

VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.VINTAGERS.ORG

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE EDWARDIAN GUNNER

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Twenty years ago four friends (Frank Conroy, Chris Gilgun, Jack Dudley and myself) who were lovers of side-by-side shotguns decided to form a club dedicated to their use as clays guns. Mostly they had fallen out of favor as target guns. The O/U reigned supreme for most shotgun sports and it continues today with encroachment by semi-autos due to their decreased recoil. Alas that relegated these marvelous SxSs to the uplands. The law requiring the use of non-toxic shot for waterfowl further dealt a blow to the use of these old guns. Vintagers to the rescue!

Twenty years ago one could purchase a Purdy, Boss, Holland & Holland or other notable damascus hammer guns for very little money. Not so today! Also, currently, we have tournaments from the Vintage Cup to the Uper(sp?) solely dedicated to the use of SxSs for clays. We've come a long way...

During my lifetime I've always admired those people who would do a marvelous job at their chosen profession for an entire career. I wasn't one of them. To me 20 years doing the same thing is enough. (15 years teaching high school science and math, 17 years as gunsmith and custom gun maker, and finally, 20 years as president of the Vintagers, Order of Edwardian Gunners) It is, therefore, time to launch another career, that of a retiree.

To that end I am giving notice to all Vintagers that I am seeking nominations from all of you. Who would you like to see as your next president? The duties of president would be determined between the nominee and the board of directors but would certainly include the newsletter, insurances, dues, selection of his cabinet and the like. I have never taken money other than travel reimbursement, but there could be a small stipend—to be determined. Email me your selection at vintagersray@hotmail.com. My official day of retirement will be the day we confirm a new president.

Ray

Hammers Back

Ray Poudrier, President

IN THIS ISSUE:

WELCOME MAGNOLIA CHAPTER	2
LETTER FROM DOWN UNDER	3
NEWS FROM CAROLINA VINTAGERS	3
VINTAGER BIRTHDAYS	6
CHAPTER CONTACTS	6
VINTAGER EVENTS	7
VINTAGERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL	INSERT



A NEW CHAPTER OF VINTAGERS

THE MAGNOLIA CHAPTER is proud to be a new chapter of the Edwardian Vintagers. The Magnolia Chapter is a collection of Ladies and Gentlemen in the Mississippi and Tennessee area that understand and appreciate the fine art of vintage shooting. Based at Prairie Wildlife in West Point, MS this chapter looks forward to being a part of a group of Gentlemen and Gentlewomen who appreciate the guns, attire and habits of the Vintage Years. The chapter has hosted successful Gentlemen Shoots in the past and is planning many more. We have a pending Vintagers Shoot with Purdey Fine Gun Makers for March 2015, details to follow. As most events will be hosted at Prairie Wildlife we encourage all members of the association to visit the website and view the selection of shooting and hunting opportunities available. Please contact Harry Pasisis at 662-295-7224, hpasisis@prairiewildlife.com or our website at www.prairiewildlife.com



**FROM OUR FRIENDS
DOWN UNDER:**

Dear Ray and Melanie

First of all my sincere thanks to you both for your kind hospitality and loan of guns during my visit to the Vintagers Championship at Dover Plains. It was a great event and a wonderful experience for me (memento photo attached).

I finally arrived back in Australia last Saturday night and went to a Vintagers shoot here on Sunday morning- not exactly ideal preparation for a good result, but nevertheless and enjoyable day (with great weather, similar to that at DP).

Ray, I showed the photographs of your gun to Peter Smith, our President of Vintagers Victoria, who has considerable expertise in English doubles and kindly offered his assistance. He commented that it was clearly a fine gun and that the barrel proof marks (London) relate to manufacture between 1898 and 1904. Upon further research, Peter contacted me earlier today to advise that Arthur James Rudd was indeed a gunmaker, based at 54 London St, Norwich, Norfolk (over in the East of England) between 1897 and 1909.

It is quite likely that the sidelock action was "bought in" by Rudd and whilst the pin orientation and hidden third bite should provide clues to its origin, nobody at the club could be certain of the manufacturer and only a close inspection inside the locks is likely to provide confirmation. Perhaps a Webley & Scott or Stanton, since they were major suppliers of excellent quality actions to the trade.

Peter and I like a challenge and will do further research to see whether we can get any further information on A J Rudd and his provenance. In the meantime, fraternal best wishes from Vintagers "Down Under"!

Best Regards, Martin Scarlett



Martin Scarlett with Melanie and Ray Poudrier at the Vintagers booth at this year's Vintage Cup



Carolina Vintagers Bill Curry, Phillip Floyd and Don Amos at River Bend Resort in Fingerville, SC in 2010.

