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President's Message

Dear Vintage Gunners,

As the summer progresses, we are getting closer to the Vintage Gunners Cup, less than two months away. Preparations for the event continue and we are adding updates and spotlighting our exhibitors on our Facebook page, Vintager Gunners. Be sure to like and share it so the word gets out to your friends and the shooting community.

Several pieces of news that our members should be aware of:

1. **RST ShotShell** – RST will have a tent and will have shells available. However, it is highly suggested that you pre-order your shells to be sure they are available. It is also a great time to pick up your shells for the hunting season! Please contact RST ShotShell at info@RSTShells.com.
2. **Cocktail Party** - If you are a member of the Vintage Gunners or an exhibitor, the cocktail party on Friday starting at 5:00 pm is complimentary. We ask that you send an email to tsnyder610@aol.com stating that you are coming so that we have a count and can plan according. This event is held on the shooting grounds so your shooting attire is fine to wear at the event. For non-members, the cost is \$25.00 payable at the door.
3. **Ladies High Tea** - The Ladies High Teas on Friday at 2:00 pm is also complimentary to members or wives/significant others. We ask that if you/your wife/significant other plan on attending the Ladies (only) High Tea that you send an email to tsnyder610@aol.com so that we can plan according. The ladies on the committee have done a great job in putting together this event. They have their own 30x30 tent, overlooking the nearby pond and a view of the mountains. Period dress is suggested but not required.



Tom Snyder, President

4. **A Big Thanks!** - A big thanks to Ray and Melanie Poudrier for their continued support and generosity. They have graciously given the organization the original Vintage Cup trophy. We will place the trophy on an additional base with a plaque labeled “Vintage Gunners Cup”. The Vintage Cup trophy along with the hammer symbol engraved on it helps us carry on the tradition and spirit of the Vintagers’ philosophy. In addition, Ray and Melanie donated all the rifle range equipment and targets.

5. **New Sponsors** - The Dallas Safari Club Northeast chapter is a new sponsor, joining MEC and RST. They have donated \$1000.00 to this year’s event, \$500 for the cocktail party and \$500.00 for the rifle range. This year the rifle event will have a 28x38 tent along with several pop up tents for our shooters to relax and enjoy watching the event. The pop up tents will also be used to shoot under in case of rain. The Dallas Safari Club Northeast will also have tent at the rifle range and a table at the exhibitors.

Westley Richards and Co. will also have a 20x20 tent and will be sponsoring a shooting station. We are excited to have them join us this year.

6. **Gun Transfers** - Dan Rossiter Custom Stocks and Steel will be performing gun transfers September 19-21 for your gun purchases.

7. **New Merchandize** - We have order new hammer pins. We will now have pewter, antique Gold, and Gold Washed pins. Both Golds are in limited numbers so be sure to get yours at the Vintage Gunners Cup.

8. **Seminars** - We have two seminars scheduled with a third pending. The German Gun Collectors will be discussing firearms of German heritage and Lars Jacob of "Lars Jacob Wingshooting" will be discussing gun fitting.

9. **Injured Vets Benefit** - There will be a long bird event in which all the proceeds will go to providing a shooting experience at a shooting preserve in Pennsylvania for injured veterans. The organization guarantees 100% of the money will go to providing an outdoor experience they might not normally have. No administration fees are taken out.

10. **Salute to Shooters Past** - On Saturday morning, Jim Greenley (our food provider) has graciously sponsored bag pipers to play several tunes in honor of shooters who have gone before us. We will have a moment of silence and a salute in their memory.

11. **Pending Exhibitors** - We do have several other exhibitors in the works but until the final details are completed it will have to wait until the next newsletter.

12. **Vintage Gunners Booth** - The Vintage Gunners will have a booth near the registration desk for you to join or renew your membership. If you are not a member, it will allow you to come to the cocktail party as a member. It is also where we will be selling our pins and other items.

