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VINTAGE  
GUNNERS

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## President's Message

Dear Vintage Gunners,

It is hard to believe we are nearly through the holiday season and at the end of the year. I hope everyone had a great hunting season and you got several flats of your favorite shotgun shells for Christmas.

This year's Vintage Gunners Cup was a success even with a 25% lower turn out than in 2019. The lower turnout was typical for most shooting events that were held, given the lingering pandemic and the lack of ammunition across the country.

Our social events exceeded expectations with over 150 people attending the cocktail party and the lady's tea was over the top thanks to our lady volunteers. Our organization can be proud of the fact that we helped raised \$7000.00 to send kids with cancer to Camp Can-Do.

I would like to thank all the members of the Northern Appalachian Mountain Chapter for their support. We had at least 12 members that gave up their chance to shoot in events to volunteer helping to run the Vintage Gunners Cup. A special thank you to Dan Hungerford and Tom Hall in running the rifle range and making more improvements. Also, a special thank you to my wife, Sheila who helped put together the fliers, Power Point and organize the tea, and help with the cocktail party, and make sure I got my to-do list in order and completed.

We are now preparing for next year's Vintage Gunners Cup, September 14 – 17, 2022. This will be my last year as President, so I intend to make it the best possible event and go out with a bang. It will also be our last year at holding the event at Hausmann's Hidden Hollow Sporting Clays. The Board will be looking for a new facility and the next president. If you have interest in helping the organization move forward, please let your chapter President know.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



President Tom Snyder

Tom Snyder  
President, The Vintage Gunners

P.S. If you are thinking about a special gift for a shooting partner this new year season, consider giving them a membership to the Vintage Gunners. Spending time and making memories shooting with a friend is a one of the best gifts you can give.

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### *From the Field*

#### **Carolina Chapter Chooses New President**

The Carolina Vintagers have elected Dr. Chris Tieglund as chapter President, effective 2022. As he is winding down towards full retirement, Chris is ready to bring his energy and enthusiasm to the chapter and to the Vintage Gunners. He is a long-time member of the Carolina Vintagers and enjoys hunting with his Boykin spaniel, Pip. We want thank out-going President Mike Jarina for his service to the Carolina Vintagers. We look forward to working with Chris as we continue move the Vintage Gunners forward.



#### **Age Planning**

*By Phillip Floyd (aka Lord Phillip), Carolina Vintagers*

Anyone who knows me, knows I am a 16-gauge man. My confidence is reinforced, whether I shoot well or not, as long as I carry one of my 16-gauge side-by-sides. The saying Carries like a 20 and shoots like a 12 is meaningful to me. Yet as I grow older, I am sensitive to the heft of any gun as well as the other items I carry.



On my 3-and-a-half to four-hour Quail hunts I carry a lot of gear...a fairly stout Westley Richards bag of at least 75 cartridges, a water bottle, a Game Bag to place my spent shotshells (I don't like to litter) and the occasional Quail, an electronic Garmin Alpha and whistles to manage Lord Riley, King George my Setters and Cooper, my German Shorthair and a 7-pound game gun.

Working with gun weight, I experimented with a 12-gauge 2-inch Patstone which my late friend Bill Curry sold me as well as a 16-gauge Thomas Turner Featherweight

(another story sometime perhaps). I like them but they are not the answer and I have continued to migrate back to my regular 16-gauge companions.

I have reached age 70 now and I have become even more thoughtful about the weight. I remember a passage I read in Havilah Babcock's writings which has weighed on me in my later years, viz:

*“As I grow older a lighter gun, especially one with lightness of barrel, adds measurably to speed and maneuverability. I don't particularly object to weight in the stock. That doesn't move much anyway. Lightness of barrel is what counts, because such lightness tends to counteract a lagging coordination.*

*I have also discovered that the 28 does well on open shots. Paradoxically, it seems to drop a bird farther than my regulation 12-gauge double, and I have fewer cripple birds to chase. I realize I am swapping pattern diameter for responsiveness and versatility, but what I lose here I more than gain there. All the shot that misses a bird doesn't do me any good anyway. I can get the little 28 where it ought to be when it ought to be there, and that is the meat of the matter.”*

