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President's Message

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Well fellow Vintage Gunners, 2017 is here and spring is upon us. That means clay shooting season is starting again. Just a few dates to remember are the Spring Southern Side-by-Side Classic, April 27-30 in Sanford, NC; the Northeast Side-by-Side Classic at Hausmann's Hidden Hollow, June 1-3 in Friendsville, PA; and of course, the Vintage Gunners Cup, September 22-24 at Hopkins Game Farm in Kennedyville, MD. For side-by-side shooters, these are premier events. I am hoping soon to provide information on shoots on the west coast. When I have these dates I will let you know.



We are a volunteer organization. If you can donate time and resources to help the Vintage Gunners please do so. This organization has been the flagship of the side-by-side community for 20 years now. We can use your help. We want everyone to be able to enjoy the art of side-by-side shooting, as well as the traditions that have evolved over the past couple of centuries.

At the Vintage Gunners Cup this year we will have a Parker/Fox Challenge. So, you guys dust-off your Parkers and Foxes and get in some practice. I look for this to be a hard fought battle.

I was shooting with a group of fellow side-by-side enthusiasts this weekend. As I sat on the front porch of the lodge and listened to them it was apparent these people had fun. I mean a lot of fun. I encourage all of you to put together more outings with each other and have fun. That is what we are all about.

Start making plans now so we see you at the Vintage Gunners Cup in September.

Gary Lacey
President, Vintage Gunners

News from the Field

Carolina Vintagers Winter Shoot in Georgetown

By Dwain Holden, Carolina Vintagers

On the weekend of January 13-15, seventeen members of the Carolina Vintagers gathered at Backwoods Quail Club in Georgetown, SC, for fellowship and some friendly competition. While the emphasis was on fun and comradeship, they did keep score. The winners were:

High Overall - Joe Norcom (combined score in all categories)

High Hammerless
- Dwaine Holden

High Hammer -
Jack Hurley

High Sub-Gauge -
Bob Nay



Alabama Vintagers Enjoy Continental Pheasants

By Ron Wolff, President Alabama Vintagers; Photos by Judith Hill



The Alabama Vintagers just enjoyed their annual Continental Pheasant Shoot at Selwood Farm. This year we had 27 shooters and 400 Pheasants released. The take was 275 birds on a windy high flying day! This was our best outing to date, with a rousing cocktail party followed by a delicious sit-down dinner. Adding to the festivities, most of the shooters brought their wives either to view the hunt before the party or just to party. All in all a great time was had by Vintagers and friends!

(More photos on the next page.)



A Concours D'Elegance of Carolina Vintagers' Guns

By Joe Norcom, President, Carolina Vintagers

On a recent Saturday, the Carolina Vintagers gathered at Sir Ed's in Charlotte for our second annual Club Gun Show. The club offered trophies and a book of choice to the winners.

Best in Show went to Steve Howell. Steve created a .38-55 ejector double rifle using a CZ-BRNO 12 ejector as a base. Steve added intercepting sears of his own design. The engraving is London scroll, also done by Steve. The gun was an 18-month labor of love.



Next, Best Hammerless went to Jack Hurley for his pair of Fred T. Baker, side lever, stocked-to-the-fences and fully engraved 12 bore sidelock ejectors.



The Best Hammer Gun went to Phillip Floyd for his Purdey 16 bore with provenance.



Best Small Bore was Joe Norcom's Churchill XXV .410 ejector weighing in at 4 pounds even. It is on the bottom of the rack pictured below.



The other guns are a Poli 28 gauge, a Midland SLE, a Grant SLE, a Boswell 10 hammer gun, a Thomas Turner Lightweight 12 (note scalloped stock) and at the bottom is the Churchill.

Vintage Gunners Take on Pheasants, Partridges and Wales

By Matt Haney, President, Georgia Vintagers; Photos by Liz Delaney, Delaney & Sons



In the first week of December in Wales, the price of sunny skies is frigid temperatures. But for four Vintage Gunners, this was no object in the pursuit of pheasants, partridge and woodcock over five days of Welsh winter shooting. Vintage Gunners Bob and Judy Holliday, Ray McNaughton and Matt Haney joined a line of five others shooters as part of this year's Beacons Shoot.