From the publishers of **SHOOTING SPORTSMAN**

The world's first online magazine devoted to wingshooting and fine guns!


Always FREE!



Interactive • Unique Content • Easy to Use
Loads Instantly • Available Wherever You Are

www.SportingShot.com

The Upland Almanac
Bird Hunting • Dogs & Dog Training • Shotgun Enthusiasts



A glossy, colorful quarterly publication featuring expanded North American as well as overseas destinations, regular columns on fine shotguns, culinary secrets, dog handling and much more!

Contact us for a Free Trial Copy!

Wolfe Publishing Co.
2180 Gulfstream, Ste. A, Prescott, AZ 86301
Ph: 800-899-7810
www.uplandalmanac.com
info@uplandalmanac.com



Robin Hollow Outfitters
Dealers of Fine Guns & Sporting Accessories

Robin Hollow Outfitter • 200 B Pheasant Drive, Mapleville, RI
401-568-0331 • rhoemail@aol.com



Barbour®

The annual Vintage Cup embodies all of the traditional, heritage elements that are key to the Barbour brand. This year's event was a huge success, and we would like to thank you for all of your hospitality and support.

www.Barbour.com

[Facebook.com/OfficialBarbour](https://www.facebook.com/OfficialBarbour)

[@OfficialBarbour](https://twitter.com/OfficialBarbour)



JOHN LIBERATI BOOKS



Buying and Selling Used and Out-of Print Sporting Books



jlibooks@optimum.net
36 Park Circle
White Plains, NY 10603
914-428-2654

Steve Cobb

DEALER IN FINE FIREARMS

American, English & European Guns

BOUGHT AND SOLD

908-234-0644

<http://www.stevcobbguns.com>

SHOOTER'S HIGHLAND

3067 Main Street, Valatie, NY 12184
(518)758-1488 • Fax: (518)758-8766

Joe Nastke

Dealer in Fine Sporting Guns
& Sporting Accessories
Largest Archery Dealer

GUNS FOR SALE
can be listed here
FREE to Vintager members
Please submit materials to:
vintagersray@hotmail.com



November

- 5 Stephen Howell, SC
- 6 Howard Cunningham, NH
- 6 Matt Haney, GA
- 9 Jennifer Beck, NY
- 12 Judge John Bryan, AL
- 12 Stewart McDowell, NC
- 16 Tom McCoy, NC
- 16 Marcus Stolz, Switzerland
- 17 Pam Tepedino, MA
- 19 David Harrison, NC
- 25 Mason Alexander, NC
- 28 Joe Norcom, NC

December

- 3 Ray Poudrier, MA
- 5 Joseph Catania, CT
- 5 Mark Douglas, OH
- 7 Steven Kurlanski, CT
- 8 Chris Berris, CT
- 8 George Stanton, MD
- 12 Robert Merritt, MA
- 14 Mal MacGregor, NH
- 17 Vito Bonaiuto, CT
- 17 Raymond E. Williams, VA
- 18 Harry Pasisis, MS
- 19 Buggy Graves, SC
- 20 Al Poudrier, ME
- 22 Kemp Pace, CO
- 23 Russell P. Hughes, NH
- 28 Phillip Floyd, NC
- 29 Gary Lacey, GA
- 30 Stephen Cobb, NJ

Contact Information for all Chapters

ALABAMA

John Johnson, President
205-980-4890
JOHNJ@mortgageamerica.com

BUCKEYE, OH:

Mark Douglas, President
hi-sport@sbcglobal.net

CAROLINA:

Bill Curry, President
704-523-2293 • jwwcurry@yahoo.com

DOWN EAST, ME:

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

LEATHERSTOCKING, NY:

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

LONG ISLAND GOLD COAST

Randell Beck, President
516-509-6943 • beckrandell@gmail.com

NORTHEAST:

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

ROCKY MOUNTAIN, CO:

Robert Nikkel, President
970-214-1605 • renikkel@q.com

SUNSHINE, FLA:

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

New!

