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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE EDWARDIAN GUNNER

NEWS FROM THE (OUTGOING) PRESIDENT

I am very pleased to announce that we have selected a new President for the Order of Edwardian Gunners: John Chudzik. He is taking on this job at about the same age when I began! Working with him will be Mike Jewett as Administrative Assistant taking over the duties from Melanie. Please look for brief introductions to both John and Mike on page 3 of this newsletter as well as new contact information for the National Office. We are delighted to have these two very capable individuals come forward to take over the leadership of the Vintagers. Congratulations! For my part, though I am leaving the presidency of the national organization, I will retain my Board of Directors status as well as the presidency of the Northeast Chapter of the Order.

I make this announcement with a mix of sadness and relief, as it has been a distinct pleasure to have served the Order as its President these last 20 years. The Vintagers, Order of Edwardian Gunners, were, and are, the biggest influence in the resurgence of the side-by-side shotgun, bar none! For that we are a happy lot. We can look forward to more of the same and changes in the near future brought about by youth, enthusiasm and a fresh outlook. In this regard, I hope that you receive John, Mike and staff warmly and work with them for the benefit of all.

Thank you and Hammers Back!

Ray

Raymond Poudrier, Retiring President
Vintagers
Order of Edwardian Gunners



New Vintagers President John Chudzik with retiring President Ray Poudrier in Scotland.

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VINTAGE CUP EVENT AT THE BERETTA SHOOTING GROUNDS IN THE USA



In September, In September, I was able to combine a business trip to the USA with a visit to the 18th US “Vintagers Cup and World Side by Side Championship”, which was held at the Beretta Shooting Grounds in Dover Plains, approx 1 hr drive north of New York.

Prior to my visit, Judith had kindly arranged an introduction for me with US Vintagers President, Ray Poudrier, so I headed there, in the knowledge that an infiltrator from Oz would at least, not be turned away or shot!

While I like New York City, getting away from the bustle and smog made a welcome change. The drive north through the beautiful Connecticut countryside with the leaves just turning, was a pleasure.

Upon arrival, I was welcomed at the Vintagers stand by Ray and his charming wife Melanie, both elegantly dressed in full Edwardian regalia and was presented with a commemorative “Vintagers Side by Side Championship” badge. I was also offered the use of a choice of guns that Ray had very kindly brought from his own collection.

From their US website, I knew that the Beretta Shooting Grounds would be impressive (the aerial view made it look more like a Championship Golf Complex!).

A brief wander around the two huge retail and exhibition marquees left me amazed by the array of “Best” guns, clothes and accessories on display at the 50 or more stalls inside. Later, in the warm Autumnal sunshine, I set off to look around the huge shooting ground itself. The complex is so big that it has its own hotel, a “Pro Shop” and large restaurant/bar to say nothing of the multitude of rifle and clay ranges, radiating out from the shop and restaurant area in a crescent shape. After 20 mins and having checked out only 2 of the 10+ ranges, each nestling beautifully into the natural woodland surroundings, I began to see why the motorised “Gun Buggys” were so popular for getting around!

The choice of warm up events on the Friday and Saturday, before the main “Championship” on the Sunday, was truly impressive:-

- Small gauge 0.410, 32, 28, 24, 20 and 16g in both hammer and hammerless categories
- 12 and 10g in hammerless, hammer and black powder
- The more challenging 12g “Preliminary” event
- 12g open only to “American Classics” eg Fox, Parker etc
- Stopping and Stalking rifle events
- 5 stand practice clay range available all day

Having not had the opportunity to use a 20gauge before, I started with Ray’s very nice 1890’s Liege 20g hammer gun and set off for the practice range. The gun fitted surprisingly well and the combination of quality shells from RST (one of the Cup sponsors) and easy clays resulted in a good score that sent my confidence soaring...foolishly!

As a result, my next choice was one of Ray’s favourites, a fine 12g sidelock by AJ Rudd. He asked that I avoided teaching it any bad habits... little hope of that! So suitably armed, I set off for the 12g “Preliminary” event which, essentially being practice for the Championship, was far more challenging and showed up my lack of regular practice, especially on the two stands of true pairs. The first consisted of a simultaneous fast crosser with a well camouflaged dropping incocker and the second a fast and widely spreading “Springing Teal” pair. Nevertheless, a very enjoyable round with friendly and knowledgeable enthusiasts, some of whom were very accomplished shots.

Unfortunately, I could not attend the Championship event on the Sunday, but can only believe that it would have been an excellent event and a testament to the effort of the organisers. Despite their busy schedule, the hospitality of Ray, Melanie and their team was wonderful and I went away with some great memories.

