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President's Message

Vintage Gunners,

The 2018 Vintage Cup is now in the history books. Despite a near total rain out on Sunday, with 34 shooters braving the miserable conditions, we had good weather Friday and Saturday with a final tally of 196 shooters.

Shooters came from as far away as Texas and California. The largest number of shooters came from Pennsylvania. The weather conditions created by hurricane Florence appeared to have reduced participation from our southern chapters.

The good news is that our attendance increased. We had a total of 36 rifle shooters, an increase of 30% over 2017. The addition of bolt action and lever gun events were well received. Haley Pearsall and his crew are to be commended for doing a great job. Haley let us know prior to this year's Vintage Gunners Cup that this was his last year of running the rifle event. On behalf of the Vintage Gunners membership, I would like to say thank you for Haley's service and guidance in both the rifle and shotgun events. I personally have appreciated our no non-sense conversations on how to improve and move the organization forward. Thank you Haley.

The rifle events are a signature part of the Vintage Gunners Cup and help make the event unique among shooting venues. We will continue the rifle event and plan to expand events in 2019. I would also like to say thank you to Ray Poudrier for donating the equipment for the rifle event, helping to continue our history of having a combined side-x-sides and rifles event.

A great new event this year was a five-stand event consisting of 15 true pairs. We had a lot of participation and will continue this event in coming years. A big thank you to RST Shells and Morris Baker for donating a flat of 12 gauge shells as for a prize, and for their continued support of the Vintage Gunners.



Tom Snyder, President

I would also like to thank the Fox and Parker Associations for attending our event this year. The Fox vs Parker Challenge was held during challenging weather conditions including wind. The Parker Team was declared the winner. A member of the Fox team said it was “the wind”. Next year boys....

On another subject related to this year’s event, we owe a big thank you to our food service providers who saved us from the disaster of not having food. As a result of some confusion, we learned we had no food service four days before the event. My friend (maybe ex-friend) Dan Hungerford, and my wife Sheila stepped in to save the day. We scrambled to borrow a 6-foot-long gas grill from a local gun club, pots and pans from our church and rushed to several grocery stores to acquire all the food needed for the weekend. We loaded up two vehicles and made the trek to Maryland. Dan and my wife put in 12 hour days and did a great job providing some very good lunches. Along with serving our shooters, this year we gave all our exhibitors and collector association representatives tickets for free lunches. They appreciated the courtesy and it helped to demonstrate our appreciation of their participation.

At this year’s Vintage Gunners Cup, we made the announcement that we will be moving to Hausmann’s Hidden Hollow in Friendsville, Pa. Some of you may be familiar with the facility from attending the Pennsylvania Side x Side Championship held each year in June.

As we bid farewell to Hopkins Game Farm, we want to thank George and Patti Hopkins, and all the folks at HGF, for their help and hospitality over the last three years. We appreciate their efforts for the Vintage Gunners and the Vintage Gunners Cup.

Our decision to move the Vintage Gunners Cup came after much discussion. We are a non-profit organization but it still takes money to put on the Vintage Gunners Cup together each year. Ernie Hausmann stated that his main interest is in seeing the Vintage Gunners Cup succeed and return to being the premiere shooting event it was. With that commitment from Ernie Hausmann and his stated support of the Vintage Gunners Cup, the Board made the decision to move the event for the good and future of the organization.

The good news is, that because of the move, we have commitments from several new vendors and the return of several of our past vendors including Steve Barnett and Connecticut Shotgun. In conversation with this year’s vendors, they were pleased with our increase in advertising and participation stating they will would attend next year. It has been discussed at length by many of us on the Board that the participation of exhibitors and shooters is connected. No exhibitors - No shooters. Moving to Hausmann’s is a step to get exhibitors back.

In addition, we will be working on several events to promote shooting for our next generation and women shooters. There will be several new games for our shotgun shooters and a real effort to expand the rifle events. We are also looking at having a cocktail mixer to bring back a social element to the Vintage Gunners Cup.

