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President's Message

Dear Vintage Gunners,

Planning is underway for the Vintage Gunners Cup September 16-19. I have sent out 75 exhibitor's packets for this year's event and will be continuing to reach out to more exhibitors as time goes on. Again, our goal is to make the 23rd Annual World Side-by-Side Shotgun and Rifle Championship and Exhibition the premier shooting event for vintage shotguns and rifles.

Along with our shooting events, it is our social events and our camaraderie that set us apart from other shooting events. As many of you who attended last year's event will recall, we had a Cocktail Party and Ladies High Tea that was complimentary to our membership. It was one of the benefits to being a member and we will be providing that benefit again this year. It will also be complimentary to our exhibitors as a thank you for attending our event. We are asking our members and guests to dress for the occasion in their vintage attire on Friday and Saturday.



For our rifle shooters, we continue to improve and expand our rifle events. We are looking at three running targets, multiple pop up targets and distance targets. For those of you who just want to try out the range and experience a vintage rifle match, Wednesday and Saturday will be "Have A Go" days. You can bring your own rifle and ammunition or shoot one of the loaner guns available at the range. As we get closer to the event, be sure to go to Vintagers.org for details on all the different categories of rifle events and ammunition restrictions, which we require for safety.

As of now, the Vintage Gunners Cup is on, and we do not anticipate anything getting in the way of that event. If the situation changes, know what we will let everyone know as soon as possible. It is

our goal to make it a celebration of Vintage Shooting. So please make plans to attend this year's 2020 event.

If you are on Facebook, be sure to search and like “**Vintage Gunners**” and check there for updates on exhibitors, shooting events, and other Vintage Cup updates. We are pleased to announce that we are reaching almost 1500 people interested in the Vintage Gunners posts. All indications are that we can expect a very good turn-out this year. With that said, be sure to book your hotel and golf cart for the event soon (and be aware of the cut off dates for special room block pricing).

As to business matters, if you have not paid dues yet, please do so. Remember, you are supporting a non-profit organization that sponsors events for the benefit of preserving our vintage gun heritage. A membership form is attached at the end of this newsletter

I had been looking forward to seeing many of you at the Southern Side-by-Side Classic, but under the circumstances, cancellation seems best at this time. I hope that you can enjoy some of the warm spring weather with your favorite side-by-side some other way this spring.

Everyone stay safe, and Hammers Back!

Thomas Snyder
President, The Vintage Gunners

PS: Check out this video from the [Vintage Gunners Cup 2019 by Bird Dogs Afield](#).

From the Field

Carolinas Spring Shoot 2020

By Bill Nanny, Carolina Vintagers

Drake Landing – North Carolina's Premier Hunting Preserve located in Fuquay-Varina, hosted our second annual Spring Shoot held on March 13th and 14th. Vintage Gunners who attend the annual Southern Side-by-Side in nearby Deep River Sporting Clays in April will be familiar with Drake Landing's superb 'warm-up' day prior to the Southern – unfortunately at this writing is now cancelled due to the COVID-19.

The Coronavirus concern was still evolving leading up to our weekend and despite some late cancelations we were able to muster fifteen



L to R - James 'Bugsy' Graves and Dr. Jim Finkel - two of our winners.

shooters with some accompanying spouses. The weather cooperated in beautiful Carolina-style and clays from both Old and New courses were dispatched!

This was a designated Fun Shoot where shooters brought their favorite or a new shotgun to try out, hammer and hammerless, no scores recorded and trapper's choice of targets – with a definite bent towards challenging true-pairs. Lots of laughs and celebratory elbow bumps shared all around as was the genteel protocol for the day.

In lieu of awards for high scores, our Fun Shoot offered a drawing of door prizes during the lunch served at *The Covey*. This year our prizes were boxes of BritBore Mops – a nifty bore cleaning tool/process from the U.K. – disposable and biodegradable wool felt mops (www.britboremop.co.uk). We had 20, 16 and 12-Bore kits on hand for prizes. Check out their site and the 'How to Use' demo clips.

A good time was experienced by all and there seems to be keen interest for a Fall weekend at Drake Landing, so stay tuned!

Financial Report

Double Gun Society of the Vintage Gunners
1st Quarter Financial Report
March 26, 2020

Assets:

Checking Balance 3/26/2020 \$ 10,141.16

Expenses During the 1st Quarter

Tax/Accounting Services \$ 400.00

Total Expenses \$ 400.00

Individual and family dues that have been sent to me during the 1st quarter:

Total \$ 75.00

Please contact me with any additional questions.

Thanks,

Joseph W. Norcom
Treasurer

News & Notes

New Website Launched

By Matt Haney, President, Georgia Vintagers

I am sure most of you have seen the new website (<https://vintagers.org/>). I hope you are pleased with the results, but if you have any comments, ideas or suggestions, I will be glad to hear them.



Check out the new Events page, listing upcoming chapter events and other events of interest!



Editor's Note

We are certainly living in some extraordinary times these days, under the shadow of the COVID-19 virus and its affects on our social and economic lives. But I do want to take a moment to remind everyone, that while the world may seem like this today:



With a little perseverance and patience, we'll make it back to the world that seems more like:





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Information about Chapter events can be found [HERE](#).



2020 Membership Application for the Double Gun Society, Vintage Gunners

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, 2020.
- 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
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