- Prizes** – For every event that you shoot you will receive a ticket and be entered into a raffle for a number of great prizes available for viewing and to be drawn on Saturday afternoon at approximately 4:00 pm.

Just to give our members an idea of how we have progressed. We have an 180x40 tent, two 20x20 tents, a 30x40 tent and an 30x80 tent for exhibitors. We have room for five more exhibitors in the 30x80 tent, the rest of the tables are full.

I would just like finish by saying that this is our members' event. The organization remains a product of volunteerism. As Vintage Gunners, we strive to give back to our shooting community, by providing shooting events which keep our shooting heritage alive and comradery within our ranks. Show your pride in being a Vintage Gunner by wearing your pin and joining us at this year's event.

I hope to see you at his year's event, Hammers Back!

Thomas Snyder
President, The Vintage Gunners



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2019 Vintage Gunners Cup

The 2019 Vintage Gunners Cup at Hausmann's Hidden Hollow. The VGC will be September 19 through 21. Please note that this is a Thursday through Saturday, giving everyone Sunday as a travel day.

Thank you to our 2019 sponsors:



Exhibitors and Collectors' Groups

We have firm commitments already from the following top-shelf vendors, with many more to come: **Steve Barnett Fine Guns, Robin Hollow Outfitters, Vintage Doubles, MacNab Fine Firearms, Heritage Guns, Connecticut Shotgun Manufacturing Co., Vintage Firearms Inc., Firetower Doubles, Lars Jacob Wingshooting, Turnbull Restorations Company, Steve Cobb Quality Guns, Fair Chase Books and Collectibles, Classic Gunstocks, Geoffrey Gournet Master Engraver, Custom Stocks and Steel, Bart Brothers, John Liberati Books, Cole Johnson Art, Allgood Assoc. Sports Supplier, Hosford & Co., AH Fox Collectors Assoc., Parker Gun Collectors Assoc., L.C. Smith Collectors Assoc., Lefever Arms Collectors Assoc., German Gun Collectors Assoc., and many more.**

So start making plans now to join us for a great event in September.

There are room blocks established already at two area hotels:

1. Comfort Suites
3401 Vestal Parkway East
Vestal, NY 13850-2147

607-766-0600

Use this link to get the special rates below, or call the Comfort Suites directly:

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/QY73H3>

A King size bed/suite is \$119.00 plus tax. An extra cot in the room is \$35.00.

Two Queen size beds/suite is \$145.00 plus tax. An extra cot in the room is \$35.00.

2. Candlewood Suites (This hotel is three years old and is recommended)
3605 Vestal Parkway East
Vestal, NY 13850
607-770-0007

To get the special rate at the Candlewood you must call. Give our group code: SSC.

Your choice of a King size bed/Suite or two Queen size beds/suite for \$114.99 plus tax (Full kitchen and dishwasher in all rooms).

3. Holiday Inn Express & Suites Binghamton University-Vestal
3615 Vestal Pkwy East
Vestal, NY 13850
607-348-0088

Be sure to mention you are with the PA side by side shooting event held on September 18-21, 2019 when calling.

Queen Double Beds – Rooms \$125.00 plus tax.

King Bed Room \$125.00 plus tax. Includes Hot and Cold Breakfast Buffet

All three hotels are located in Vestal, NY approximately 25 to 30 minutes from the site of the Vintage Gunners Cup and both hotels have a variety of places to eat nearby. Make your reservation early as we expect a strong turn-out for the VGC



