



Abilene Clay Sports Celebrates Opening of Renovated Clubhouse Facility!

Much to the delight of our members, the renovation of the Abilene Clay Sports Clubhouse is finally complete. During the April Board of Directors meeting, the members of the Board responded to the membership's request for a renovation, and authorized the expenditure of funds to accomplish the much needed update. The renovation provides an administrative area for General Manager Don Dunn, an accessible restroom, a more efficient kitchen area, a carpeted seating and television lounge area, and a décor that pays tribute to some of the artwork of past clay target shooting history. In addition, new furnishings provide a comfortable setting in which to enjoy our facility.



Kitchen and Serving Area



Lounge and Seating Area



Business Office

The *May Classic* Registered Sporting Clays Event a Success

The May Sporting Clays Registered Event was held on Saturday the 7th. A cool cloudy morning greeted the nearly 40 competitors who participated in the event. The projected par for the course of 92 was topped by one point, by master class shooter **Gary Greenway** of Stephenville who topped the field with a sensational score of 93. The targets were fun and fast, with a thought provoking deceptive pair of crossers, (which challenged one's sense of timing) on station four, and a pair of long shots on station one that really tested one's ability. Participants were excited about the new clubhouse renovations and many positive comments were made about the appearance of our facilities. Other class winners were:

Master Class:

Gary Greenway

AA Class

Melvin Misegadis

A Class

Steve Ellinger

B Class

Shane Davis

C Class

Terry Bailey

D Class

Michael Lundstron

E Class

Bob Newberry

H Class

Britt Brown

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Photos from the May Registered Sporting Clays Event



Cindy and John Davis



Bustin ' the target on station 9

Melvin and Linda Misegadis with their new clay cart!



Melvin Misegadis, note broken target and spent cartridge in air!



Champion Gary Greenway scored 93!

Here are some other important upcoming events at ACS.

Missed the May event? Here are more opportunities to compete at ACS. Join the fun on each of these days!

- Registered Sporting Clays event, June 18th
- Registered Sporting Clays event, July 2nd
- Registered Sporting Clays event, August 14th
- Hendrick Home for Children, August 27th
- Registered Sporting Clays event, November 13th
- Registered Sporting Clays event, December 11th



Don is also ready to handle your Shooting and reloading needs, featuring Randolph Ranger shooting glasses.

General Manager Don Dunn is ready to make your experience at Abilene Clay Sports the best possible. Look for Don and let him know if he can be of assistance in any way. Thanks for choosing ACS!





Abilene Clay Sports offers our membership the opportunity to try the European sport of Helice. Sometimes known as “ZZ Birds”, competitors try shooting the fast spinning, and unpredictable orange and white prop like helice targets. To be scored a hit, the center portion of the target must completely separate and fall within the white fence or “ring”. Helice is often referred to as the most difficult of the shotgun sports and does indeed offer the competitor a chance to demonstrate their skills. ACS is planning to offer a ten target tournament in the very near future. Look for details on the **announcements monitor** in the ACS clubhouse.



Jeff Phillips, Dean Oehlke, Tom Booth at the May registered sporting event.



Steve Stinnet ready for the call “PULL”

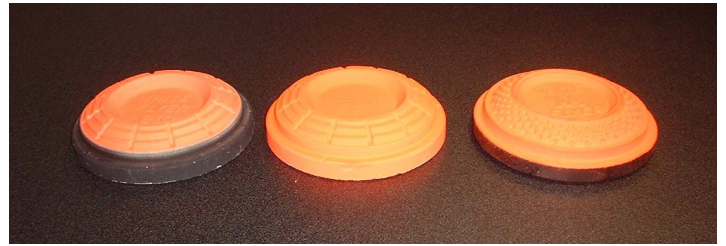
Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Returns in June to ACS

The Texas 4-H shooting sports tournament returns to Abilene Clay Sports on June 11th. This event draws young competitors and their families from around the west Texas area to participate in skeet, trap, and 5-stand sporting clays. ACS is proud to be able to offer these visitors a quality place to compete and spend the day. Help make them feel welcome!





Martin Popelka

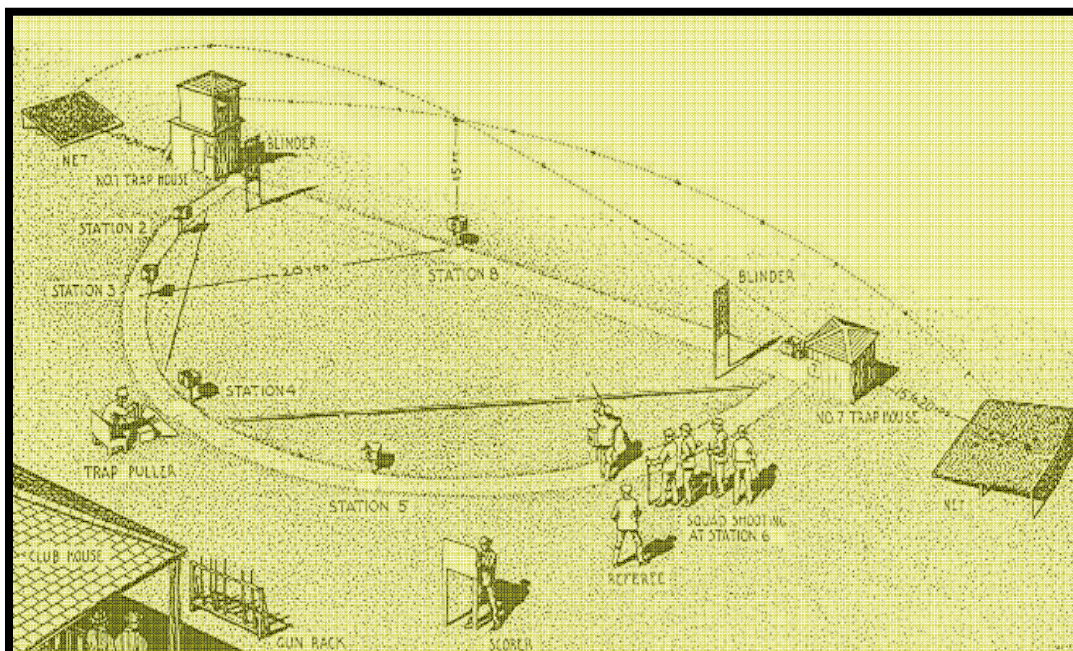


Seeing a different target at ACS? ACS is among the first in the country to try the new White Flyer “New York” target (r). The new target offers a compromise between the orange dome (L), and the all orange target (center). Look for the New York targets on the sporting clays course!

Member Profile, **Mr. Martin Popelka**

This month’s member profile highlights **Martin Popelka**. Originally from Temple, Texas, Martin came to Abilene to as an employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a Conservation Specialist. Martin was married to LaVerne in 1970. LaVerne is a teacher, avid tennis player, and sometimes clay target shooter. Martin started shooting at age 12 with a .410 that was given to him by his dad. Martin still has that .410. He started his interest in clay target shooting at the encouragement of Steve Ellinger, which was Martins neighbor many years ago. Martin took up the sport and has never looked back. Martin shoots his favorite Brownings at all clay target disciplines, but enjoys skeet and small gauge sporting the best. Other hobbies include jogging and reloading. Asked what he would like to see most at ACS, Martin said *“keep making all of the great improvements to the facility”,* and *“keep getting the youth involved in this great sport”.*

Did you know that prior to 1936, skeet rules mandated that the target flight was centered over the houses? That means station eight was shot directly overhead!



Original skeet field layout prior to 1936