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SKEET NEWS

By Dick Dietz

Wintertime Practice

Would you like to shoot more 25 straights? Certainly. Find me a skeet shooter who wouldn't. It makes no difference whether you are a serious, dedicated competitive shooter or a more casual recreational shooter. Everyone enjoys the little ego boost that comes from shooting that second target at low eight for a 25 straight and the resulting congratulatory high fives or fist bumps from the rest of your squad. How do you get to run more straights? Two ways. First, of course, master the basics like head down, proper hold point, correct lead, keeping the gun moving, etc. Second, practice. And even more important, *effective* practice.

For every skeet shooter, there are always certain **targets** more likely than others to prevent a 25 straight. High-two and low-six are classic culprits for many shooters. But any target can be, or suddenly become, a problem. Identify those targets you tend to miss more than others. Practice more on *them*. Experiment with point of hold, point of looking, visible lead, etc. Have an experienced shooter watch you and try to identify what you might be doing wrong. Have you ever watched pro golfers practice? They don't just go out and play 18 holes. They practice their putting, their driving, their chipping repetitively and individually.

Many smart shooters also do something like this at skeet practice, even within the confines of a regular, 25-shot round. They simply skip some lesser-problem targets and take extra shots at problem targets. There is wide flexibility on how you can do this, but here's an example. Let's say you need to improve your success on both high-2 and low-6. Start by shooting just two high-house singles on station one. Later, skip station 7 entirely. That gives you six extra shots to play with. On station 2, shoot three high singles, then two doubles, combining the high and low targets. Reverse this on station 6 - shooting three low singles and then two doubles. Complete the 25-target round by shooting the normal two targets each on stations 3, 4, 5 and 8, with the

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extra, option target anywhere.

Obviously, you can alter this kind of selective flexibility, to increase practice shooting of any other targets. However, anytime you do this, it is important to follow good skeet shooting courtesy by asking fellow squad members if they have no objection. It is also important to stay within the 25 target limit that you paid for. The very best competitive shooters, like newly-inducted Hall of Fame member, Bob Uknalis, regularly follow some form of this practice flexibility. It may be one of the reasons they shoot so well.

Finally, let's pass along some well deserved recognition of those club members who scored 100 straights in registered skeet competition during the past year. Topping the list (no surprise) is Bob Uknalis who broke ten 100 straights in 12 gauge, eleven in both 20 and 28 gauges, three in the .410 and six in doubles. Additionally, Bob ran a 250 straight in 12 gauge at the World Championships. Next came Joe DiMeglio who broke four 100 straights in 12 gauge, three in 20 gauge and two in 28 gauge. Tom Strode ran a pair of 100s in 20 gauge, Gary Parchert had one perfect 100 each in 12 and 20 gauge, Barry Greenberg had one in 28 gauge, and George Percy one in 20 gauge. Nice shooting, fellows. I'd like to join this club again. It's been a while.

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USES 909-1600**AIR RIFLE BLASTS****By Ed De Rienze**

The final shoot of the season, on November 21, was an exciting match to witness as the contenders for the annual Jacket Award shot .177 caliber pellets at paper silhouette targets at 33 feet, (10 meters) to overcome a three way tie for the highly coveted award.

During the shoot the scores fluctuated as each shooter kept trying to better his score. Most disconcerting to the contestants was the fact that **Bob Britton** had shot an early score of 15 with 4 Chickens that would be a tough one to top. Also, someone brought in a shooter who had a 50 caliber airgun that went off like a cannon while some of the leading contestants were trying to concentrate on their scores.

As it turned out, Bob's score held to win first for the entire day. **Bob Manfredonia** took second place and **Bob D'Amico** won third. Although both shooters had the same score of 13, Manfredonia had more of the other animals to give him the edge. However, Bob D'Amico's total accrued points over the season placed him as the winner of the Jacket Award for 2004. Congratulations Bob!

The air rifle range will not be holding any matches over the winter season but will begin once again come spring. We always hold our matches on the third Sunday of the month and in 2005 we will begin with a 20 meter metal silhouette match on Sunday, March 20, 2005.

In the meantime we wish everyone a Happy New Year!

FIELD TARGET RANGE**By Jack Journey**

As we look forward to the 2005 field Target Season, I wish to clarify some of the changes that will occur. First, The jacket Award will be determined by the shooter's best 4 out of 5 fifty shot matches held between April and October. Certificates will be awarded as prizes for these events. The 100 shot State Championship Match held in November will be a separate event unto its self, with nice trophies being awarded.