MAGNOLIA, MISSISSIPPI/TENNESSEE:

Harry Pasisis, President
662-295-72248 • hpasisis@prairiewildlife.com

In case of an error or an omission,
please call 413-339-5347

What's going on in your chapter?
Spread the word & stay up to date at
www.vintagers.org

2014/2015 UPCOMING EVENTS

BUCKEYE (OHIO)

2015 Events Pending

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

ALABAMA

February 21, 2015–Pheasant Continental and Dinner,
Selwood Farm, Selwood, AL

Other events pending

Contact: John Johnson, President
205-980-4890 • JOHNJ@mortgageamerica.com

NORTHEAST (NEW ENGLAND)

2015 events pending

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

DOWN EAST (MAINE)

2015 events pending

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

SUNSHINE (FLORIDA)

2015 events pending

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

LEATHERSTOCKING (CENTRAL NEW YORK)

2015 events pending

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

ROCKY MOUNTAIN (COLORADO)

2015 events pending

Contact: Robert Nikkel, President
970-214-1605 • renikkel@q.com

CAROLINA

December 6, 2014–Rocky Creek Sporting Clays and
Drummond Farm, Richburg, SC

2015 Dates Tentative

January 9-11–River Bend Resort, Fingerville, SC

February 20-22–Backwoods Quail, Hemingway, SC

March–One day event

April 24-26–Southern Side-by-Side, Sanford, NC

June–The Fork, Norwood, NC

August–Primland Resort, Claudville, VA

October 23-25, 2015–Southern Side-by-Side,
Hemingway, SC

December 5, 2015–Rocky Creek Sporting Clays and
Drummond Farm, Richburg, SC

LONG ISLAND/GOLD COAST (NEW YORK)

2015 events pending

Contact: Randall Beck, President
515-509-6943 • beckrandall@gmail.com



Donna Lussier of our favorite Caterers, Culinary Connections

Address Correction Requested

P.O. Box 31
29 Pond Road
Hawley, MA 01339


413-339-5347
vintagersray@hotmail.com
www.vintagers.org

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014



**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS AT RST
FOR BEING SPONSORS OF THE VINTAGE CUP**

G
e
r
m
a
n
G
u
n
C
o
l
l
e
c
t
o
r
s
A
s
s
o
c
i
a
t
i
o
n



Now Accepting Applications for Membership for 2011!



Who We Are:
We collect and share information on German guns, from the earliest breechloaders to modern hunting and sporting guns, as well as information about the rich heritage of the German hunting tradition.

- ◆ Archive
- ◆ Library
- ◆ Email Coorspondent Groups
- ◆ Member Directory

Tel: 435-979-9723

Email: sales@germanguns.com

Web: www.germanguns.com

GUNNERMAN BOOKS

We carry a tremendous selection of new, used, rare and out of print sporting books. American and British. Books on fine shotguns, shooting, bird dogs, upland bird, waterfowling and big game.

“Can’t find it? We have it!”

P.O. Box 81697
Rochester Hills, MI 48308
248-608-2856
Carol Barnes – Proprietor
Email: gunnermanbooks@att.net

Art Carter Traveling Sportsman Chukka & Shoe



The Art Carter Traveling Sportsman is handsome enough to be worn traveling yet versatile enough to allow you to step from an airplane and go straight to the field. The French Veal Chukka and Shooting Shoe feature water resistant triple vamp construction, hand molded outer soles, heel counters, Vibram Air Bob soles, extra wide cut gussets and cushion collars.

Russell Handmade...the very best money can buy.

See the entire Russell Moccasin catalog on our website...more than 100 styles to choose from. Now with secure on-line ordering capability.

www.russellmoccasin.com



THE W.C. **RUSSELL** MOCCASIN CO.
P.O. Box 309, 285 S.W. Franklin
Berlin, WI 54923-0309
920-361-2252 • Fax: 920-361-3274




L.C. Smith Enthusiasts

Visit www.lcsmith.org for membership information or contact:

Christopher Dunlap
79 Bluebird Trail
Fortson, GA 31808
christopher.g.dunlap@gmail.com

L.C. SMITH COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Vintagers Order of Edwardian Gunners

PLEASE MAIL OR FAX TO: 29 Pond Road, Hawley, MA 01339

Phone: 413.339.5347 • Fax: 413.339.4377 • Email: vintagersray@hotmail.com

Annual Membership \$75.00 (individual) _____

Annual Membership \$120.00 (couple) _____

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

I would like to receive the Vintagers Newsletter via email Yes No

CHAPTER AFFILIATION:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocky Mountain (CO) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buckeye (OH) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine Chapter (Florida) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carolina (NC, SC) | <i>New!</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downeast (ME, Northern NH, Eastern VT) | <input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia (Mississippi/Tennessee) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leatherstocking (Central/Eastern NY) | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaffiliated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long Island Gold Coast (NY) | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm interested in starting my own chapter;
please contact me |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast (New England) | |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Check Enclosed MasterCard Visa Discover

Account # _____ Exp. _____

Signature _____ Date _____