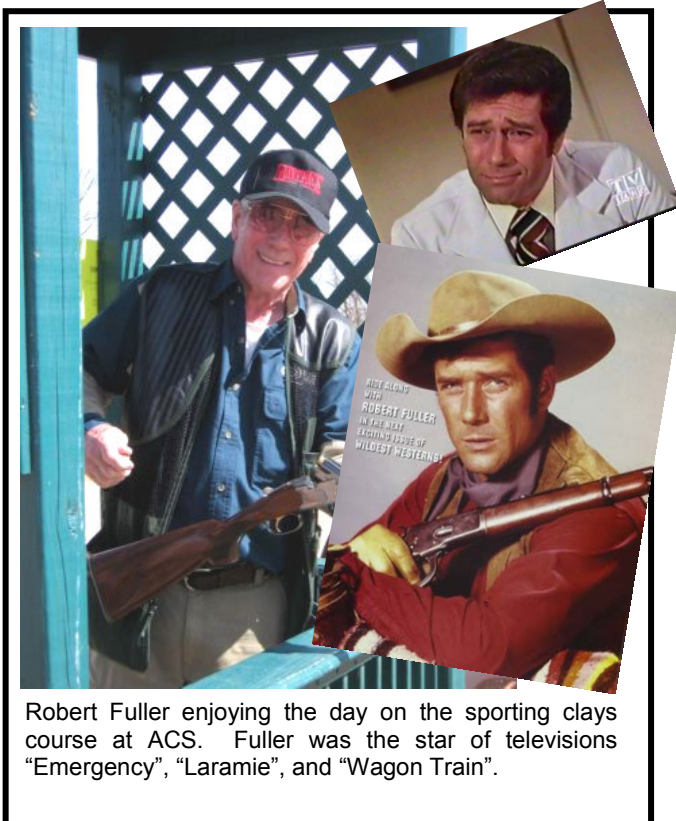


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Hollywood and Abilene Clay Sports!



Robert Fuller enjoying the day on the sporting clays course at ACS. Fuller was the star of televisions "Emergency", "Laramie", and "Wagon Train".

Abilene Clay Sports hosted the 2006 celebrity sporting clays event on February 9th as part of a fundraiser for Abilene's Disability Resources Incorporated. This event, a part of the Big Country Celebrity Quail Hunt is now in its 17th year. Perfect and unseasonably warm weather allowed the participants to enjoy an absolutely fabulous day of sporting.

Among those who were enjoying the afternoon at ACS were Robert Fuller, star of the television classics, "Laramie", "Wagon Train", and "Emergency", Steve Kanaly, star of the "Dallas" television series, Roy Rogers Jr., singer Gary Morris, Anne Lockhart, former Texas Tech head coach Spike Dykes, astronaut Charles Duke, and others. Participants also participated in informal 5-stand and helice shooting. The event was the perfect opportunity for the celebrities to brush up on their shooting skills necessary for the next two days of quail hunting. Winchester Ammunition was the ammunition sponsor and provided all of the "AA" target loads they could shoot! Robert Fuller commented "I cannot remember when I have had so much fun shooting, and have shot this much." See more coverage of this event on page 4 of this issue of ACSNews!

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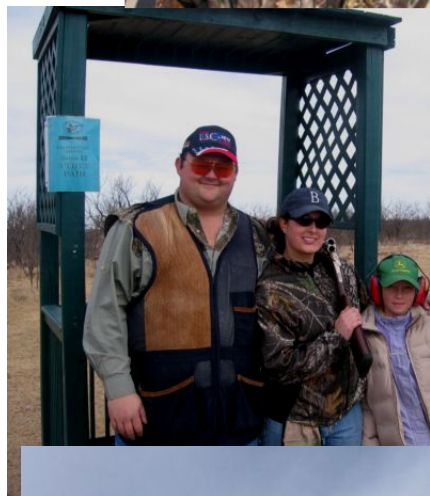
Curtis Anderson Takes the Presidential Classic Top Spot at ACS

Midland's Curtis Anderson was the victor at Abilene Clay Sports February Presidential Shoot. High winds and early cool temperatures, coupled with quite challenging target presentations required the 44 competitors to really earn their scores. The pair of targets from the tower proved to be the deal breaker for many of the shooters, but Anderson proved once again why he is consistently in the champions circle. Targets were set by Don Dunn, who maintained a rather sinister grin during the day while looking at the scores. Fried catfish was served during lunch. Re-shoots were few as most decided to head home to watch the Super Bowl later that day. Class winners are shown on page 2 of this edition of ACSNews. Congratulations to Curtis Anderson!



