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President's Message

Ladies and Gentlemen,

For those of you who have not heard the 2016 Vintage Gunners Cup will be at Hopkins Game Farm in Kennedyville, MD, September 23 through 25. Carolina Chapter President Bob Nay and I had the privilege of meeting Patty and George Hopkins a couple of months ago. Their facility is very impressive, as is their ability to accommodate a shoot like ours. In addition to shooting sporting clays, we will be bringing back the rifle events. So dust off that double rifle, drilling, or cape gun and bring it out for a great weekend. The rifle event will be supervised by Haley Pearsall. I don't know of anyone more capable to run it.



The Vintage cup for 18 years has treated side-by-side shooting with honor and dignity. The last weekend of September for the last 18 years has been a date dear to our hearts. Fall is in the air, most certainly my favorite time of year, hunting season is upon us, football has started. The friends I have known for years are talking about how they can't wait to see each other again. We get to meet new friends and go through the tents looking for that special gun we can't live without. After we buy it we have to buy our significant other a little something to keep from being beaten with our new gun.

The support of the side-by-side family for this year's Vintage Gunners Cup has thrilled my heart. The shooters are as enthusiastic as ever before. The vendors are enthusiastic. I am honored to be a part of such a great group of people. Mark the date; you won't be disappointed.

If you haven't ordered shells for the Vintage Gunners Cup you should call RST. Morris Baker is getting ready to make a run of specialty loads to bring down. Especially if you need 10ga, 24ga, 32ga or 2in and 2 1/2in stuff. You don't want to run short.

I just wanted to say after the Southern SxS put on by Bill Kempffer: Wow what a nice job! Did you see the number of young people? Any time Bill puts on a shoot you don't want to miss it.

Gary Lacey
President, Vintage Gunners

News from the Field

Carolina Vintagers Visit Backwoods Quail Club

By Dwain Holden, Carolina Vintagers

The weekend of February 26th through 28th, the Carolina Vintagers went to Backwoods Quail Club in Georgetown, SC, for a fun weekend. We shot a 100-target course on Friday afternoon, plus a 50-target sub-gauge course on Saturday afternoon for awards and bragging rights. We had 16 members there on Saturday. In addition, some of the group shot the 500-bird pheasant tower shoot on Saturday morning. Then on Sunday morning, we reconvened at Backwoods for a fun shoot at the “flush and flurry” with teams shooting 50 targets with 2 shooters, or 100 targets with 4 shooters, timed and released in random fashion.



Enclosed are photos of some of the Vintagers at various stations plus a group photo (unfortunately, when the group shot was taken, several Vintagers had departed for the motel for the day and are not included).

In the competition classes on Friday and Saturday, we had the following winners:

- High Overall - Bill Curry
- High Hammerless-Dwaine Holden
- High Hammer-David Harrison
- High 16 Gauge-Phillip Floyd
- High Sub-Gauge-Bob Nay



Out and About

NSSA's 2016 World Vintage Skeet Championships

By Hal Hare, President, Sunshine Chapter

The National Skeet Shooting Association held its 16th Annual Vintage Skeet Championships February 25 thru 28th in Gainesville (Florida) at the Gator Skeet and Trap Club. Vintage Skeet is the same game we all recognize, but shot using the original rules — just like those used at the 1st World Shoot in 1935. All Skeet events were then shot with a low gun and a variable 0-3 second delay. Guns could not be mounted until the targets actually emerged from the houses. While shotguns of any vintage or year of manufacture could be used in our shoot, competitors were limited to either a side by side or pump action shotgun. Tube sets were permitted for the side by sides, but the 16 gauge competition required the use of an actual 16 gauge gun. These rules resulted in an interesting mix of guns on the firing lines. In addition to vintage skeet, special concurrent events were also offered for Light Game Guns as well as Hammer Guns.

While this shoot was an Official NSSA Tournament, an Event 6 certificate was used—allowing non-NSSA members a chance to participate without penalty. Also, shooters of all skill levels had a chance to win awards, thanks to the Lewis Class System--which leveled the playing field for all competitors in this non-registered competition.



We had 171 entries during the 4 days of shooting. Skeet matches were 50 target races, and competition was offered for the following: 12 gauge, Double Skeet [not part of the original World Shoot but added by popular demand], 16 gauge, 20 gauge, 28 gauge, and .410 bore. Medals were awarded to the top three shooters in each event, while the Lewis Class was used to determine the Class winners in the various gauges. Daily side matches with awards were also offered in the featured gauges of the day, and included options such as: a 50 target sliding Trap Event [shot from the 16 thru 20 yard lines], a 50 target 5-Stand Sporting Event, and an introduction to Olympic Trap on an authentic regulation 15 trap bunker.

