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President's Message

Dear Vintage Gunners,

It has been tough getting motivated to write a letter after shoveling almost 40 inches of snow and 7 days later getting over 3 inches of rain that caused flooding and washed-out roads. Just like the rest of the country, we still have all the social distancing and warnings of transmission of COVID 19 and the flu. There is good news and light at the end of the tunnel. With the vaccines in the pipeline, it looks like we will be able to have the Vintage Gunners Cup in September. There are some questions regarding spring events. As for chapter events, I would ask that you practice whatever precautions are mandated by your state.

I have been in contact with Hausmann's Hidden Hollow Sporting Clays and we are preparing for the Vintage Gunners Cup September 15-18, 2021. We are looking to expand our exhibitors and making our social events a celebration of our organization and shooting sports. Watch our Facebook page and/or website for more information in coming months regarding hotels, events, etc.

We are working on making sure we have trappers for the main event and adding to our team to run the rifle events. If you have never participated in the rifle event, add it to your list of events. There are a number of events that casual rifle shooters will enjoy. Participating in the Vintage Gunners Cup is not about the prize, it is about the comradery and celebrating our sport.

I would like to congratulate Robert Holliday on his retirement and give him a special thank you for graciously providing his services helping us with our financial reports and filing. He made our life much easier dealing with the IRS and other issues regarding our financial needs. He has also left us in the good hands of Simon Maraachlian, CPA. On behalf of all the Vintage Gunners, Thank You!

As individuals, we should remember that this is our organization. Your participation at the Chapter and National level is what makes our organization work. We are not an organization that is all about making money – our goal is to provide a venue that promotes vintage firearms, both shotguns and



President Tom Snyder

rifles. As a reminder, we are not collecting national dues this year because of the cancellation of the 2020 VGC. Dues for chapters are at the chapter's discretion. If you paid national dues last year, you are automatically enrolled as a national member for 2021. After a setback caused by the pandemic, let's make the 2021 Vintage Gunners Cup something we can all be proud of and renew old friendships.

Last and sadly, I would like to inform our members of the passing of a friend to all of the Vintage Gunners, Steve Barnett. Steve passed away in December after battling cancer. There are individuals that define their industry by what they accomplish; Steve Barnett was one of those people. We will miss his wealth of knowledge about fine guns and his support of our organization. August Barnett will be taking over the reins of Barnett's Fine Guns. We wish him success. Our spring newsletter will contain a pictorial salute to Steve Barnett.



Steve and Jo Ann Barnett

Finally, Goodbye 2020!

Tom Snyder
President, The Vintage Gunners

New Chapter

We have exciting news! We welcome Steve Norkus and his members of the newest Vintage Gunners chapter, the Western Lakes. This chapter looks to cover Michigan and Wisconsin and areas in between. The chapter name captures the north woods heritage of its members. We are very pleased to see growth in the upper mid-west. Anyone wanting more information on the Western Lakes chapter can reach out to Steve at: stenorkus2000@yahoo.com or 248-914-0770.

Again, welcome to the Vintage Gunners, and Hammers Back!



In Memoriam

Even as a difficult 2020 was finally receding, the Vintage Gunners suffered another loss to start 2021. Longtime Vintage Gunner and President of the Down East chapter, Pete Kogut, passed away on January 6, 2021 after a brief illness. Pete was involved from nearly the beginning of the Vintager Gunners and was known to so many.

Pete enjoyed many outdoor activities. His passion and expertise for building custom gun cases, which he was able to turn into a business, was highly regarded around the country. Pete's enthusiasm and leadership will be sorely missed.

A link to Pete's obituary can be found [HERE](#).



From the Field

Carolina Vintagers Visit Back Woods Quail Club

By Mike Jarina, President and Bob Holliday, Carolina Vintagers

Eight Carolina Vintagers gathered for our annual Georgetown shoot held at Back Woods Quail Club from January 8th – 10th. We shot 100 clays Friday afternoon, the pheasant tower shoot Saturday morning and 100 clays Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening, we were served BBQ pork and chicken with all the fixin's at Back Woods.

Awards:

High Overall – Tom Smith

High Hammerless – Bob Holliday

High Hammer – Brad Knight

High 16 Gauge – Jack Hurley

High Small Bore – David Glover

Uh Oh!