Bob and Judy Holliday

The Beacons Shoot is organized and hosted by Sean and Liz Delaney of Delaney & Sons Authentic British Shooting (www.delaneyandsons.com). The shoot is based in the quaint and scenic Welsh village of Crickhowell near the Brecon Beacons national park in Wales. Accommodations at the Dragon Inn are comfortable, with friendly service and excellent meals. Over the course of five days, shooters visit five distinctly different estates in Wales and western England to enjoy driven shooting for pheasants and partridge, with a chance for ducks and woodcock too.

From the first day, starting at the estate Glanusk, the shooting was fast and fun. Shooters new to traditional driven shooting were eased into it with a couple of block and drive (as one might do in the corn fields of the Midwest) drives before seeing purely driven birds over the line.

With the warm-ups done, the second day found the team at the Aberbran Fawr estate where they enjoyed brilliant sunshine while shooting on the rolling pastures. The quarry were pheasants and a

few local ducks. There were plenty of sporting birds presented and the guns really started to get their shooting legs under them.



Alice Arnold

The second night the group was joined for dinner by a couple of guests. Local artist Alice Arnold (<http://alicearnold.weebly.com/>), who specializes in animal portraits brought some of her work for viewing and talked about how she got involved in sporting art. Also attending that evening was noted gun writer Diggory Hadoke. He discussed his latest book, “*Hammer Guns: In Theory and Practice*” and why he believes so strongly in the quality and craftsmanship of the British hammer guns built before 1900. Diggory stayed the night and joined the team for the next day’s shooting as well.

Day three was at the beautiful Cefn Park estate. It provided the greatest changes in elevation the team had seen to that point.

Over the course of the day the team shot from the highest to the lowest point on the property. A delicious and hearty beef stew was served for lunch that re-



Diggory Hadoke speaks to the group

fortified everyone for the afternoon’s shooting. The Cefn Park shoot also included a woodcock-only drive, with several being shot on that drive and a couple more on other drives during the day.



The fourth day found the team in eastern England, just across the Welsh border at the Haie Estate. Here, high rolling pastures gave stunning views of the river Severn in the distance. Presentations were more challenging with pheasants and partridge flying fast and with more elevation. Late lunch at the estate included pheasant crumble and home-made sticky toffee pudding.

That night, the team was again by another special guest: Stephen Murray of fine gun makers James Purdey & Sons, Ltd. Mr. Murray addressed the team

about the history of Purdey's and what makes the products of the iconic brand special.



Ray McNaughton in Action

The last day provided a bit of overcast, but no precipitation as the team again crossed just over into England to the Riverside Shoot at Sedbury Park. This shoot is well named as the property lies along the river Severn. Steven Murray joined the guns and provided a Purdey side-by-side and over-and-under for shooters to use if they wanted. Neither gun was idle during the day. The pheasants flew fast and strong here and the guns faced their greatest challenge of the week on the day's last drive.

The signature drive at Riverside has the guns at the base of a cliff with their backs to the river. Pheasants are driven over the cliff-edge where they are high and wheeling as they shoot out from the wooded cliff side and try to curl back quickly to the safety of the trees. This drive was a thrilling climax to the week and it felt like the preceding days shooting had been pointing towards this moment, which was over all-too-soon.

A final farewell dinner was enjoyed back in Crickhowell by the guns before being taken back to Heathrow the next morning. New friendships were celebrated and fun memories of Wales got their first recollections.

The Beacons Shoot provides a great value for the money. Included in the price is all shooting, three meals-a-day, transportation and lodging. Tips and airfare are about all that is not included. The shooting is excellent with challenging and sporting birds, but it is not the super-high birds often written about, which require special experience and practice. The bags each day also were not "high-volume" but everyone had plenty of shooting. This is a great trip for anyone looking for their first taste of driven shooting, or for the experienced shot who simply wants everything taken care of so he can show up and



Bob Holliday in Action

shoot. The meals, both at the shoots and at restaurants, were very good, and nobody was ever hungry.



Ray McNaughton and Patti McIntyre

Besides Sean and Liz, the group was assisted by three local guides who provided shooting tips, logistical help getting gear from point A to point B, local knowledge, help getting over fences and generally just great company.

A grand time was had by all.