The grounds where the Gator Skeet and Trap Club now exist were requisitioned by the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1942 to train U.S. Army Air Corp gunners how to shoot a "lead" in aerial combat. After the war it was converted to a civilian gun club and was funded by Gainesville Parks & Recreation, but management of the club has since reverted to the Gator Skeet & Trap Club – a not-for profit organization which pays rent to the Gainesville Airport Authority.

The goals and objectives of the Gator Club are to provide an array of shotgun sports to the community in a friendly and safe environment. The club provides instruction by fully certified instructors in gun safety and teaches the best techniques for shotgun shooting. The club is also a certified USA Shooting Regional Training Center for Olympic Trap. Gator membership continues to grow as a result of their version of ‘southern hospitality’ offered all visitors. The club also offers private shooting parties as well as league shooting on 3 skeet fields, 8 trap fields, a 5 Stand field, and an Olympic 15 Trap Bunker.

Targets for 2016’s competition were provided by a new importer, Eurotarget USA. Located in Pennsylvania their product is billed as ‘the best quality clay target for shooting’. Importer Allen “Butch” Chubb has a winner here! All sizes and types of clays are offered—at very competitive prices. Targets used at our tournament included standard skeet targets, novelty targets for 5 Stand Sporting, and International targets for the Olympic Bunker side games, and all exceeded our performance expectations! See www.eurotargetusa.com for more information about their offerings.

For those not familiar with the State, Gainesville is located in North Central Florida, and we were blessed with sunny weather and seasonable Florida temperatures for three of the four days. Granted Thursday morning was windy and cool, but we were shooting later that afternoon in shirtsleeves – and the rest of the weekend as well! This shoot provided a great ice and snow escape for our Northern shooting friends who made up more than one half the field of competitors.



The concept of a World Vintage Skeet Championship has been supported by the NSSA since its beginnings in 2001. Then NSSA Director Don Snyder recognized and supported the concept—even attending the 1st World Vintage in Ohio. The NSSA Event 6 concept works well for tournaments of this sort—allowing both members and non-members a chance to participate in this original version of America’s clay target game. Keep in mind that the low gun and variable delay make this version much more difficult—as attested by only one 25 straight being fired during the entire tournament!

Day 1 competition was reserved for true 16 gauge fans. Only 16 gauge guns were permitted on the fields with 50 target events being offered in Skeet, Monte Carlo [aka Bunker Trap], 5 Stand Sporting, and a 16-20 yard Down-the-Line Trap game. Hal Hare swept 4 Gold Medals on the first day of shooting with a 16 gauge CZ-USA game gun with Briley thin wall chokes for versatility. A

Double Skeet Event was also featured for any gauge, with Joe Dickson [CH] nudging Paul Kupferberg [RU] and Hal Hare [3rd].

Day 2 competition was shooter's choice of 50 target events: .410 Skeet and/or 28 Gauge Skeet, Monte Carlo [aka Olympic Bunker Trap], 5 Stand Sporting, and a 16-20 yard Down-the-Line Trap game. Joe Dickson took the Skeet .410 bore Gold Medal with a 43x50, while Hal Hare won the 28 Gauge skeet title firing a 46x50. Dickson and Neil Wilkenson took the side game titles. An 'all you could eat' fish and shrimp dinner followed Friday's shooting, with door prizes and award distributions after the feast.

Day 3 competition was for the 20 gauge. Again, shooters had a choice of any or all of the 50 target races in Skeet, Monte Carlo [aka Bunker Trap], 5 Stand Sporting, and a 16-20 yard Down-the-Line Trap game. Joe Dickson won another title with a 49x50 in the 20 Gauge Skeet Event, while Paul Kupferberg and Neil Wilkenson took the Silver and Bronze medals. 20 Gauge side games were won by Paul Kupferberg, Jim Bowers, and Hal Hare. Prior to the awards ceremony, the host club provided a complimentary 'Wine and Cheese Party' which was well received.



