing. The ladies then split into two groups with some heading to the clay course and others to the skeet stations with professional shooting instructors who kindly offered their expertise to beginners or those wanting to tune up. Everyone enjoyed a fun morning of gun powder and many broken targets.

After the tournaments, some shooters continued the competition in the team flurry event, while others got a head start on the afternoon networking over a celebratory cocktail and delicious lunch. And almost everyone participated in some competitive shopping with offerings from our fantastic vendors of shooting equipment and accoutrements, along with beautiful clothing, jewelry, and accessories. The ladies also checked out some of the latest shotguns designed especially for women, as well as information about other organized women's shooting events. Many had custom ear plugs made on-site. Thanks to sponsors and vendors Briley, RPM Defense, Maida's Belts and Buckles, Syren USA, Lady Clay Shooters, Inc., Tim Holt/Audio Protection Co., McKenna Quinn, and Trizi jewelry. Even if they did not shop, every lady got a swag bag with fun gear, and thanks to the vendors there were lots of lucky door prize winners, too.

The final highlight of the day was the awards presentation. Repeating her success in 2017, Ingrid Gonzales walked away with the Main Event HOA honors, and led the top flurry team, too. Karen Ward followed closely as the runner up, as did A Class 1st place winner Marti Holt. Abbey Petru took home the 2nd place trophy and 3rd went to Olicia Glick. The B Class winner was Sharon Propes, with Barbara Garney pulling in 2nd, and Nicole Boudreau at 3rd place. Courtney Noppe bested the C Class, followed by Julia Sinead at 2nd, and Elizabeth Blackmore for 3rd place.

The day featured a separate Mini Course tournament for our skeet course shooters, many of whom competed for the first time. Ashley Case took the HOA honors, and Emily Brown was a close runner up. Linsi Walker took home the win in the A Class,

and Nancy Bill took the B Class.

2019 Ladies Events Promise to Improve and Expand! This year's members-only Greater Ladies 4th Annual Winter League kicks off January 24th with seven Thursday afternoon shooting events through March 7th. Ladies check in at the clubhouse by 3:15pm each week and are grouped into different four-femme squads, ensuring that everyone meets everyone and expands her circle of lady shooter friends. We will shoot 100 targets each session on the South Course.

While the location hasn't changed, technically it's not our GHGC bar but the new GHSC bar that will remain open each League night until 8:00pm so that everyone can catch up on the day's shooting and get to know each other. The League fee includes golf cart rental; members are responsible for target fees and ammo. The League will finish up the eighth shooting session at the *Clays for Ladies* day on Saturday, March 9th. Final scores will be based on 600 targets, dropping the two lowest scores out of the eight sessions.

We're looking forward to the *4th Annual Clays for Ladies Day and Tournament* on Saturday, March 9th. This day is open to all of our female members as well as non-members. It is always a great day of sporting clays instruction, tournament for every level of shooters, fun femme camaraderie, and some great shopping, too. Mark your calendars, invite those friends who always say they want to come and shoot with you or learn how to shoot. Hey guys – tell your wives, daughters, and lady friends to join us. FYI, gentlemen, there are a very few prized spots for trappers for the tournament – otherwise, no guys allowed at the event other than staff and instructors. Ask Ashley or SJ if you want to be considered for this honor.

Registration includes golf cart, 100 targets, and post-shooting awards lunch and celebration. Shooters bring their own ammo. Sign up as an individual or a four-member team. For sponsor and vendor information, contact Ashley Reyes at [Ashley@greaterhoustonportsclub.com](mailto:Ashley@greaterhoustonportsclub.com) or 281-437-6025. As mentioned above, the final session of the Greater Ladies Winter League will be the Clays for Ladies day tournament and those participants will finish up their final 100 targets. The winners of both events will be announced at the awards lunch on March 9th.

Follow the Greater Ladies League on our new web page <http://www.greaterhoustonportsclub.com/greater-ladies/>. Pull, Ladies!



SATURDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> 2019

EVENT SCHEDULE

**9:30 am**

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**10:45 am**

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**11:00 am**

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**1:00 - 4:00 pm**

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**Refreshments, Vendor Shopping**

**2:00 pm**

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Resolution. Perseverance. Ambition. Those words describe not only the competitors of the 2018 *Browning-Briley* (B&B), but also event host Greater Houston Gun Club (GHGC). GHGC's goal was to develop its new 160-acre addition in time to host the B&B as the first venue ever held on the property. So as the shooters were busy refining their craft in the months before, GHGC was racing weather and clock to transform a tangle of tallow trees into the beginning of a world-class venue. In the end, weather won the day and only the new parking lot and a temporary course were ready in time for the event. But what an event it was!

2018 marked the 19th consecutive year of the celebrated *Browning-Briley* (B&B). Held from April 5 to 8, this was the first time the shoot was hosted by GHGC. A total of 539 competitors participated in the 4-day venue that offered a serious yet fun-filled schedule of ten shooting events. The program was packed with the Main Event sponsored by Browning and Briley, Lincoln/Long Range FITASC and 5-Stand, two White Flyer Prelims, 20, 28, and .410 Sub-Gauge Sporting, the Aguila Mini-Shell 5-Stand, and Encino Super Sporting. There were two shoot-off events, the Jess Briley Team Sub-Gauge Championship Shoot-off, and Sunday afternoon shoot-offs for the Main Event HOA.

The weather was nearly perfect the first and last days but conditions between, as former GHGC Assistant Manager Matt Garver succinctly described it, were "brutal." Thursday, day one, dawned cool and sunny with low humidity for the start of FITASC and 5-Stand Main, Sub-Gauges, Super Sporting, Mini-Shell 5-Stand, and both Prelim events. Then a cold front barreled through just after the 200-target Main Event kicked off, delivering sustained 25mph winds and a temperature drop of almost 35 degrees by Saturday evening.

For many the Saturday afternoon Jess Briley Sub-Gauge Shoot-off, a tribute to the life of Jess Briley who left us in 2017, was bittersweet. Although Jess will be sorely missed, his legacy will live on not only through this, one of his namesake events, but throughout the shooting world. Designed with a snooker format that offered \$1,000 and a Browning Citori 725 Field shotgun for each team winner, the shoot-off and purse were a tribute that Jess would have been proud of. As the sun set on Saturday, event day three, a quickly installed canvas tent wall on the pavilion was all that separated the banquet revelry from the wintry elements for an evening of a mixed grill dinner, lighted ice bar, and the Browning shotgun and gift card drawings.

Cool weather but calm winds on Sunday offered, as Manager Kevin Dougherty put it, a day for "target redemption." Leading the Main Event pack of 377 entrants on Sunday morning by three targets, it was Justin Napier's to lose. He didn't. Justin captured the HOA with a 182 and took home the \$2,000 prize while Runner-Up Cory Kruse's score of 178 pocketed him the \$1,500 purse. Annabelle Ayers took Ladies First Place with a score of 164. It was Justin Napier again as winner of Lincoln Long/Range 5-Stand, posting a 93, with Paul Montealegre's score of 91 earning him Runner-Up. Haylyn Hanks was the Ladies Champion with an 81. Cory Kruse shot a score of 88 to win the Lincoln/Long Range FITASC HOA, with Nadim Nasir only one target behind him to take Runner-Up, and Haylyn Hanks again the Ladies Champion with a 78. The Sub-Gauge HOA went to J.R. Cooper with 263, Runner-Up Spencer Ashton posted a 261, and Jo Ellen Collin dusted 195 to take the Lady Champion spot. Paul Montealegre took the honors for the Aguila 5-Stand HOA, and Justin Napier HOA for the Encino Super Sporting event.