Second the newly created Hunter Class will be limited to Sporter Class (under 10lbs. w/scopes) PCP rifles or any spring rifle.

STRIPERS!!!! WOW!!!!**By Rich Mooney**

If you haven't tried striper fishing, well you don't know what you have been missing. I was lucky enough to experience one of Phil Ewaka's striper fishing trips this past November. Phil is our clubs Fish Chairmen. He keeps our members up to date with the local news of the fishing community and organizes our fish stocking program too. It was the last striper trip for the year that Phil had run for our members. The word around the club was that Phil runs great fishing trips so I had to find out. I had wanted to go for stripers for a while now. Phil's trips are usually limited to just a few people so that you have plenty of elbow room. You have to get up pretty early but the rewards can be great. I stumbled out of bed at 3am and we all met at the marina at 5am. Before I knew it, we were at the our first spot. The fishing started slow but it slowly picked up as the sun rose. I have to say that I had a great time and met some really nice people too. Everyone on the boat by the end of the day caught their limit of two and the few had a third thanks to our boat captain who had some extra tags that we could fill. If you are thinking "only two"? Your keepers have to be at least 24 inches, or you have to throw them back. Let me tell you we didn't have a hard time catching fish over that 24 inch size. The biggest of the day was 42 inches and weighed 37lbs. My two fish were average size, 30 and 36.

So, being the editor of our **GREAT newsletter**, I felt that I was obligated to let the other members know what fun can be had without a firearm in their hands. I told Phil that I would be back for the Spring season so that I could hook up with some more of these great fish. I also just wanted to say **Thank You** to Phil too.



CALLING ALL YOUTH

If you have a great picture of you and your latest harvest or catch, whether its on land or sea, I would like to get it in to the Club News. So please send them to me thru email or drop it off in the club house with your name, age and all the info for that pic and I will get it into the paper. Thank You Rich Mooney



Jen Arnot and her first buck, gotten with buck shot at Ridley State Park December 8th.

TABLE TRAP

Well, we ended another great season on October 14, and I must say we ended with a "bang" (no pun intended). What can I say? Bob Arnot did a spectacular job this year. I don't know how he does it being Hunter Ed Chairman, Game

Chairman, and holding down a 60 hour week job, plus being my backbone on the Table Trap Range. What I can say is "Thank You" "Thank You" "Thank You". That goes for all my officers, Junior and Senior, a job well done, they make me look good as chief.

I would like to say a special Thank You to one of our shooters who is an officer on the Pistol Range and is always there for us every shoot. Whether you know it or not, you are part of the "Tommy Land Family". Great Job Charlie Mitchell.

Now to the best part -Congratulations to:

Ladies Class	Noreen Yoder
Junior Class	Kevin Baker
B Class	John Batt (Battman)
A Class	Ken Green
AA Class	Jerry (No Rabbits) DiBona

To all the new members, as well as the older members. If you want to have some fun and shoot safely come out and join us on the second Sunday of the month starting in March. We do have seven shoots and we do a cumulative scoring. For further details see me any given Sunday and I will be happy to explain everything to each and everyone.

This year we had the biggest turnout of junior shooters since I became Chief a lot of years ago. But I know there are a lot more who would like to try it. So come on Parents and Guardians lets bring them out to have some fun.

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Hoping to see you on the Range
Tom O'Chuida
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AIR RIFLE FIELD COURSE

By Jack Journey

On Sunday, November 7, 2004, we held our last match of the season. it was our 100 shot State Championship Shoot with the following results:

Overall State Champion - Idd Siriluck

Junior Class - 1st Bridget Bowne

2nd Bevin Watters

3rd Ryan Messina

Open(PCP)Class 1st Tom Watters

2nd Jim Wilcox

3rd Noi Siriluck

Spring Class - 1st Richard Bassett

2nd Dale Benson

3rd Stan Lipinski

Hunter Class - 1st Joe Napolillo

2nd Jack Journey


3rd John Tripier

The recipients of the Club's jacket Award for the top shooters of the entire season are as follows: Bridget Bowne (Jr.), Idd Siriluck (open) and Stan Lipinski (Spring).

TWO STEWARDS ... Staci Poulathas, L. and Dottie Berry were elected to serve for the year 2005. The other two Stewards, Dick Hughey and Tom O'Chuida were also in the final count on November 3, in the club house.



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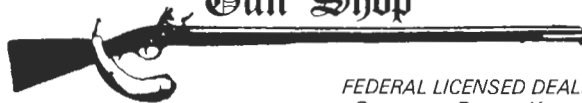
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