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2022 Vintage Gunners Cup Special Edition

President's Message

Dear Vintage Gunners,

With the Vintage Gunners Cup less than two weeks away we are in the final preparations of this year's event. The small bore course and the large bore course are almost complete. Both the small bore course and the large bore courses are set up as a hunters challenge. Each station has been checked and I'm sure that our shooters will enjoy the challenges of the courses. We are now working on the rifle range, games, cocktail party and ladies' tea. It is truly shaping up to be the celebration of our shooting heritage that we have come to expect. You do not want to miss our final year at Hausmann's Hidden Hollow Sporting Clays.

The Vintage Gunners Cup continues to be a celebration of the legacy of fine guns and an event to promote comradery of men and women that appreciation our shooting heritage.

This is the end of my term as President and time to pass the torch on to my successor. We have grown the Vintage Gunners Cup from the first year with 96 people joining us in Maryland to 350 shooters at Hausmann's Hidden Hollow in Friendsville, PA prior to the pandemic.

The past 3 years have presented challenges with the pandemic, ammunition shortages and now inflation impacting our sport. Still, I see a bright future for the Vintage Gunners organization and wish the new leadership great success. Come and join us at this year's event, meet the new president and vice president and find out where next year's event will be held.

Thank you for letting me be the steward of the Vintage Gunners of the Double Gun Society.



President Tom Snyder

Be sure to check our [website](#), and/or our [Facebook page](#) for more information and updates.

Hammers back!

Tom Snyder
President, The Vintage Gunners

Sponsors

We want to thank our 2022 Vintage Gunners Cup Sponsors, Robin Hollow Outfitters, Cole Johnson Art, and RST Shotshell for their generosity in supporting this year's event. Without their support and assistance, we could not present as full and complete of an event as we can this year. Robin Hollow Outfitters and RST have been great supporters of the Vintage Gunners for many years now. Cole Johnson Art has again donated a print to be auctioned off to raise funds to send kids to Camp Can-Do. We truly appreciate their continued friendship and dedication over the years.



Click on the logo of each sponsor to learn more about each.

When you see representatives of these organizations, we hope you will take a moment to thank them too.



Confirmed Vendors and Exhibitors

Robin Hollow Outfitters
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Dan Morgan Classic Stocks
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Collectors Organizations

A.H. Fox Collectors Association
L.C. Smith Collectors Association
Parker Gun Collectors Association
Lefever Arms Collectors Association
German Gun Collectors Association

Vintage Gunners Cup 2022 Hotel and Golf Cart Information

There are several hotels nearby. Here are three we can suggest:

1. Comfort Suites
3401 Vestal Parkway East
Vestal, NY 13850-2147
607-766-0600

2. Candlewood Suites
3605 Vestal Parkway East
Vestal, NY 13850
607-770-0007

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

All three hotels are located in Vestal, NY approximately 25 to 30 minutes from the site of the Vintage Gunners Cup and have a variety of places to eat nearby.

We highly recommend a golf cart for participants due the terrain and proximity of some of the courses to the club house. Golf cart rentals will again be supplied by Empire Golf Carts, who often works with Hausmann's events. The website is: <https://empiregolfcars.com/>

Call 888-913-6747 for information or contact Jim Farrelly at jim@empiregolfcars.com.

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

2022 Vintage Gunners Cup Event Guide



*The Vintage Gunners Cup
24th Annual World Side-by-Side Shotgun and Rifle
Championship and Exhibition*

September 14 – 17, 2022

at Hausmann's Hidden Hollow Sporting Clays
Friendsville, PA

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Be sure to visit and support our Exhibitors and Historical Associations in the tents!

***Free Parking/No entry fee/Open to the Public
Over 12,000 sq. ft of Exhibitors featuring Classic Firearms and
Accessories***

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14



The Vintage Gunners and the Anthony J Rinaldi Jr. Foundation for Children with Cancer are teaming up to hold a special event to raise money to send children with cancer to “Camp Can-Do”.