From the Field

The Shooting Party in the Kingdom 2019

By Jack Dudley, Northeast Vintagers

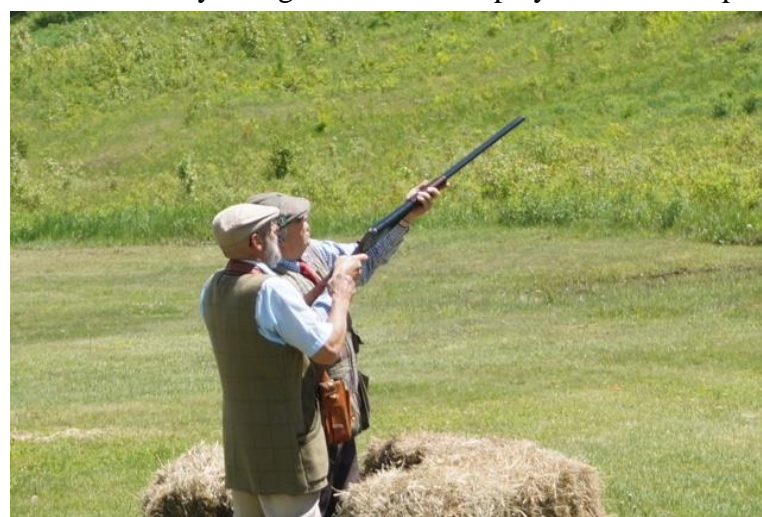
The second annual Shooting Party in the Kingdom was held June 7 and 8 at Northeast

Kingdom Skeet and Clays club in beautiful Burke Vermont. Friday provided a warm-up of sporting clays on 15 stations and a challenging five stand. On Saturday four shooting butts were arranged for the various shoots and scorekeepers manned each butt. Perfect weather was ordered and accepted, and 35 shooters tested their mettle with driven clays replicating the

Edwardian drives of the grand estates of England and Scotland. Many fine guns were on display and all were put to good use. Single shooters with



Brian, with wife Annette loading



Frank Conroy and loader Ray Poudrier

loaders shot 50 targets in minutes followed by paired guns and loaders shooting another 50 targets. A two-man team shoot of 100 targets was on order after a very nice catered lunch, and shooting concluded with a fun poaching event.

Lots of frantic reloading with lots of shots fired gave everyone more than enough fun and excitement. And, just to keep the barrels hot, there was a long bird set up which provided an excuse for strong drink afterwards. Trophies were awarded but the really important thing was the encouragement and “high-fives”.

The capstone for the day was a black tie dinner at Junipers Restaurant overlooking the green hills and valleys of the Kingdom.

This event showcased what we as Vintage Gunners are all about. The camaraderie and good humor of our club is really without peer and exhibits what a unique group we are. We will most likely do this again next year and I would encourage all of you to come and experience a wonderful time in a beautiful place. Bring your fishing gear, mountain bike, canoe or kayak, and camera. There is plenty to do and see after the guns are put away. Stay tuned. More photos below.



