

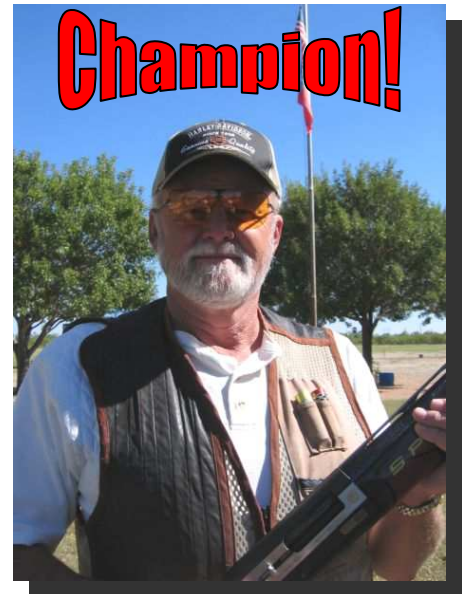
ACSNews

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ABILENE CLAY SPORTS
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Jimmy Dickson Wins Meals on Wheels Benefit! San Angelo's Own Posts a Blazing 93

October 22nd proved to be a perfect day for San Angelo's Jimmy Dickson, not only for the beautiful weather, but for winning the first ever Meals on Wheels Sporting Clays Classic fundraiser. This inaugural event, considered a success by Meals on Wheels staff and Board drew 68 competitors from around the Big Country. Meals on Wheels Executive Director Betty Bradley commented, "We are already looking at dates for next year's event, which will be bigger and better!" Event Chairman Tom Blackwell was pleased at the turnout, but promised planning will start early for next years event. The 100 target course set by Don Dunn was shot in three rotations, with targets ranging from pleasantly simple, to at least two stations being deceptively difficult. Lunch on the grounds was provided by Sharon Allen's Lytle Land and Cattle Company. Shotguns were awarded by Lewis Class scoring, with winners being in addition to Dickson, Steven Sanders, Randy Scott, Patty Dunn, and Greg Kauffman. Winners were able to select from a variety of gun selections. The top prize raffle gun was won by ACS members Chad and Cindy Bolls of Abilene. Abilene Clay Sports is pleased to be able to play a part in raising funds for such a worth organization. Look for next year's dates soon! More photos of the Meals on Wheels Sporting Clays Classic can be found elsewhere in this edition of ACSNews.



**Meals on Wheels Champion
Mr. Jimmy Dickson**



**Meals on Wheels Gun Winner
Ms. Cindy Bolls**

Abilene Clay Sports to Exhibit at the First Ever West Texas Sports Expo

As part of ACS effort to increase public awareness of our fine facility the Board of Directors has agreed to set up and staff a booth promoting our organization at the first ever West Texas Sports Expo to be held at the Abilene Civic Center on February xx, 2006. This will be a great opportunity to sign new members and promote the great sport of clay target shooting. For more information, contact Steve Ellinger, or Frank Sanchez.



**The Landers Twins on the
Sporting Clays Course**

Look For These Upcoming Events at ACS!

Registered Sporting Event: November 13th
 Registered Sporting Event: December 11
Look for 2006 event dates on page 6!



Shoot Info. Call 325.692.9002

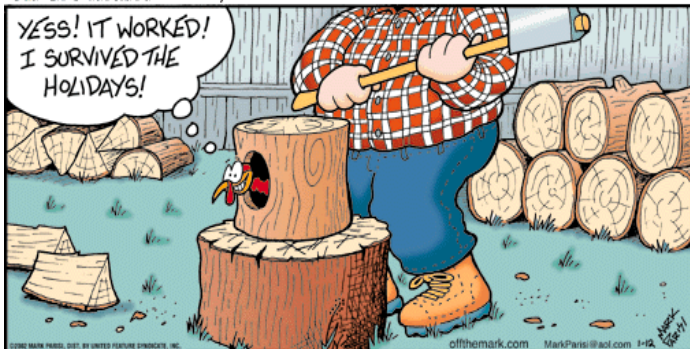
Abilene Clay Sports Annual General Membership Meeting

The Annual Abilene Clay Sports general membership meeting will be held on **December 7th, 7:00pm**, at the club facility. General business and election of officers will occur at that time. All members are encouraged to attend. If you want to have an impact on the future of our organization, make plans to attend and voice your opinions!