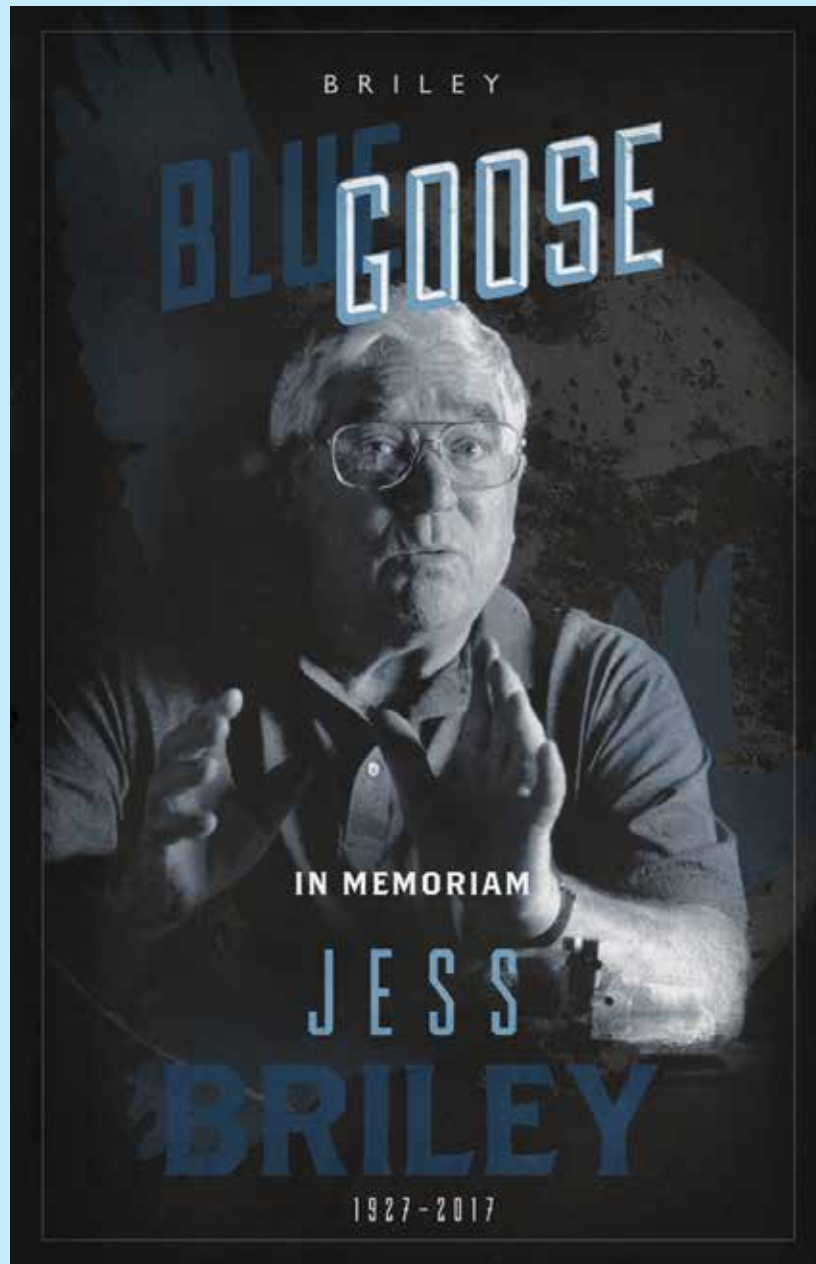
As Kevin Dougherty reflects on this event, he says: "We tried to make sure we maintained the original culture of this shoot, which is designed more for fun and families than as a high-level competition as, say, the Diamond Classic. And we tried some new ideas for this shoot, like food trucks instead of catered lunches, and these proved so popular we'll do it again." Kevin adds that "we couldn't have pulled this off without some big help from some great people. Like Scott Grange, shooting promotions manager of Browning, Briley's Jason Menke, and Johnny Meitzen, event liaison for the Browning and Briley. We had more attendees than equipment, and Rod Shyda at Lincoln Traps and Neil Chadwick, owner of Long Range Wireless Trap Release, really came through for us."

The 2018 *Browning-Briley* was a great success, and GHGC extends a sincere thanks to Browning and Briley, sponsors of the Main Event, Encino Environmental Services for their support of the Super Sporting, Lincoln/Long Range for the FITASC and 5-Stand, White Flyer for the Prelims, and the folks at Aguila Mini-Shell for their 5-Stand sponsorship. For GHGC, the 2018 Browning-Briley made club history as the largest event ever held at our facility – outpacing even the 2017 Diamond Classic. The 2019 B&B is sure to make history again as we celebrate its 20th anniversary. It will be held again at GHSC, and you can be part of it. Follow the event schedule at [www.greaterhoustonclub.com](http://www.greaterhoustonclub.com) and be ready to register at [www.winscoreonline.com](http://www.winscoreonline.com)!



Main Event winners from L to R: Cory Kruse (RU), Justin Napier (HOA), Bobby Fowler (Master 1st)





# 2018 JESS BRILEY BLUE GOOSE TOURNAMENT WRAP-UP

BY R.K. SAWYER

The 2018 *Jess Briley Blue Goose* was held Memorial Day weekend, May 25 through 28, at Greater Houston Gun Club. It was a sold-out venue, with 200 shooters at the event that's known for combining the best target-busting talent with back-to-back activities and entertainment. There was a subtle name change this year to the *Jess Briley Blue Goose*, the program dedicated to the man who revolutionized competitive skeet shooting, the late Jess Briley.

The *Blue Goose* Prelim kicked off on Friday morning under clear skies with three rotations of 20-gauge "Action Skeet." In this venue, shooters called pull only once at each station as they competed against the targets, the clock, and their ability to reload quickly. Armour Strunk bested the field of 40 competitors, taking home a 12-gauge Benelli and custom silver Briley money clip. Runner-up Patrick Byrne pocketed the \$200 Briley gift certificate. At the end of a typical Texas summer day that baked Friday afternoon shooters during the four rotations of 50-pairs Doubles Event, the \$500 purse went to Robert Paxton, and Houston Deshotels the \$350 runner-up prize.

Saturday morning weather was a copy of Friday for the first flight of the 12-gauge event. When the shoot-off dust cleared from a field of 17 perfect scores, it was Houston Deshotels who took top honors and the \$750 champion prize purse, with the

\$400 runner-up award going to Jason Ward. Saturday afternoon and evening provided enough fun activities to forget about scores for a while. Back by popular demand was the 12-gauge Bounty, in which handicapped Class A through E shooters try to tie or beat all-time great Todd Bender's score and collect a double-the-entry-fee cash bounty. The cash purse goes to the last person standing during the shoot-off - unless it is Todd, in which the proceeds go to the 2019 *Briley Blue Goose* Junior fund. It came down to Melissa Barringer and Todd. They both finished one box straight, but when Todd dropped a target halfway through the second, Melissa took home the cash and the bragging rights.

As the aroma of BBQ Alaskan King Crab legs began to hang in the air, shooters were quick to store their guns and head to the Saturday cocktail reception and dinner under cooling pavilion fans. Among the evening festivities was the annual Junior shooters auction that raised \$4,000 towards GHGC's Junior sponsorship for next year's *Briley Blue Goose*. Briley's John Barnes then paid a tribute to Jess Briley, followed by presentation of the Jess Briley Innovators Award. The award is a new concept that appropriately honors Jess's contribution to skeet by rewarding a new shooting game or idea that could be implemented at future venues. The \$1,000 prize and paid entry into subsequent Blue Goose events went to Mike Fox. Look for his game called the 'Skeet Skirmish' on GHSC's website.



GHGC provided entry fees to 14 Junior shooters with funds raised from their annual auction.



The 2018 Jess Briley Blue Goose HOAs: Champion Michael Peterson flanked by Runner-Up Jason Ward and third place winner Richard Funk.





The legendary Todd Bender shows the form he's used for all those wins!



A moment to remember those who gave.



The 2018 Jess Briley Blue Goose took place under sunny skies.

The Sunday morning schedule included continuation of the 20-gauge event and the 28-gauge event. With weather cooperating again, perfect scores were shot by twenty-seven 20-gauge competitors and fifteen 28-gauge shooters. James Barnard won the 20-gauge Champion spot from a crowded shoot-off field with Clay Baldwin Runner-up. In the 28-gauge event, Junior Lady and Class A shooter Mackinzee Swetman took top honors with Jonathan Hopper Runner-up.

Going into the final day the myskeet.com scoreboard showed four shooters holding perfect 300 by 300s: Michael Peterson, Jason Ward, Junior shooter Ryan Meger, and Junior Lady shooter Mackinzee Swetman. According to GHGC Manager Kevin Dougherty, "These may be the highest scores I've seen at the *Blue Goose* in a while. It's competitive, yet still maintains that laid back atmosphere." But with the always challenging .410 bore event next on the schedule, he added "anything can still happen. The .410 giveth and the .410 taketh away!"

Monday dawned clear with no wind, ideal conditions for the .410 event rotations and HOA shoot-offs. With perfect scores from the top three .410 shooters, Junior shooter M. Andrew Benson took home the Champion prize, and Riley Chaddock was Runner-up. Neck-in-neck shoot-offs decided the winner of the *Blue Goose* HOA Champion spot and the \$1,000 purse, earned by Michael Peterson with Runner-up Jason Ward nabbing the \$750 purse. Richard Funk took HOA third with a score of 397. Ladies Champion Bailey Glenewinkel smoked 394 targets and won the shoot-off against Ladies Runner-up Mackinzee Swetman, with Ladies third place going to Kayleigh Lawson.

