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Shotgunning Notes

by Dick Dietz

We've crowned a new "King of the Hill" at DCF&S. In the club's annual test of versatile, all-around shotgunning ability, held on December 11, Ed Grassia Jr. became the new "King" with a winning score of 66 x 75. Following just one target back in tight competition to become runner-up or "Prince" was John Hansen with a 65, and third went to Jean Bledsoe also with a 65. Pointing up the versatility required, the "King" competition involves 25 targets each at trap, 5-stand and skeet. This was excellent shooting by all three of these club gunners. For the first time this year, and long overdue, this event has now joined other club shotgun competitions as a "jacket" shoot.

A number of club members also compete in registered sporting clays events by the National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA), a partner group with the national skeet organization. Like registered skeet, NSCA competition is also organized in open, class and age-based categories. During the 2010 NSCA competition, John Hansen won three class AA championships and three AA runner-up titles. In his final shoot, his runner-up finish in both AA and veteran categories earned him two punches that bumped him up to the top, Master Class level. That's definitely the big leagues of sporting clays competition but now matches him head-to-head with the best gunners in the sport. Congratulations, John. You can now look forward to facing nearby regional stars like Gary Phillips, Mike Luongo, Wayne Davis and others. Additional congratulations are due to club member Dom Falini who was class AA runner-up and Super Veteran champion at the 2010 Pennsylvania Sporting Clays Championships.

Barrel Length: A frequent debate involves the question of the best shotgun barrel length for the various clay target sports — trap, skeet, 5-stand and standard sporting clays. I think overall shotgun length

Meetings for February

**General Membership Meeting
Wednesday the 2nd, 8:00 PM**

**Range Meeting
Wednesday the 9th, 8:00 PM**

**Executive Meeting
Wednesday the 23rd, 8:00 PM**

Archery Meetings are now held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Main Club House. Any and all club members interested in attending are welcome to come to all monthly meetings.

is more important and appropriate. Here's why. An autoloading shotgun (e.g. Model 1100) with a 26" barrel has the same approximate overall length as an over & under shotgun with 28" barrels. So, if you compare an autoloader to an over & under with equal 28" barrel lengths, the autoloader will be about two inches longer in overall length. The difference results from the fact that autoloader actions average about two inches longer than over & under actions. So, to provide similar balance and swing characteristics to your 26" barrel auto, an over & under should have 28" barrels. Generally speaking a 28" barrel O/U provides good handling characteristics at skeet and sporting clays for most shooters up to 5'10" in height. Longer barrels might handle better for taller dudes. Because of the nature of the targets, trap shooting generally adapts better to longer barrels up to 34" in break-open singles. In choosing a trap gun it's wise to borrow and experiment shoot several to determine which length you handle best.

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REPEAT OFFENDER FIRST TO RECEIVE JAIL SENTENCE UNDER NEW POACHING PENALTIES

HARRISBURG – Anthony Mark Marasco, 38, of Pittsburgh Street in Cheswick, Allegheny County, was sentenced to pay more than \$4,750 in fines and serve two 90-day concurrent prison sentences after being convicted of his fourth poaching-related offense in 13 years, according to Pennsylvania Game Commission officials. Marasco is the first to be sentenced to prison under the new fines and penalties for poaching that took effect in September. Game Commission Wildlife Conservation Officer (WCO) Dan Puhala filed charges against Marasco in the office of District Judge Elissa M. Lang, in Sharpsburg. On Jan. 20, Lang found Marasco guilty of the following:

- Unlawfully killing big game (turkey) over the limit, for which the judge assessed a fine of \$1,500 and 90 days imprisonment;
- Unlawfully hunting while on license revocation, for which the judge assessed a fine of \$1,500 and 90 days imprisonment;
- Unlawfully shooting on or across a highway, for which the judge assessed a fine of \$300;
- Unlawfully hunting from a vehicle, for which the judge assessed a fine of \$500; and
- Unlawfully taking or possessing game, for which the judge assessed a fine of \$450, which is the result this most recent offense being a second and/or subsequent violation within a seven-year period.

Also, under the “enhanced penalties” section of the Game and Wildlife Code, Judge Lang added an additional \$500 to the total fines, of which the witness

is eligible for a \$250 reward.

According to WCO Puhala, Marasco’s most recent incident in November was preceded by three deer-related convictions, beginning in 1997, followed by convictions in 2003 and 2007.

