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## President's Message

Ladies and Gentlemen,
In your latest edition of Shooting Sportsman, page 91, is an ad for the Vintage Gunners Cup on September 22, 23, 24. Mark that on the calendar.

Fellow Vintagers, this is your shoot. This is where most of your dues money goes. We are having an exquisite array of exhibitors. Parker and Fox will have a challenge. You will have flurries, sporting clays, double rifle, drilling and ladies events to name a few. This will take place on one of the most impressive shooting grounds in the U.S.: Hopkins Game Farm in Kennedyville Md.


This is the 20-year celebration of the Vintage Gunners Cup, the shooting event that sparked the side-by-side movement in the U.S. Come out and treat yourself to a great weekend of shooting, shopping, and fine dining. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Hammers back!
Gary Lacey
President, Vintage Gunners

## News from the Field

## Down East Chapter Holds Annual Dirigo Cup

By Bob Lee, Down East Vintagers
On May $21^{\text {st }}$, the Down East chapter held its annual Dirigo cup at Scarborough Fish and Game in Maine. Below is a photo of the top shooters. Pictured from left to right are: Brad Varney, Bob Lee, John Lester, Unknown, Bob Norcross, Randy Frazier, and Al Poudrier.


## Sunshine Vintagers and the 2017 Vintage Skeet Championships

By Hal Hare, President, Sunshine Chapter
What is Vintage Skeet you ask? It is the original version of the skeet game we now shoot, but using the original circa 1935 rules. These rules included a variable delay of the target's release rather than the instant releases now seen, and a low gun starting position. Your guns couldn't be shouldered until the target was actually in the air! The target sequence used is the standard sequence which is currently in use today. These original rules make the game more difficult, as evidenced only three 25 straights shot over the entire 4 day tournament!

Our Annual Vintage Skeet Tournament is a continuing celebration of the NSSA's 1st World Skeet Championships, which was shot in Salon (OH) in August of 1935. According to the April 1935

edition of the Skeet Shooting News (the official publication of the infant National Skeet Shooting Association), this was to be the first time that State and Sectional champions had an opportunity to shoot shoulder to shoulder for championship glory during the six day tournament and the concept created a lot of interest among skeeters of the period.

Our 17th Annual NSSA World Vintage Skeet Championship was held March 2nd through the 5th at the Gator Skeet \& Trap Club in Gainesville, Florida. We had 171 entries participating in the 2017 Championships, which were shot using a NSSA Event 6 Registration Certificate. This is significant as it allowed both members and non-NSSA members the opportunity to participate in our favorite shotgun game. Targets shot by NSSA members are counted towards individual lifetime target statistics - but do not impact their current averages.

As indicated, this was a multi-day tournament with primary emphasis on Vintage Skeet, but Gator Skeet \& Trap also offered daily gauge specific side games such as 5-Stand Sporting, Monte Carlo (aka Olympic Trap-featuring 15 machines), and a sliding Trap game shot from the 16 thru 20 yard lines.

Thursday was Day One and offered events for our 16 gauge aficionados as well as a modern Skeet Doubles event. While any gauge could be used for the Doubles event, only true 16 gauge guns were permitted to participate in the 16 Gauge Skeet Championships and the optional side games. Also in addition, there was a concurrent Game Gun and Hammer Gun Handicap event offered throughout the entire 4 days of tournament shooting. These handicap events awarded extra targets to those shooting the smaller gauges, and this added target feature leveled the field for the smaller gauges, allowing them to compete more fairly. These concurrent handicap events have proven to be quite popular in the last few years, and 2017 was no exception!

The 16 Gauge Skeet Title and Gold Medal went to Georgia's Joe Dickson posting a 47x50. Team CZ-USA members Dave Miller and Jeff Neumann captured both the Silver and Bronze.

The 16 Gauge side games were hotly contested with Dave Miller nudging Rick Staples and Neil Wilkinson. The 16-20 Yard Sliding Trap Event was also dominated by Team CZ-USA with Dave Miller again taking the Gold and teammate Jeff Neumann the Bronze. Kevin Brooks slid in between to take the Silver. On the Olympic Bunker, Hal Hare took the 16 Gauge Gold Medal, followed by Dave Miller and Jeff Neumann.


Thursday's final Skeet offering was a 50 target modern Doubles-at-All Stations Event, but shot with a low gun and delayed targets release. Former A.M.U. shooter Joe Dickson took the top spot on podium with a $47 \times 50$, followed by Silver Medalist Neil Wilkinson and Bronze Medalist Hal Hare.

Eurotarget USA supplied the clays for all events during the tournament and they flew straight and true, with minimal (if any) target breakage. This was the 2 nd year that Gator chose to use these fine imported targets, and more clubs throughout Florida are following suit.