The *Blue Goose* has always been ranked as one of the top 100 shoots in the country, but with this year's list of competitors it's very likely to make the top five. Combine this with the event dedication to Jess Briley, and you have two good reasons to remember just how special the 2018 *Jess Briley Blue Goose* really was. GHGC members, Board of Directors and management team extend their congratulations to the winners, and wish to thank all of the participants, sponsor Briley, and the referees. The club anticipates another great *Blue Goose* in 2019 and looks forward to seeing returning shooters and meeting new ones. More information is coming soon for the 2019 *Briley Blue Goose*, at [www.Briley.com](http://www.Briley.com) or [www.GreaterHoustonSportsClub.com](http://www.GreaterHoustonSportsClub.com).



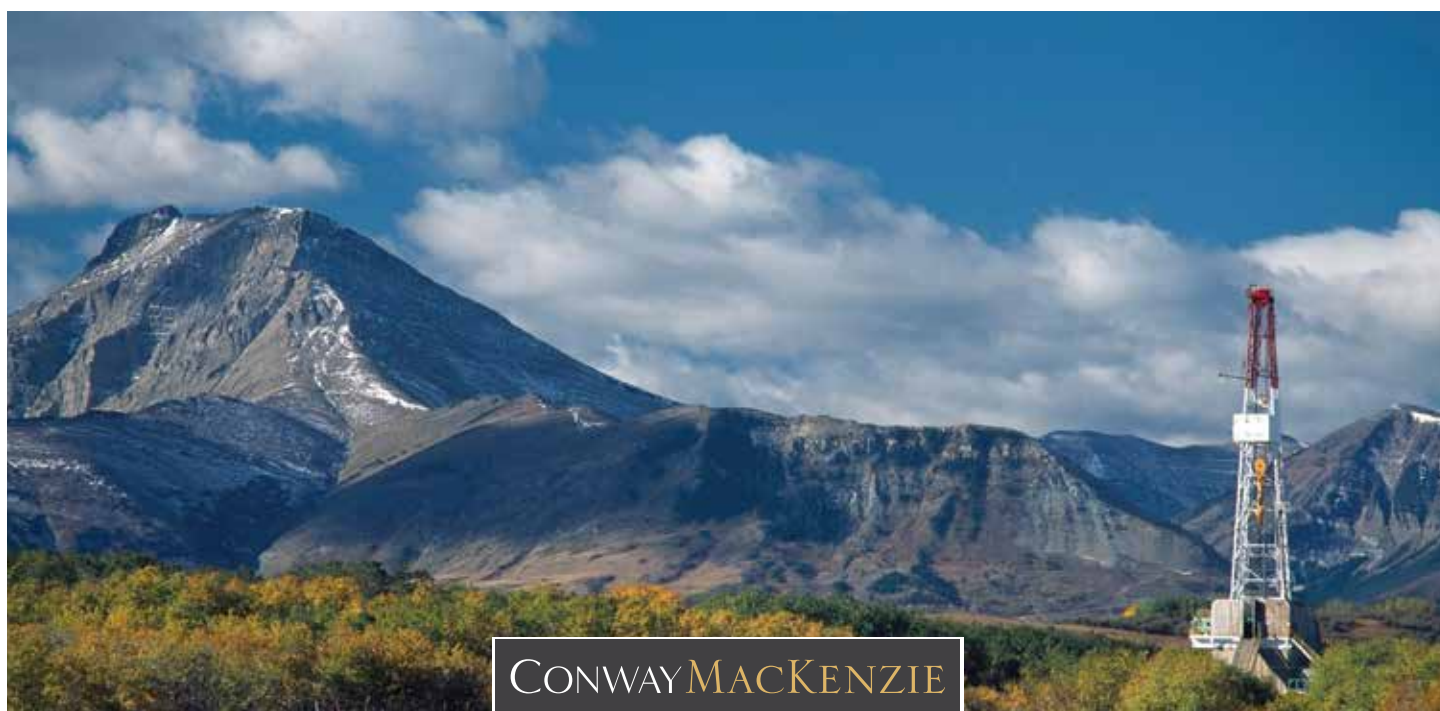
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# THE HAND-CARVED WOODEN DECOYS OF TEXAS

BY R.K. SAWYER

As a 12-year old boy on the Chesapeake Bay, I recall that in nearly every old barn loft within bicycle-pedaling distance from my home was a dusty old bushel basket or two filled with wooden decoys. Those hunting memorabilia struck an early chord with me, although it never occurred to me they might be worth money. I worked odd jobs to buy modern, plastic decoys to hunt over, but could never collect an entire rig because I kept swapping them to local farm boys for their family's wooden blocks. It was a good deal for both parties – they got decoys they could hunt over, and I got a pile of history destined to be displayed on my father's book shelves. Those were the years before the fever that fired demand – and exorbitant price tags – for collectible wooden decoys. Some of those decoys today could fetch \$10,000.

Carved working decoys are a thoroughly American folk art that uniquely reflect the culture and the hunting styles of the people who crafted them. Not only does each decoy have its own unique story, they can be worth quite a lot of money. There are only a handful of Texas decoys both historically valuable and of collectible quality. Arguably the best workmanship came from carvers who hunted along the Trinity River in the upper reaches of Galveston Bay, and lived in the towns of Winfree and Baytown. The signature style of Trinity River decoys includes the flat to gently curved back of the body, or “block,” graceful form of the head and neck, and remarkably detailed paint for working decoys. Another characteristic of Trinity River area decoys are their light weight, a result of using cypress root that carvers, still to this day, collect by hand using a bow saw, axe and wedge. After drying, the decoy that took life from a block of wood was made using nothing more sophisticated than a hatchet, knife, and a hand plane.

Texas' best-known area carver is Rudolph ‘Rudy’ J. LeCompte. Born in 1910, Rudy got his start from



Rudy LeCompte in his Baytown shop with some of his famous decoys, early 1950s. Photo courtesy of Gordon LeCompte.

Louisiana's famous Mark Whipple, and carried the Whipple tradition with him after he moved to Baytown in 1936. Most years Rudy carved an average of 80 to 100 decoys, a pace he maintained for nearly 40 years. Rudy first sold his decoys for a dollar apiece, but by the 1950s they commanded a \$4 price tag. Today, they can sell for as much as \$1,500. The LeCompte carving style was synonymous with Baytown decoys for many decades through the work of other area carvers, notably H.B. Creekmore, Walter Brewer, and Deer Park's Oliver Townsend. Today the Rudy LeCompte and Baytown style lives on through Mark Byford and Walter Brewer's son Dennis and grandsons Travis and Nathan. The Winfree working decoy style, made famous by Amos Tilton, is continued by his great-grandson Mike Tilton and his son.

Mark Byford. Mark grew up in Baytown with an appreciation for the decoy carvers around him. He was in his 40s when he decided to honor their legacy by learning to carve their decoys. “I had a deep admi-



A mottled duck carved and painted by Mark Byford.



The Amos Tilton decoys style, with its long tail and sweeping neck, is different from the Baytown carvers. Mike Tilton's drake mallard is left, and his great-grandfather's is to the right.

ration,” he says, “for Rudy LeCompte’s style and the way he painted. I wanted to learn to carve ‘em the same way and paint the same way to honor the legacy.” Hand carving with only a palm planer and a pocket knife was a challenge, but Mark recalls that painting was even harder. “I asked Baytown legacy carver Ollie Townsend what the trick was to painting the ‘C-dot’ feathers. Ollie told me they were done with a single brush stroke, and the best way to learn it was to ‘get a 1” x 6” x 20’ board and paint the C-dot pattern all up and down one side, turn it over, then do the same thing on the other side. After that, you might be ready to paint a decoy!” Mark laughs when he remembers how long it took him to create a good-looking decoy, and says, “I threw the first 80 away!”

Dennis Brewer and Sons. Little did he know how much work lay ahead of him when, in 1971, Rudy LeCompte and Walter Brewer dragged a teenage Dennis Brewer to the Trinity River bottoms to cut cypress root. After selecting trees with the right shape at the base, they exposed the root by digging through the muck, then cut no more than one root from each tree with double-bladed axes. They collected enough on just a few trips for each of the older carvers to use the rest of their lives, with some still left over for Dennis and his sons to use nearly 50 years later.

Walter, one of Rudy’s mentees, carved working mottled ducks, blue-winged and green-winged teal, pintails, and mallards. All his working birds were drakes - he never carved any working hen decoys. Dennis taught his own sons, Travis and Nathan,

how to hunt using those carved decoys. “We didn’t know how special they were,” they say. “We thought everyone had carved blocks. We still hunt over them today.”