By Phillip Floyd (Lord Phillip), Carolina Vintagers

Harris Springs in South Carolina was one of the favorite destinations for the Carolina Vintagers when it was open. We enjoyed sporting clays on its pristine course and of course Quail Hunting. In early 2009 on one planned trip, four of us took to the field for a Quail Hunt. Dr. Chris Teigland and Joe Norcom paired-up, and Bill Curry and I took to an adjacent field.



Dr. Teigland found that his beautiful Alfred Lancaster side lever would not fire. Alfred was one of two gunmaking sons of the infamous Charles Lancaster and known for his high quality of manufacture. So, one can imagine that Dr. T. was very frustrated. Ever draw down on a bird and pull the trigger to have nothing happen?!

For those of you who remember, the late Bill Curry was an official Shotgun Doctor. We all went to him for help diagnosing and fixing problems. His years of vintage gun experience made him an Encyclopedia of shotgun knowledge. Chris called over for help.

During the examination, it turns out that Joe Norcom was the better diagnostician. Joe spotted a tiny leaf fragment no bigger than a flat pea on the barrel flats. The gun seemed to open and close completely, but the triggers would not drop. The paper-thin leaf chip was wiped



away and the 120-year-old gun was good as new. Something as thin as a dry leaf fragment was keeping the gun from properly closing and hence locking up the strikers.



Chris wiped it off and everything was fine from then on...until the next time he had to clean his barrel flats for the same problem. Talk about precision tolerances...!

Description of the Alfred Lancaster pictured in this article: This handsome Anson & Deeley patent boxlock was made by the highly respected

London gunmaker, Alfred Lancaster circa 1885. A sidelever 12-gauge sporting 29-inch Damascus barrels also included a unique Sir Ralph Payne-Gallwey patent game counter inletted on the top rear of the comb. The straight grip stock and splinter forearm are made from French walnut. Lancaster was well known as the premier barrel maker of the period.

Appreciation to Vintage Gunners Dr. Chris Teigland and Bob Nay of MacNab Fine Firearms. Images and additional description of the gun kindly supplied by MacNab Fine Firearms.



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Financial Report

Double Gun Society of the Vintage Gunners
1st Quarter Financial Report
January 2021

Assets:

Checking Balance 1/31/2021 \$ 12,940.31

Dues Received in January \$ 305.00

Expenses During the 1st Quarter (so far):

Total Expenses \$ 0.00

In February we will have an expense of \$60 for renewing our non-profit business license in the state of Georgia for another two years.

Please contact me with any additional questions.

Thanks,

Joseph W. Norcom
Treasurer

Editor's Note

Welcome to 2021! May it be a far sight better than 2020. Undoubtably, we still have challenges ahead of us this year, but with perseverance, the end of the tunnel is drawing closer. Stay safe, get vaccinated, and then get back out there.

As of this writing, several of the East Coast side-by-side shoots are still on, including, especially, the Vintage Gunners Cup in September. We have some early notes below on hotels and golf cart rentals. Please check our website, www.vintagers.org, regularly for further updates.

Southern Side-by-Side Championship (April 22-25): <https://www.southernbyside.com/>

Northeast Side-by-Side Classic (June 3-5): <https://hhhsc.net/>

Great Northern Side-by-Side Classic (July 9-11): <https://mrcsportsmansclub.com/great-northern-side-by-side-classic/>

Northern SxS Challenge (July 29-August 1): <http://www.rockmountainclays.com/northern-side-x-side.html>

We can always use new material for the newsletter, so please send me any photos or stories you would like to contribute. Any member in good standing may contribute to *The Vintager*. Please send me your submissions.



Vintage Gunners Cup 2021

It's time to get out of the house and enjoy the sport we all love. Start thinking about packing those vintage firearms up and making plans to attend this year's Vintage Gunners Cup. September 15-18, 2021

We have blocked rooms at the Candlewood Suites in Vestal, NY, which is approximately 25 minutes from Hausmann's Hidden Hollow Sporting Clays. Room rates have been discounted for anyone attending the Vintage Gunners Cup. Take advantage of the lower rates by booking early. You have until August 15, 2021 to take advantage of the blocked room rates. The hotel has assured that there is no issue with firearms on site. They must be cased in the hotel.

Room types - King size bed or Double Queen Beds \$114.99 + tax per night. Call (607) 770-0007 and use group code VGC. You must call the Vestal hotel directly to get the Vintage Gunners rate. These are very nice suits with full kitchen and office work zone.

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.

Keep abreast of the latest info at: www.vintagers.org.



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

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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, 2021 –
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
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