Jack Dudley and loader Pete Whitman



Jack zeroing-in





Randy Croote
taking a high one
with loader Steve
Dombec



Ron Shepard, Randy Croote, and Steve Dombeck

Russ Hughes with loader John Chudzic



The Strategy Session



Checking out flight plans

Book Review

Nothing but the Best by Thomas Girtin

By Matt Haney, President, Ga. Vintagers

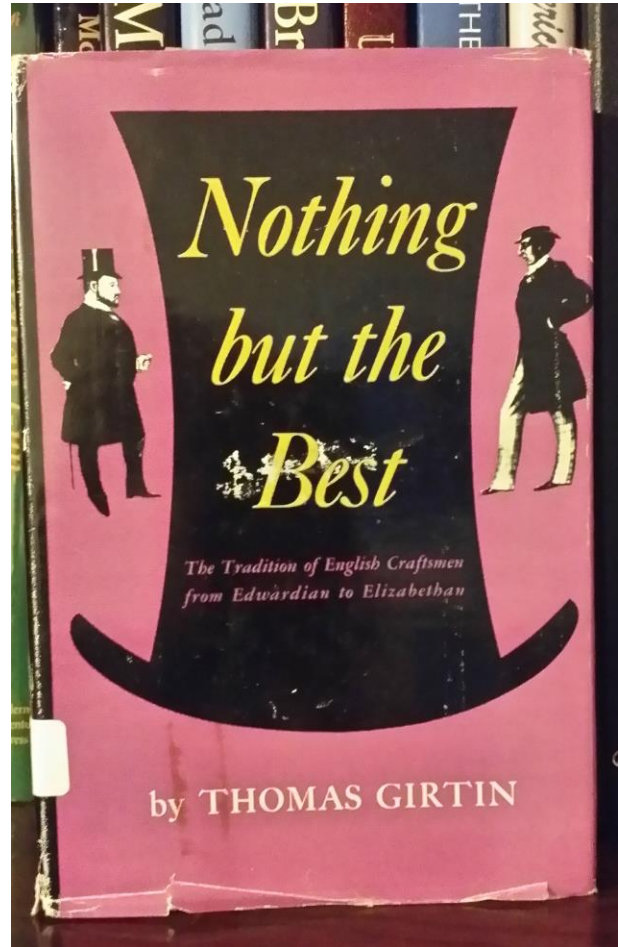
Published in 1959, *Nothing but the Best, The Tradition of English Craftsmen from Edwardian to Elizabethan*, is an examination of various bespoke trades mainly centered in London and the current state (ca. 1959) of those trades. Author Thomas Girtin focuses on the trades that served the upper class gentlemen of the Edwardian period and that still served well-heeled customers in post-war years.

Trades such as tailors, shirt makers, glove makers, boot makers, hat makers, saddlers and more. Of more interest, perhaps, to this audience would be the chapters on fishing tackle and on firearms. While providing some context and overview of the specific trade, Girtin focuses on one shop as representative of the whole. He relays stories and practices he received while interviewing key people at the establishment he focuses on. For the gun trade, he naturally went to Purdey's and to Factory Manager Harry Lawrence.

The book provides an interesting look at traditional trades that catered to a luxury market that was struggling across Britain after the Second World War. On several occasions Girtin remarks on the fact that it was often foreign customers who were helping keep the businesses afloat. For those with the means and the desire to look the part of the proper gentleman, the bespoke shops of London were still a world-standard.

As we look at all bespoke trades today, we see that most have become very small indeed, filling the smallest of niches in a world of ready-made clothes, machine-made guns and tackle and relaxed codes of dress. While in 1959, Girtin was concerned for the future of many of these traditional trades, I believe there will always be a market, albeit small, for the best of any product. This book is an opportunity to learn a bit about those trades and men and women who make “nothing but the best.”

I have to thank Vintage Gunner Don Amos for mentioning this book in a thread on the Doublegunshop.com forums. Long out of print, this *Nothing but the Best* can be found at various book-sellers, and, of course, on Amazon.



Financial Report

Double Gun Society of the Vintage Gunners
2nd Quarter Financial Report
August 2, 2019

Assets:

Checking Balance 6/30/2019 \$ 12,298.20

Expenses During the 2nd Quarter

Vintage Cup Expenses \$ 619.30

Total Expenses \$ 619.30

Individual and family dues that have been sent to me during the 2nd quarter:

Total \$ 2,760.00

Please contact me with any additional questions.

Thanks,

Joseph W. Norcom
Treasurer



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Upcoming Events

The Vintage Gunners Cup
22nd Annual World Side-by-Side Shotgun & Rifle Championship and Exhibition

SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2019
HAUSMANN'S HIDDEN HOLLOW SPORTING CLAYS
FLYNN ROAD, FRIENDSVILLE, PA 18818
570-934-2336 / ewhausmann@gmail.com

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Vintage Gunners

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The Vintage Gunners are now officially on Facebook! Drop by, virtually, and give us a look and a “Like”. Tell your friends too. Thanks to Tom Snyder for his work on this on this.

We got 62 follows within the first 24 hours of the page being live!



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Vintage Gunners Classifieds

Needed: Two Guns for Red-Legged Partridge in Spain

From Sean and Liz Delaney, Old Dominion Vintage Gunners

We have a couple of spots left for our October trip to Spain for red-legged partridge. This trip is a tremendous value and great fun. Please come join us! Details and contact info below.