Father and sons first learned to carve Walter’s working style and then began to develop their own variations. Like Walter, they make their decoys with cypress bodies and use tupelo gum for heads. All three remember that, wherever Walter went, he usually brought a block of cypress, a hand planer and pocket knife, and sat down to carve. Nathan and Travis recall “We’d leave for school in the morning and Paw-Paw would be carving a new block when we left. When we’d come home, he’d be working on the feather detail. He would sometimes carve all day.”

Walter Brewer died in 1993, and didn’t live to see his 2013 induction into the Decoy Magazine listing of America’s Master Carvers, or his recognition as a Legacy Carver in 2017 by the Louisiana Antique Decoy Collectors. When they were notified of the Legacy Carver award, fourteen Brewer family members traveled from Katy, Texas, to the Baton Rouge Antique Decoy Show to celebrate the event. The plaque was received by Mrs. Walter Brewer.

Mike Tilton and Son. Mike is the great-grandson of Amos Tilton, who was born in Winfree in 1899. Amos first began carving his elegant mallard decoys behind his house, and later in a caretaker shack next to the Champion Paper and Fiber Company lodge on the Trinity River where he worked as a guide. His style is very different from the Baytown carvers, but





A Dennis Brewer drake blue-winged teal and cinnamon teal (right) beside a Walter Brewer (left) working decoy.

Mike notes that “the heads are similar to Rudy LeCompte’s and H.B. Creekmore’s. And you know, Rudy and the Baytown carvers all hunted at Pickett’s Bayou Hunting Club, right now next door to Amos, so they likely had an influence on each other.”

Mike watched Amos carve when he was a boy, and he taught the youngster to carve with just a pocket knife. Years later Mike started carving seriously, judiciously studying the details of Amos’ decoys so that he could recreate the family tradition - right down to the leather loop for the decoy line. Mike says that “the first thing you notice about the Amos style is the high neck band. And if you see a decoy with painted or glass eyes, somebody else added those later, because Amos never gave his decoys eyes. Mike noticed how the head designs changed over the years, and discovered that on Amos’ early decoys the heads kept coming off, so he worked on a pattern that was more durable. Today, Mike is teaching his son Grant Michael, 12, how to carve – bringing the art to five generations of Tilton’s. Fittingly, when Amos died in 1984 he was carving a decoy in the shed behind his house. Thirty-three years later Mike was there to pick-up Amos’ Legacy Carver award presented to him by the Louisiana Antique Decoy Collectors in 2017.



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# 2018 US OPEN SKEET CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY NATHAN BOYD

The *US Open Skeet Championships* is a major annual event hosted by different clubs around the country each year. As in golf and tennis, the *US Open Skeet Championship* awards are prestigious titles coveted by all who attend. Greater Houston Gun Club, located in Houston, Texas, was the site of the 2018 US Open and those who made the journey to this year's championship are sure to remember the experience for some time. GHGC teamed up with Paxton Arms and Krieghoff, title sponsors of the event, to host a fantastic event during the second weekend of September. In addition to the hospitality GHGC and its employees are known for, the club went above and beyond this year to increase the championship payouts in an effort to make the 2018 US Open an unprecedented competition.

The White Flyer Doubles Event began Thursday morning with 186 entrants vying for champion, class, and concurrent honors. The top step of the podium welcomed a familiar face as perennial champion, Michael Peterson, who claimed the championship over Nathan Boyd. Nathan broke his first 100 in doubles with a borrowed gun – thanks Stormy and NSSA Hall of Famer, Becky McCumber. Peterson must enjoy making the trip to GHGC as he claimed the HOA title at GHGC's Briley Blue Goose earlier in the year. Debbie Pickens (LYRU) and Dawn Werheim (LY3) joined McCumber on the podium stage as the weekend's first Ladies Champions. As the evening ended, many of the tournament's competitors enjoyed the complimentary spread and some partook in the Thursday night "grill your own steak dinner" in which GHGC provided all the trimmings you can eat including huge baked potatoes, fresh salad, and a number decadent of deserts.

After the four doubles rotations were completed on

Thursday, three of the five 12-gauge rotations took to the fields throughout the day to kick off the start of the main four-gun events. Completion of the GHGC 12-Gauge Event took place Friday morning and the shoot-offs were conducted Friday evening. Eighteen percent of the field (43) broke a perfect score in the big gun making for an exciting shoot-off atmosphere for those participating and spectating. Ken Hilleman was amongst the crowd of straights as he broke his first 100 in the 12-gauge. Back at the top of his game, Paul Giambrone III claimed the title on the last station of the second box over Robert Paxton of Paxton Arms. Craig Parsons of New York settled for third place to complete the bust-worthy podium. A combination of experience and youth stood upon the ladies' podium as Kaleigh Lawson (LYCH), Becky McCumber (LYRU), and Lauren Burge (LY3) were crowned ladies' 12-gauge winners.

Saturday was the busiest day of the competition as both the 20 and 28-gauge winners were decided. Giambrone Shooting Clinics was the sponsor of the 20-gauge and LP surely put on a clinic during the 2018 US Open. He claimed his second championship of the weekend over his friend and squad mate Skeete Smitha on the late in the third box. Michael Schmidt, Jr. held on for the third place finish. A new lady made her way to the top step of the ladies' podium as Marina Pakis outlasted Kaleigh Lawson (LYRU) and Lauren Burge (LY3) for the ladies' title.

In addition to the standard class payouts and options, Greater Houston with their creative thinking, included a Texas Half Way HOA sponsored by the Texas Skeet Shooter Association. Just as it sounds, shooters were awarded prize money based on their combined score of the first two four-gun events with any ties being decided by the 20-gauge shoot-offs. In addition to



their hospitality and high standards, GHGC is always trying innovative ideas to improve and promote our game.

Prior to the 28-gauge shoot-offs, delicious hors d'oeuvres were served as a great starter to the gourmet buffet. Seventeen scores of perfection were posted in Briley 28-Gauge Event and all were eager to earn the gold medallion. Although all had good intentions, Paul Giambrone III continued his hot streak as he outlasted all competitors. Last year's HOA World Champion, Jason Ward, and youngster, John Tyler McKeel finished runner-up and third, respectively. Repeat podium winners returned to the winner's circle in the ladies' concurrent as Lauren Burge captured her first title of the weekend ahead of Kaleigh Lawson (LYRU) and Rebecca McCumber (LY3), all with perfect scores.

At the conclusion of Saturday night there were a multitude of potential outcomes for the Krieghoff/Paxton Arms High Overall Championship as five competitors were 300 straight going into the .410, including three shooters under the age of 21. Paul "LP" Giambrone III, Riley Chaddock, Lauren Burge, Kaleigh Lawson, and Nathan Kerth survived the first three guns without a miss while a number of other competitors were only a target behind in the high over all race, but before Sunday's Elite Shotguns .410 Bore Event there was some celebrating to do on Saturday night.

Once all the ties were decided from Saturday, Greater Houston hosted a fantastic banquet with open bar, gourmet buffet, door prizes and drawings including the Krieghoff gun raffle, and a little music to close the evening. In conjunction with the US Open, Krieghoff and Paxton Arms held a gun raffle in which a Krieghoff Vintage Scroll K80, valued at \$13,195, was awarded

to one lucky raffle winner. Mrs. Joe Ellen Collin was the lucky name drawn Saturday evening and after the gun was given away the celebration was on. The club pulled out all the stops having a beautifully sculptured ice bar brought in along with a one-man band who entertained those under GHGC's extraordinary pavilion.

Sunday was all business as the US Open HOA title was up for grabs. Three of the five shooters that were 300 straight went out first thing Sunday morning and between the three of them only one target hit the ground. Paul Giambrone III broke his 28th 400x400 (30th counting .410 400s) while Lauren Burge broke her first and became the youngest woman to accomplish the amazing feat. Riley Chaddock was right in the mix but let one target slip away on station six. With two perfect scores in the clubhouse and a 399 on the board it would come down to the last shots fired to determine the championship places. The elements slightly delayed shooting as the rain poured Sunday, but the Greater Houston staff led by Kevin Dougherty were prepared for all situations and had the last flight of the .410 completed in plenty of times for great conditions for the shoot-offs.