— *Martin Scarlett*

Article courtesy of Vintagers Australia Chapter

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to our Octogenarions
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 VINTAGER OFFICERS:**

John M. Chudzik, President

I am 48 years old and live in Belchertown, MA, with my wife of ten years, Elizabeth. I am currently a Police Officer in the Town of Amherst and have been with that department for 29 years. I joined the Vintagers in 2002 as a member of the Northeast Chapter and have been involved with many of the recent Vintage Cup gatherings. I try to shoot regularly and can be found at many of the New England sporting clays events trying to hold my own and break half. Generally I am doing it with a side-by-side and never have to worry about anyone picking my gun up out of the rack because they thought it was theirs. I do always say "yes" when someone asks if they can look at the "bird gun" I am using. I look forward to serving the Chapters and the Members of the Order to the best of my abilities and look forward to a great future with the Vintagers.

**Michael Jewett,
 Administrative Assistant**

I am a lifelong shooter currently involved in sporting clays, Civil War Skirmishing (live fire with period firearms), and the Vintagers. My wife of 49 years, Judy, shoots with me on our skirmish team. My career was spent programming, designing, and managing administrative computer systems at Amherst College. — I retired in 2004. I enjoy spending time with my daughter's family and two grandchildren in Saratoga Springs, fishing off Point Judith, and relaxing with a gin and tonic on a warm summer evening.

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A Newsletter for Vintage Ladies and the men who love them...

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT EDWARDIAN SERVANT LIFE?

1. Servants were expected to have matching:

- A. Hairstyles.
- B. Uniforms.
- C. Names.

2. In the hierarchy of servants, those at the bottom of the ladder were:

- A. Footmen.
- B. Valets.
- C. House maids.
- D. Chauffeurs.

3. The most important servants:

- A. Dined regularly with the master.
- B. Were waited on at dinner by their inferiors.
- C. Ate their meals on fine china.

4. Servants' duties included:

- A. Ironing shoelaces.
- B. Cutting the master's toenails.
- C. Ironing newspapers.

5. When her mistress passed by, a house maid was expected to:

- A. Curtsy.
- B. Drop four steps behind.
- C. Face the wall.

More information on this subject can be found in the BBC program, "Servants: The True Story of Life Below Stairs," presented by Dr Pamela Cox (senior lecturer in sociology at the University of Essex), and the book "Life Below Stairs: True Lives of Edwardian Servants" by Alison Maloney.

ANSWERS:

1. A, B, and C.

In addition to wearing mandated, matching uniforms, servants were expected to have matching hairstyles. They were sometimes renamed and given generic names. Popular names for footmen were William, Henry or James. Favorite maid's names were Sarah and Emma. It was the custom in the oldest houses that, when entering into new Service, "lower servants" took on new names given to them by their masters.

2. C.

In class-dominated Britain, there was a strict hierarchy among servants that kept them apart from one another. At the bottom of the ladder were the young girls who could enter service when they were 13, earning a few pounds a year. At the top was the butler, who was paid 10 times more.

3. B and C.

The more important servants, known as "the Pugs", were waited on at dinner by their inferiors and ate from fine china. The Butler was the most important of the downstairs people. He kept the servants away from the owners and the gentry and liaised between the two groups. He was responsible for the servants and answerable to the gentry.

4. A, B, and C.

Apparently nothing was considered too menial. Records show that a personal valet's duties included ironing shoelaces, newspapers, and cutting their masters' toenails.

5. C.

Lower servants, especially house maids, were supposed to be neither seen nor heard. When the gentry passed by, they were expected to "give way". This meant to face the wall (avert eyes and look away). Documents from the time read as follows: "While the Housemaids will clean the House during the day, they should make every care and attention never to be observed by you doing their duties. If by chance you do meet, you should expect them to "give way" to you by standing still and averting their gaze, whilst you walk past, leaving them unnoticed. By not acknowledging them, you will spare them the shame of explaining their presence. It is not expected that you take the trouble to remember the names of all your Staff. Indeed, in order to avoid obliging you to converse with them, Lower Servants will endeavour to make themselves invisible to you. As such they should not be acknowledged."



