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President's Message

Dear Vintage Gunners,

Like many of you, I'm looking forward to attending the Southern Side x Side Championship & Exhibition in Sanford, NC (April 21-24, 2022). For the shooters in the Northeast, it is a chance for us to enjoy a few days of spring, in advance of our season.

We have been busy getting ready for the Vintage Gunners Cup to be held September 14 – 17, 2022. We are in the process of designing this year's awards, updating brochures, talking to exhibitors and setting up hotels. Barnett's Fine Guns, Robin Hollow Outfitters and Cole Johnson (artist) are committed to being exhibitors already (to name a few of the final list). Robin Hollow has been gracious enough to sponsor the food and decorations for the ladies' tea, and Cole Johnson will be donating another piece of original art-work for our auction to raise money for children with cancer. We are also in the planning stages for the cocktail party which will have a similar format to last year's, which seemed to work well and was very well attended.



President Tom Snyder

Consider following us on Facebook ([Vintage Gunners](https://www.facebook.com/vintagegunners)) and watching the website (<https://vintagers.org/>) to receive all the updates and reminders in advance of the event. In addition, both Facebook and the website will continue to include information on coming events and activities that you might be interested in attending. If you have an event you would like to have advertised, please feel free to contact me, so that I can share the information with the Vintage Gunners community.

Lastly, don't forget to renew your membership for this year. Your support is essential to the mission of promoting the legacy of vintage firearms.

Hope to see you all at the Southern.

Hammers Back!

Tom Snyder
President, The Vintage Gunners

From the Field

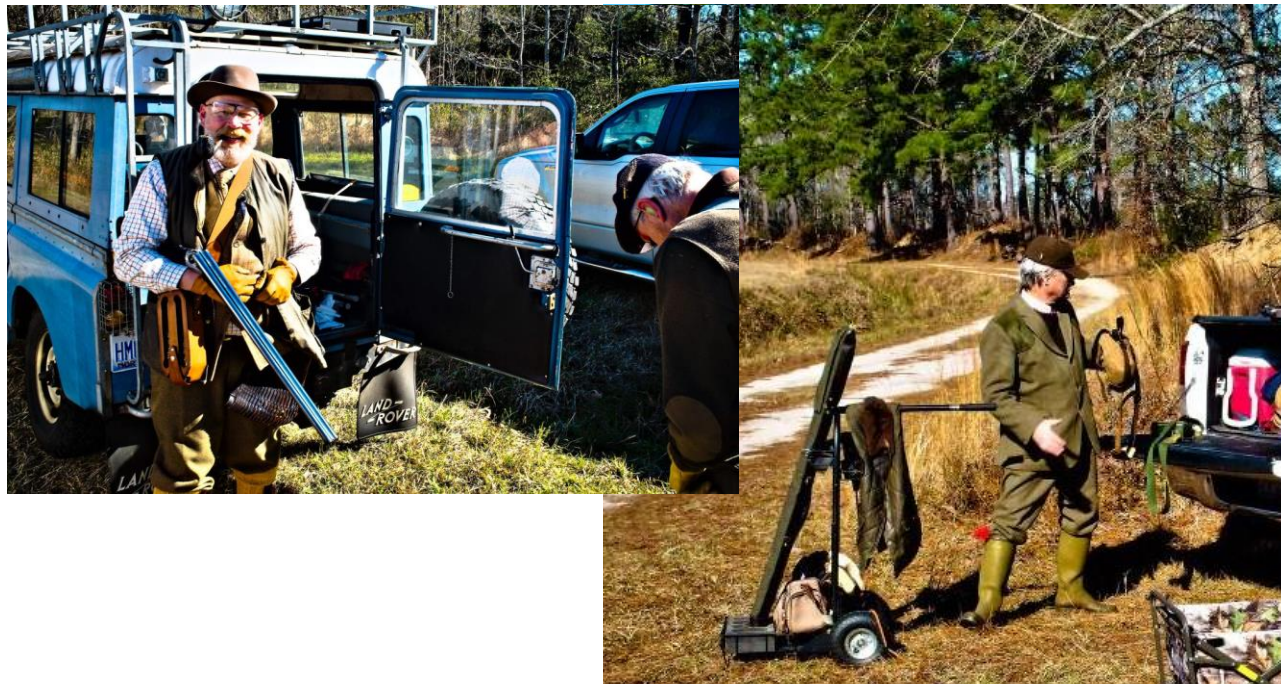
Carolina Vintagers at Backwoods Quail

Photos by Jim Linder, Carolina Vintagers

Back in January, the Carolina Vintagers made their annual trek to Backwoods Quail in Georgetown, SC for fun, food and fellowship. Carolina Vintagers took part variously in a pheasant tower and quail hunting, along with their own friendly rounds of sporting clays. As usual, Rick Hemingway provided fun and



challenging targets. A catered barbeque dinner at Backwoods and some shooting prizes culminated the weekend shoot.





A Couple of Great Scots!