I have provided several links for our members that are not familiar with Hausmann’s Hidden Hollow. Please take a look at Paul Fuller’s Bird dogs Afield website for videos of Hausmann’s.

The website for Hausmann’s Hidden Hollow Sporting Clays is: <https://hvhsc.net>.

On this site, you can find links for directions and area accommodations. We will be providing more information on room blocks, dining options and all the things you will want to know to make the trip meaningful.

For videos on Hausmann's events in the past go to [BDAVideos - Bird Dogs Afield](#) with Paul Fuller. Paul Fuller provides a video library of his shows where you can see some of the vendors that will be attending the Vintage Gunners Cup in 2019 and some footage of the grounds. Here is that video for you to enjoy: [Great NE SxS Video](#).

Also check out the video of the [2016 Great North East Side x Side Classic](#), as well as videos of this event from 2012, 2013 and 2014.

I want close by wishing all of you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year. See you in 2019!

Hammers Back!

Tom Snyder
President, The Vintage Gunners



2019 Vintage Gunners Cup

President Tom Snyder is already hard at work on 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.

Tom's efforts and enthusiasm for the VGC have yielded early results. We have firm commitments already from the following top-shelf vendors, with many more to come: **RST, Robin Hollow Outfitters, Steve Barnett Fine Guns, Connecticut Shotgun/Galazan, Vintage Doubles, Custom Stocks and Steel, and Firetower Doubles, specializing in Ithaca Guns.** So start making plans now to join us for a great event in September.

Also, we have room blocks established already at two area hotels:

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

Both 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

Bad Weather. Tough Clays. Christmas Cheer.

By Alan Smith, Carolina Vintagers

Twenty-two Carolina Vintagers and guests braved cold, rainy weather to shoot Christmas Clays at Rocky Creek in South Carolina on Saturday, December 8th. Our weather luck ran out early when the rain wouldn't hold off until early afternoon as predicted, and forced us to abandon plans to shoot the Creek Course.

Instead, we shot 25 at the top 5-stand, and another 50 at the lower one. While staying mostly dry we shot for score with prizes awarded to the top guns. The traps were set for long shots that tested everyone's abilities. The winners were:

HOA:	Dwaine Holden
Big Bore Champion:	Joe Jones
Big Bore Runner Up:	Chris Teigland
Small Bore Champion:	Joe Norcom
Small Bore Runner Up:	Phillip Floyd





Carolina Vintagers Christmas Shoot



Vintage Gunners Cup Recap

Below are some pictures from the 2018 Vintage Gunners Cup. Undoubtedly more will surface in the near future. Keep an eye on the Vintage Gunners website for more.

For those interested in event results, you can click [HERE](#) to get to the scores for all events.

Thanks to all who came out this year, and to everyone who helped make the 2018 Vintage Gunners Cup possible. Enjoy the pictures.









If you are interested in pictures from Vintage Cups past, follow this link to the [Double Gun Shop](#). Dave Weber has pictures from many of the events from 1999 to 2012. Lots of good info to be found on the Double Gun Shop forum too.

Book Review

Game Guns & Rifles by Richard Akehurst

By Matt Haney, President, Ga. Vintagers

We are fortunate in our current days to have a huge volume of quality writing on vintage guns and rifles. Names familiar to us now such as Dallas, McIntosh, Wieland, Smith, Baker, Hadoke, Venters and Crudgington, to name but few, created the new canon. These writers helped educate and entertain us while filling-in the gaps of our knowledge of the guns and gun trade that built them.

