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The 2005 NSCA Nationals Coverage Issue! *ACS Well Represented at This Year's Tournament of Tournaments*

Abilene Clay Sports was well represented at the 2005 NSCA National Sporting Clays Championship at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio. Attending the event from ACS included members **Coy Bailey, Doug Kreitler, Ron and Yvonne Batts, Steve Ellinger, Frank Sanchez, Brian Huntley, Shane Davis and Dale Scoggins**. Nearly 1300 competitors from across the United States and other countries enjoyed world class championship targets set by the best target setters in the world. It was generally noted that this year's targets were more difficult than in years past, but all were breakable even if technically challenging! The complex's new orange course offered new surroundings for the event. The red course seemed to be the softest, with the yellow being the most challenging. This was the first year for the event to feature Compak sporting in lieu of five stand. Vendors from all of the major target gun manufacturers, equipment, accessory suppliers, and apparel lines were doing brisk business between shooting rotations. After five days of intense competition, **Bobby Fowler** captured the top spot as the 2005 National Champion, proving once again that he is among the best clay target shooters in the world. Look for more photos of the tournament of tournaments elsewhere in this issue of ACS News.



Competitors take part in the **COMPAK** event during the 2005 NSCA National Sporting Clays Championship at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio during the second week of September. Several ACS members took part in the event.



Kreitler Scores Well at Nationals!

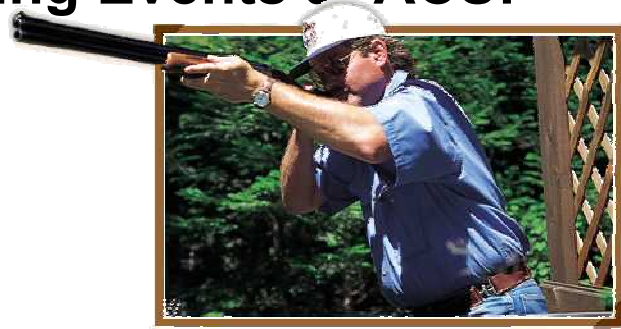
Abilene Clay Sports member Doug Krietler was runner-up in the 20 and 28 gauge class "B" event, and 1st in the .410 event. In addition, Doug placed first in the "life member" event and 3rd in the FITASC. Not stopping there, Doug was HOA in the small gauge "B" class event. Congratulations Doug!



Abilene **Mayor Norman Archibald** successfully breaks the targets on sporting station one during the Legends Sporting Clay Tournament, September 10th.

Look For These Upcoming Events at ACS!

Registered Sporting Event: October 9th
 Registered Sporting Event: November 13th
 Registered Sporting Event: December 11
Look for 2006 event dates on page 6!



Shoot Info. Call 325.692.9002

The Childrens Miracle Network Legends Dove Hunt hosted a **“World Class Sporting Clays Tournament”** at Abilene Clay Sports on September 10th. According to event chairman Dr. Rob Wiley, the event thus far had raised in excess of \$100,000.00. The event drew just short of 100 entries and featured the opportunity to shoot throughout the day while taking a break for a great chuckwagon style barbeque lunch. The targets were set by ACS general Don Dunn and featured an enjoyable presentation with mixed levels of difficulty.

Event spokesperson Karen Britton offered compliments to ACS for the recent facility upgrades. “ACS now looks like the real deal.” “We look forward to growing the event in these new surroundings with a greater emphasis on the sporting clays portion” commented Karen.



From left, CMN Director Courtney Kennedy, Event Chairman Dr. Rob Wiley, and David Caldwell from KTXS TV, media sponsor.

Your facilities now look like the real deal...



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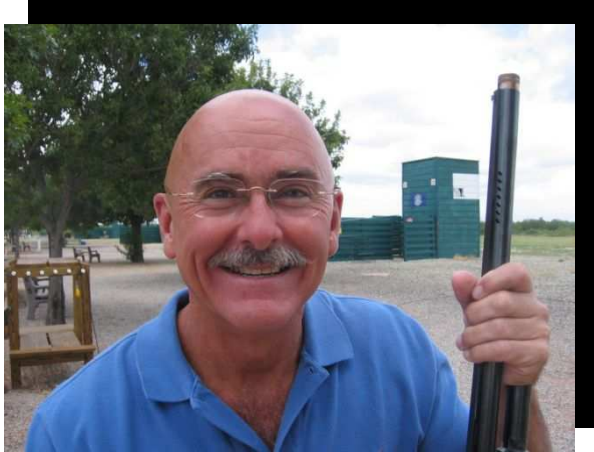
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Jack Rentz

“A World Class Sporting Clays Tournament”...