Presidential Shoot Event Winners

Master Class	Curtis Anderson
AA Class Winner	Louis Hall
A Class Winner	Steve Ellinger
B Class Winner	Terry Bailey
C Class Winner	Brad Johnson
D Class Winner	Richard Greenawalt
E Class Winner	Joe New
H Class Winner	Sarah Burnett



March Member Profile, Mr. Don Wadsworth

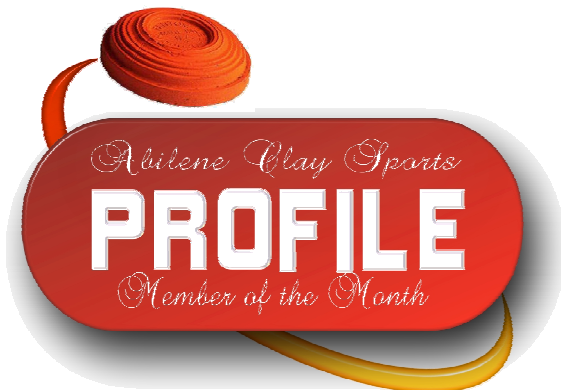
Few people at Abilene Clay Sports can claim that they were there at the time and place of the beginning of sporting clays, but our ACS March member profile Mr. Don Wadsworth can. Born in 1934 in West Virginia, Don made his home in and around the area, graduating from West Virginia University in 1956. Ten days later, Don joined the U.S. Air Force and found himself in navigation school in Harlingen, Texas. After learning how to navigate, he was stationed in Bermuda as a hurricane hunter. *"It's true that the eye of the storm is calm, in fact, that's where we always ate our lunch!"* 1960 saw Don moving to Langley AFB, back in Virginia assigned to tanker flights. In 1963 Don was again reassigned, this time to C-130's. Two years later, Don found himself active in the Vietnam War, stationed in the Philippines, living out of tents.

Dyess AFB here in Abilene became Don's home in 1966, and saw the beginning of his involvement with our club. You may recall from the history of our organization that the move to Lake Kirby was in 1967. In 1972 Don was assigned to England for a four year time period. While in England, Don began participating with his Winchester 101 in a new sport called "sporting clays" that had just been developed at some of the English shooting clubs. *"They had traps in trees and anywhere else that could stick one."* The sport would not make the move to the U.S. for some time. In 1976, Don returned to Abilene, retired from the air force in 1977, and has remained here since. Never one to sit around doing



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nothing, Don took on other tasks including a paper route, driving 120 miles each night, dispatching for Pride refining at the Abilene airport, and then for Dillard's Department Store where he stayed for 16 years.



So what has been the biggest change the club has gone through since 1967? Well, according to Don, the addition of the sporting clays program that he saw born in England has been the single largest improvement that the club has made. Indeed, Don was one of the original members, along with Dean Oehlke, Steve Ellinger, Bill Baxter and a few of our friends from San Angelo who designed and constructed our sporting course. *"Skeet and trap has gone by the wayside, with sporting the way to go."* Don enjoys sporting the most of all clay target shooting sports. *"It's something different every time."* Don enjoys his 30" Browning 435 the most, and feels

that he shoots it the best.. He shoots factory loads during tournaments, and reloads for practice. The long crosser gives Don the biggest challenge, and lately the big tower has been giving Don a few headaches.

Don has been very active in keeping our facility in tip-top shape for many years. During the summer months, there is hardly a day that Don is not operating our mower keeping the club looking good for our members and guests. Assisting our general manager Don Dunn on keeping the grounds in good shape has been something that Don enjoys, and we hope that he will continue to offer such dedication. Don would like to see the club find a way to install another sporting clays course in the future, perhaps east of the skeet fields. *"The club is as much fun as it was in the late 1960's, but a much better place."* We agree, and in many ways, due to Don's involvement. We also want to thank Don's wonderful wife Nancy who graces us with her presence several times during the year, for allowing us to steal Don's time. Don and Nancy have three kids, Tom, Judy, and Amy, all grown of course, and a herd of grandkids. Thanks Don for all of your hard work. We may just name the mower after you!



