

# ACSNews

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ABILENE CLAY SPORTS  
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## *The Heat is on at Abilene Clay Sports!*

The summer heat was not the only thing scorching at ACS during the month of July. The annual Firecracker 400 sporting event, a July 4<sup>th</sup> member's bash, and most importantly, a great showing by numerous ACS members at the state shoot in Kerrville continues to show what a great club and facility we have. ACS is also hosting a ladies only instruction night on Thursdays. See a more complete write up on page 5. ACS was also host to not one, but two small gauge sporting tournaments! The annual Hendrick Home for Children Sights on Success Tournament is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information on page 5!



Dan Gerdes and son Trapper participate in the July 4<sup>th</sup> member's bash helice tourney.

## ACS Members Win Big at State Sporting Championship!



Krietler, Huntley, Batts, Newberry, Dunn, Bailey

Members from Abilene Clay Sports were big winners at this years state sporting clays championship in Kerrville. Practice at our facility paid off for those standing at left, **Doug Krietler, Brian Huntley, Ron Batts, Bob Newberry, Don Dunn, and Coy "Bubba" Bailey**. Give each of these members a big pat on the back for representing Abilene next time you see them at the club.



Coy Bailey	"B" class champion	12 ga
Terry Bailey	"C" class champion	28 ga
Ron Batts	"C" class 2 <sup>nd</sup> place	28 ga
Don Dunn	"E" class champion	28 ga
Brian Huntley	"B" class 2 <sup>nd</sup> place	28 ga
Doug Krietler	"B" class 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	28 ga
Ron Batts	HOA champion	.410 ga
Don Dunn	"E" class 2 <sup>nd</sup> place	20 ga
Shane Davis	"B" class 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	.410 ga
Don Dunn	"E" class champ	.410 ga

See [www.shooterspagetx.com](http://www.shooterspagetx.com) for other results by ACS members

# Don't miss these other important upcoming events at ACS.



Registered Sporting Clays event, August 14<sup>th</sup>  
**Hendrick Home for Children, August 26, 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 Registered Sporting Clays event, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Registered Sporting Clays event, November 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Registered Sporting Clays event, December 11<sup>th</sup>

**Shoot Info? Call 325.692.9002**

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend Sporting Events a Big Success

Abilene Clay Sports was the setting for the **Independence Day "Firecracker 400"** Sporting Clays Event. This year's event featured a complete sub-gauge tourney on Saturday, with Sunday bringing the 12 gauge and 5-stand events. Michael Coleman was the big winner in the 12 gauge main event. Temperatures never dropped below the century mark, but that did not deter the participants from shooting some great targets, and enjoying the holiday weekend. Look for another sub-gauge events during the year! All of the winners are shown below.



**Mr. and Ms. Michael Coleman from Midland. Michael was our 12 ga. main event champion**



**Competitors at the 28 gauge ring position**

<b>Saturday's Sub-Gauge</b>	<b>Sunday's 12 Gauge</b>
<b>20 Gauge</b>  Master: Frank Sanchez AA: Donna Lewellen A: Steve Ellinger B: K.C. Arnwine C: Kelly Gaskins D: Bob Newberry E: Cindy Davis	<b>Main 12 Gauge Event</b>  Master: Michael Coleman AA: Gordon Hart A: John Davis B: H.T. Gleason C: Alonzo Earnst D: Michael Lundstrom E: Ken Perry H: Russell Imken
<b>28 Gauge</b>  Master: Frank Sanchez AA: Donna Lewellen A: John Davis B: K.C. Arnwine C: - D: Bob Newberry E: Cindy Davis	<b>5-Stand</b>  Master: Frank Sanchez AA: Gordon Hart A: Clyde McAfee B: H.T. Gleason C: Kelly Gaskins D: Jettley Walker E: Jade Walker
<b>.410 Gauge</b>  Master: Frank Sanchez AA: Donna Lewellen A: John Davis B: John Burns C: Kelly Gaskins D: Bob Newberry	

Sub-Gauge  
Excitement!

# Our ACS July Member Profile, Mr. Johnny Huff



Heeeeeeres Johnny!

"Clay target shooting is the best practice for becoming a good wingshot", says Abilene Clay Sports member Mr. Johnny Huff. Born and raised in Abilene, Johnny works as a state auditor for the state comptroller's office. Prior to his employment as an auditor, Johnny was an accountant for Pride Refining. A native Abilenian, Johnny got his start in hunting many years ago with his dad, "because Johnny always was able to get another limit of quail". Johnny keeps his shooting sharp practicing his favorite target discipline, sporting clays, because of the more realistic target presentations. His favorite shotgun is his Browning 20 gauge White Lightning, which he feels performs just as good as a 12 gauge. He reloads .410 and .28 gauge only, which he has recently started learning to shoot proficiently. Asked what he thinks is the most important thing that ACS can do to promote the sport, he responds by stating "just keep having the good quality shoots, and the participation will grow." Johnny is also known for his ability to bake some delicious pies, which has on occasion made a quick appearance in the clubhouse! Say hello to Johnny!

