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Shotgunning Notes

by Dick Dietz

The recently published 2010 NSSA High Average leaders among registered skeet shooters contained some familiar DCF&S member names. Averages were listed for both open competition and for individual concurrent categories by age for all those who shot the required target minimums.

Not surprising was the high ranking throughout of Skeet Hall-of-Fame member, Bob Uknalis. In open High Overall competition, Bob finished 7th nationally and 4th and 5th respectively in the 12 and 28 gauges. In his Sub-Sub Senior age category he was 3rd nationally in HOA and 2nd, 3rd, 3rd and 6th respectively in the 12-, 20-, 28-gauge and .410-bore events. That's outstanding performance against world-class competition.

Similarly impressive were the average rankings of Andrew Engel who actually appeared in two concurrent categories. In Collegiate competition Andrew finished 2nd in HOA nationally, and 4th, 8th, 1st and 6th respectively in 12-gauge down to .410-bore events. In total, Andrew was the second-best college skeet shooter in the country. Also, in his Triple-Sub (under 40) age category, he ranked 9th in national HOA plus an excellent 4th in 28 gauge.

In the Senior Veteran (over 80) concurrent class, graybeard Dick Dietz ranked 8th in HOA, 7th in 12 & 28 Gauges, and 6th in .410.

All American Skeet Teams - 2011

Not published with the High Average listings, the 2011 Skeet All-American teams are about to be announced. For personal reasons, Bob Uknalis did not compete in the required minimum of 2010 shoots for All American consideration and, therefore was not

Meetings for March

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 intersted in attending are welcome to come to all monthly meetings.

selected despite his high averages. However, at opposite ends of the age spectrum, two other club members did receive All American recognition. Both Andrew Engel and Dick Dietz were each named to Skeet All American Second Teams — Engel in the youthful Triple-Sub category and Dietz in the old-timer Senior Veteran slot.

2011 Registered Skeet Shoots

Following are the dates and events for registered skeet shoots to be held at DCF&S during 2011, all on Saturdays. There will be two 100-bird events on each date, one each in the morning and afternoon.

April 16:	12 & 28 gauges
May 21:	20 gauge & doubles
June 18:	12 gauge & .410
July 16:	28 & 20 gauges
August 6:	Doubles & .410
September 10:	20 & 12 gauges

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**11th Annual Winter Smallbore Rifle Offhand League
Results**

On every Saturday morning in January, the smallbore rifle offhand league met for this growing annual competition against each other and the elements. This year, we had 19 competitors in the league. All of the competitors deserve our congratulations and have earned our respect for contending with extreme weather and completing the league. The winners of this years' league are:

Craig Saitto	905 – 9X
Bob Kirby	889 – 3X
David Philo	883 – 11X
Martin Poultney	865 – 7X
Alex Poultney	849 – 5X
Bob Manfredonia	844 – 10X
Jerry DiBona	822 – 7X
Abby Wiles	813 – 8X
Dan Vicario	787 – 3X
James Albright	750 – 5X
Al. Zdankowski	739 – 2X
Ed Hilliard	722 – 1X
Ben Shaw	708 – 1X
Dennis DiBonaventura	693 – 3X
Dave Iceland	659 – 1X
Larry West	580 – 1X
Ben Mower	472 – 2X
George Plotts	418 – 1X
Jeff Vance	424 – 1X (DNF)

Next year, come and freeze and shoot with us in January! We want to add more new competitors and we hope to see you there!!!

Perry W. McFarland, Match Director
Things, March, 2011,

Things You May Not Know

The population of a hive varies from 50,000 to as much as 80,000 bees. When the hive becomes

overcrowded the queen bee and thousands of new workers leave to form a new colony. (Is our earth colony becoming overcrowded?)

The champion long distance traveler among birds is the Arctic tern whose annual round-trip migration extends some 25,000 miles from the Arctic to the Antarctic.

Unlike our big-horn sheep, elk, moose and caribou that emigrated across the Bering land bridge that once connected Asia to Alaska; our native deer, whitetail, mule and blacktail, are North American natives. They descended from a primitive cervid stock of ten to twenty million years back. Today's current versions evolved about a million years ago.

Those colorful hump-shelled box turtles you occasionally discover in the woods and fields may have been there for over a hundred years. Old wildlife records show them living up to 125 years.

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Stream Update

As many of you know, the stream at the bottom of the club has been closed to fishing for a while now. The latest information from Phil Ewaka is that it will most likely remain closed this year. This has been an ongoing situation that the club has been trying to rectify. We will keep you updated in our process to re-open this water for the public to fish.

SHOOT SCHEDULE FOR MARCH/APRIL

Muzzle Loader March 13th Fun Shoot
B.P. Cartridge March 27th
High Power March 13th-April 10th Lever Gun League
Table Trap March 13th Polish Shoot
Air Pistol April 24th 10m Paper Bullseye
Air Gun Silhouette April 24th
Muzzle Loader April 10th Jacket Shoot
Cowboy Action April 17th
B.P. Cartridge April 24th
Rimfire Silhouette shoot April 23rd
Table Trap April 10th Ham Shoot
Skeet April 16th

Pistol Range to get some TLC

Yes once again there are some repairs scheduled for the Pistol Range. Repairs will be under way to the roof from March 7th to the 17th barring any delays due to

weather. During this time the range will be closed. The club would like to apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you for your patience.



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Delco Anglers Trout Nursery

Locally there is a group of dedicated individuals in our area that run a co-op trout nursery. If you've never heard of them or don't know what they do, let me inform you. A co-op nursery's purpose is to raise fish, usually trout, so that the fish can be put into local waters for anglers to enjoy. The Co-op has an agreement with the Pennsylvania Fish Commission. The PFC gives them fingerling fish for free and the Co-op agrees to raise the fish and to put them into locally approved trout streams.

Delco Anglers is located along Ridley Creek, next to the fly fishing section on Barren Road. They raise Brown, Rainbow and Golden trout. They are also very pleased to be able to raise Pennsylvania's state fish, the Brook trout. The daily task of raising these fish is done by a group of very dedicated individuals. The fish are fed every day and the tanks are monitored very precisely for water quality in order to grow healthy fish. All the money that is used to do this comes in thru membership dues, grants and donations made by individuals and small businesses. One of the ways to raise money is by selling buttons along the stream and to friends. There a few stores that also sell buttons, you might already be a patron of one but you can purchase buttons at The Sporting Gentleman in Media, Leonard's Sporting Goods in Upper Darby and also at Gutter Brothers in Aston. Donations asked for the buttons is usually around \$3.00 or if you are generous, feel free to give a little more, its for a good cause. Buttons are on sale now.

If you're interested in finding out how to become a member and be a part of something very rewarding, you can visit their web site at www.delcoanglers.org. You can also find them on Facebook in the pages section or you could come to a monthly meeting that is held in the clubhouse here at DCFS on the third Thursday of the month. Meetings start at 7:30. This month you can also come out to The Sporting Gentleman on March 19th and get a membership application and talk to one of the guys that will be there to promote their cause, take donations and welcome any new members.



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