Location: Madrid, Spain – Located along the Eastern edge of the Cordilla Central Mountain Range, approximately forty-five minutes northeast of Madrid, sits Fuentefresno. This will be a traditional red-legged partridge shoot, and all shooting will be conducted within the confines of the Estate, with different drives every day. This warm and magnificent property consists of 35,000 acres filled with olive groves, almond trees, vineyards, farmland, and rolling hills, all providing excellent habitat with perfect topography for shooting. Birds

are driven over narrow valleys for the guns waiting below. Elegant shoot lodge with ensuite rooms, gourmet meals, and drinks on the lawn in the evening, makes this shoot unforgettable.

Dates: October 21 - 25, 2019

Birds: Partridge, three 400 bird days

Cost: \$9750, \$1750 for non-shooter (includes 2 days of sightseeing)

Guns: Every shooter is double gunning with a dedicated loader. Guns are provided at the estate, but permits are available if you want to bring your own guns.

Includes: Three days of shooting, 4 nights accommodations, all meals, guns and ammunition, ground transport in Land Cruisers to and from Madrid, visitors permits and insurance in the field, drinks in the field and in the evening, 8x8 hard cover photo album documenting the shoot.

Not Included: Flight to Madrid and gratuities (ca. €550 total)

Contact: Sean and Liz Delaney

Delaney and Sons

717-919-5317

sdelaneyandsons@gmail.com

<http://www.delaneyandsons.com>



Chapters

VINTAGE GUNNERS NATIONAL OFFICE

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OLD DOMINION VINTAGE GUNNERS (VIRGINIA)

Contact: Ray McNaughton -- 804-937-6006 -- raymcnaughton@comcast.net

August 23-24, 2019 – Weekend at the Homestead

September 19-21, 2019 - The Vintage Gunners Cup - Hausmann's Hidden Hollow

October 17-20, 2019 - The Fall Southern Side by Side - Backwoods Quail Club, Georgetown, SC -
<https://www.backwoodsquailclub.com/>

November 11, 2019 - The shoot for the Highland School Winfree Scholarship Fund will be held
Shady Grove Sporting Clays - <http://shady-grove.com/index.html> - More info as it becomes
available

ALABAMA

Contact: Richard Falls, President -- 205-613-0506 – richardbfalls@gmail.com

We shoot most Tuesdays or Wednesdays -- contact Richard to get on our email list

NORTHEAST (NEW ENGLAND)

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

September 19-21, 2019 - Vintage Gunners Cup, Hausmann's Hidden Hollow, Friendsville , PA

October 4, 2019 - East Glastonbury Fish & Game, Marlboro, CT

November 8, 2019 - Addieville East Farm, Mapleville, RI

December 6, 2019 - Addieville East Farm, Mapleville, RI

DOWN EAST (MAINE)

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

SUNSHINE (FLORIDA)

Contact: Hal M. Hare, President -- 863-583-4858 -- hal.hare@sbcglobal.net --
<http://www.imperialpolkgunclub.com/vintagers.htm>

NORTHERN APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS (PENNSYLVANIA/UPSTATE NY)

Contact: Thomas A. Snyder, Sr., President -- 607-759-7150 -- tsnyder610@aol.com

August 1-4, 2019 - Northern SxS Challenge and Expo@ Rock Mountain Sporting Clays
Contact: Mike, 570-965-7625

August 11, 2019 Northern Appalachian Mt. Chapter Event – Vintage Gunners
@ Vernon National Shooting Preserve (Sporting Clays and Dinner)
Contact: Tom Snyder tsnyder610@aol.com ph. 607-759-7150
Dick Mider dmider@aol.com ph. 607-642-8419 9.

August 23-24, 2019 - 8th Annual Hunter Arms Home Coming Days, Fulton, NY.
LC Smith Shooters only. More information when available
Trap, Skeet, 5 Stand, Sporting Clays

September 7-8, 2019 - Cobb Invitational @ Hausmann's Hidden Hollow - More information later

September 19-21, 2019 - The Vintage Gunners Cup 21st Annual World Side-by-Side Shotgun &
Rifle Championship and Exhibition @ Hausmann's Hidden Hollow Sporting Clays
Contact: Ernest Hausmann's ewhausmann@gmail.com ph. 570-934-2336

GEORGIA

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

We shoot most Saturdays or Sundays. Contact Matt Haney to join us.