Day 4 competition was dedicated to the 12 gauge guns. Like previous days shooters had a choice of shooting any or all of the 50 target 12 gauge races offered: Skeet, Monte Carlo [aka Bunker Trap], 5 Stand Sporting, and a 16-20 yard Down-the-Line Trap. Joe Dickson repeated as the 12 gauge Champ with a 47x50, besting Hal Hare and Neil Wilkenson who captured the Silver and Bronze medals. Dickson was the 12 gauge 5 Stand Champ, Lambert Johnson took the Trap Event, and Hal Hare won the Monte Carlo/Bunker Event.

During the entire 4 days of shooting, there was a concurrent handicap event for Game Guns [required for the event was double triggers, shorter barrels, splinter fore-ends, and straight stocks] and Hammer Guns [side by sides with exposed hammers]. The smaller bores received additional targets added to their actual scores shot, with smaller bores receiving more added targets. The Game Gun Champ was Monty Murphy, using a 28 gauge and posting a handicap score of 49x50. The Hammer Gun Title went to Joe Dickson, shooting a 20 gauge and registering a handicap score of 48x50.

Finally, the High-Over-All Skeet Title and Tilden Championship Belt Buckle was won by Joe Dickson, besting Hal Hare [RU] and Neil Wilkenson [3rd]. This was Dickson's 3rd year in a row as HOA Champion. Congratulations Joe!

Thanks to all the competitors who made this shoot so much fun. Thanks to the all advertisers who helped make this shoot great. Thanks to the Officers, Directors of the Gator Skeet and Trap Club for sharing their club, and thanks to the National Skeet Shooting Association for their continuing support of the World Vintage Skeet Championships.

