

ACSNews

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June is busy month at Abilene Clay Sports

A variety of events during June made the month one of our busiest ever! Registered sporting clays, a Memorial Day bash and, the state 4-H competition resulted in a lot of activity for our club. According to ACS President Frank Sanchez, "We are proud to be able to offer such fun events and a fine facility for our members and their guests." This issue of ACSNews showcases those events and other member activities. Events at ACS are on the rise, and we are fast becoming one of Abilene's choice venues for activity. Keep checking the events monitor in the clubhouse!



Terri Robinson (L), with Bryan and Laura Lange enjoy an afternoon of sporting at ACS!

ACS Members Score Big at State Shoot, see p.4!

Wind and Heat for the ACS "June Bug" Sporting Clays Event

Windy and hot conditions were in store for Abilene Clay Sports "June bug" registered sporting clays event. Congratulations to **Gene Sherrod** for turning in a smoking 93 on a course with some often changing (due to wind) targets. Bode Porter was champion on the five stand, with a great score of 47. Golden Chick supplied

Master:	Gene Sherrod
AA Class:	David Vaughn
A Class:	Steve Ellinger
B Class:	Shane Davis
C Class:	Ron Batts
D Class:	Reid Kyker
E Class:	Jackie Trent
H Class:	Tom Graves



Mr. and Ms. Russell Griffin



Dr. Gerry Lawler all smiles on station 3



Gene Sherrod's happy companion

Here are some other important upcoming events at ACS.



Registered Sporting Clays event, July 2nd and 3rd
See article below for more information about this event

Registered Sporting Clays event, August 14th
Hendrick Home for Children, August 27th
Registered Sporting Clays event, November 13th
Registered Sporting Clays event, December 11th

Shoot Info? Call 325.692.9002

Have a Great July 4th at Abilene Clay Sports!

Don't miss Abilene Clay Sports Firecracker 400 Sporting Clays event! This patriotic event will feature two days of sporting competition on July 2nd and 3rd, including small gauge shooting. The format will consist of .410, 28ga, 20ga, and 12ga courses. This will be an NSCA registered event. Registration on both days will start at 9:00am. Lunch will be provided for all participants. For more information, call Don Dunn at the club.

FIRECRACKER 400



Approximately 45 young 4-H shooters came to Abilene Clay Sports on June 11th for the West Texas area 4-H competition. Competitors enjoyed 5-stand, skeet, and trap.

Our ACS July Member Profile, Ms. Yvonne Batts



Yvonne Batts enjoys a round of skeet



Yvonne Batts and Barbara Mack at the ACS Memorial Day Bash.

This month we spotlight Abilene Clay Sports **Yvonne Batts**. Yvonne is a native Abilenian graduating from Cooper High School, and earning her degree from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. While in Missouri, she met husband Ron. Most of Abilene knows Yvonne and husband Ron as owners of Batts Communications. Her background in the communications industry began in 1966 when she was employed by Southwestern Bell. After 18 years in the business, and a short residence in Dallas, she and Ron returned to Abilene. Yvonne worked in the banking business for a number of years before deciding to become a part of Batts Communications, which Ron started in 1991. Shotgun shooting was a very early part of Yvonne's childhood, shooting with her dad. "I remember dad saying, here shoot this. I did and wound up flat on my back." The gun was a 12 gauge, and to this day, Yvonne still shoots a 12 gauge Beretta 391 automatic. Yvonne likes to shoot sporting clays more than any of the other shotgun sports, but still considers skeet to be the best thing to learn the fundamentals before trying the more advanced sporting type targets. "I really like the variety of target types and the challenges of sporting." Yvonne states that she would like to see more women become involved in the sport. "A few simple lessons can get one started." "Women need not worry about recoil if the gun is fitted properly." Asked what she likes most about ACS, Yvonne says the relaxed atmosphere and the abundance of people always willing to lend a hand to a new shooter. If you have not met Yvonne, stop and say hello next time she is at the club!



Employees of Lauren Engineers and Contractors enjoyed a day of Sporting Clays on June 17th. With temperatures pushing the century mark, the shooting was hot, fast, and fun. Patty Dunn provided refreshments on the course. The dozen or so participants enjoyed the activity, and at least one shooter remarked, "it sure beats being at the office!" June 25th saw employees from Bandag enjoying the sporting course on yet another blistering hot day.



Good Eats at the ACS Memorial Day Bash!

Great shooting and really great food was enjoyed during the ACS Memorial Day Bash. The day started off with some informal clay target shooting and a helice race drawing about ten competitors in some fast and challenging competition. After the barrels were cool, there was a tie for first place with **Terry Bailey** and **Steve Ellinger** taking the top positions. A “miss and out” shoot-off resulted in Terry Bailey taking first place and Steve Ellinger taking second for the 60/40 prize split. Dinner followed with chef services provided by Don Dunn. The event was a great afternoon at ACS. Thanks to Don and Patty Dunn for their organizational work on this event!



Seen at ACS in June



ACS Members Score Big at Texas State Sporting Clays Championship!

Abilene Clay Sports Members were big winners at the Texas Sporting Clays Association State Championship at Kerrville’s Hill Country Sports. Big congratulations to **Ron Batts** as the new **state champion** in the .410 gauge! Our winners are:

Coy Bailey	“B” class champion	12 ga
Terry Bailey	“C” class champion	28 ga
Ron Batts	“C” class 2 nd place	28 ga
Don Dunn	“E” class champion	28 ga
Brian Huntley	“B” class 2 nd place	28 ga
Doug Krietler	“B” class 3 rd place	28 ga
Ron Batts	High over all champ	.410 ga
Don Dunn	“E” class 2 nd place	20 ga
Shane Davis	“B” class 3 rd place	.410 ga
Don Dunn	“E” class champion	.410 ga

See www.shooterspagnetx.com for other placings by ACS members.



ACS Members Attend the Hollywood Celebrity Shoot in Vegas!

ACS members **Cactus Schroeder, Dr. Norman Dozier, Dr. David McCain, and Steve Ellinger** attended the 8th annual Hollywood Celebrity Shoot at the Desert Lakes Country Club in Las Vegas. Nearly 200 competitors braved the high desert mountain heat (but it's a dry heat) over three days on a winding mountainous sporting clays course. Nearly 90 television and motion picture stars were among the celebrities lending their participation to the much publicized event. Winners were unknown at the time of this writing, but Bobby Fowler appears to be the high scorer. The event was marred somewhat by an apparent 12-20 burst that severely injured Sporting Clays Magazine's Ken Wood, but Ken appears to be doing well at this time. This year's event was dedicated to Charlton Heston and Olympic Gold Medal winner Kimberly Rhode, and benefits the **Celebrity Youth Sporting Trust**.



Baker Dozier Benton Ellinger Faulkner

The Norm Dozier squad with Lee Benton (c)



Desert Lakes Country Club



Staci Randall and Lee Benton of televisions "The Bold and the Beautiful"



Priscilla Barnes of televisions "Three's Company" at the five-stand.



The paved and winding cart path on the sporting clays course



Actress Elena Lyons and Olympian Kimberly Rhode