All proceeds from shooting on Wednesday will go to this deserving cause.

**Special Event Pump Gun Challenge
(125.00 each) Lunch included**

Hours – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

50 clay targets on Lg Bore Course

25 clay targets on the 5 stand

Prizes for first and second place from combined scores of Large Bore and 5 stand

“New” O/U shotguns and semi-autos Competition (\$125.00 each)

Lunch included

Hours - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

50 clay targets on Lg Bore Course

25 clay targets on the 5 stand

Prizes for first place from combined scores of Lg Bore and 5 stand

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 – 16

Prizes to be given out during the Cocktail party Friday night for high scores over the two days of events. Prizes to be given out for Men’s, Ladies and Youth 50 target, games and rifle range events.

Prizes must be picked-up, they will not be mailed.

All rifle events (\$25.00 each)

Hours – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Single, Double rifle, Bolt action, Lever action, Drilling, Combination shotgun/rifle,

NEW optics category

Rifle range – follow the signs

Shotgun SXS events (\$50.00 each)

Hours – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Hammer and Hammerless

Any gun maker/American Classic, 50 target events - 20 ga., 24 ga., 28 ga., 32 ga., 410 ga.

Small bore course located above the 5 stand – follow the signs.

Shotgun SXS events (\$50.00 each)

Hours – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Hammer and Hammerless

Any gun maker/American Classic, 50 target events - 10 ga., 12 ga., 16 ga.

Large Bore Course located at the top of the hill – follow the signs near golf cart pick-up area.

Youth 15 yrs and younger (\$30.00 each)

Hours – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

50 target event, Youth shooters may use an O/U & must hold a hunter safety certificate to participate & accompanied by an adult.

Games

Hours – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Clays Pigeon Ring 15 target event (\$20.00)

Mad Jack 25 shot event (\$20.00)

Long Bird 5 target event (\$10.00)

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

Fox/Parker Challenge

Friday afternoon

Go to the Fox or Parker Booth to register in advance

Any shooter wishing to be qualified for a prize for Thursday or Friday events must hand in their card by 3:00 pm on Friday (or sooner).

Proper Shooting Attire is encouraged for Friday and Saturday's events.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

SOCIAL EVENTS

Ladies High Tea

2 – 4 pm – Large tent near pond

A complimentary event for ladies only –participants and vendors welcome!

Sips, Scones, and delectable fare

Cocktail Party

5:00 – 6:30 pm

Vintage Gunner members and wives/husbands \$10.00 each

Non-members - \$25.00 each

Exhibitors (2 tickets per) and event workers are complimentary

Receive complimentary Vintager's wine glass

Two glasses of wine (limit)

Various appetizers

Additional glasses and pins will be available for sale on Saturday at the Vintager's Booth near Registration.

Check out the delicious food at Greenley's BBQ Food Truck

Open 7:30 am to 3 pm each day for Breakfast and Lunch

**Opening Noon on Wed.*

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Main Event

(\$80.00)

Hours – 10 am to 3 pm

80 target event

Prizes for Super Senior (=>78 yrs), Senior (=>65 yrs), Men's, Ladies, Youth (=< 15 yrs)

Winner(s) to be announced at 4:30 pm at the Large Exhibitors tent

Any shooter wishing to be qualified for a Main Event prize must hand in their card by 3:00 pm on Saturday (or sooner).

Prizes must be picked up, they will not be mailed.

Rifle range Fun Shoot (\$20.00 each)

Hours - 10 am to 12 pm

Side games (Various prices,

Hours - 10 am to 2 pm

2022 Vintage Gunners Rifle Event Description & Rules

The Rifle events are to be shot under the Big Game Rifle Rules, amended as needed for the Vintage Gunners Cup.