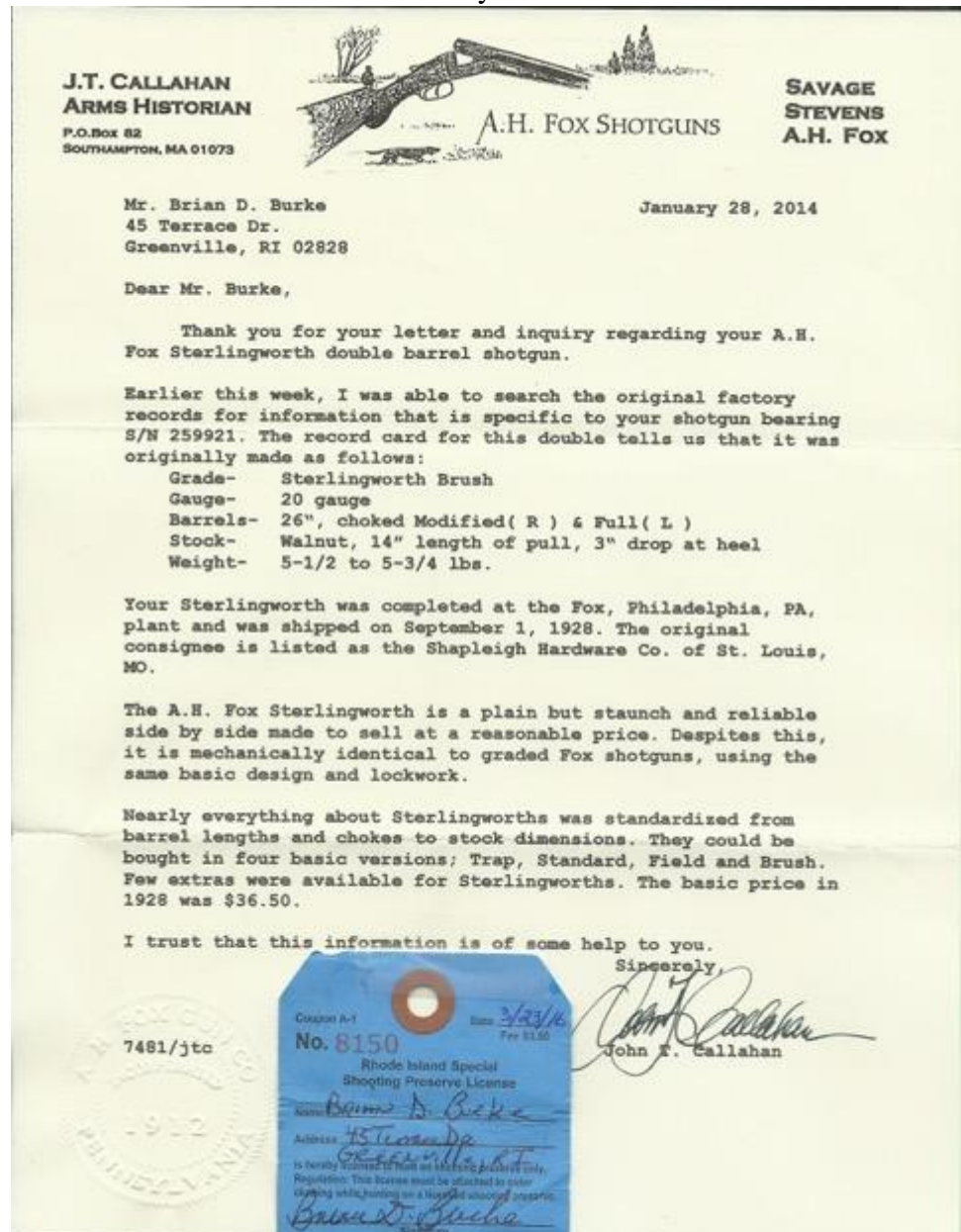
My First Successful Pheasant Hunt

By Brian Burke, Northeast Chapter

In my teenage years of hunting near my home in Greenville, Rhode Island, during the mid-1960's I often came across rabbits, quail and partridge and successfully dispatched my fair share. I can't tell you why, but every pheasant I shot at I missed. I used my dad's A.H. Fox 16 Ga. Sterlingworth with 28" barrels choked Mod/Full. This went on for some five or six years.

I discontinued hunting until recently. I have shot Trap, Skeet and Sporting clays. Two years ago I and my lovely wife joined the Vintagers and we were introduced to sporting clays with side-by-side shotguns. I don't know if I created a monster or not, but Annette has just been infected by the whole thing of shooting clays in the Edwardian Outfits and the side-by-side shotguns. To help us along, we joined Addieville East Farm in Mapleville, RI, last fall and we also began taking lessons there with Todd Anderson, a fine sporting clays instructor - a very wise idea for us and our 11-year-old grandson Joe Burke Jr. who was using my A.H. Fox 20 Ga. shotgun.

For Christmas 2014, my wife Annette Marie Burke bought me a half-day pheasant hunting trip at Addieville East Farm. Due to health issues, I had been unable to use the trip along with her brother Paul Desrochers until now. This past Wednesday March 23rd, my brother-in-law Paul and I went to Addieville with our hunting gear. It was just about noontime when we met out guide William Proulx and his two German Shorthairs and one English Setter. A short time later, after



getting our safety briefing from Bill Proulx, we headed out to the 900-plus acre hunting grounds to start our long awaited hunt.

About 12:45 PM, we entered the first field and we met our first German Shorthair (Mike) who was eager to smell the fields for the quarry awaiting us. Paul was hunting with a Mossberg 20 Ga. 0/U



Silver Reserve with IC in both barrels. I was using my A.H. Fox Sterlingworth 20 Ga., choked Mod/Full.

Mike the pointing dog started crisscrossing the field like crazy. It was about 60 degrees out and we were warm, I can't imagine how warm the dog was. Mike started pointing near me so I walked just in front of him when our guide Bill said the bird is about a foot in front of you. I kicked it up and took aim. Bang! I missed. I took the second shot. Bang! And missed her! Oh, here we go again fifty years later and I still can't hit a pheasant.

Off again, Mike went and started pointing near my brother-in-law Paul. The bird took flight and Paul shot him dead. After Mike retrieved the bird, Paul shot a second female bird. I really started to sweat now. Soon the pointer found another bird near me. I walked ahead of him and kicked up a cock pheasant so big I thought it

was a turkey! I brought up my Sterly took aim and fired. Bang and that pheasant was headed downward to the ground! Both Paul and Bill were celebrating with me as I had shot my first, and I mean my first, pheasant in my life time and he was a beauty.

Mike the dog recovered the bird and proudly displayed him in his mouth. I had Bill take a picture with his cell phone to capture such a defining moment in my life! A



short time later Mike was pointing near me and after kicking a second cock pheasant up. Bang! And he was down also. I was having the day of my life time.

Needing a break Mike, was replaced by two of Bill's other dogs, Ozzie and Mack two English Setters. As the fields were being restocked, Paul and I took a break also. The second half of the afternoon went even better. By days end, at 4:30 PM, Paul had shot two cock pheasants and two chukar. I finished the day with three male and two female pheasants. Thanks to my Fox

Sterlingworth, which was made in the 1920's, I had one hell of a day that would make my Dad proud.