Friday was the second day of our 4 day shoot, being reserved for .410 Skeet, 28 Gauge Skeet, and assorted 28 Gauge side games. Florida's Hal Hare captured the .410 Gold on a gusty morning shooting a $43 \times 50$ with an SKB 200HR, and took an early 3 target lead in the HOA race. Neil Wilkinson took the Silver with a 40x50, and Joe Dickson was only a target behind with a $39 \times 50$.

In the 28 Gauge Championships, Hare again took the Gold medal with another SKB 200 HR, firing a $44 \times 50$ to hold off Jeff Neumann (Silver Medalist) and Neil Wilkinson (Bronze Medalist) who were both one target behind with 43 's. The 28 gauge 5-Stand Event was again taken by CZ's Dave Miller, followed by Neil Wilkinson (Silver) and Kevin Brooks (Bronze). In the 28 Gauge Sliding Trap Event, Dave Miller again displayed his mastery taking the Gold, followed by Kevin Brooks and Rick Staples who took the Silver and Bronze. In the final 28 Gauge side games, Dave Miller prevailed to take another Gold, besting Hal
 Hare (Silver) and Robert Hill (Bronze).

Saturday was Day 3 and was reserved for 20 gauge fans. Both Vintage Skeet and exciting side games were offered. A gusty but balmy day in early April lifted everyone's spirits and aspirations. What a relief from the snow and ice up North! Saturday saw one of our first 25 straights, shot by Rick Staples. Quite a feat at vintage skeet! Joe Dickson showed his form and posted two rounds of $24 \times 25$ in his Gold Medal performance for $48 \times 50$, followed by Kevin Brooks with a $47 \times 50$ taking Silver and Hal Hare with a $46 \times 50$ for the Bronze medal. Rick Staples took A1, Neil Wilkinson captured B1, and Dave Miller won C1 honors.

In the 20 gauge side games, Dave Miller really showed his shooting skills, winning the 20 Gauge 5Stand Event and 20 Gauge Bunker by convincing margins, while Kevin Brooks took the Gold in the 16-20 Yard Trap Game. An all you could eat fish and shrimp dinner followed Saturday's shooting, all courtesy of the Officers and Directors of the Gator Skeet and Trap Club.


Sunday was the final day of the festival and was reserved for 12 Gauge Skeet and side games. Joe Dickson and Dave Miller both posted elusive ' 25 straights' with Joe posting a Gold Medal score of 48x50. Kevin Brooks finished second with a $45 \times 50$ and Hal Hare took third with a $44 \times 50$. Additional winners were: Neil Wilkinson A1, Dave Miller B1, and Robert Hill C1. It should be pointed out that in vintage skeet, the classes are determined via the Lewis Class system, allowing everyone to shoot against others of similar skill levels.

The 12 Gauge 5-Stand awards went to Dave Miller (Gold), Jeff Neumann (Silver), and Rick Staples (Bronze). The 12 Gauge 16-20 Yard Trap was won by Kevin Brooks (Gold), followed by Dave Miller (Silver), and Neil Wilkinson. The 12 Gauge Bunker event was taken by Dave Miller (Gold), Hal Hare (Silver), and Lou Stallings (Bronze).

The High-Over-All race was closely contested throughout the tournament, and finished in a tie between long time shooting friends Joe Dickson and Hal Hare, both posting identical scores of $177 \times 200$. The tie breaker was a vintage skeet miss-and-out shoot off with the .410 bore with Hare nudging Dickson by one target to take the HOA Gold Medal. Dickson won the Silver and Neil Wilkinson the Bronze. There was also a special HOA Veteran (over 70 years of age) concurrent won by Robert Hill (Gold) with a 15 target margin over Lou Stallings (Silver).

The last events to be determined were the tournament long concurrent races for both the Game Gun Handicap and Hammer Gun Handicap. Game Guns could be any gauge, but needed to be 7 pounds
or less, have barrels 28 inches or less, have double triggers and splinter forearms. Smaller gauges received added targets to their scores. Hammers Guns were required to have exposed hammers as the name implies. Again, the smaller bores received an equalizing handicap added to their scores. These events were quite popular with 27 entries participating. The Game Gun Champion (Gold) was Neil Wilkinson shooting a . 410 bore, Runner-Up (Silver) was Hal Hare using a 20 gauge, and 3rd place was Kevin Brooks (Bronze) with a .410 bore.

The Hammer Gun Handicap was won by Hal Hare (Gold) with a Pedersoli 20 gauge, Robert Hill (Silver) with a 12 gauge Pedersoli, and Neil Wilkinson (Bronze) 12 gauge.