## The ACS July 4<sup>th</sup> Members Bash

Anticipating a great meal later in the evening, ACS members participated in a 100 bird sporting event, and then an exciting twelve target helice race. The course was re-set from the weekend's *Firecracker 400* with new target presentations, scored by a modified Lewis class system. After the Monday holiday competition, members enjoyed a barbeque feast with all of the trimmings, prepared by Frank (master chef) Sanchez, and Dandy Don Dunn, pictured below, two of the best cooks in the area. Fireworks followed as a fun way to celebrate the holiday.

### And the winners were...

100 target sporting:

Steve Ellinger 1st

Johnny Huff 2nd

Dan Gerdes 3rd

12 target helice:

Bob Newberry





Donna and Mike Lewellen



Tom Duke and Elaine Schultz



Enjoying the shade at the 5-stand



A long chondel at sporting station 11



Jade Walker from Big Spring tackles the 28 in the sub-gauge tourney



**Firecracker 400!**  
**2005**



# ACS Ladies Night



Brooklyn Horton



Patty Dunn

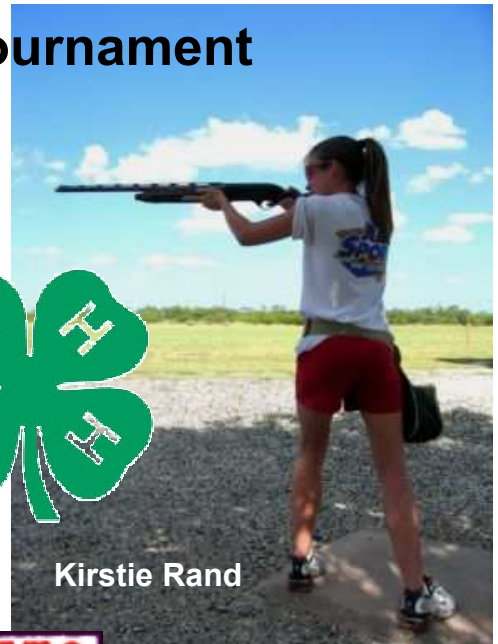


Taking a break from ladies night lessons are from left, Barbara Mack, Brooklyn Horton, Yvonne Batts, Patty Dunn, and Joy Ellinger

Thursday evenings at Abilene Clays Sports is for the ladies! Clay target shooting instruction is free for any ACS member ladies who wish to learn this great sport. Instruction gets underway at 6:30pm and consists of basic instruction for beginners or more experienced shooters alike. For more information call Don Dunn at the clubhouse, 325.692.9002

## ACS Youth Compete in the State 4-H Tournament

Area youth traveled to San Antonio during the third week in July to compete in the state 4-H championship. Competition results were unknown at presstime. At right is **Kirstie Rand**, practicing skeet during the evening prior to her departure to the National Shooting Complex. According to Kirstie, "I might as well get in some last minute practice." Good luck to all of ACS's 4-H youth.



Kirstie Rand

Caring for Children Since 1939



HENDRICK HOME  
FOR CHILDREN



The fifth annual Hendrick Home for Children Sights on Success Sporting Clays Classic is slated for August 27<sup>th</sup> at Abilene Clay Sports. This popular event has helped Hendrick Home raise over \$226,000.00 to help with expenses for the wonderful kids at the home. Always a lot of fun, this well attended event promises to be even better than last year. Entry fee is \$125.00 which includes targets, a noon meal, event T-shirt, and two tickets to the banquet catered by Outback Steakhouse at the Taylor County Expo Center. Registration information can be had by calling **325.692.0112**. Don't miss the fun!



Dr. and Ms. Russel Uckert at ACS



Lance Outland at Sporting Station eight



Taryn Bolin and Todd Henington enjoy the afternoon on the Sporting Clays course.



Wayne Henington tackles the target on Sporting Station One!

# Finishing out the Month

The time is **now** to register for the largest sporting clays event in the world! The 2005 NSCA National Championships will be held September 13-18 at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio. Complete registration information can be found at [www.mynsca.com](http://www.mynsca.com). The event is the climax of the tournament year, filled with excitement, vendors, friendships, featuring great courses and targets. The complex is an easy drive from Abilene. Compete, shop on vendors row, or watch the best clay targets shooters in the country perform, but make plans to drive to San Antonio in September. Complete coverage of the event will be published in the October issue of ACSNews.