I would like to thank my wife Annette for purchasing one of the best Christmas presents ever!

Brian Burke, a very happy hunter.



Paul Desrochers (left) and Brian Burke (right) enjoying the rewards of a great hunt.

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Outside Sources

Below is an excerpt from the Fall 2014 issue of the Beretta-focused newsletter “Beretta Paralleli Società” (the Beretta Side-by-Side Society), used with permission of the publisher Jim Bode. Jim’s newsletter comes quarterly and is full of information on Beretta side-by-side guns and their use. If you’re interested, you can contact Jim at: jim.bode@frontier.com, to be added to his email list.

Life’s Objets de Désir

This article is submitted by Paralleli Società member Giovanni Parato from Mola di Bari, Italy.

If CEO Ugo Gussalli Beretta wants to shoot birds here in Italy, or perhaps plantation quail in the USA, he may want to borrow my gun for his trip. And I’d be happy to let him use it – the gun is steeped in his family’s history, and is the perfect gun for fast-flying birds. In the 1929 catalog, it was the most luxurious model hammerless Beretta. I am proud to be its guardian for a time, and pleased to share a bit of its history with you.

My 28 gauge 1928 Model "11" - 1928 is built on a 16 gauge receiver, and is quite rare. It has the “step” monobloc/barrel joint common for the era. The “step” was the first monobloc design Beretta used – constructed thicker than the barrel for added strength. As new steels became stronger, the monobloc was thinned to match barrel dimension and be more aesthetically pleasing. I inquired at Beretta about its history and learned that a series of about ten 16 gauge guns from that era do not appear on the surviving company register, (a number of records were destroyed in WWII) probably because they are custom made in another gauge.

The gun’s first owner lived in Santa Margherita Ligure. When he died the gun was sold to an armory in Chiavari. In 2006 it was purchased by a collector and one of Italy’s top Helice shooters (Helice shooting — also known as ZZ and Electrocibles — is a particularly challenging shotgun sport. The small targets, called ZZ Birds, have small winged plastic propellers on either side that simulate the erratic flight of a live bird). This gentleman is quite knowledgeable on guns and praised the great performance of the "Poldi Anticorro" barrels, which he had reblued by Perugini & Visini. He used it occasionally to shoot blackbirds, thrushes, and even some duck. Italy is not blessed with the number and variety of upland birds found in the USA, and shooting thrush is a popular sport here. I plan to shoot thrush using Fiocchi GFL with the classic 17gr load moving at 380 m/s – as this gun was made when proofing was done at lower levels than generated by most modern shells today.

Beretta 1928 SxS Model "11" – Serial Number 55047

- 28 gauge factory built on a 16 gauge receiver and monobloc
- No ejectors, but there is a lever for manual action extractor.
- BARRELS: 70cm length, "ACCIAIO POLDI ANTICORRO," weight stamped kg1.275, but I have used a scale with better precision, and get kg.1,268
- Choke sx 14.3 to 13.8 (5/10mm), choke dx is difficult to read, but I think it is the same. The diameters of the output are both 13.8mm.
- The total weight is just kg 2,844.
- Chamber length 65mm - Diam.15, 5mm.
- Stock L = 368mm, 38mm-65mm.
- Locks - 2 underbolt; Greener crossbolt + 4th (Scott)
- Extension rib "a palmetta".
- The stamp "SC" is for proof with "Schultze" powder.

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Editor's Note

Hello All,

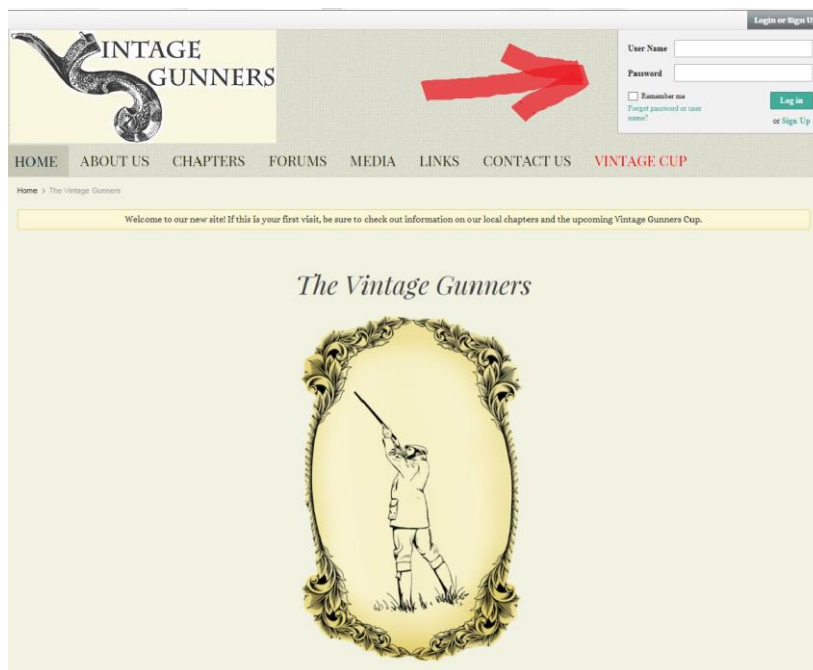
We have some exciting news! As a Vintage Gunner, you now have a user name and password to access the forums and other non-public sections of our website: <http://vintagers.org/home>.