From *The Best of Babcock, As I Grow Older*  
Havilah Babcock

In 2018 at the Southern Side-by-Side, walking by the Atkin, Grant & Lang tables, I spied the Holy Grail...a svelte Damascus Hammergun by W. W. Greener in a leather case with trade label! It was being eyed by another Gentleman so I held back until I asked him if he minded if I examined the little 28-gauge. Gaining his approval, he even mentioned what the offer was to him to purchase. I have learned over time, once something is spotted of value, it can quickly get away. I asked Francis Lovel, the Proprietor and Director (a true Gentleman) if I could take it over to Toby Barclay of Heritage Arms to give it a once over. My anxiety was that it was strange; I had never seen a coined



Damascus  
barreled  
Hammergun! He  
readily agreed  
and I carefully  
took it over to  
the Heritage  
Arms Booth. I  
received Toby's  
gilt-edged  
guarantee and  
triple bond seal  
of approval.



I struck (after speaking with my beautiful wife of course). Still nervous about the coined receiver I did not show my new acquisition to my Vintager friends and quietly took it Home. Sometimes the confabulation includes criticism and I am a sensitive fellow.

I have done some research on other old guns I own. Knowing Greener was still in business I reached out to Graham Greener who provided me an email and later a Maker's Letter describing the 28. The shorter email reads, viz:

*Dear Mr. Floyd,*

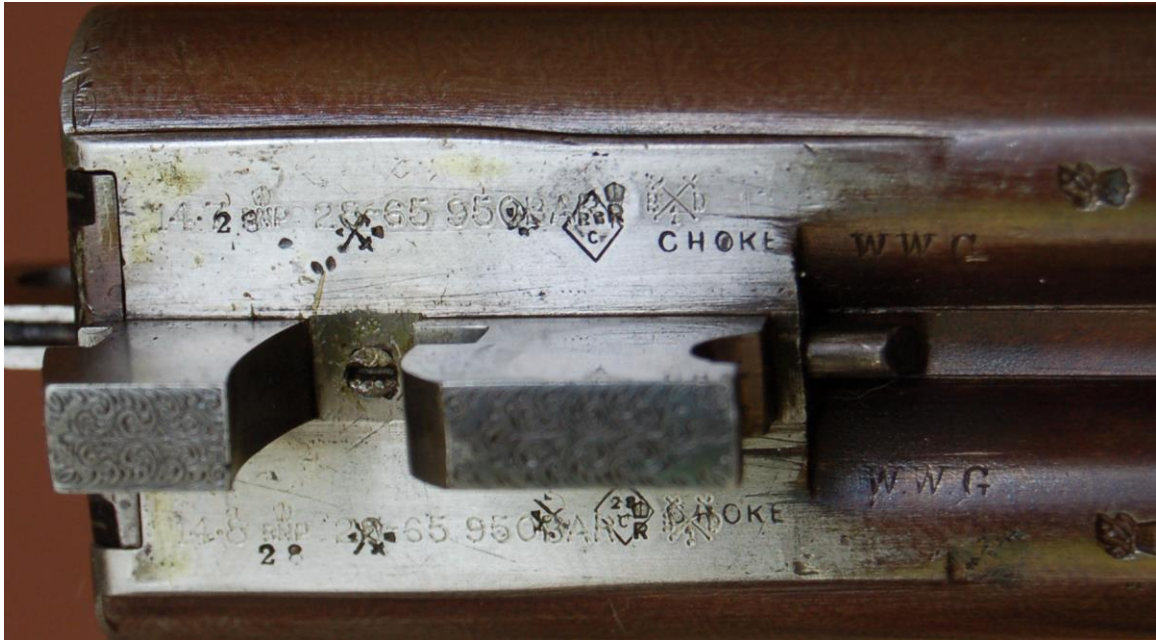
*Thank you for your order and payment for information. We have the following information about your shotgun.*

