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Jeff Phillips Tops the Winter Blast Tourney

Former Abilene Clay Sports member Jeff Phillips captured the top slot in the annual Winter Blast Sporting Clays tournament on January 8th. Phillips posted a score of 88 along with Michael Coleman of Midland, and Gary Greenway of Stephenville. The three way tie was broken by station tie breaker. Unseasonably warm January temperatures made for a near perfect day of shooting. A field of 64 competitors enjoyed very challenging championship level targets, including a very difficult pair from the tower on station 6, which was incidentally the tie breaker station. David Bishop from the Capitol City Gun Club in Austin was the high 5-stand shooter. The crowd enjoyed a fried chicken lunch with all of the trimmings. Several took advantage of the weather for a second crack at the targets. Look for other winners of the Winter Blast elsewhere in this issue of ACSNews!



Jeff and Cary Phillips

ACS Exhibits at Sports Show!

Abilene Clay Sports exhibited at the first ever West Texas Sports Expo on January 7th. This event which drew thousands of youth (and their parents) showcased sporting opportunities available in Abilene. The booth was staffed by Patty Dunn, Pamla Pruitt, Steve Ellinger, Mike Webb, Doug Krietler, and Dean Oehlke who answered questions about clay target shooting, distributed handouts, and let the youth handle and mount a youth size shotgun. Many had never actually handled a shotgun prior to this event. The ACS booth drew a large volume of attendees. See other photos, page 2.



Pamla Pruitt and Patty Dunn at the ACS booth



Abilene youth were able to handle a shotgun sized for their age group, many for the first time.



Celebrities to Attend Event at ACS

Celebrities from across the United States will arrive at Abilene Clay Sports on February 9th for a sporting clays event as part of the 17th annual Big Country Celebrity Quail Hunt. Volunteers are needed. Contact Steve Ellinger at 695.2565 if you are interested in helping with this fun event. Look for complete coverage in the March issue of ACSNews.





Kids lined up to handle the youth shotgun



KTAB T.V. anchor Angela Taylor in "the pose"

Winter Blast 2006 Event Winners

Master	Michael Coleman
AA Class	Tom Boothe
A Class	Coy Bailey
B Class	John Taylor
C Class	Michael Lundstrom
D Class	Royce McWhorter
E Class	Howard Walker
Hunter	Aarron Long

Five Stand

Master	David Bishop
A Class	Robert Hart
B Class	John Taylor
D Class	Jettley Walker
E Class	Howard Walker



Youth Training at ACS

Abilene Clay sports member Mike Webb has developed a specially constructed "training trap" stand that allows for controlled supervision for basic instruction for clay target shooting. The training trap stand incorporates a manual trap, gun swing control barriers, a shelf for a case of targets, and a dedicated place for the trapper to stand. "This device is ideal to help train the young or beginning shooter, while having all of the necessary components within easy reach. The training trap has already been used on several occasions. Questions regarding the trap and instructions should be directed to Mike Webb.



Vintage advertising showing instruction to novice shooters. Note the lack of eye protection, typical of the era.



Mike Webb, left, offers expert instruction to Dr. Danny Wheat, and Danny's son Phillip, who was learning the basics of shooting a shotgun and breaking a clay target. Webb's training trap allowed safe and meaningful instruction.



Winter Blast 2006

February Member Profile, Mr. Bob Newberry

Throughout the years at Abilene Clay Sports, some members have always gone the extra mile to see that what needs to be done, actually gets done. Bob Newberry is one of those members. Bob has a long history at Abilene Clay Sports, and the organization owes a lot to Bob for what has been done. Abilene has always been home to Bob, other than his years at Tarleton State University where Bob received a degree in business administration. After graduation, Bob elected to return to Abilene and work in the family trucking business, but an opportunity with United Parcel Service lured him away, and Bob now is employed by UPS on a regular basis. Bob and his wife Susan, married for 29 years enjoy calling Abilene home. They have two boys, age 25 and 27. In 1976 while attending Tarleton, Bob decided he needed a job to earn a little extra money. After a little searching, Bob was offered a job at Pigeon Road Shooting Range in Stephenville. Bob spent much of his day at the club setting targets for the trap shooters. That was Bob's very first exposure to a sport he had heard about, but had never participated in. Soon Bob purchased his first trap gun, a Beretta 680 trap model, and the rest is history.



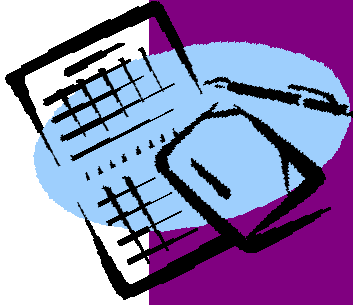
Mr. Bob Newberry

“Just try to be consistent on that station!”

a totally different challenge. *“That’s what I like about sporting.”* Bob has been traveling to other area courses such as Rock Creek, Windwalker, Elm Fork and others to see and shoot other presentations. Of course Bob has participated in the mother of all sporting events, the Nationals in San Antonio. What target is the most difficult for Bob? *“Any really long target seems to be my hardest.”* Bob is not alone, as the long crosser consistently rates among the hardest for most serious competitors. Bob does however do quite well with his Beretta 391 12 gauge with 30 inch barrels. *“I like the absence of recoil.”* Bob added an EZ-Go sporting clays cart to his equipment list about a year ago, and has enjoyed using it in his shooting. *“It makes shooting the course so much more fun.”*

Bob thinks the club is going in a great direction. *“The course and clubhouse improvements have been great.”* Adding a 50 target prelim event to our registered events is something that Bob would like to see considered. In addition, converting the 5-stand to a Compk layout should be considered. Both of those may be in the works in the near future, as both topics are on the Board of Directors discussion list. Adding a FITASC layout and course also interests Bob. *“We only see FITASC targets when we attend the larger shoots.”* Bob Newberry has been the type of member that every organization needs, always there, never afraid to pitch in, do the work, and just do what needs to be done. Thanks Bob for all of the great work!

Upcoming Events at Abilene Clay Sports!



February 5th

February 9th
 March 4th
 April 1st
 April 9th
 April 28th, 29th
 May 13th
 May 20th
 June 4th
 June 17th
 July 1st-2nd
 July 29th
 August 19th
 August 25th, 26th
 September 9th
 September 14th-17th
 October 7th
 October 15th
 November 19th
 December 10th

Registered Sporting Clays

Big Country Celebrity Quail Hunt Sporting Clays Event
 Registered Sporting Clays
 West Texas Rehabilitation Center Sporting Clays Event
 Registered Sporting Clays
 Boy Scouts, Texas Trails Classic Sporting Clays Event
 Registered Sporting Clays
 Disability Resources Incorporated Sporting Clays Event
 Registered Sporting Clays
 Abilene Christian Schools Sporting Clays Event
 Registered Sporting Clays Event
 Ben Richey Boys Ranch Benefit Event
 Registered Sporting Clays Event
 Hendrick Home Sporting Clays Event
 Children's Miracle Network "Legends" Sporting Event
 NSCA Nationals Championship, San Antonio
 Meals on Wheels Sporting Clays Classic Benefit Event
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Shown above and at left are vintage photographs of the very popular at "new" sport of "skeet", developed in the early 1930's.



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