Your username is simply your first initial and your last name. So for me, my username would be “mhaney”. (The initial is for the first name we have registered with the Vintage Gunners, so if your name is Robert, but you normally go by Bob, your username probably starts with “b”.) In a very few cases, we had some overlap of first initials and last names, but fortunately we knew the middle initial for at least one of those people and added it in.

The password is simply set for everyone at this point to “password1901”. So please log in and change your password as soon as you can. Below are some directions for logging in, changing your password and using the forums. If you already had a registered account on the site, we did not change it.

Please contact me at the email below with any questions or problems getting logged in. Very new members may not have an account yet, but we'll get them in shortly, or you can contact me.

Logging in:



To start, click on “Login or Sign Up” at the top, right of the screen. This will open the box for you to enter your username and password. Then just click on “Log in”.



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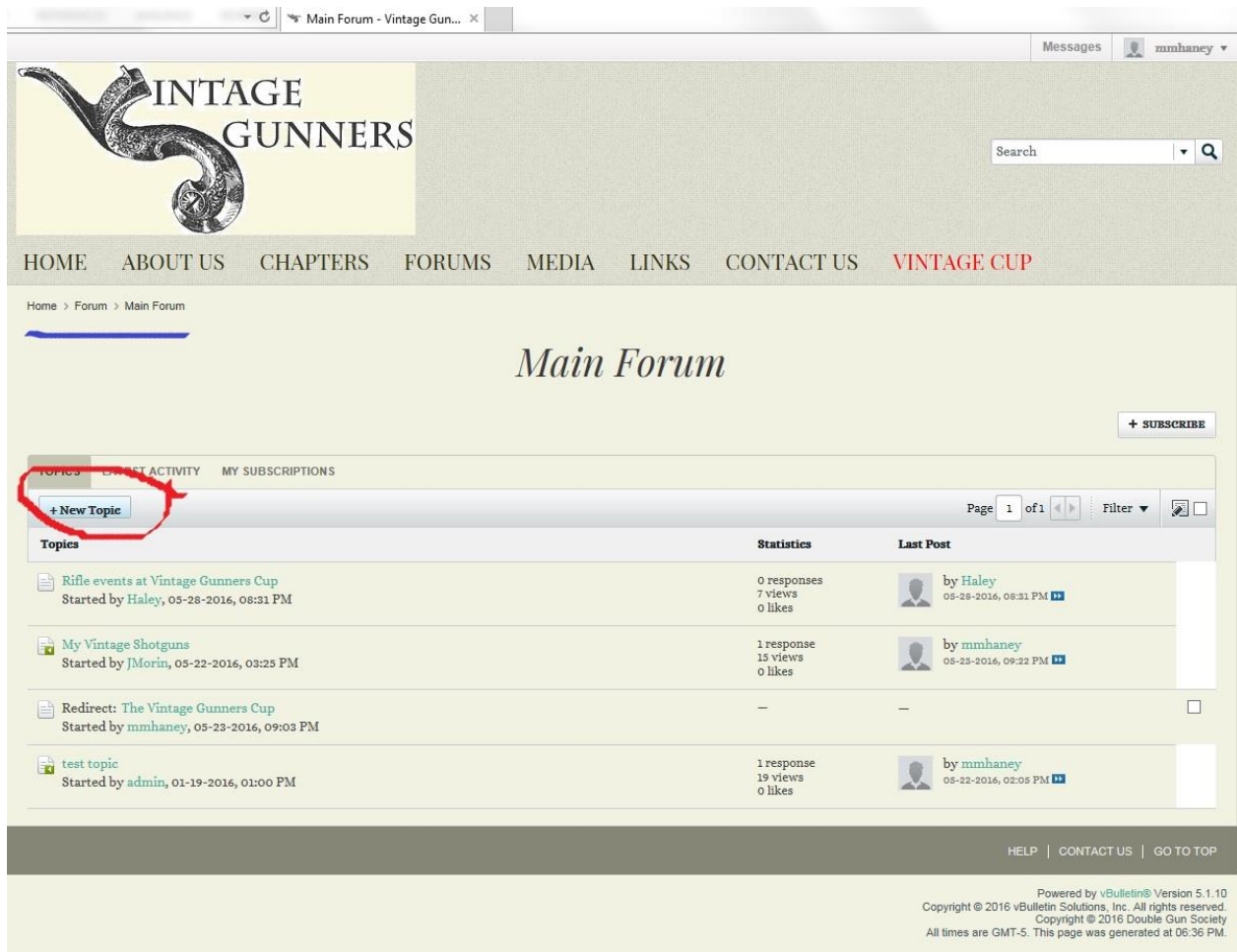
Now that you are logged-in, you can navigate the entire site without restriction, and you can participate in the forums. Participation in the forums is a benefit restricted to paid members.