As the rain had moved out, the conditions were perfect for the full regulation round of .410 to determine the 2018 US Open High Over All Champion. Coach and student, LP Giambrone and Lauren Burge, took to the field in front of the anxious crowd. Both competitors managed to smash all 25 targets to move to doubles at 3,4,5, miss and out by station. On the fourth station Lauren, leading off, dropped a target leaving the door open for Paul to secure another championship. However, inconceivably, Paul let the second target hit the ground to continue the shoot-off. Back for the first pair of the





second box, Lauren missed on station three to end an excellent shoot-off that had the entire crowd on their feet. In the end, Paul secured the Kreighoff/Paxton Arms 2018 US Open Championship and Lauren earned runner-up and Lady HOA Champion. Riley Chaddock's lone 399 garnered him the last podium position in the high overall championship.

After the HOA champion was decided, attentions turned to the .410 championship. The excellent conditions led to seven perfect scores with the baby bore including two first-time 100s from William Edmunds and Arthur Colwell. A new champion emerged, as Jason Ward prevented the unfathomable sweep by LP, but the others could not keep him off the podium as he secured the runner-up finish. Matt Fallon outdueled the other competitors to make his way onto the third step of the podium. Lauren Burge's solo 100 in the ladies' concurrent earned her the title just one target ahead of Lindsay Plesko (LYRU) and Bailey Glenewinkel (LY3).

Once the .410 shoot-offs were over, the remainder of the HOA shoot-offs were conducted. Lauren had secured the ladies' championship with her perfect score leaving Plesko and Glenewinkel runner-up and third, respectively. Along with the prize money and medals handed out each year, the NSSA added a new annual HOA prize package to the US Open. This year's HOA Champion, Runner-up, and Third, and all HOA class winners received a custom Bowie knife from Dawson's Knives as well as a US Open commemorative silver coin. Jason Ward (AAA1), Matt Fallon (AA1) Walter Cheng (B1), John Dong (C1), and Michael Kirkland (D1) joined the HOA podium winners along with Nathan Kerth (A1), who finished with a 398 after breaking his first 300 including his first 100 in the 28 gauge, as the inaugural winners of the NSSA US Open prize package. High over all concurrent winners included Sheaffer Stanfill (SJCH), Lauren Burge (JRCH), Riley Chaddock (CLCH), Paul Giambrone III (TSCH), Jason Ward (SUCH), Michael Schmidt (SSCH and MVCH), Van Boerner (SRCH and RMCH), Billy Williams (VTCH), Robert Davis (SVCH), Joshua Kamis (MLCH), Kevin Monteleone (IMCH), and Donnie Harris (NRCH).

With the last shots fired and all places decided the 2018 US Open was complete. A huge thank you to White Flyer, Greater Houston Gun Club, Giambrone Shooting Clinics, Briley, and Elite Shotguns for their individual gauge sponsorships as well as Kreighoff and Paxton Arms for their title sponsorship. Congratulations are also in order for Greater Houston Gun Club as well as all of their staff for working tirelessly to host such a wonderful event. To all the attendees that made the journey thank you for supporting the *US Open Championships* and until next time, safe travels and happy shooting!

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# MASTERING LONG CROSSING SHOTS

## AN INTERVIEW WITH BOBBY FOWLER

BY R.K. SAWYER

World Champion competitor and renowned shooting instructor Bobby Fowler has made a career out of learning to shoot a shotgun – and winning competitions. So, when I decided to write an article on long crossers, he was a logical choice to approach. Bobby did not hesitate to help out, and his responses were characteristic Bobby – no long explanations or hyperbole, just thoughtful insights from a master on the subject that seemed to make sense to me.

Bobby says that he teaches his students how to shoot long crossers the same way he taught himself. “I started by training myself what the lead picture looked like at 10, 20, and 30-yards. When I moved to 40-yard shots, I simply doubled the lead of my sight picture from 20-yard shots, and it worked pretty well.” It was stunning in its simplicity, but I was certain there had to be more to the story!

Fortunately, there was. Bobby followed by explaining that shooting easy 10 and 20-yard targets allowed him to master the basics before he moved up in target distance. Once he developed and built on the fundamentals, he found he could consistently hit long crossers. Those fundamentals can be grouped into three main categories; 1) shot mechanics – the eye point, hold point, and break point, 2) the speed and angle of gun insertion along the target line, or trajectory, and 3) judging lead.

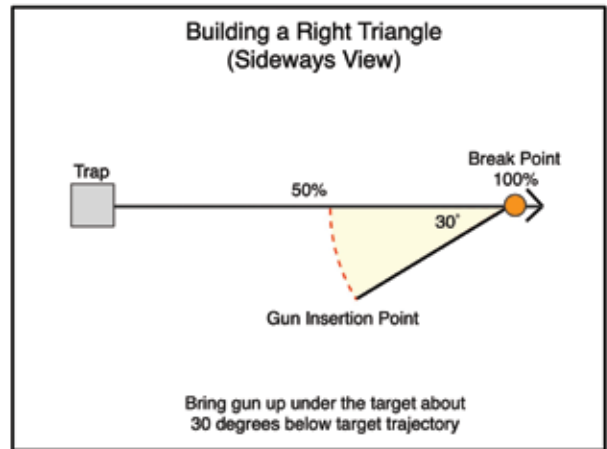
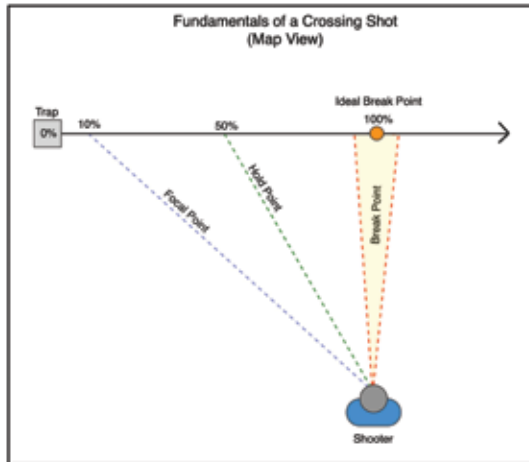
The mechanics of the shot are the gun hold point, target break point and where you look as you call

‘pull.’ Bobby continues: “You have to approach every shot exactly the same way. If you think of the trap as 0% and the break point as 100%, then I put my eyes at 10%, and my gun at 50%. I start moving my gun just as soon as the target leaves the trap, and at a speed a little slower than the target speed.”

I was taught to try to match the gun speed to the target speed, and was curious about Bobby’s approach. “Yes, most of us were taught that way. I have just found that I get a better sight picture when I use a decreasing lead, or what I call a ‘collapsed lead.’ My gun moves just a little bit slower than the target. I let the bird catch up to the gun as it is moving. I am waiting for the bird to get into the lead picture, and I pull the trigger the instant the sight picture is right.”

Part of Bobby’s sight picture success comes from inserting the gun a little below the target line. “You don’t want to start with your gun on the line of the bird,” Bobby counsels, “as the gun can obstruct your target vision. If you think of the bird as moving along a horizontal plane at 90°, then you want to insert the gun at a 30° angle under it. You are essentially building a right triangle with the gap it takes to break the target.”

“The gap it takes to break the target.” It sounds so simple when worded like that, but for many shooters judging that gap – or lead – may be the most vexing topic in the clay target sports. Bobby has an interesting approach to determining – and teaching



*"I have just found that I get a better sight picture when I use a decreasing lead, or what I call a collapsed lead."*

– lead. "Like most people, I was taught to think of lead in terms of feet in front of the bird, estimated at the target distance. I can do that, but it's actually harder to judge lead in feet at the bird. I've found it is a lot easier to think in terms of inches at the barrel. My students have more success by thinking that way, and it is easier to teach, especially at the beginning." In fact, Bobby believes this is the most successful teaching tool he's found.

Here's how it breaks down. An inch at the barrel equates to about a foot of lead at the bird. Bobby thinks of lead on, say, a 10 to 20-yard target as 1 to 2 inches, at 30 yards about 3 inches, and so on up to 50 yards with "4 to 5 inches, maybe even 6." As I was listening, I couldn't help but think that, to judge lead at the barrel, I would violate the fundamental rule of looking at the barrel. "No," he says, "Your eyes are still hard focused on the bird. You can see that gun – and judge the gap – in your peripheral vision. And when you see that gap – take the shot."

Bobby emphasized sight picture quite a bit during our discussion. "Your sight picture should be the gap between gun and bird, and a good sight picture is the foundation to become a good shooter. If you missed a target and didn't have a good sight picture - meaning you didn't know what lead you gave the target - how are you going to fix it? If I miss, but had a good sight picture, I just give it a different sight picture. And it works the same way with a hit. A champion shooter remembers what picture he saw when he has success."

It took Bobby about 15 minutes to describe how to master long crossing shots. He is knowledgeable - and passionate - about the shot, so much so that I had to write pretty fast to keep up! Once the note-taking hand is rested, I have several new ideas to consider for crossers on the range.