Enjoying "Ladies Night Thursday" on October 20th is from left, Pamla Pruitt, Margaret Ellis, and Patti Dunn.

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ACS Fall Classic Results



Fall Classic Winner Frank Sanchez

The Abilene Clay Sports Fall Classic Sporting Clays event was held on October 9th. Perfect weather was the order for the day, with just a bit of wind to keep things interesting. The targets were some of the best seen at ACS with mixed levels of difficulty. Perfectly prepared catfish was the menu for lunch, expertly done again by Golden Chick. Congratulations to **Frank Sanchez** for turning in a winning score of **92**. Other winners were:

Class AA	John Davis	65
Class A	Steve Ellinger	83
Class B	Mike Routh	77
Class C	Rodney Young	55
Class D	Mike Webb	78
Class E	Gary McGinn	71
Class H	Russell Imken	71

ACS Member Profile, Dr. Mike Webb



Dr. Mike Webb

“Abilene does that better than any clay target club that I have seen”



New ACS Logo Wear Available

Abilene Clay Sports has now introduced our own line of logo wear, including colorful T-shirts, smart button down dress shirts, windbreakers, caps, visors, and others. Selected items are available for purchase in the clubhouse, with special orders available for additional colors and styles. Promote Abilene Clay Sports around town and at other clubs. ACS logo wear would make great Christmas gifts! See Patty Dunn for more information and any requested special orders.

One of the things that I really like about writing this newsletter and this column in particular is learning more about our members. This month we feature Dr. Mike Webb, that's right "Doctor". Mike made his presence at Abilene Clay Sports last November, making this his one year anniversary at the club. Here is a little history on Mike. Forty-eight year old Mike was born in Miami, where he eventually worked his way around the state as a professional trombone player, including an eight year period at Disney. Mike received his doctorate in music from Florida State University, at which time he performed as a trombone player in the Duke Ellington Orchestra, The Rosemary Clooney Band, and finally with another big band great Helen O'Connell. Touring the world began to take a toll on Mike so he entertained the idea of teaching music, but settled on doing expert musical instrument repair instead. That work took Mike to Tallahassee Florida, Montgomery, Alabama, Kansas City, Raleigh N.C., and finally to Abilene, where he and his wife Barb are managers of Caldwell Products. Son Richmond who is finishing high school in Florida also enjoys shooting, and may follow mom and dad to Abilene after graduation.

Mike's interest in shooting started while in high school, but he settled on "serious" shotgunning about ten years ago with an emphasis on trap, then skeet, and now sporting clays. Mike's favorite shotgun sport is "all of them." According to Mike, he participates heavily in whatever the club specializes in. *"I just like to shoot, and if the club is a skeet club, that I shoot skeet, if it is sporting, then I shoot sporting."* Upon accepting the position with Caldwell Products, he decided he had better find a club in Abilene, as well as some good barbeque restaurants. He located both six weeks before he moved. So what was Mike's first impression of ACS? Mike visited a few times, but his shotguns had not arrived as of yet, so he rode the course with Frank Sanchez and Steve Ellinger, who loaned Mike a gun and shells for a week or so. Mike says that *"ACS is not the largest club he has been involved with, but may very well be the best."* *"There are good targets, good people, and a lot going on."* In the year that Mike has been in Abilene, he has seen a lot of big improvements at the club. The sporting course and the clubhouse improvements have been great according to Mike, but would like to see the five-stand converted to Compak soon. That may be in the works. Mike likes to shoot his 425 Browning and Beretta 391 on Sporting, but is eagerly awaiting a new Perazzi MX-8 that should arrive by Christmas. That Perazzi will be his new Sporting Clays gun.