Big Game Rifle is a rifle shooting discipline that aims to foster the collection, preservation and use of vintage and modern classic large-caliber big-game rifles, particularly those of British origin, including black powder and early Nitro cartridge firearms. The discipline includes categories of matches and the courses of fire; largely determined by rifle types and eras, shooting times and shooting positions. The matches aim to simulate field-shooting conditions to improve the shooter's firearm skills in the pursuit of large and dangerous game.

Big Game Rifle comprises eight categories. The course of fire includes differently timed shots and shooting positions in each category, which is fully detailed below.

- **Group One** One early issue was where to start Big Game Rifle categories and how to define them. It was felt that all military calibers should be excluded and that sporting rifles only be used. In the end, Group One started at the .330-calibres and covers up to .375. Group One requires a minimum bullet diameter of .330, minimum bullet weight of 165 grains and minimum muzzle energy of 2900 ft-lb.

- **Group Two** This group covers the .400- to .485-calibres and requires a minimum bullet diameter of .400, minimum bullet weight of 400 grains and minimum muzzle energy of 3900 ft-lb.
- **Group Three** This group encompasses the largest of the big-game-stopping rifles, beginning at the .485-calibres. Group Three requires a minimum bullet diameter of .485, minimum bullet weight of 525 grains and minimum muzzle energy of 5300 ft-lb.
 - **Black Powder Express** These cartridges range from the .400- to .577-calibres. They are distinctly different from the military and target cartridges of the black powder era, which typically used a heavy bullet propelled by a fairly small powder charge, giving a low velocity and curved trajectory. Conversely, Express rifles used a large charge of black powder propelling a light bullet to deliberately flatten the trajectory and ease the problems of holdover when stalking. Black Powder Express has a minimum caliber of .400, a minimum case capacity of 110 grains of black powder, a minimum velocity of 1600fps and bullet weight in accordance with the original loadings. Loads may be full black powder, pyrodex or duplex (of at least 80 per cent black powder). Jacketed bullets may only be used with full black powder.
 - **Bore Guns and Rifles** These were the real big-game and dangerous-game-stopping rifles of their day. Typically, they were 12, 10, or 8-bore firearms firing large charges of black powder and using a round ball or conical lead projectile. This category is a great spectator event, with huge volumes of smoke combined with tremendous muzzle flashes. This category also includes any bore gun or rifle with full rifling or patent rifling, as in Paradox (rifled choke) or semi-invisible rifling for ball and shot. Smoothbore ball guns are permitted, provided they are specifically designed for ball and have sights fitted by the original maker. The minimum bore is 16-bore, it must have the maker's fitted sights and it may use black powder or nitro loads with factory maximum or equivalent reloads. Projectiles must be of a traditional design such as round ball, bluff nosed or Paradox and must be bore riding. Shotgun slugs, such as Brenneke slugs, sabotated projectiles or similar modern developments are not permitted. Firearms of modern manufacture in keeping with the spirit of the event, such as the Greener GP, may be used.
 - **Stalking and Stopping Double Rifles** These two groups encompass all centrefire double rifles. In the early days of Big Game Rifle, the doubles were mainly of British origin, but since about 2000, there has been an increasing surge of new double rifles from Europe. These are in both the traditional side-by-side configuration and the popular European over-and-under style. Stalking Double Rifle requires any centrefire double rifle with a minimum caliber of .228, while Stopping Double Rifle must meet the Group Two requirements or above. If using a bore gun or rifle, it must be 12-gauge or greater.

Events with First Place (only) trophies

**Trophies will be awarded at the end of the day on Friday - no trophies will be mailed to winners*

Soft nose bullets must be used for all rifle events.

Stalking rifle, iron sighted

- Single shot
- Double rifle

- Lever action, vintage caliber
- Bolt action vintage style rifle, vintage caliber

Stopping Rifle, iron sighted

- Single shot
- Double rifle
- Bolt action

Drilling, iron sighted

Cape gun, iron sighted

O/U combo gun, iron sighted

*If a shooter has a gun and wishes to enter a rifle event, they must bring the gun to rifle range, where the Range officer will determine the appropriate category. If none of the above categories fit, the shooter has the option of shooting for "No Trophy". All are welcome.

