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Hendrick Home Classic Field Nears 300! Jeff Phillips wins with a Champion's score of 98

Attendance records at Abilene Clay Sports were shattered on August 27 during the Hendrick Home For Children Sights on Success Sporting Clays Classic. A field of competitors nearing the 300 mark battled for the top score ultimately claimed by Jeff Phillips of Dallas. Jeff turned in a remarkable score of 98. Hendrick Home staff and a cadre of volunteers from the Junior League of Abilene, Dyess AFB, Wylie High School and others performed flawlessly to make this major fundraiser a near perfect tournament. The pleasant temperatures of the morning rotations gave way to the August heat later in the day, with gallons of water being distributed throughout the event. This year's tournament featured an optional sponsor's only opportunity to tackle the targets on Friday evening. Hendrick Home officials seemed pleased with the Friday participation hosting around 50 entries. The targets set by ACS general manager were enjoyed by all, but contained a couple of skill testing presentations on station 6 and 7! Lunch on the grounds was by Betty Rose's, with a spectacular effort by Outback Steakhouse during dinner, serving a sold out crowd of 550 guests! So what does this type of event raise for Hendrick Home? According to Hendrick Home's Barbara Dahl, the first four years of this event has raised approximately one quarter of a million dollars for the kids at the home. Abilene Clay Sports is pleased to be a part of such a fine event, for such a worthy



Mr. and Ms. Jeff Phillips

More Photos of the Hendrick Home Classic, Page 6!



Competitors in 2004 ready for the targets on NSCA's green course in San Antonio. See page 4 for details.



A fast pair of low and curving targets tested skills at station 11 during the Hendrick Home Sporting Clays Classic.

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 the October Issue of ACSNews

Shoot Info. Call 325.692.9002

Event Champion

Winner Ken Perry

The Midwest Gaming Sporting Invitational!

The second annual *Midwest Gaming Invitational* took place at ACS on July 30th with 30 competitors taking a crack at winning one of three custom designed trophy belt buckles. Hosted by ACS member **Brian Huntley**, the event featured a handicap scoring system that made the event results quite entertaining! Top shooter was **Ken Perry** with a great score of 185/200. The green course winner was host Brian Huntley, and the red course winner was Reid Kyker. The tourney featured a 200 bird sporting course including 5-stand and 20 double trap targets. The previous evening's rain clouds cleared away giving the event a fabulous weather factor. A special thanks to Don and Patty Dunn for all of their preparatory work on the event.

Event Host Brian Huntley

Robert Pollan

Lisa Adams

Dale Scoggins, Alan Daugherty



The rains broke just in time for Abilene Clay Sports to host the August "Hotter 'N Hell" registered Sporting Clays event. Thirty competitors spent the day smashing the targets and enjoying a very unseasonable 75 degrees. Despite the title of this competition, the weather was great, with the recent rains providing a nice green course. Congratulations go to master class shooter **Gene Sherrod** for posting a great score of 91 for high overall winner!



Main Event

Master Class: AA Class: A Class: B Class: D Class: E Class: H Class: Gene Sherrod David Vaughn John Davis Shane Davis Reid Kyker Cindy Davis Brad Johnson

Five Stand

Master Class: A Class: B Class: Mike Cornell Brian Huntley Shane Davis

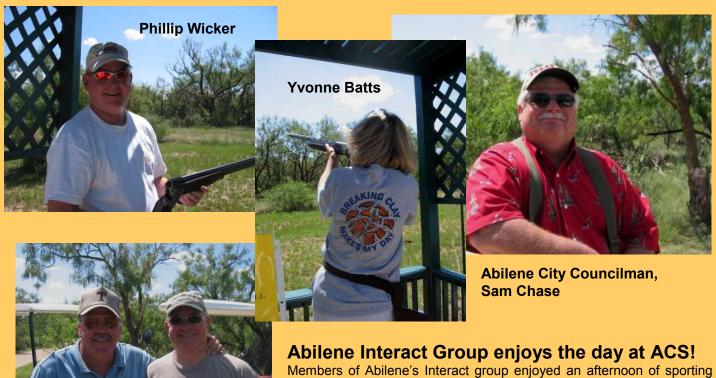
ACS Member Profile, Mr. Dale Scoggins



Mr. Dale Scoggins

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"The absolute best thing that this club has done has been the recent facility upgrades", commented our featured September member Mr. Dale Dale has certainly seen the Scoggins. transformation of the club through the years as he has been a member since about 1970. Dale was born in Dennison, Texas, but arrived in Abilene while in the Air Force piloting C-130s. The 59 year old Scoggins is a fan of sporting clays as his favorite clay sport, shooting a Beretta 391 12 gauge with 30" barrels. Asked why he prefers sporting, Dale indicated that he "likes the variety and difficulty of targets as compared to the other clay target disciplines". Prior to adopting sporting, Dale was an avid registered skeet shooter. While not practicing or competing in his favorite sport, Dale makes his living as a real estate consultant. Dale, like many of us, started the clay target sport as a means to improve his wingshooting skills, but as so often happens, decided that the clay target sport was perhaps more fun that actual hunting. He was hooked on the sport after entering the Hendrick Home and DRI events. "There was no going back at that point; it is just too much fun!" Dale would like to see continued facility improvements including a possible pavilion, and an enlarged clubhouse facility to be used for instructional purposes. In addition, he would like to see more youth oriented activities promoted at ACS, such as the Boy Scouts, and more 4-H events. Dale also is currently serving on the ACS Board of Directors. 3



clays on August 21. Perfect summer weather played host to the group with dinner prepared by Dr. Russell Dressen. An informal competition was the order for the day, with Shane Davis taking the top shooter spot!

Danny Stephens, Lynn Wilkinson

Have You Registered for the Nationals Yet?

The largest sporting clays event in the world is just a couple of weeks away. The National Sporting Clays Association National Championship in San Antonio will be held September 14-18., drawing well over 1500 entries from around the country. Not going to compete? Consider simply driving to the National Shooting Complex and watch the best clay target shooters in the world, or shop among all of the vendors along vendor row. Look for a complete write-up of ACS member's activities at the Nationals in next month's **ACSNews**. For more information, contact **Steve Ellinger** at **695.6281**!





Butch Roberson

Also Seen at ACS in August...



Connie McElroy



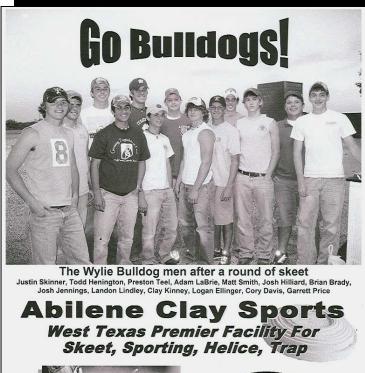
Logan Ellinger, Elaine Day



Getting last minute practice for the upcoming dove hunting season is at left, Blake Vogler, and at right, Landon Vogler.

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Abilene Clay Sports and the Community...

As part of Abilene Clay Sports commitment to the community, we actively participate in not only non-profit fundraisers, but make our presence known in other ways. The ad at left is currently running in the Wylie Independent School District football program, available at all home games this year. The ad is a full page format. ACS is proud to back the state 3-A football champions!

