

The vintager

The Newsletter of the
Order of Edwardian
Gunners -- Fall 2015

President's Message

Greetings Fellow Vintagers,

As some of you know, the Founding Fathers and Board of Directors passed the Order of Edwardian Gunners torch to a new Board and slate of officers. I, probably not of sound mind, accepted the responsibility of President.



Sterling McDevitt has accepted the position of Vice President. Thank you, Sterling. We are still working to fill the offices of Treasurer and Secretary. Anyone interested may contact me.

I, as well as the rest of you, share a common interest: the love of shotgunning. I have loved shotgunning since the '60's. My mom and dad would drop me off at my grandfather's after church on Sunday to go skeet shooting. Until then, I just had a BB gun that fired one pellet. Wow, having 350 pellets, how could I miss! I shot 6 out of 25. I still thought it was very cool. Through the years my score has gotten a little better - well maybe not - but the zeal is just as strong as the first time I pulled the trigger on that GHE Parker back in '64. All of our stories are different, but the passion is the same. My desire as your President for the next two years is to find more enthusiasts and bring them into this group. I encourage each of you to go to your local grouse, quail, pheasant, duck and any other group of shotgunners and show them what we do.

We are at this time redoing the web site. Some additional things we are looking at are a forum to let members talk about shot-gunning and a "For Sale" section. If any of you have experience in developing things like this please contact me or Matt Haney. We would appreciate your help.

The next thing is the Vintage Cup. We are planning that event now. We are still looking at the September time frame. As soon as I get a firm date I will let you know. Posted with this is our budget for the next year. It has been approved by the board. Any questions about it can be directed to me.

Going forward let's remember this. We are brothers and sisters. Sometimes brothers and sisters disagree but we are still brothers and sisters. So grab that side-by-side and let's go out and have a good time.

I would like to extend a special thanks to the founding Fathers, Frank Conroy, Jack Dudley, Chris Gilgun and Ray Poudrier, and out-going officers, John Chudzik and Mike Jewett, for putting this organization together as well as to the current Board.

In closing let me say this: belonging to this group has been one of the highlights of my life. Getting together with you bunch of knuckle-heads, sharing stories, having a nice meal, smoking a good cigar around one of the tents and drinking all of (Carolina President) Bob Nay's beer is pure wonderfulness.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President. The pay is great!

Hammers back,

Gary Lacey
President, Order Edwardian Gunners



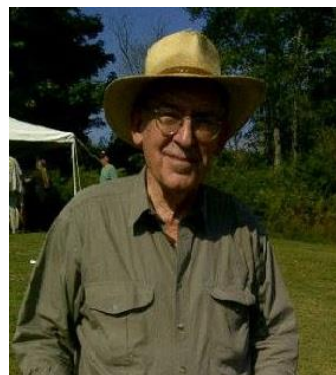
The President with his Boss.

P.S. The next Vintage Cup is being planned for September 2016. More details to follow.

Vice President's Message

My Fellow Vintagers,

Every Vintager has a story. Here is mine. I came late to shotgunning. In about 2000, at age 62, I purchased my first side by side shotgun, went on my first pheasant hunt, attended my first Vintage Cup, met Ray Poudrier and the other Vintager founding fathers and joined the Vintagers. Those events changed and ultimately enriched my life. Since then, I have shot regularly with the Northeast Chapter, frequently with the Alabama Chapter, and a few times with the Carolinas Chapter, participated in every Vintage Cup since 2001, and enjoyed countless gourmet meals, great wines, and fine cigars, in the splendid company of fellow Vintagers from all over the country. Since then, I have also amassed a collection of a dozen classic side-by-sides and hunted grouse and woodcock in New England, dove and quail in Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi, guinea fowl and Egyptian geese in South Africa, and driven grouse, pheasant and partridge in England and Scotland. I am living proof that being a Vintager does not require great shooting skills, just a pretty gun, a necktie, the right attitude, and a little hedonism.



I shall always be indebted to Ray, Frank, Jack, and Chris for establishing the Order of Edwardian Gunners, and welcoming me into this wonderful fraternity. I volunteered to assist Gary Lacey as national Vice President because I wanted to help him assure that our organization survives, grows, and prospers, and share our passion with future generations of enthusiasts. Our new national



Sterling hunting geese in South Africa.

structure, with the Presidents of our largest chapters serving on the Board, should encourage the sharing of ideas amongst the chapters, and help the national organization be responsive to the priorities of the membership. The new board members are already bringing new energy to the Board. And we still benefit from the experience of Ray Poudrier, past National President, who continues to serve as President of the Northeast Chapter and remains on the Board. I am optimistic about our future.