Description of Events

• Stalking Rifle Single Shots - 16 Shots - Combination of Distance and Running targets

Iron sight, Single shot rifle calibers 22cf and up. To include: falling blocks, trap doors, rolling blocks, break guns.

• Lever Action Classic Calibers 16 Shots - Combination of Distance and Running Targets

Rifle cartridge calibers (no pistol calibers), 30 caliber and larger. Iron sighted.

In the spirit of the classic caliber competition, the intent of this category is for the use of production factory rifles and reproductions of the same. In addition, eligible rifles will comply with:

1. Any Lever Action Rifle with a two-piece wooden stock.
2. Those rifles having a detachable box magazine and/or a rotating bolt head are excluded.
3. Sights shall be of the traditional open type. Peep, screw or micrometer/Vernier adjustable sights and hoods are not permitted.
4. Any mass-produced factory centrefire cartridge introduced prior to the end of 1938, which has been or is currently factory chambered in any eligible lever action rifle, are eligible for this class. The authority for determining eligibility shall be: BARNES, "CARTRIDGES OF THE WORLD".
5. All repairs and replacement parts shall be kept as close as is reasonably practicable to the original design of the rifle.

6. A pre-1866 original or replica without a two-piece wooden stock, chambered in a classic caliber, will be considered in the spirit of the match, and allowed to compete.
7. Exemption for Post 1939 Cartridges.

The following cartridges, chambered in a compliant Classic Caliber Rifle, will be allowed in the Classic Caliber Match:

- 444 Marlin, 307 Win, 356 Win 375 Win, 450 Marlin

Attachments: Butt hooks, palm rests, hand stops, slings or other such rifle attachments are not permitted.

• **Lever Action Pistol Calibers 16 Shots - Combination of distance and Running targets**

Rules same as Lever Action Classic Calibers event above, except for the allowance of the following pistol cartridges

- 32 H&R Magnum, 41 Rem Mag, 44 Rem Mag

• **Bolt actions stalking rifle: 16 Shots - Combination of Distance and Running Targets**

Vintage calibers and vintage type actions 6.5x55 and larger. Examples: 303, 30-40, 30-06, 405, 45-70, 375 H&H iron sighted.

• **Stalking double rifle: 16 Shots - Combination of Distance and Running Targets**

22cf and larger iron sighted.

• **Stopping rifle bolt action: 16 Shots - Combination of Distance and Running Targets**

Must be 400 grain bullet or heavier. 2050 fps or faster. 40 caliber or larger.

• **Stopping Rifle Single Shot - 16 - Combination of Distance and Running Targets**

Must be 400 grain bullet or heavier. 2050 fps or faster. 40 caliber or larger.

• **Stopping Double Rifle 16 Shots- Combination of Distance and Running Targets**

Iron sighted double rifle. Must be 400 grain bullet or heavier. 2050 fps or faster. 40 caliber or larger.

- **Drilling, iron sighted: 8 rifle shots - Combination of Distance and 8 clay target shots/ 4 report pairs**

22cf and larger. Any shotgun gauge.

- **Cape Gun 10 rifle targets Combination of Distance and 6 clay targets/ singles**

22cf and larger, any gauge.

- **Combination gun (over/ under), iron sight: 10 rifle targets, Combination of Distance and 6 clay targets/singles**

22cf and larger, any shotgun gauge.

- **Scheutzen Fun Shoot Saturday /no trophy \$20/16 shots - your rifle**

- **Rifle Range Have A Go Saturday/ no trophy \$20/16 shots - your rifle**

PROTESTS

In the event of a protest involving the position or the equipment used by a competitor, the range officer will have the final say in determining a ruling. If the competitor's position or equipment does not in the opinion of the range officer conform to the rules of the competition, the protest shall be allowed and the competitor will be required to change immediately to the position or equipment which has been approved or to an otherwise legal position or equipment or without special assistance.

COMPETITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

- Competitors and Officials to be familiar with the Rules
- Competitors and officials should be familiar with the rules pertaining to Vintage Gunner Championships.

Sportsmanship

Competitors shall behave in a sportsmanlike manner as befitting membership of Vintage Gunners.

Behavior

Competitors should refrain from boisterous conduct on the firing range during the conduct of an event. A competitor failing to observe this fact will be disciplined by the Range Officer. In the event of boisterous or unsportsmanlike behavior by a competitor, the Range Officer shall caution the offender once, and, if there is any repetition of the conduct, the competitor may be asked to immediately leave the firing line and may also be disqualified.

Range Safety Rules

All competitors should familiarize themselves with the usual safety precautions observed on a rifle range as well as any rules specific to the range on which a particular championship is being conducted. Unsafe practices by a competitor on a range can be grounds for disqualification.

It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure any firearm or associated equipment is in a safe and serviceable condition.

Safety Equipment

It is required that ear and eye protection be worn at all times by persons who are in the vicinity of the firing line while shooting is underway.

It is recommended that suitable clothing, including enclosed shoes or boots, be worn at all times by a competitor while engaged in the competition and in the vicinity of the firing line.

A competitor may wear medical equipment which may be seen as giving support.

Clothing

When competing competitors should not wear inappropriate or offensive clothing.

For safety reasons military style camouflage clothing is strongly discouraged.

STUCK LIVE ROUND: MANDATORY RULE

In the event of a malfunction which results in a stuck live round which cannot be simply removed from the breech end of the barrel, the firearm is to be made safe and removed from the range to a competent person for repairs. Under no circumstance is an attempt to be made to remove the round by insertion of a cleaning rod or similar object from the muzzle end of the firearm.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

A competitor who, because of a physical disability, cannot fire from the prescribed shooting position outlined in these rules, or who must use special equipment when firing or requires special assistance to place and/or load the firearm, is entitled to petition the range officer for permission to assume a special position or to use modified equipment or both or have special assistance to place and/or load the firearm. The special position must simulate, as much as possible, the original firing position/s required by the Rules, for example boards or tables placed in front of a wheelchair may be used for the prone or kneeling positions.

The shooter must provide his/her own special needs equipment.

Substitute positions for persons with disabilities

In competitions where different shooting positions are required, a competitor with a temporary or permanent physical disability or impairment, that prevents them from using the specified firing position as defined in the rules, may notify the range officer of their intention to use the next more difficult position in lieu of a position, e.g. Sitting may be used for Prone, Kneeling may be used for Sitting, and Standing may be used for Kneeling.

This substitution must comply with the rules for that position to be used and be approved by the Competition Official/s before the start of the shooting for that position.

RULE INFRINGEMENTS

A competitor found to be violating the Standard Rules will be given a warning by the Range Officer. If the violation continues, the competitor may be suspended or disqualified from the competition being contested and their scores will not be recorded.

Safety violations or breaches may result in immediate suspension or disqualification.

DISCIPLINE CHAIRMAN'S AUTHORITY

The range officer shall have the power to direct the shooting match in the manner in which the Championships are to be conducted, and shall have the right to interpret the rules and requirements to ensure the Championships are conducted in an acceptable and uniform manner.

A protest may be lodged by any competitor who feels aggrieved by a decision of the Range Officer, the target scorers, or any other organizational matters or methods of conducting the competition. A competitor may protest the conduct of another competitor(s) or that another competitor(s) has not fulfilled their obligations according to these Rules, or has not properly obeyed the Rules.





2022 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, 2022 –
New members joining after Sept. get the rest of current year and following year.
- 2 Annual Membership: \$75.00 Individual
- 3 Annual Membership: \$120.00 Family Membership (Spouse and Children)
- 4 Make checks payable to: The Vintage Gunners
- 5 Mail to: The Vintage Gunners
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