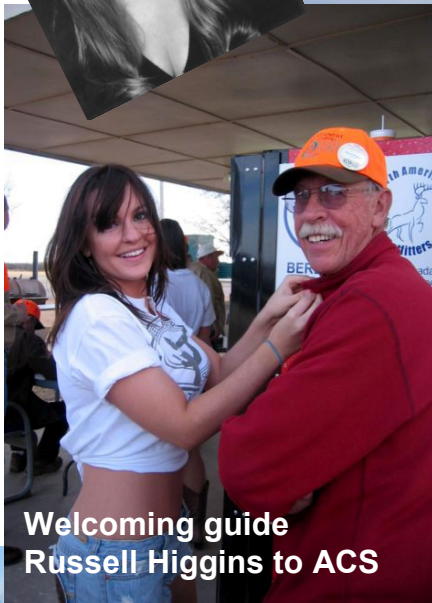
Star actress
Anne Lockhart



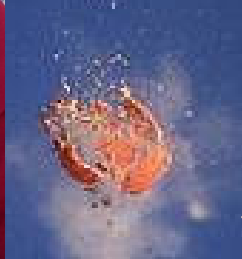
Steve Kanaly, star of T.V.'s Dallas



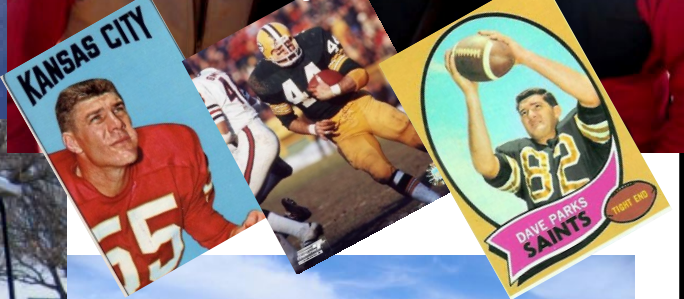
Brenda and John Disanti



Welcoming guide
Russell Higgins to ACS



Football legends
E.J. Holub Donny Anderson Dave Parks



Abilene Clay Sports Welcome Committee



Dustin Rogers, Roy Rogers Jr., and
ACS member Ron Batts

ACS Launches Website!

Yes you read that right! Abilene Clay Sports is proud to announce the official launch of our website and homepage, www.abileneclaysports.com. ACS is now on the World Wide Web! Beginning on March 1st, shooters around the world can log on and see our great facility, stay up to date on our calendar of events, get membership and location information, see the current and archived past newsletters, and see great photos of our past events. The Board of Directors authorized club President Steve Ellinger to pursue the development of the website as an effort to continue the broad promotion of our facility, and increase the ease of being able to stay advised of our upcoming events. The launch of the website is in conjunction of the release of this issue of ACSNews. Log on, take a look, and let us know what you think!



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Abilene Clay Sports....

Spring Clean Day!

March 18!

Looking for an opportunity to make a fun and meaningful contribution to the club? Participate in the Abilene Clay Sports Spring Clean Day on **March 18th**! Help us get the club grounds in top shape for the upcoming spring target season. The fun starts at 9:00am. You need not bring anything but a smile. The club will put on the hot dogs at noon for those who are helping. Some of the things that we need help with include painting the white pipe rails, cleaning up some old materials on the sporting course, sweeping the houses and other simple tasks. All members are encouraged to attend. For more information call Don Dunn at 325.602.9002.

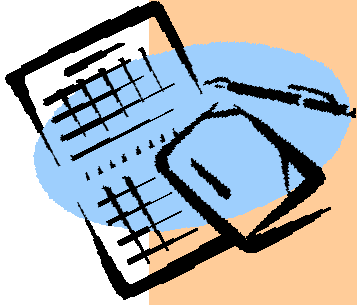


West Texas Rehabilitation Center Event Nears, Slated for April 1st

It almost here, the **West Texas Rehabilitation Center's** Top Gun Sporting Clays Classic. Mark your calendars now for April 1st. Don't miss this annual sporting extravaganza. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information or for entry information, call Dan Huggins at 325.793.3400



Upcoming Events at Abilene Clay Sports!



March 4th

April 1st

April 9th
 April 28th, 29th
 May 13th
 May 20th
 June 4th
 June 17th
 July 1st-2nd
 July 29th
 August 19th
 August 25th, 26th
 September 9th
 September 14th-17th
 October 7th
 October 15th
 November 19th
 December 10th

Registered Sporting Clays

West Texas Rehabilitation Center Sporting Clays Event

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 Boy Scouts, Texas Trails Classic Sporting Clays Event
 Registered Sporting Clays
 Disability Resources Incorporated Sporting Clays Event
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 Abilene Christian Schools Sporting Clays Event
 Registered Sporting Clays Event
 Ben Richey Boys Ranch Benefit Event
 Registered Sporting Clays Event
 Hendrick Home Sporting Clays Event
 Children's Miracle Network "Legends" Sporting Event
 NSCA Nationals Championship, San Antonio
 Meals on Wheels Sporting Clays Classic Benefit Event
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SHOOT INFORMATION CALL 325.692.9002



PMC Cartridges now available at ACS!

The high quality line of PMC cartridges is now available from Yucca Knob Shooters Supply / Abilene Clay Sports at very attractive prices. Contact Don Dunn for pricing and availability at 325.692.9002



TRAPSHOOTING IN STYLE!