Many thanks to the Officers and Directors of the Gator Club for the daily luncheons, and the Friday and Saturday evening dining. Thanks to our sponsors, Connecticut Shotgun Manufacturing Company for the great Catalog Gift Certificates, Claybuster Wads for the fine door prizes, the NSSA for the Skeet Awards, Eurotarget USA, and kudos to Negrini Gun Cases, CZ-USA, Tilden Trophies, and Rudolph Foods. We certainly appreciate your continued support of the Vintage Skeet Games.

## Georgia Vintagers Support Local Youth Shooting Team

By Matt Haney, President, Georgia Vintagers

Back in April, the Georgia Vintagers participated in the annual fund-raising sporting clays tournament and silent auction for the Mambas youth shooting team. The Mambas are a Scholastic Clay Target Program Team competing in State and National SCTP events in the disciplines of sporting slays and skeet. Boys and Girls from 4th through 12th grades compete across many divisions in a team-based environment. The Georgia Vintagers made a $\$ 250$ contribution to the Mambas.


## Book Review

## The Edwardian Turn of Mind by Samuel Hynes

By Matt Haney, President, Georgia Vintagers
In the last edition, I reviewed Samuel Hynes' Edwardian Occasions, a collection of essays dealing with English literature during the Edwardian era. We will now turn our attention to Hynes’ The Edwardian Turn of Mind.

Written several years before the publication of Occasions, The Edwardian Turn of Mind provides a much more complete look at England during the Edwardian period. Hynes, the professor of English and Literature, often looks at English Edwardian culture from the perspective of the literary class. He covers a great deal of ground, touching on topics including: the rise of liberal and progressive politics and the simultaneous and stubborn fall of the Tories; the relations between men and women as embodied in the attempts to liberalize divorce laws, increase awareness and access to birth control, and the suffragist movement; the conflicts over morality as changing styles of modern art and music infiltrated Great Britain from Europe, and the role of government as censor. Hynes describes it in the preface, saying, "That turbulent meeting of old and new makes the Edwardian period both interesting and important, for out of the turmoil contemporary England was made."

While it would be easy to make these conflicts into liberal versus conservative fights, Hynes is careful to point out that antagonists in these social and political struggles were not always on the same side of every fight. "[I]t was also possible to take up one liberating cause while remaining in other respects conservative." And vice-versa. He paints the picture of a bubbling cauldron of social and political dissatisfaction, threatening to boil over at times to disrupt the established order.

Throughout the book, Hynes is trying to present a sense of the mood across England during this period. With the death of Queen Victoria, Hynes asserts that the English have a sense of change "at the end of an epoch" which "gives the Edwardian Age a touch of melancholy, and a touch of apprehension." Understanding that they were watching the world change, the "Edwardian response to Victoria's death were a mixture of feelings: nostalgia for the order, confidence, and material well-being of the Victorian Golden Age:...hope for the New Age to come; anxiety and apprehension for what that New Age might bring; deep depression as the last decline of High Victorian idealism."

It is in the context of this national mood of melancholy and anxiety, change and resistance, nostalgia and hope for the future, that Hynes weaves the story of these points of conflict from both the famous, such as H. G. Wells, George Bernard Shaw and Beatrice Potter Webb, as well as lesser known figures. Hynes provides us fine glimpses into the thoughts of these people through use of their diaries and correspondence, going beyond their published works.

By the outbreak of the First World War, and years after the election of a Liberal government, still most of the issues roiling various parts of English society remained unresolved. Hynes states, "In that last summer of the pre-war world, Edwardian England moved ignorantly toward its end, with all its aspirations and problems still intact." Even the passage of the Parliament Bill in 1911, wherein the House of Lords was stripped of its veto power over legislation, had not produced the radical changes that many hoped for, and others struggled against.

One can see England of the Edwardian period as very much like the proverbial duck, with the upper classes working hard to preserve the cool and calm appearance visible above the water, while paddling furiously, and vainly, below the surface to hold off the social and political challenges to their authority. The aftermath of the Great War would sweep that all away, along with the last vestiges of Victorian and Edwardian England.

Professor Hynes does a fine job covering an interesting era of English history from a particular viewpoint, that of the literary classes. The information presented in The Edwardian Turn of Mind is impressive and well structured. The book is written by an academic, mainly for an academic audience, so it lacks much of the facile readability of a novel or historical writing meant for the general public.

For other reading on the Edwardian era, and the lead-up to the First World War, I would recommend Dreadnought by Robert K. Massie, which profiles all of the leading rulers and politicians of Europe from Victoria onward, and covers the arms race and national rivalries that lead to the outbreak of war. Also, for a look at what was happening from a political and cultural perspective in Paris during this time, read Paris on the Eve 1900-1914 by Vincent Cronin. Cronin profiles the artists, philosophers and politicians driving French culture during England's Edwardian period.