ACS Member Profile, Dr. Gerry Lawler



“I finally admitted to myself that being left handed and nearly blind in my left eye was going to hinder my ability to shoot well”

Being considered a “project” by more advanced shooters was of no concern to this month's featured member, Dr. Gerry Lawler. This 56 year old accomplished shooter was ready to try anything to be good on the skeet field. Gerry was born in Abilene, served in the U.S. Army with the 82nd airborne as a general medic, and then returned to Abilene in 1984 opening his practice as an anesthesiologist. Gerry has always liked to hunt dove, but was hampered by being legally blind in his left eye. In addition, he was a left handed shooter! Bound and determined to learn to shoot, he convinced himself that he must learn to shoot right handed, and use his right eye. Think that would be hard? Just try shooting on the opposite side that you normally do. Tough isn't it? So why was he a “project”? Former members and skeet shooters Harold Powell and Dale Fields decided to take Gerry under their wing as a project and teach this guy how to shoot right handed. After a few years of hard work and dedication by Gerry, he had mastered right hand/right eye shooting and began entering registered shoots, going on to eventually win the 2000 Zone Six Championship, and being a member of the state team for at least eight times! Not bad for having to re-learn to shoot.

Clay target shooting has been a family activity for the Lawler's. Gerry's wife Sharon also enjoys clay target shooting as well as hunting and is often seen with Gerry at the club. “Shooting is such a great activity for the family” remarks Gerry. Gerry currently shoots a Beretta 687 EELL in registered skeet, and either a Beretta 391 12 gauge auto that has been customized by Briley, or a Beretta 686 Silver Pigeon at Sporting Clays. Sporting Clays has become Gerry's new passion, and according to Gerry, he “plans to cut way back on registered skeet in the future, and go headfirst into sporting clays.” In fact, there is rarely a weekend at the club where one does not see Dr. Lawler on a clay cart headed from station to station. What would Gerry like to see more of at the club? “Well, the improvements that have been done recently have been just wonderful” says Gerry, but “we need to keep the momentum going and continue to develop the complex”. He would like to see perhaps an addition to the clubhouse that could be host to shotgunning educational programs and safety seminars. “We have had good leadership on the Board of Directors during the last few years, and that has contributed greatly to our advancement.” Gerry is currently serving on the ACS Board of Directors, and is always ready to listen to member input. Many thanks to Dr. Gerry Lawler for all of his years of support for ACS, and a big congratulation for overcoming a big obstacle for a sport that he loves!

Sporting Clays Event Slated for October 22nd!

The first ever Meals on Wheels Sporting Clays Classic Fundraiser is slated for October 22 at Abilene Clay Sports. Sponsorship levels and shooter slots remain available. Registration information can be obtained by calling 325.672.5050. Don't miss this important fundraiser and contribute to this worthy organization!

***meals
on wheels***
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Bob Newberry and Doug Kreitler



Mr. and Ms. Terry Bailey



Nationals 2005



Frank Sanchez, David Bishop, Steve Ellinger, Coy Bailey



Green Course



Yvonne and Ron Batts on Vendor Row



Shooter Ready?



Nationals 2005

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



Abilene Firefighters Shoot Sporting!

Abilene Clay Sports hosted 18 firefighters from around the state on September 17 for an afternoon of sporting clays. According to ACS General Manager Don Dunn, the group enjoyed a 100 target course with a variety of targets ranging from easy to moderate. Many of the group expressed an interest in joining the club, or returning soon for more of the fun! Thanks to Don and Patty for providing a great deal of assistance for this event.

Abilene Clay Sports Board of Directors Meetings

The Board of Directors of Abilene Clay Sports are scheduled to meet on the following dates for the remainder of 2005. All members are invited to attend the meetings, which will start promptly at 7:00pm. The meetings are held at the clubhouse facility.

October 12th
December 7th

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.