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# 2018 DIAMOND CLASSIC TOURNAMENT WRAP-UP

BY R.K. SAWYER

**G**HGC's premier clays tournament, the *Diamond Classic*, was held for 4-days, October 11 through 14. The 2018 event featured 1000 NSCA registered targets and over \$65,000 in prize money offered in 7 classes, from Masters class to E-class, in the Main Event Sporting, FITASC, and 5-Stand, as well as the 3 Sub-Gauge events, Preliminary Sporting Clays, FITASC and 5-Stand. The festivities were attended by 445 registered participants, with 293 in the Main Event. The Diamond is always a special club event, but was more so this year because the Beck and Masten and Hinz Main Event courses were the first to be set on GHGC's new expansion acreage.

GHGC holds a number of great sporting clays competitions each year, but the Diamond is the one that brings out shooters from entry level up to the top guns. There are a number of reasons - the organization, the fun, the fellowship, the prizes, but a big part of it is the Main Event target presentation. It's not that the targets are hard, it's more that they are technical. Targets setters Mathew Garver, Kevin Dougherty, Henry Valesquez, and Briley's Jason Menke spent hours and days before the event setting, shooting, tweaking, and critiquing each target, seeking a delicate balance between too hard and too easy. They let me tag along with them this year, and I came away with a whole new perspective on what they look for in setting their targets.

As the *Diamond Classic* festivities opened on Thursday morning, it seemed as though GHGC had a

direct line to whoever is in charge of Texas weather. After months of steamy summer days, Thursday coincided with the first cool front of the year. Arriving guests were greeted with sunny skies, temperatures in the 60s, and the first north wind in as long as anyone could remember. The weather remained nearly perfect throughout the first day of the 100-Target Prelim Event and the start of the 100-Target NSCA 5-Stand and Sub-Gauge Events. Friday weather was a repeat of Thursday with the winds switching to the SE for the continuation of the Thursday schedule and evening Prelim Event shoot-offs. Prelim Sporting winners were Bobby Fowler on Thursday and Brad Kidd for the Friday shoot.

Saturday was more like summer again for the first day of the 200-Target Sporting Clays Main Event, with shooters vying for the \$5,000 HOA and \$2,500 RU payouts. The schedule also included Masters classes and concurrent purses, and continuation of FITASC and 5-Stand Main Events. The Main Event was held on GHGC's new expansion acreage, and it's two new courses with manicured 22-foot wide roadways made it clear the wait was worth it. Both the Beck and Masten course and the Hinz course featured 13-stations, for a total of 26 well-crafted stations in all. Target presentation included chandelle, rabbit and standard targets that were white or green to help with the sight picture against a wooded background; midi's that were hurled overhead on a tower shot, and others that provided only a narrow break point window between trees. The general consensus among shooters was that the targets were



fun, interesting, and just challenging enough to be the *Diamond Classic*.

As the scores were posted Saturday afternoon, it was Gebben Miles who held the Main Event lead, shooting a 96 on the Hinz course. Next on the agenda was the highly anticipated Saturday evening party, with the entertainment kicking off with gun giveaways sponsored by Able Ammo, and the Calcutta Auction. With a \$2,200 prize pool at stake, the top qualifying 8 Calcutta contenders shot it out until only Bobby Fowler and Cory Kruse were still standing. After the final round, it was Bobby Fowler who earned the title of 2018 Snooker Champion. Guns were racked and cased before the start of the hospitality party, with its customary ice sculpture loaded with a mountain of shrimp, quail, lamb chops, deviled eggs with smoked duck, and never-ending refreshments from the open bar.

The Sunday schedule included the final day of the Main Event Sporting, 100-Target Sub-Gauge Shoot-offs and the 100-Target Super Sporting Event. It was clear on Sunday that any influence GHGC may have had on the weather was over, as afternoon temperatures hovered around 90° with a return of humidity and south winds. But it didn't rain! Gebben Miles maintained his lead on day two, taking top honors as Main Event HOA with a 192 and with it the gold Championship ring and a check for \$5,000 for his efforts. GHGs Cory Kruse, five targets down from Gebben, was Runner-up. Look for Gebben's name next year, engraved on the Diamond club trophy along with a new flag flying on Champions Drive. GHGs Desirae Edmunds score of 177 was 16 more than her nearest competitor, Runner-up Haley Dunn, earning Desirae the Ladies Champion spot

and the Ladies ring. It was neck-and-neck between Brad Kidd and Gebben Miles, both with 89s in the FITASC Event. When the shoot-off smoke cleared it was Brad who nabbed the HOA title. Cory Kruse's score of 98 won him the 5-Stand HOA spot, and in Sunday's Super Sporting Event Paul Montealegre took top honors with a 96.

The success of the 2018 *Diamond Classic* would not have been possible without our sponsors. Very special thanks go to Beck and Masten Buick/GMC North and Hinz Jewelers for Main Event sponsorships, as well as Able's Sporting, Legacy Ford, Westside Drywall, Mach Industrial Group, Big Guy's Shooting Supplies, Liberty Golf Carts, Briley, White Flyer, Blaser, Pro-Shot Products, Sanders, Morris and Harris, Frost, Alliance, and Nadim Naasir Jr. Dozens of other sponsors stepped up to provide tournament shirts, hats, hospitality tents, meals, the Saturday night party, and each of the shooting events. We are always grateful for the help of the "Old Guys Let it Fly Club," the best referees in the business.

2018 marks the 17th year GHSC has held the *Diamond Classic*. This one will be remembered not just for its success, but because we at last succeeded in making a truce with the weather that lasted long enough to complete two world class sporting clays courses on our expansion acreage. Watch this space for our celebration announcement as we rollout the new venue to our club members.

The GHSC members, Board of Directors, and management team wish to congratulate the winners and thank all the participants who attended this year's *Diamond Classic*. We look forward to seeing familiar and new faces for the event in 2019!





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# 2018 NSSA & NSCA MAJOR TOURNAMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY OUR MEMBERS

Another great year for GHSC members! Travelling far and wide to compete at some of the largest and most prestigious venues on the globe. We are proud of the hard work and dedication they put in all year long to accomplish their goals.

Good luck to everyone in 2019!

## 2018 NSSA MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

<b>John Barnes</b>	Blaser Skeet Championship	20 Gauge	CHAMPION
	Blaser Skeet Championship	20 Gauge	TS Champion
	Briley Blue Goose	28ga	AAA 2nd
	Briley Blue Goose	28ga	TS Runner Up
	Briley Blue Goose	410	AAA 3rd
	Briley Blue Goose	HOA	AAA 3rd
	Briley Blue Goose	HOA	TS Runner Up
	Texas State Championship	12ga	HOA Runner Up
	Texas State Championship	12ga	TS Runner Up
	Texas State Championship	410	AAA 3rd
	Texas State Championship	HOA	AAA 2nd
	Texas State Championship	HOA	TS 3rd
	Southwest Classic	410	HOA Runner Up
	Southwest Classic	410	TS Runner Up
	Southwest Classic	HOA	AAA 2nd
	Southwest Classic	HOA	TS Champion
	Best of Texas	12ga	HOA 3rd
	Best of Texas	12ga	TS Champion
	Best of Texas	20ga	AAA 3rd
	Best of Texas	20ga	TS 3rd
	US Open	Doubles	TS 3rd
<b>Edward Barnett</b>	US Open	12ga	E 3rd
<b>Patrick Byrne</b>	Blaser Skeet Championship	28ga	SU Runner Up
	Pan American	12ga	AA 3rd
	Pan American	12ga	SU 3rd
	Texas State Championship	410	SU Runner Up
	US Open	20ga	SU Runner Up
	US Open	410	SU 3rd
	US Open	Doubles	AA 2nd
	US Open	Doubles	SU 3rd
	World Championship	HOA	AA 10th
	World Championship	HOA	SU 1-2