Mike would like to see ACS continue the great improvements, including upgrading the skeet houses, and possibly adding a "beginners course or field" for training new shooters. The non-profit fund raiser events are great. *"ACS does those better than any club he has ever seen."* Welcome Mike, we hope your first year in Abilene, and ACS have been all that you expected. By the way, what barbeque restaurant did you like?



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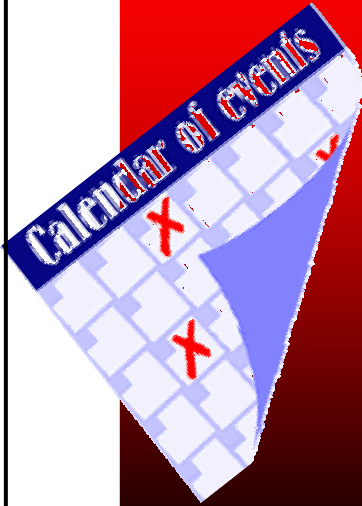
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Abilene Clay Sports 2006 Event Dates!



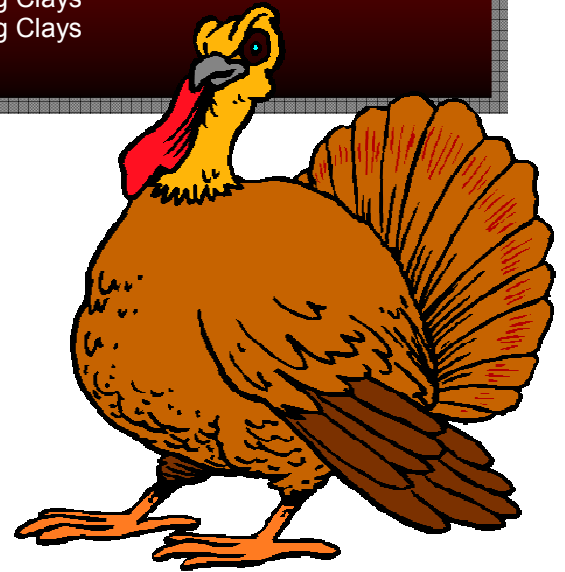
January 8th	Registered Sporting Clays
February 5th	Registered Sporting Clays
March 4th	Registered Sporting Clays
April 1 st	West Texas Rehabilitation Center Sporting Clays Event
April 9th	Registered Sporting Clays
April 29th	Boy Scouts, Texas Trails Classic Sporting Clays Event
May 13th	Registered Sporting Clays
May 20 th	Disability Resources Incorporated Sporting Clays Event
June 4 th	Registered Sporting Clays
June 17 th	Abilene Christian Schools Sporting Clays Event
July 1 st -2 nd	Registered Sporting Clays Event
August 19 th	Registered Sporting Clays Event
August 25 th , 26 th	Hendrick Home Sporting Clays Event
September 14 th -17 th	NSCA Nationals Championship, San Antonio
October 15 th	Registered Sporting Clays
November 19 th	Registered Sporting Clays
December 10 th	Registered Sporting Clays



Please Remember...

Proper eye protection is a must for all clay target shooting sports, and always required at Abilene Clay Sports. For the best in eye protection, see Don Dunn, ACS General Manager who recommends the Randolph Ranger line of clay target shooting glasses. Randolph offers lens colors and frame styles to suit the champion shooter. Randolph Rangers also make a great Christmas gift this season. See Don for all of your eye protection needs.

In addition, proper ear protection should also be worn when on the sporting course, skeet, trap, 5-stand, or helice fields.



***Happy Thanksgiving
from the Abilene Clay
Sports Board of
Directors!***

Coming Soon...

"The History of Abilene Gun Club/Abilene Clay Sports", an in depth history of our organization, by those who were there in the beginning.

New to ACSNews!

ACSNews is now accepting free classified ads from ACS members for shotguns, and clay target shooting items, such as chokes, apparel, tubes, etc. *Please* no rifles, handguns, or non-clay target shooting items. Ads should be submitted via e-mail to sellinger4@cox.net no later than the 15th of each month for publication in the next issue.