MAGNOLIA CHAPTER (MISSISSIPPI/TENNESSEE)

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

CAROLINA

Contact: Jack Hurley, President -- 704-641-7376-- hurleyj1@bellsouth.net

August 23-24, 2019 – Weekend at the Homestead

LONG ISLAND/GOLD COAST (NEW YORK)

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

BUCKEYE (OHIO)

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





*22nd Annual World Side-by-Side Shotgun
& Rifle Championship and Exhibition
September 19-21, 2019*

Hausmann's Hidden Hollow Sporting Clays

570-934-2336/ewhausmann@gmail.com

For hotel information go to: Vintagers.org or ewhausmann@gmail.com

Golf Carts Rentals- contact Empire Golf Carts- Jim Farrelly 607-206-4100 or 888-913-6747

Events

Thursday and Friday 19 and 20 September

All Rifle Events

Shotgun SxS Events

Any Gun Maker - 50 target events (\$50.00 ea.) 10ga., 12ga., 16 ga., 20ga., 24 ga., 28 ga., 32ga., 410ga.

American Classic - 50 target events (\$50.00 ea.) 10ga., 12ga., 16 ga., 20ga., 24 ga., 28 ga., 32ga., 410ga.

Ladies only - 50 target events (\$50.00 ea.)

Youth 16 years old and younger - 50 target events (reduced rate for youth shooters) (\$30.00 ea.)

*Youth shooters must hold a hunter safety certificate to participate and accompanied by an adult

Youth shooters may use an O/U

Black powder - 50 target event (\$50.00)

Flurry Events: one man 25 target event (\$15.00) and two man 50 target event (\$30.00)

Clays Pigeon Ring 15 target event (\$20.00)

Mad Jack 25 shot event (\$15.00)

Long Bird – 5 target event (\$5.00)

Field Gun 5 Stand - 20 target event - 10 true pairs (\$20.00) - Guns must not weigh over 6lbs 13 oz.

Fox – Parker Challenge Qualifying Event: on the large bore course 50 target event (\$50.00)

Proper Shooting Attire is Encouraged for Friday and Saturdays Events

Ladies High Tea held Friday at 2:00 PM

Cocktail Party/\$25/ must pay to attend/prizes /Friday: 5:00 thru 6:30 P.M.

Events

Saturday: 21 September

Rifle Range and Shotgun Side Games Open

Main Event: World Side-by-Side Championship 80 targets (\$80.00)

Awards Presentation/ Prizes

Fox – Parker Challenge (Five Stand)



Become a member: Vintagers.org

Interested in being an exhibitor - contact our website for details



2019 Membership Application for the Vintage Gunners And Double Gun Society

Please print legibly.

Name: _____

Name and DOB of spouse if couple membership: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: (at least month and day) _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____

Cell: _____ (optional but often handy)

Email: _____

Chapter: _____

Check # and amount: _____ Cash amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Membership includes issues of the National Chapter Newsletter (by email), ability to advertise in Newsletter, liability insurance coverage at any Vintage Gunners' event, admittance to all Vintage Gunners' events nationwide including The Vintage Gunners Cup and membership in The Double Gun Society.

- 1 Membership is for one calendar year from January 1 to December 31, 2019.
- 2 New members joining after Sept. get the rest of current year and following year.
- 3 Annual Membership: \$75.00 Individual
- 4 Annual Membership: \$120.00 Family Membership (Spouse and Children)
- 5 Make checks payable to: The Vintage Gunners
- 6 Mail to: The Vintage Gunners
c/o Joe Norcom, Treasurer
3033 Burnt Mill Road
Charlotte, NC 28210