There are forums for each chapter to use to communicate amongst themselves. If anyone has any suggestions for other big forum topics, please let me know and I can add them.

As members of the Vintage Gunners, all users of our forums are expected to behave as ladies and gentlemen. We will be moderating this board to enforce rules. Those rules, which will be published in more detail later, look like this:

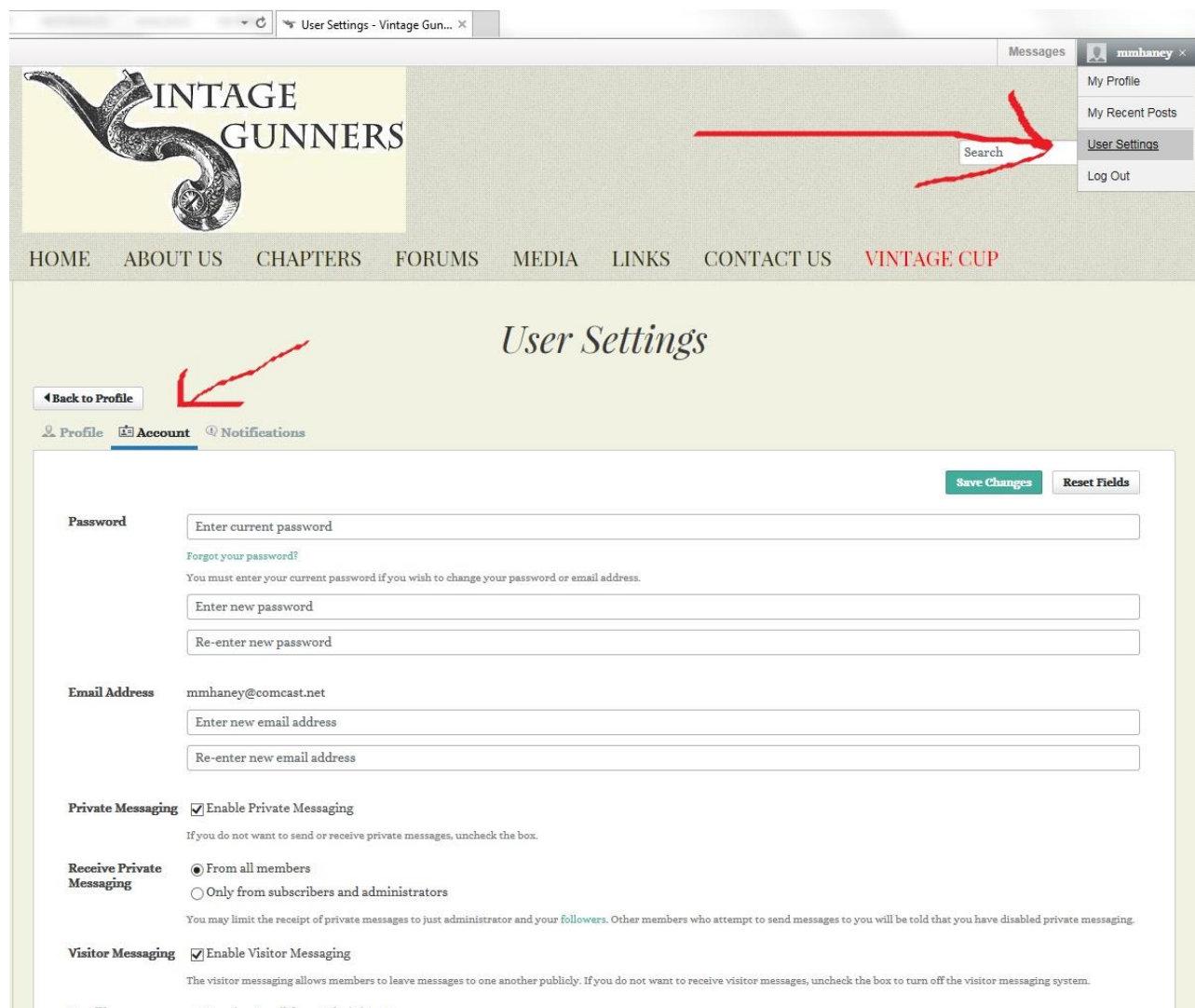
1. Keep language to PG-13 standards.
2. Topics for discussion include side-by-side guns and rifles, their use and appreciation, and topics relating to the people and times of their use.
 - Discussion of contemporary politics is not allowed on this forum. There are plenty of places to vent on the current state of our body politic.
3. Discussions, arguments and controversies on topics of interest to this organization are expected and encouraged, but they will be conducted with due respect. Moderators will remove offending remarks and users can have their privileges suspended or revoked.
4. We are here to have fun.