Judy Holliday in action



Bob Holliday (left) and Diggory Hadoke with Sean Delaney in the background



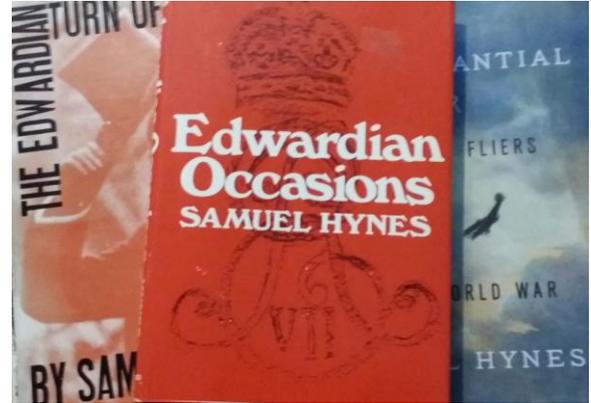
Steven Murray (left) watches as Matt Haney tries out the Purdey side-by-side.

Book Review

A Look at *Edwardian Occasions* by Samuel Hynes

By Matt Haney, President, Georgia Vintagers

The Edwardian era is one for which members of the Vintage Gunners naturally have an affinity. The time of Edward VII's reign is often lumped together with the Victorian era from an historical and literary standpoint. However, Professor Samuel Hynes finds that a distinctive Edwardian character can be found for the period after the death of Queen Victoria and the outbreak of WWI.



Edwardian Occasions is a collection of essays by Samuel Hynes that deal with the literature and literary figures of the Edwardian era. As such, its main appeal will be to those with an interest in the authors of that time, such as Robert Conrad, E.M. Forster, G.K. Chesterton, H.G. Wells, Virginia Woolf and others. The author's introduction, however, does include his thoughts on what makes the Edwardians and the Edwardian era distinctive, and that has broader interest to Vintage Gunners.

Through the literature of the time, Hynes offers two insights into the thinking of Edwardians, particularly in England. He first makes the case that the Edwardian era does deserve to stand alone. Hynes says in the introduction, "Yet the time between the turn of the century and the First World War does seem to have the qualities that make a literary period: a shape – a beginning, a middle, and an end, a consciousness of its own separateness from what went before and what followed..."

Secondly, Hynes believes the Edwardians themselves were aware that they were in a period of change. He says, "One finds everywhere in Edwardian writing the sense of disturbing change, and the essential Edwardian mood is somber – a feeling of nostalgia for what has gone, and of apprehension for what is to come..." As a result of this awareness of change, Hynes finds two reactions in the literature of the Edwardians: "nostalgia, the sense of the pastness of the past... and temporality, the sense of the passage of time, the unique historical existence of the present moment in its relation to past and future..."

So what do we learn from Hynes of the Edwardians? After the long reign of Queen Victoria, many people in England believed that something fundamental had changed for the first time in their lives. And further, that the change was ongoing and towards something new that they could not see yet.

Samuel Hynes wrote another book about the Edwardian era, *The Edwardian Turn of Mind*, which focuses on the people and issues of that time. It will be reviewed in a future edition. *Edwardian Occasions* and *The Edwardian Turn of Mind* are long out of print, but can be scrounged up on the Internet.

I might recommend other of Hynes' books including *Flights of Passage*, his memoirs of the Second World War as a Marine pilot and *The Unsubstantial Air*, about American pilots in WWI.

Editor's Note

Hello All,

As always, I'm looking for new 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. Ownership of any nice guns can remain anonymous if requested. This is your newsletter, so please contribute.

As a reminder, as a part of your Vintage Gunner membership, 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.

If you have any problems with the website, or to submit material for publication in *The Vintager*, please email me at: mmhaney@comcast.net.

Thank you!

Matt Haney
President, Georgia Vintagers
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Announcements

New Address – We have a new address for Headquarters. Please send any correspondence, including membership dues to:

**The Vintage Gunners
45 Wild Flower Court
Satee, GA 30571**

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ALABAMA

Contact: Ron Wolff, President -- 205-482-0232 -- lobowolff8@hotmail.com

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

February 25, 2017 -- Continental Pheasant Shoot

TBD -- Spring Clays Shoot

TBD -- "Prepare for the Hunt" Fall Clays Shoot

NORTHEAST (NEW ENGLAND)

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

April 14, 2017 -- East Glastonbury Fish & Game, Marlboro, CT

May 12, 2017 -- Addieville East Farm, Mapleville, RI

July 14, 2017 --Barre Sportsman's Club, Barre, MA

September 22 - 24, 2017 -- Vintage Gunners Cup, Hopkins Game Farm, Kennedyville, MD