*W W Greener gun no. 37966 was started on 2nd October 1889 and finished on 13th December 1889. It was one of three double barrel, sporting non-ejector, shotguns with external hammers made as a batch for Rosier, one of our agents. As all three were shipped to him on completion we do not have the original owner's name. The three were all made to the same specification and with the same engraving but they were not made as a garniture of three matching guns. 37966 is a 28 bore with 28-inch barrels.*

*It is a model no. 106 which means it has a 'Treble Wedge Fast' type action incorporating the famous Greener cross-bolt which adds strength to the action. This action was invented by W W Greener in 1873 although the cross-bolt predates this having been invented by WWG in 1867 for pin fire guns being made at that time.*

*Stock dimensions when made were 2 by 1-5/8 by 14-1/2 inches, half pistol hand. The model 106 is described in a catalogue of that year as being, 'This celebrated Treble-wedge-fast gun is now fitted with Laminated steel or Siemens steel barrels, tastefully finished, engraved and of superior make - cost 20 guineas (£21.00 in today's money). So it is a medium grade shotgun and this particular shotgun has Damascus barrels not the type stated in the catalogue. At the time it was made inexpensive grades cost up to £20, medium grades from £20 - £40 and top models from £40 to £60.*

*It was originally proved by the Birmingham Gun Barrel Proof House and bears the original marks in use at that time for a choke bore shotgun. It also bears recent metric re-proof marks for modern cartridges. I attach some notes on condition which I hope will be helpful.*



*This gun was illustrated in *The Greener Collections* (still available as a Limited Edition) on pages 93/4. I was unaware of the laser engraved re-proof marks although I did see this gun many years ago in a collection when I photographed it for my second gun book.*

*Kind regards*

*Graham N Greener  
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So not only is the finish correct but its image is captured in Mr. Greener's Tome on Greeners!

Of course, no self-respecting collector would avoid the temptation to add to the accoutrements of such a beautiful side-by-side. Below is a picture of additions to the gun case including (top left to right) a pull through in pouch for cleaning, a 28-gauge eccentric Cartridge extractor, a Spratt's Gamekeeper knife (given by the company to Gamekeepers as a premium), 1889 Victorian Half Crown coin, a Lightwood Game Counter and lastly a W. W. Greener oil bottle and 28-gauge Damascus Snap Caps from Heritage Arms (center).



With very slight bending adjustments and a leather pad added by Master Gunsmith, Tim Carrick, it is ready for the Field. Keeping in mind Professor Babcock's advice (to me), I am now better prepared to age...it weighs about 4.8 pounds. And no, that is not too light!

## Save The Date

2022 Vintage Gunners Cup  
September 14-17, 2022  
Hausmann's Hidden Hollow Sporting Clays



**Financial Report**

**Double Gun Society of the Vintage Gunners**  
4th Quarter Financial Report  
December 2021

**Assets:**

Checking Balance 12/29/2021      \$ 5839.91

Credits Received                      \$ 115.00 (membership dues, pins sold)

**Expenses During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter:**

\$ 1779.97 (#651 Revolutionary Laser Engraving for 2021  
Vintage Cup Trophies for VGC trophies)

\$ 2196.05 (#652 Misc. Vintage Gunners Cup expenses paid  
by Tom Synder, reimbursement check)

Please contact me with any additional questions.

Thanks,

Joseph W. Norcom  
Treasurer

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**Editor's Note**

**DUES!** We suspended dues for 2021 as nobody was able to do anything in 2020 to get any value for their 2020 dues. Now that 2022 is upon us, we are re-instating dues. Please collect from your members as usual. The last page of this newsletter includes a membership application you can use if needed.

As usual, 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.

Happy New Year to All!



## 2021 Vintage Gunners Cup

The 2021 Vintage Gunners Cup was a great time. We want to thank everyone who pitched in to make it a success, including Ernie Hausmann and his staff and family, Morris Baker and the RST team, the Northern Appalachian Mountains Chapter, and all of our vendors and sponsors. Enjoy some pictures from The Cup.























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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
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