## 2018 NSSA MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

<b>Brandon Cade</b>	Blaser Skeet Championship	20ga	SU Runner Up
	Pan American	410	AAA 2nd
	Pan American	410	SU Champion
	Pan American	HOA	SU Runner Up
	Texas State Championship	20ga	SU 3rd
	Texas State Championship	28ga	SU Runner Up
	Southwest Classic	410	SU Runner Up
	Best of Texas	28ga	HOA Runner Up
	Best of Texas	28ga	SU Champion
	Best of Texas	12ga	SU Runner Up
	Best of Texas	410	SU Runner Up
	Best of Texas	HOA	SU Runner Up
	Mini World Championship	Doubles	SU 1-2
	Mini World Championship	410	AAA 7th
	Mini World Championship	410	SU 1-2
	World Championship	Doubles	SU Runner Up
	World Championship	20ga	SU 1-1
	World Championship	28ga	AAA 9th
	World Championship	28ga	SU 1-1
<b>John Castillo</b>	Blaser Skeet Championship	28ga	SR 3rd
	Blaser Skeet Championship	410	SR Runner Up
	Blaser Skeet Championship	HOA	SR Runner Up
	Pan American	28ga	SR 3rd
	Texas State Championship	28ga	SR Champion
	Texas State Championship	Doubles	AAA 3rd
	Texas State Championship	Doubles	SR Champion
	Best of Texas	12ga	SR 3rd
	Best of Texas	410	SR Runner Up
	Best of Texas	HOA	AAA 2nd
	Best of Texas	HOA	SR Champion
	US Open	HOA	SR 3rd
	Mini World Championship	HOA	SR 1-2
	World Championship	Doubles	SR 1-1
<b>Nelson Christensen</b>	Briley Blue Goose	410	SR 3rd
<b>Johnathon Cooper</b>	US Open	20ga	D 1st
	US Open	28ga	D 1st

## 2018 NSSA MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

<b>Harry Daniel</b>	Briley Blue Goose	12ga	SV 3rd
	Briley Blue Goose	20ga	SV Champion
	Briley Blue Goose	28ga	SV 3rd
	Briley Blue Goose	410	SV 3rd
	Briley Blue Goose	Doubles	SV 3rd
	Briley Blue Goose	HOA	SV Runner Up
	Best of Texas	28ga	SV Champion
	Best of Texas	12ga	SV Champion
	Best of Texas	410	SV Champion
	Best of Texas	20ga	SV Runner Up
	Best of Texas	HOA	SV Champion
	US Open	12ga	SV 3rd
	US Open	28ga	SV Champion
	US Open	Doubles	SV Runner Up
	US Open	HOA	SV Runner Up
<b>Hunter Edmunds</b>	Blaser Skeet Championship	20 Gauge	HOA Runner Up
	Blaser Skeet Championship	20 Gauge	TS Runner Up
	Blaser Skeet Championship	28ga	AA 3rd
	Blaser Skeet Championship	HOA	AA 1st
	Blaser Skeet Championship	HOA	TS Runner Up
	Briley Blue Goose	410	AAA 2nd
	Texas State Championship	28ga	AA 1st
	Texas State Championship	HOA	SU 3rd
	Southwest Classic	20ga	CHAMPION
	Southwest Classic	20ga	SU Champion
	Best of Texas	410	AAA 3rd
	Best of Texas	410	TS Runner Up
	Best of Texas	20ga	CHAMPION
	Best of Texas	20ga	TS Champion
<b>William Edmunds</b>	Texas State Championship	28ga	AA 3rd
	Texas State Championship	28ga	SS 3rd
	Texas State Championship	HOA	SS 3rd
	Best of Texas	20ga	SS Runner Up
	US Open	410	AA 1st
	US Open	410	SS Champion
<b>Mike Fox</b>	Briley Blue Goose	Doubles	SR 3rd
	Texas State Championship	410	A 2nd
	Best of Texas	410	AA 1st
	Best of Texas	410	SR Champion
	Best of Texas	HOA	AA 1st
	Best of Texas	HOA	SR Runner Up



## 2018 NSSA MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

<b>Mike Guthrie</b>	Briley Blue Goose	Doubles	D 3rd
	World Championship	12ga	D 8th
<b>Steven Hicks</b>	Best of Texas	28ga	VT 3rd
	Best of Texas	410	A 3rd
	Best of Texas	410	VT 3rd
<b>Tommy Mays</b>	Briley Blue Goose	20ga	B 1st
	Best of Texas	12ga	C 2nd
	Best of Texas	410	C 2nd
	Best of Texas	HOA	C 3rd
<b>Cliff Moller</b>	Blaser Skeet Championship	410	A 3rd
	Blaser Skeet Championship	410	SR 3rd
	Pan American	20ga	AA 1st
	Pan American	20ga	SR 3rd
	Texas State Championship	Doubles	AA 3rd
	Texas State Championship	Doubles	SR Runner Up
	Best of Texas	20ga	SR 3rd
	US Open	20ga	AAA 2nd
	US Open	20ga	SR Champion
	Mini World Championship	Doubles	SR 1-1
	Mini World Championship	410	A 4th
	Mini World Championship	410	SR 1-1
<b>Charlie Morello</b>	Best of Texas	28ga	D 1st
	Best of Texas	HOA	D 1st
	US Open	12ga	D 3rd
	US Open	28ga	D 3rd
	US Open	HOA	D 3rd
<b>Georgia Monk</b>	Briley Blue Goose	28ga	D 2nd
<b>George Murray</b>	Texas State Championship	20ga	HOA Runner Up
	Texas State Championship	20ga	SS Champion
	Texas State Championship	Doubles	SS Champion
	Texas State Championship	HOA	B 3rd
	Best of Texas	12ga	A 1st
	Best of Texas	12ga	SS Runner Up
	Mini World Championship	12ga	AA 4th
	Mini World Championship	12ga	SS 1-1
	World Championship	28ga	A 9th
<b>Johnathon Oakley</b>	Best of Texas	28ga	C 1st

## 2018 NSSA MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

<b>Bradley Pang</b>	Krieghoff Masters	12ga	JR Runner Up
	Krieghoff Masters	20ga	JR Champion
	Krieghoff Masters	28ga	JR Runner Up
	Krieghoff Masters	HOA	JR Runner Up
	Briley Blue Goose	Doubles	JR 3rd
	Texas State Championship	410	A 3rd
	Southwest Classic	28ga	JR Runner Up
	US Open	20ga	JR 3rd
<b>Lindsay Plesko</b>	Texas State Championship	28ga	HOA Runner up
	Texas State Championship	28ga	LY Champion
	Texas State Championship	28ga	TS Runner Up
	Texas State Championship	410	LY Champion
	Texas State Championship	HOA	LY 3rd
	Southwest Classic	20ga	LY 3rd
	US Open	410	AA 3rd
	US Open	410	LY Runner Up
	US Open	HOA	AA 3rd
	US Open	HOA	LY Runner Up
	Mini World Championship	Doubles	LY 1-1
	Mini World Championship	12ga	LY 1-1
	Mini World Championship	28ga	LY 1-2
	Mini World Championship	HOA	LY Runner Up
	World Championship	12ga	AA 3rd
	World Championship	12ga	LY Champion
	World Championship	28ga	AAA 4th
	World Championship	28ga	LY Champion
	World Championship	410	LY Champion
	World Championship	HOA	AA 6th
	World Championship	HOA	LADY CHAMPION

### KRIEGHOFF ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

Open second Team	Brandon Cade
Open second Team	John Barnes
Junior second Team	Matthew Ward
Triple-Sub second Team	Armour Strunk
Sub-Sub-Sr second Team	Patrick Byrne
Senior third Team	Cliff Moller
Senior Veteran third Team	Harry Daniel

### 2018 CLASS ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

AAA Third Team	John Castillo
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## 2018 NSSA MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

<b>Armour Strunk</b>	Blaser Skeet Championship	28ga	AA 1st
	Krieghoff Masters	12ga	TS 3rd
	Krieghoff Masters	20ga	TS 3rd
	Krieghoff Masters	410	TS 3rd
	Krieghoff Masters	Doubles	CHAMPION
	Krieghoff Masters	Doubles	TS Champion
	Briley Blue Goose	Doubles	TS 3rd
	Texas State Championship	Doubles	HOA Runner Up
	Texas State Championship	Doubles	TS Champion
	Best of Texas	410	A 2nd
	Mini World Championship	Doubles	AA 1st
	Mini World Championship	Doubles	TS Runner up
	Mini World Championship	12ga	AA 3rd
	Mini World Championship	12ga	TS 1-3
	Mini World Championship	20ga	CHAMPION
	Mini World Championship	20ga	TS Champion
	World Championship	Doubles	AA 1st
	World Championship	Doubles	TS 1-2
<b>Frank Tucker</b>	Best of Texas	28ga	A 3rd
	Best of Texas	28ga	VT Runner Up
<b>Karen Ward</b>	Briley Blue Goose	28ga	D 1st
<b>Matthew Ward</b>	Blaser Skeet Championship	28ga	CHAMPION
	Briley Blue Goose	410	JR Runner Up
	Briley Blue Goose	HOA	JR 3rd
	Texas State Championship	12ga	AA 1st
	Texas State Championship	12ga	JR Runner Up
	Texas State Championship	20ga	AAA 3rd
	Texas State Championship	28ga	AAA 3rd
	Texas State Championship	28ga	JR Runner Up
	Texas State Championship	HOA	AA 2nd
	Texas State Championship	HOA	JR Runner Up
	Southwest Classic	20ga	JR 3rd
	US Open	HOA	JR 3rd
	Junior World	12ga	JR 1-3
		HOA	JR 1-6