“The habitual nature of Marasco’s poaching offenses left little room for leniency,” Puhala said. On Nov. 6, as WCO Puhala and Deputy WCO Art Haren came were on patrol, they were contacted by the Fox Chapel Police Department, who had stopped an apparent turkey poacher based on an anonymous tip. “When we arrived on scene, Marasco was in his truck, along with his bow and some arrows, and was returning to the scene to pick up the turkey he had just shot with his compound bow along Trillium Lane in Fox Chapel,” WCO Puhala said. “We found that he saw the flock of turkeys from his truck, got out and shot a hen from the road, then left the area to return a short time later.

“Marasco has had his hunting privileges suspended for his previous game law violations, and remained on revocation for failure to pay more than \$800 in fines assessed for offenses dating back to 1997.” The law to increase fines and penalties for poaching was made possible by House Bill 1859, which was sponsored by House Game and Fisheries Committee Chairman Edward G. Staback. The bill was approved by the House on July 21, 2009, by a vote of 196-3. The Senate, after making minor adjustments to the bill, approved the measure unanimously on July 3, 2010, followed by a 189-6 concurrence vote in the House also on July 3. The bill was signed into law on July 9, making it Act 54 of 2010.

SHOOT SCHEDULE FOR FEB.-MARCH

**High Power Feb. 6th - March 6th Bolt League
 Table Trap March 13th Ham Shoot**

2010 F&S HIGH POWER "WILDBUNCH" SHOOT

DATE: 12/12/10 MILITARY SIGHTS TOTAL

PL.	NAME	SHOTGUN MISSES	PISTOL MISS	TIME	RIFLE HITS	PROCEDURAL (P+5 SEC)	MATCH TIME
* 1	TOM ENO	0	1	1:16	3		1:06
* 2	ED HILLIARD	0	0	1:25	3		1:10
3	PAUL HIGHT	0	1	1:29	0		1:34
4	RICH NAPOLI	0	0	1:53	3		1:38
5	JAY BROWER	0	8	1:25	2		1:55
6	HAL NELSON	0	7	1:35	2		2:10
7	CATHY MOWER	2	6	2:10	2		2:40

AJUSTABLE SIGHTS TOTAL

PL.	NAME	SHOTGUN MISSES	PISTOL MISS	TIME	RIFLE HITS	PROCEDURAL (P+5 SEC)	MATCH TIME
* 1	JIM SITI	0	0	1:22	4		1:02
* 2	GEORGE RILEY	0	1	1:29	2		1:24
* 3	K. PROCHASKA	1	1	1:27	2		1:27
4	JEFF VANCE	0	1	1:25	0		1:30
5	LEE MEMMO	0	2	1:40	3		1:35
6	STEVE SMITH	0	2	1:35	1		1:40
7	GARY STURTS	0	0	2:10	3		1:55
8	A. MEMMO	0	10	1:32	2		2:12
9	JOE CONTI	0	6	2:30	2		2:50

FINAL RESULTS

* = PAY-OUT WINNERS
 * = AWARDS CAN BE PICKED UP IN CLUB OFFICE.

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2011 MILITARY SERVICE RIFLE LEAGUE

PL	NAME	1/02	1/09	1/16	1/23	1/30	AVG.	TOTAL
1	CRAIG SAITTO	148-0X	167-2X	176-2X	158-0X	169-1X	81.8	818-5X
2	BOB KIRBY	151-0X	165-1X	161-0X	167-0X	172-1X	81.6	816-2X
3	DAVE PHILO	153-2X	151-0X	152-1X	153-0X	156-2X	76.5	765-5X
4	KEN PROCHASKA	152-0X	136-2X	151-1X	163-2X	158-0X	76.0	760-5X
5	ED HILLIARD	123-0X	147-0X	148-0X	161-1X	160-2X	73.9	739-3X
6	JAY BROWER	124-0X	136-0X	155-1X	135-0X	143-0X	69.3	693-1X
7	DAN VICARIO	141-2X	123-0X	115-0X	123-0X	154-2X	65.6	656-4X
8	BRIAN PRATT	112-1X	85-0X	103-1X	135-0X	154-1X	58.9	589-3X
9	JON HODGES	120-0X	126-0X	87-0X	108-0X	112-0X	55.3	553-0X
10	JEFF VANCE	116-1X	130-0X	116-0X	67-0X	121-0X	53.6	550-1X
11	R. SHARRETT	118-0X	142-2X	117-0X	148-2X	---	65.6	525-4X
12	M. POULTNEY	117-0X	113-1X	114-0X	96-1X	81-0X	52.1	521-2X
13	LEE MEMMO	73-0X	76-1X	95-0X	56-0X	---	37.5	300-1X
14	A. MEMMO	66-0X	60-0X	59-1X	87-0X	---	34.0	272-1X
15	MIKE SPINELLI	95-0X	---	---	---	---	47.5	95-0X
16	GEORGE MATUS	37-0X	15-0X	---	---	---	13.0	52-0X
17	BOB ENGLISH	49-0X	---	---	---	---	24.5	49-0X
18	BEN MOWER	08-0X	---	---	---	---	04.0	08-0X