I encourage every Vintager who would like to make a meaningful contribution to their chapter or to the national organization to volunteer to do so. Gary Lacey has mentioned some specific roles we need filled at the national level in his letter. And each of us can help recruit new

members. I personally would like to see us recruit more women and members under 40. They are the future.

Hammers back, barrels up!

Sterling McDevitt
Vice President
Order of Edwardian Gunners

Editor's Note

Hello All,

This first crude effort, will, I hope be the first of many Vintager newsletters I work on for the organization. I want thank Mike Jewett for his help during this transition. While I'm looking forward to the challenge of producing this publication, I can use help from everyone. We want *The Vintager* to be informative and entertaining; more than just another email attachment to be glanced at and deleted.

To that end, I'm asking all Vintagers to submit contributions. It can be anything from chapter news to hunting stories to poetry. I know we have some good writers among our membership.

I'd also love photos of guns along with any background information you have on them. I know many of us have guns with documented histories and hopefully, we're adding our own stories. We would like to hear them.

So please share. You can email submissions to me at: mmhaney@comcast.net.

Thank you!

Matt Haney
President, Ga. Vintagers

Vintagers 2016 Expense Budget

Newsletter - prep, print, postage	\$2,900
Insurance	\$2,435
Office supplies/equipment/postage	\$1,000
Phone services	\$1,000
Provision for legal services	\$1,000
Web site - hosting, design, & development	\$1,075
PO Box rent	\$150
Contingency 10% of all above	\$956
Total:	\$10,516.00

Current Balances

Current Bank balance as of 11/01/15	\$5,478.65
memberships receivable	\$0.00
expenses payable	\$0.00
chapter share of dues payable	\$140.00
Net:	\$5,338.65

2016 Estimated income

Estimated 2016 dues income:	\$9,675
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Chapters & Events

VINTAGERS NATIONAL OFFICE

Contact: Gary Lacey, President -- 678-622-5337 -- vintagers1901@gmail.com

ALABAMA

Contact: Ron Wolff, President -- 205-482-0232 -- lobowolff8@hotmail.com

Most Tuesdays or Wednesdays -- contact Ron to get on the email invitation/advisory list
January 16, 2016 -- Continental Pheasant Shoot
April 2016 -- TBD -- Annual Fun Shoot

NORTHEAST (NEW ENGLAND)

Contact: Ray Poudrier, President -- 413-339-5347 -- vintagersray@hotmail.com

December 4 -- Addieville East Farm, Mapleville, RI*
*Food provided by Chef Andy Lussier of Culinary Connections

DOWN EAST (MAINE)

Contact: Pete Kogut, President -- 603-755-3007 -- doubleguncases@peoplepc.com

2016 Events Pending

SUNSHINE (FLORIDA)

Contact: Hal M. Hare, President -- 863-583-4858 -- hal.hare@sbcglobal.net

December 12 -- Tampa Bay Sporting Clays, Land-of-Lakes, FL
February 25-28 -- World Vintage Shotgun Championships, Gator Skeet & Trap Club,
Gainesville, FL

GROUSE HALL (PENNSYLVANIA)

Contact: Brian Buckman, President -- 215-518-8942 -- brian.buckman9@gmail.com

2016 Events Pending

LEATHERSTOCKING (CENTRAL NEW YORK)

Contact: Don Nickerson, President -- 607-638-9258 -- negrouse1@hotmail.com

2016 Events Pending

GEORGIA

Contact: Matt Haney, President -- 404-783-0615 -- mmhaney@comcast.net

We shoot most Saturdays or Sundays. Contact us to meet up.
Jan. 30, 2016 -- Pheasant Tower Shoot, Circle W Sporting Clays

MAGNOLIA CHAPTER (MISSISSIPPI/TENNESSEE)

Contact: Harry Pasisis, President -- 662-295-7224

2016 Events Pending

CAROLINA

Contact: Bob Nay, President -- 704-796-6364 -- RNAY@carolina.rr.com

December 5, Rocky Creek Sporting Clays and Drummond Farm, Richburg, SC
Feb. 26-28, 2016 -- Backwoods Quail Club, Georgetown, SC
(Tower Pheasant shoot on Feb. 27 -- sporting clays all three days)

LONG ISLAND/GOLD COAST (NEW YORK)

Contact: Randell Beck, President - 515-509-6943 -- beckrandell@gmail.com

2016 events pending

BUCKEYE (OHIO)

Contact: Mark Douglas, President -- hi-sport@sbcglobal.net

2016 Events Pending

Gun of the Issue



This Parker D Grade hammer gun left the factory in Meriden, Connecticut in February of 1889 for the New York City store of Schoverling, Daly & Gales. The 30-inch damascus barrels are choked modified and full and the gun was ordered with 2 7/8-inch chambers. While the stock and barrels have had some restoration done, the lock plates and hammers retain much of their original finish.