October 13, 2017 -- East Glastonbury Fish & Game, Marlboro, CT

December 8, 2017 -- Addieville East Farm, Mapleville, RI

DOWN EAST (MAINE)

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

2017 Events Pending

SUNSHINE (FLORIDA)

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

March 2-5, 2017 -- 17th Annual World Vintage Skeet Championships -- Gator Skeet & Trap Club -- Gainesville, FL

GROUSE HALL (PENNSYLVANIA)

Contact: Brian Buckman, President -- 215-518-8942 -- brian.buckman9@gmail.com

2017 Events Pending

NORTHERN APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS (PENNSYLVANIA/UPSTATE NY)

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

April 8, 2017 -- American Classic Shoot sponsored by the Central NY Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society

Contact: www.cayugacontysportmens.com ph.315-252-2031

April 27-30, 2017 -- Southern Side x Side Spring Classic @Deep River Sporting Clays and Shooting School, Sanford, North Carolina

Contact: www.southernsidebyside.com ph. 919.774-7080

May 13, 2017 -- Northern Appalachian Mt. Chapter – Vintage Gunners @ Hausmann’s Hidden Hollow Sporting Clays

Contacts: Tom Snyder tsnyder610@aol.com ph. 607-759-7150

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May 21, 2017 -- Ruffed Grouse Society, NEPA Chapter – Spring Break Habitat Shoot @ Rock Mt. Sporting Clays

Contact: www.rockmountain@frontier.com or ph. 570-965-7625

June 1-3, 2017 -- 15th Annual Northeast Side x Side Classic @ Hausmann’s Hidden Hollow

Contact: Ernest Hausmann ewhausmann@frontier.com ph. 570-934-2336

July 8, 2017 -- Northern Appalachian Mt. Chapter Event – Vintage Gunners @ Oneonta Sportsmen’s Association

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July 22, 2017 -- Anthony Rinaldi Jr. Foundation for Children with Cancer Benefit shoot @ Hausmann’s Hidden Hollow

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July 29, 2017 -- Northern Appalachian Mt. Chapter Event – Vintage Gunners @ Vernon National Shooting Preserve (Sporting Clays and Steak Roast)

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August 6, 2017 -- Northern Appalachian Mt. Chapter Event – Vintage Gunners @ Tioga County Sportsmen’s Association

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**August 18-19, 2017 -- 6th Annual Hunter Arms Home Coming Days
(more information as it becomes available)**

August 26-27, 2017 -- Possible Vintagers Shoot (to be determined)

September 9-10, 2017 -- Cobb Shoot Classic @ Hausmann's Hidden Hollow

Contact: Ernest Hausmann ewhausmann@frontier.com

September 14-17, 2017 -- Rock Mt. Side x Side Exposition

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September 22-24, 2017 -- The Vintage Gunners Cup 20th Annual World Side-by-Side

Shotgun & Rifle Championship and Exhibition

Hopkins Game Farm, Kennedyville, Maryland

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GEORGIA

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

**April 22, 2017 -- Side-by-Side Sporting Clays Shoot in Conjunction With Mambas Youth
Shooting Team Fundraiser**

Etowah Valley Sporting Clays

More Details to Follow

April 28 - 30, 2017 -- Southern Side-by-Side -- Deep River Sporting Clays in Sanford, NC

MAGNOLIA CHAPTER (MISSISSIPPI/TENNESSEE)

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2017 Events Pending

CAROLINA

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April 28 - 30, 2017 -- Southern Side-by-Side -- Deep River Sporting Clays in Sanford, NC

**July 28th - 30th, 2017 -- Mountain Retreat Weekend -- Homestead Shooting Club in Hot
Springs, VA**

**September 22nd - 24th, 2017 -- Vintage Gunners Cup -- Hopkins Game Farm in
Kennedyville, MD**

(More on next page)

LONG ISLAND/GOLD COAST (NEW YORK)

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2017 Events Pending

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2017 Events Pending

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The 2016 Vintage Gunners Cup

Morris Baker of RST Classic Shotshell Company, is a fine photographer, besides being a fine fellow in general. He has generously shared some of his many photos from the 2016 Vintage Gunners Cup. Thank you, Morris! Below is a sampling.

This was fun!







Out on The Course





2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE VINTAGE GUNNERS AND DOUBLE GUN SOCIETY

Please print legibly.

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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, 2017.
- 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 Couple Membership
- 5 Make checks payable to: The Vintage Gunners
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