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Important Dates for 2011

Hunter Education Classes	March 18,19 April 15,16 September 9,10 October 7,8
Good Friday Work Day	April 22 nd
NHF Day Celebration	September 24 th
Youth Pheasant hunt	November 16 th
Thanksgiving diner	November 24 th

Matches for the year

High Power

March 13th-April 10th Lever Gun League
 May 8th WW2 Era Combat shoot
 June 12th Vietnam Combat shoot
 July 10th Groundhog shoot
 August 14th Three Gun Action Match
 September 11th HP Bench Rest Match
 Oct. 9th Three Gun Action Match
 November 13th HP Bench Rest I.B.S Target Match
 December 11th Wild Bunch shoot

Rimfire Silhouette Schedule (High Power Range)

April 23rd
 May 28th
 June 25th
 July 23rd
 August 27th
 September 24th

Air Gun Silhouette Schedule

April 24th
 May 22nd
 June 26th
 September 25th
 October 23rd
 November 20th

Air Pistol Schedule

April 24th 10m Paper Bullseye
 May 22nd 25yd. Paper Bullseye
 June 26th 20 NRA Silhouette's
 July 10th 10m Paper Bullseye
 September 25th 25yd. Paper Bullseye
 October 23rd 20 NRA Silhouette's
 November 20th Turkey shoot

Table Trap Schedule

March 13th Polish shoot
 April 10th Ham shoot
 May 15th Mothers Day
 June 12th Fathers Day
 September 11th Old Timer shoot
 October 9th Duck shoot
 November 13th Redneck shoot

Registered Skeet Schedule

April 16th
 May 21st
 June 18th
 July 16th
 August 6th
 September 10th

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1 st Vice President	Bob Bowles
2 nd Vice President	Joe Conti
Recording Secretary	Janet Orant
Corresponding Secretary	Mike Wiciak
Financial Secretary	John Moloko
Treasurer	Jon Hodges

Club Stewards

Rich Mooney
Mary Batt
Tom Hennessy
Jeff Vance

Congratulation to all and Thank You to all the member that came out to vote.

Hunter Ed. Update

The Hunter Training Education classes that will take place at Delaware County Field and Stream Association in 2011 are now posted on the Pennsylvania Game Commission website. Four classes have been posted for our location that will be held in March, April, September and October. Please be sure to register as soon as you can because these classes fill quickly and there is a class-size limit.

Beginners Skeet Clinic

March is just around the corner and so is the highly regarded DCF&S Beginners Skeet Clinic hosted by Barry Greenberg and a dedicated group of experienced shooter instructors. The four week course, held each Saturday in March, is designed to help shooters unfamiliar with the basic fundamentals of skeet shooting. The classes cover all aspects of the game including gun safety, etiquette on the field and of course, shooting instruction. The complete course encompasses all four Saturdays in March, the 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. Classes begin promptly at 8am and end at 12 noon. Classes are limited to 15 shooters. The entire cost of the four week program is \$60.00, not

including ammunition. We would appreciate it if only those able to attend all four Saturday classes enroll. It is highly recommended that only 12 or 20 gauge semi-automatics or over and under shotguns with skeet or improved chokes be used. If you wish to participate or are interested but seek further information, call Barry Greenberg at 215-266-8605. Enrollment is on a first come, first serve basis so don't delay. Looking forward to having you join us.

Scouts Appreciate DCF&S

Joe,

The professionalism and courtesy of the range officers and entire staff of DCF&S always shines through... therefore making our camping trip there... THE most popular one of the year. I can't thank you and everyone at DCF&S enough for a wonderful experience.

We surely will be in touch very soon with our date(s). All the best to you in scouting.

Jerry Rafter
District Commissioner
Minquas District
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D.C.F.S. Range Officers, first I would like to thank everyone ahead of time for all that you do to make the scouting program work. The scouts are always impressed and fight to get on the list. That says a lot about the instructors and that they talk about our program all year. So here are the dates this year.

March 25, 26, 27
April 29, 30, May 1
May 20, 21, 22
June 17, 18, 19
September 16, 17, 18
October 21, 22, 23

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