## 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!
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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 Sautee, GA 30571

Membership Dues - Speaking of dues, please continue collecting 2017 dues. We are making membership maintenance and growth a priority for 2017. Included below is an updated membership application.
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## old dominion vintage gunners (VIrginia)

Contact: Ray McNaughton -- 804-937-6006 -- raymcnaughton@comcast.net
August 13, 2017 -- Shenandale Gun Club
September 21-24, 2017 -- Vintage Gunners Cup -- Hopkins Game Farm, MD
November 19, 2017 -- Pheasant Shoot -- Christmas Hill

## ALABAMA

Contact: Ron Wolff, President -- 205-482-0232 -- lobowolff8@hotmail.com
We shoot most Tuesdays or Wednesdays -- contact Ron to get on the email invitation/advisory list TBD -- "Prepare for the Hunt" Fall Clays Shoot

October 28-29, 2017 -- Game Fair, Orvis/Purcell Farms, Sylacauga, AL
March 24, 2018 -- Annual Vintagers Continental Pheasant Shoot at Selwood Farm, Alpine, AL

## NORTHEAST (NEW ENGLAND)

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

August 9, 2017 -- 3rd Annual Florida vs. California Side by Side Challenge, Florida Leg -- Tampa Bay Sporting Clays
100 targets, any gauge, 9:30 a.m. registration, R.S.V.P.'s appreciated
November 11, 2017 -- Florida Vintage Skeet Handicap, 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)

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

Dick Mider dmider@aol.com ph. 607-642-8419
August 6, 2017 -- Northern Appalachian Mt. Chapter Event - Vintage Gunners @ Tioga County Sportsmen's Association
Contacts: Tom Snyder tsnyder610@aol.com ph. 607-759-7150
Dick Mider dmider@aol.com ph. 607-642-8419
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 Contact: www.rockmountain@frontier.com or ph 570-965-7625

September 22-24, 2017 -- The Vintage Gunners Cup 20th Annual World Side-by-Side Shotgun \& Rifle Championship and Exhibition
Hopkins Game Farm, Kennedyville, Maryland -- Contact: hopkinshunting@ gmail.com ph. 410-348-5287

## GEORGIA

Contact: Matt Haney, President -- 404-783-0615 -- mmhaney@comcast.net
We shoot most Saturdays or Sundays. Contact Matt Haney to join us.
September 22nd - 24th, 2017 -- Vintage Gunners Cup -- Hopkins Game Farm in Kennedyville, MD October 20-22, 2017 -- Fall Southern Side-by-Side Classic, Backwoods Quail Club, Georgetown, SC

## MAGNOLIA CHAPTER (MISSISSIPPI/TENNESSEE)

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Contact: Joe Norcom, President -- 704-577-3180 -- jwnorcom@gmail.com
July 28-30, 2017 -- Mountain Retreat Weekend, Homestead Shooting Club in Hot Springs, VA
September 22-24, 2017 -- Vintage Gunners Cup -- Hopkins Game Farm in Kennedyville, MD
October 20-22, 2017 -- Fall Southern Side-by-Side Classic, Backwoods Quail Club, Georgetown, SC

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2017 Events Pending
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2017 Events Pending

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## Pictures From Cups Past

Dave Weber, of DoubleGunShop.com, has accumulated pictures from the Vintage Cup from 1999 to 2013. He has graciously allowed us to use a sampling here, so we can look back fondly, while anticipating this year's Vintage Gunners Cup in Maryland.

If you haven't visited Dave's website, http://www.doublegunshop.com/, let me invite you to do so. You can find many more pictures from past Cups, as well as the best online bulletin board dedicated to double-guns of all kinds.

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1 Membership is for one calendar year from January 1 to December 31, 2017.
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## Gun(s) of the Issue



A family of Foxes, courtesy of Brian Burke. The portrait includes family members from left to right: A.H. Fox 12 Ga. Sterlingworth 32" Trap Grade; 12 Ga. Sterlingworth Field Grade 28"; 12 Ga. A-Grade 30"; B Grade 30" 12 Ga.; CE Grade $12 \mathrm{Ga} .30 "$; DE Grade $12 \mathrm{Ga} .30 " ; 16 \mathrm{Ga}$. A Grade $28 "$ "; 16 Ga . Sterlingworth Field Grade $28 " ; 20 \mathrm{Ga}$. Sterlingworth Brush $26 "$ and 410 Ga . Fox Savage $26 "$. Older, unidentified, relatives are pictured in the background. The proud patriarch says, "I hope everyone likes them; I sure do."