January

- 1 Bob Holliday, SC
- 1 Mike Jewett, MA
- 1 Ron York, NC
- 6 Mark Baumgarten, WI
- 6 Carl Hein, CT
- 9 Annette Marie Burke, RI
- 10 David Basten, VA
- 12 Brian Fawcett, WA
- 15 Roger Odle, CA
- 18 Mike Jarina, NC
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NORTHEAST (NEW ENGLAND)

April 3–East Glastonbury Fish & Game, Marlborough, CT*

May 8–Addieville East Farm, Mapleville, RI*, with the
Down East Chapter

June 5–Peace Dale Shooting Preserve, Peace Dale, RI*

July–Barre Sportsmen's Club, Barre, MA*

August 14–Westford Sportsmen's Club, Westford, MA*

October 16–East Glastonbury Fish & Game,
Marlborough, CT*

November 13–Peace Dale Shooting Preserve,
Peace Dale, RI*

December 4–Addieville East Farm, Mapleville, RI*

*Food provided by Chef Andy Lussier of
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DOWN EAST (MAINE)

May 3–13th Annual Dirigo Cup, Scarborough Fish &
Game, Scarborough, ME (rain date May 10)

May 8–Addieville East Farm, Mapleville, RI, with the
Northeast Chapter

June 27–6th Annual Bob Gee Memorial, Green Mountain
Shooting Preserve

SUNSHINE (FLORIDA)

March 12-15–Gator Trap and Skeet, Gainesville, FL

March 28–Tampa Bay Sporting Clays, Land of Lakes, FL

April 4–Fish Hawk Sporting Clays, Lithia, FL

May 2–Tampa Bay Sporting Clays, Land of Lakes, FL

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MAGNOLIA CHAPTER (MISSISSIPPI/TENNESSEE)

March 21 & 22–Magnolia Classic. Skeet, Clays,
Continental Chukar. Prairie Wildlife, West Point, MS

May 14–Providence Hills Farms, Jackson, MS

CAROLINA

2015 Dates Tentative

March–One day event

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

June 13–The Fork Farm, Norwood, NC

August–Primland Resort, Claudville, VA

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

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

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN (COLORADO)

March 15–Chaco Clays & Billy Birds, Rocky Mountain
Roosters, Calhan, CO

April 12–Chili Cook-Off, Freedom Hunters Wounded
Veterans and Silent Auction, Colorado Clays Shooting
Park, Brighton, CO

May 16-17–Colorado Gun Collectors' Show, Denver, CO,
Display table

May 24–New Shooters Event, Kiowa Creek Sporting Club
(tentative location)

June 19-21–NRA Whittington Center, Raton, NM. Sporting
clays, Argentine doves, double rifles

August 8–Ellis Brown's Exotic Game Ranch, Fort Collins, CO

BUCKEYE (OHIO)

2015 Events Pending

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Andy Anderson

It was a sad day when Bob Morris called to let me know of the passing of Andy Anderson. Andy was a charter member of our Leatherstocking Vintagers. He always brought an enlightening prominence to any of our gatherings.

Andy loved his side by side shotguns. L.C. Smiths, Remingtons, and Brownings were his favorites. Andy was a very discriminating collector as any dealer could attest that attended any of the major side by side venues like the World Vintage Cup, Southern, or Northeast side by side expositions.

Andy loved sharing his insights to the collecting world and would display his treasured pieces at shows. Andy was one of the founders of the L.C. Smith Collectors Association and as a director early on; he would set up a booth with his lifelong pal Oddvar Scadberg at the major shows for the LCSA.

At our Leatherstocking Vintage monthly shoots, Andy would bring out some of his most prized side by side possessions for "show and tell", always drawing a crowd to listen to him point out the workmanship of a prized piece from yesteryear. He also loved shooting the LC's, not the collector ones, but his shooters. There was a big difference to Andy.

I took Andy and Oddvar grouse and woodcock hunting several years ago and still remember a grouse my setter Abbey had pointed for Andy. 'Ol Ruff flew straight up in his face without a shot being fired. Maybe Andy and Abbey can hook up and try that shot again.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Nickerson

Doug and Judy Smith

Charter members of the Alabama Chapter, Doug and Judy Smith of Bessemer, Alabama were involved in an accident near Boligee, Alabama and died together on the evening of Saturday, November 29th, 2014. Their ATV (actually a golf cart) was struck by an SUV as they were returning to their hunting camp, killing them instantly.

Doug and Judy were a great example of opposites attracting. He loved telling stories and being the center of attention. She played the supporting role, and would be the first to chime in with her infectious laugh.

Doug had his own dental practice in Bessemer, where Judy worked with him and ran the office like a well-oiled machine.

According to one of his patients, "Doug had been my dentist my entire life. He loved his job and would get so excited about his work and tell you every detail of what he was doing," she said. "I thought I was special because they would come open up on Friday's when they were closed if I had a problem, but talking to others, they did the same for them," she said.

In addition to working together, the couple also played together. They enjoyed spending time outdoors on the weekends.

The Smiths were an extremely social couple. They were active members of The Vintagers, Safari Club International, including the Alabama Chapter, and had traveled on numerous safaris.

Judy was both generous and adventurous. Doug, was known for his good humor and was proof that a grown up could still be a kid.

Doug was 73 and Judy was 60. Their funeral service was held Friday, December 5.

"They got to do everything they wanted," a friend said, "and died doing what they loved."





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