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## 2018 NSCA MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

<b>Dylan Anderson</b>	Browning Briley	FITASC	C3rd
	Browning Briley	5-Stand	C3rd
	National Championship	Main	A 12th
	National Championship	FITASC	A 7th
	National Championship	5-Stand	A 4th
	National Championship	5-Stand	Sub-Junior 3rd
<b>Blake Bajjali</b>	Browning Briley	Main	A1st
	Browning Briley	FITASC	A1st
	Browning Briley	5-Stand	A2nd
	Texas State Championship	Main	AA1st
	Texas State Championship	Main	Junior 3rd
	Texas State Championship	5-Stand	AA3rd
	South Central Regional	5-Stand	Junior 3rd
	National Championship	Main	Junior 3rd
<b>George Ball</b>	Browning Briley	Main	Sr. Super Veteran 3rd
	Browning Briley	5-Stand	Sr. Super Veteran Runner Up
<b>Don Barksdale</b>	Browning Briley	FITASC	A2nd
<b>Doss Bourgeois</b>	Browning Briley	FITASC	Veteran 3rd
<b>Dan Carlisle</b>	National Championship	5-Stand	Veteran 4th
<b>Steve Derenthal</b>	Browning Briley	Main	B1st
	Browning Briley	FITASC	B3rd
	National Championship	FITASC	B 7th
<b>Keith Desalvo</b>	Browning Briley	Main	B3rd

## 2018 NSCA MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

<b>Desirae Edmunds</b>	Krieghoff Classic/FITASC Grand Prix	Main	LADY CHAMPION
	Krieghoff Classic/FITASC Grand Prix	FITASC	Lady Champion
	US Open	Main	Lady 3rd
	US Open	FITASC	Lady Champion
	Western Regional	Main	Lady Runner Up
	Western Regional	FITASC	Lady Champion
	North American FITASC	FITASC	Lady 3rd
	North East Regional	5-Stand	Lady Champion
	Texas State Championship	FITASC	Lady Champion
	Texas State Championship	5-Stand	Lady Runner Up
	North Central Regional	Main	Lady Runner Up
	North Central Regional	FITASC	Lady Runner Up
	North Central Regional	5-Stand	Lady 3rd
	World FITASC	Main	Lady Silver
	World FITASC	Main	Lady Team Gold
	World English	Main	Lady Team Silver
	National Championship	Main	LADY CHAMPION
	National Championship	FITASC	Lady Runner Up
	National Championship	5-stand	Lady 4th
	National Championship		
	National Championship		
<b>Ron Ewer</b>	Krieghoff Classic/FITASC Grand Prix	5-Stand	AA2nd
	Browning Briley	FITASC	AA1st
	Texas State Championship	FITASC	AA1st
<b>Cade Faetche</b>	Krieghoff Classic/FITASC Grand Prix	Main	AA2nd
	Browning Briley	Main	Sub-Junior Champion
	US Open	5-Stand	Sub-Junior Runner Up
	Texas State Championship	Main	Sub-Junior Champion
	South Central Regional	5-Stand	Sub-Junior Runner Up
	North Central Regional	Main	Sub-Junior Runner Up
	North Central Regional	5-Stand	Sub-Junior 3rd
	National Championship	Main	Master Sub-Junior 3rd
<b>Bobby Fowler</b>	Browning Briley	Main	Master 2nd



## 2018 NSCA MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

<b>Dominic Gross</b>	Browning Briley	FITASC	Junior Runner Up
	Browning Briley	5-Stand	Junior 3rd
	US Open	5-Stand	Junior 3rd
	Western Regional	Main	Junior 3rd
	North American FITASC	FITASC	Master 2nd
	North American FITASC	FITASC	Junior Champion
	Texas State Championship	Main	HOA Runner Up
	Texas State Championship	Main	Junior Champion
	Texas State Championship	FITASC	Junior Runner Up
	World FITASC	Main	Junior Silver
	World FITASC	Main	Junior Team Gold
	World English	Main	Junior Team Silver
	World Sporttrap	Main	Junior Gold
	National Championship	Main	Master 10th
	National Championship	Main	Junior Runner Up
	National Championship	FITASC	Junior 7th
<b>Ron Honefenger</b>	Browning Briley	5-Stand	Super Veteran Champion
<b>Carol Keyte</b>	Browning Briley	FITASC	E1st
	South Central Regional	FITASC	E1st
<b>Brad Kidd</b>	Krieghoff Classic/FITASC Grand Prix	FITASC	HOA Runner Up
	US Open	FITASC	Master 1st
	North Central Regional	Main	Runner Up
	National Championship	FITASC	Master 5th
<b>Austin Kiemsteadt</b>	National Championship	FITASC	Junior 8th
<b>Zachary Kienbaum</b>	Krieghoff Classic/FITASC Grand Prix	5-Stand	Master 2nd
	Western Regional	Main	Master 1st
	Western Regional	5-Stand	Master 3rd
	North East Regional	Main	Master 2nd
	North East Regional	5-Stand	Master 3rd
	Texas State Championship	Main	Master 2nd
	World FITASC	FITASC	Silver Medal
	National Championship	Main	HOA CHAMPION
	National Championship	FITASC	Master 7th
	National Championship	5-Stand	Master 4th

## 2018 NSCA MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

<b>Cory Kruse</b>	Browning Briley	Main	HOA Runner Up
	Browning Briley	FITASC	HOA Champion
	US Open	Main	HOA CHAMPION
	US Open	FITASC	Master 2nd
	Texas State Championship	Main	HOA CHAMPION
	Texas State Championship	FITASC	HOA Champion
	Texas State Championship	5-Stand	Master 1st
	National Championship	Main	Master 4th
	National Championship	FITASC	Master 3rd
	National Championship	5-Stand	HOA CHAMPION
<b>Marc Longo</b>	Browning Briley	Main	D2nd
<b>Sam Martin</b>	Browning Briley	Main	Sr. Super Veteran Runner Up
<b>Doug Mellon</b>	Browning Briley	FITASC	Master 1st
	Browning Briley	FITASC	Veteran Runner Up
<b>Paul Montealegre</b>	Browning Briley	5-Stand	HOA Runner Up
<b>Jake Moon</b>	Browning Briley	Main	E3rd
	Browning Briley	5-Stand	E1st
<b>Fred Meyer</b>	Browning Briley	5-Stand	D3rd
	National Championship	Main	C 3rd
<b>Justin Napier</b>	Browning Briley	Main	HOA CHAMPION
	Browning Briley	5-Stand	HOA Champion
	National Championship	Main	Master 15th
<b>Nadim Nasir</b>	Browning Briley	FITASC	HOA Runner Up
	Browning Briley	FITASC	Veteran Champion
	US Open	FITASC	Veteran 3rd
	Western Regional	FITASC	Veteran Runner Up
	North American FITASC	FITASC	Veteran Champion
	North American FITASC	FITASC	Veteran Runner Up
	World FITASC	Main	Senior Team Silver
	World Cup FITASC	Main	Senior Bronze
	European FITASC Championship	Main	Senior 4th
<b>Major Pirtle</b>	Browning Briley	Main	E1st
<b>Heriberto Ramos</b>	Browning Briley	FITASC	D2nd
<b>Theo Ribbs</b>	Browning Briley	5-Stand	Master 1st
	US Open	5-Stand	Master 2nd
	South Central Regional	Main	Master 2nd
	National Championship	Main	Master 1st
<b>Rickey Ruiz</b>	Browning Briley	Main	E2nd
<b>Mike Strittmatter</b>	Browning Briley	FITASC	E2nd
<b>Clark Walraven</b>	Browning Briley	Main	Veteran Champion
	Browning Briley	5-Stand	Master 3rd
	Browning Briley	5-Stand	Veteran Runner Up
<b>Nolan Williamson</b>	Browning Briley	FITASC	AA3rd
	Browning Briley	FITASC	Super Veteran 3rd

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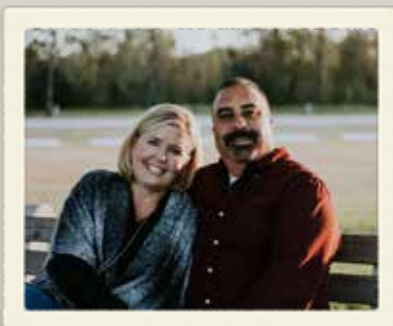
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