By clicking on “FORUMS” from the home page, you’ll be able to see the list of forums currently available. Click on one of them to participate. You can simply open an existing topic and reply to it, or you can create a new topic by clicking on “New Topic” as circled below.



No don't forget to reset your password. It's easy to do and will only take a moment. By clicking on your username at the top, right of the page, you'll get a menu of options. Click on “User Settings” and then click on “Account” to get to the page we see below. You can change your password from here. Don't forget to click on “Save Changes” when you're done. See picture on next page.





As always, I'm looking for material for the newsletter, so please send any contributions. It can be anything from chapter news to hunting stories to poetry. I'd also love photos of guns along with any background information you have on them.

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

Thank you!

Matt Haney
President, Georgia Vintagers

PS: We are still looking for a Treasurer and Membership Chairman for the Vintage Gunners. Please contact Gary Lacey to apply.



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2016 Events Pending

NORTHEAST (NEW ENGLAND)

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

July 15 - Barre Sportsmen's Club, Barre, MA*

August 19 - Westford Sportsmen's Club, Westford, MA. Clambake*

October 7 - East Glastonbury Fish & Game, Marlborough, CT*

December 2 - Addieville East Farm, Mapleville, RI*

*Food catered by Chef Andy Lussier of Culinary Connections (Woonsocket, RI)

DOWN EAST (MAINE)

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2016 Events Pending

SUNSHINE (FLORIDA)

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June 25 – Side-by-Side Tournament, Tampa Bay Sporting Clays, Gainesville, FL

GROUSE HALL (PENNSYLVANIA)

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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.

August 6 – Side-by-Side Shoot at River Bend Gun Club

MAGNOLIA CHAPTER (MISSISSIPPI/TENNESSEE)

Contact: Bill Walters, President – 662-624-6534, ext. 112 – bwalters@wltalterscpas.com

October 22nd and 23rd, 2016 -- Magnolia Vintagers Circle 7 Cup -- Prairie Wildlife -- West Point, MS.

CAROLINA

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

July 29th - 31st, 2016 -- Homestead Shooting Club, Hot Springs, Virginia

September 23rd – 25th -- The Vintage Gunners Cup, Hopkins Game Farm, Kennedyville, MD

December 3rd, 2016 – Local Event – TBA

NEW! NORTHERN APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS (PENNSYLVANIA/UPSTATE NY)

Contact: Tom Snyder, President -- 607-759-7150 -- tsnyder610@aol.com

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August 7, 2016 -- Tioga County Sportsmen's Association

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Gun of the Issue



A 28 bore Holland & Holland hammer gun. The gun left the H&H shop in 1893 and other than the name of the original buyer, nothing else is known, as it never came back to them. As far is known, the gun is original in barrels and stock. The gun has been refurbished as would have been done in being passed from Father to Son, with barrels re-blacked, pins blued and stock refinished.

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