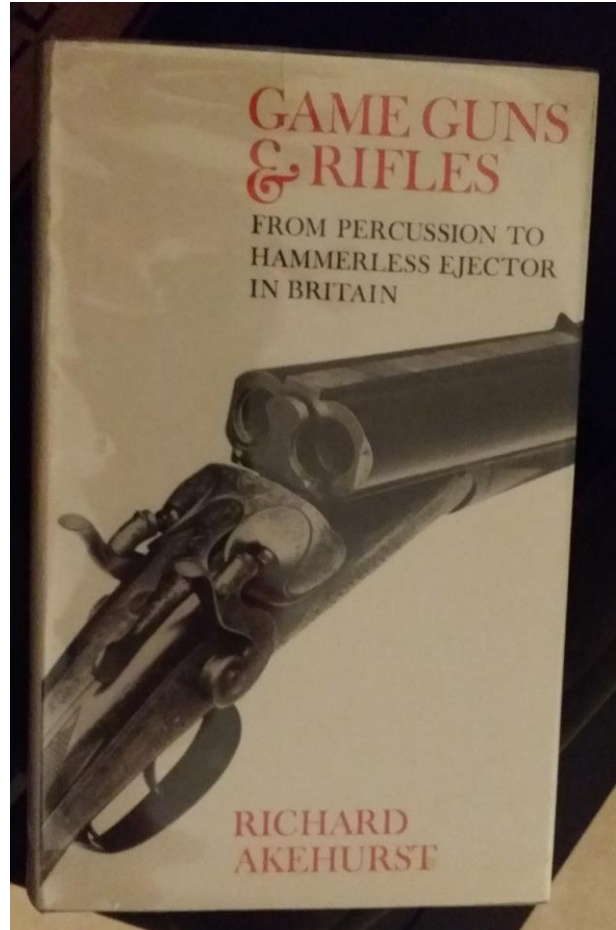
Among the works by these authors, two stand out for their thorough coverage of the development of the modern gun and rifle, beginning with the three-volume epic *The British Shotgun* by Ian Crudgington and David Baker, begun in 1979, and Donald Dallas' 1988 tome, *The British Sporting Gun and Rifle*. These books cover gun and rifle development in blow-by-blow, patent-by-patent detail. They are wonderful reference books, and amazing pieces of research. They are detailed and meticulous.

But before these books appeared, Richard Akehurst published *Game Guns & Rifles, From Percussion to Hammerless Ejector in Britain* in 1969.

Akehurst covers the end of the percussion era and traces gun and rifle development through 1900, the same as Dallas and Crudgington and Baker. In contrast to Dallas and Crudgington and Baker, he provides less detail and easier narrative. Each of Akehurst's 11 chapters are well organized and succinct, while still providing the important facts of the British trade's development of the modern game gun and rifle. The works of Dallas and Crudgington and Baker, while precise and detailed, can lose the plot while exploring the weedy depths of specific patents and dead-end developments. Akehurst's lighter treatment makes for easier reading, although it is not the reference tool that *The British Shotgun* and *The British Sporting Gun and Rifle* are.

Akehurst also includes a chapter on shooting percussion guns, as well as a directory of some gun makers with histories and serial numbers, and a helpful glossary of terms. The book is well illustrated with drawings and black and with photos.

I would recommend *Game Guns & Rifles* as an excellent introduction to the subject of gun and rifle development in the British trade. This book would be a great place for someone new to the subject



to start with, as it provides a clear narrative without delving into the minutiae that experienced readers and collectors might enjoy, but might bore or intimidate those not already well steeped in the lore of the British sporting arm.

While Akehurst published several books in the late 1960's and early 1970's, I have been unable to find any biographical information on him. He was a collector, and at one time, owned one of Lord Ripon's hammer ejector guns (with which he is pictured on the back cover of this book). Akehurst's other works include:

Sporting Guns: Pleasures and Treasures - 1968

Antique Weapons for Pleasure and Investment - 1969

The World of Guns – 1972

Random Shots: Anthology of Shooting Stories – 1974

While long out of print, used copies of *Game Guns & Rifles* can be found online from several vendors. You could also ask Vintage Gunners vendors like John Liberati of Liberati Books or Carol Lueder of Fair Chase to source a copy for you.



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Name: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____

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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
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