By F. Jack Hurley, Carolina Vintagers

James MacNaughton and James Dickson were contemporary gunmakers in Edinburgh, with shops nearby. Dickson, the elder of the two, took on MacNaughton as an apprentice in 1852. MacNaughton completed his apprenticeship and then worked for Dickson for several years, finally striking out on his own in 1864. Being Scots, their relationship was prickly.

In 1879 James MacNaughton patented a lever-cocking trigger plate action, with a long, pierced lever affording a view of the internal hammers via a crystal window let into the top of the action. His early guns were made on the “skeletal” action and are considered some of the most elegant guns ever made. Sadly, they were really tough to stock and so fewer than thirty were finished. Within a few years, MacNaughton had dropped the long, pierced cocking lever and adopted the more practical barrel-cocking mechanism and his guns took on the look of the modern Scottish round action.

In 1880, James Dickson registered the first of three patents which, by 1887, created his iconic version of the Scottish round action. The 1880 patent for a trigger plate action was really, really close to MacNaughton’s patent of a year earlier, although it cocked by the drop of the barrels. This resulted in court action and bad blood between the two James’s. Eventually the court action was



settled (the results unclear due to some lost records) and Dickson went on to add ejectors (first in 1882 and better in 1887) and refine his design. As a result, the Dickson gun has sold over 2,000 copies to MacNaughton's 200 or thereabout.

Of the two guns I am showing here, the skeletal MacNaughton, SN 946 is clearly the older, being one of the rare, lever-cockers. Dubbed "The Edinburgh Gun," its 30-inch, 12 bore Damascus barrels show a minimum wall thickness of 31 thousandths at 16 inches from the breech, plenty of thickness to give me a sense of security with 2 ½" reasonable loads. The stock is a bit short for me at 14 3/8 inches, so I strap on a pad when I shoot it. Its weight is 6 lbs., 9 5/8 oz and I do enjoy taking it out and watching chins drop among the guys with their semi-automatics when they realize I am shooting a 140-year-old gun.

By comparison, the Dickson & Son is virtually new. It was completed in 1900! It sports sleeved barrels and thereby hangs an interesting discussion. If you check the pictures carefully you will see that the breech block and the last 2 7/8" of the muzzle (the choke area) have been browned in order to show off the original damascus. The steel sleeves have been blacked and the demarcation between Damascus and steel has been highlighted with fine gold bands. I really, really like this because it does honor to the wonderful craftsmen who created those original barrels. When we restore a musical instrument or a fine piece of furniture, we leave as much of the original object as possible and that is what has been done here. This treatment may not be everyone's cup of tea, but it suits me just fine. The gun now has 2 ¾" chambers and 30-inch barrels. Its stock is 14 15/16





inches long, just about right for me and it weighs 6 lbs.,10 oz – almost identical to the MacNaughton. Those Scots knew how heavy they thought a 12-bore gun should be. They also knew something about balance. Both guns being trigger plate actions, the weight is between the hands, and both are very lively little firearms.

In 1947, the business now known as James



MacNaughton & Sons, was sold to John Dickson & Son. Since both MacNaughton and Dickson were long dead, it must be presumed that the sons managed to make up. The firm was still trading as Dickson and MacNaughton when I visited their premises some twenty years ago. Today both are under the excellent care of J-P Daeschler, whom many Vintagers know and respect. Check out the Dickson & Son website, it's great fun – as are these two great Scottish guns.





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 1st Quarter Financial Report March 2022

Assets:

Checking Balance 3/31/2022 \$ 8739.91

Credits Received \$ 2675.00 (membership dues)

Expenses During the 1st Quarter: None – Upcoming expense in Q2 of \$500 for tax preparation

Please contact me with any additional questions.

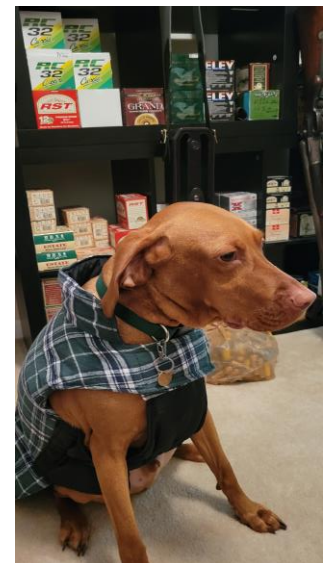
Thanks,

Joseph W. Norcom
Treasurer

Editor's Note

As always, I'm looking for new articles, stories, photos or notes for upcoming issues of *The Vintager*. Also, any notes on upcoming events are appreciated and can be published here and on our website.

Speaking of upcoming events, please note the section in this issue on upcoming chapter events. We'll keep this section going forward so everyone can see what opportunities are out there in the near term for Vintage Gunners participation. Check the [Vintage Gunners website](#) for the full-year calendar. I'll be updating this weekend.



The Editor

Upcoming Chapter Events

April

The Northeast Vintagers: Friday, April 8, 2022 at Addieville East Farm, Pheasant Drive, Mapleville, RI. We will be trying a different format. In order to encourage attendance, we would like to offer a special deal for a guest shooter totally new to the Vintager experience. Necktie and side-by-side required! If you bring someone new, the Club will pay for that person's shooting.

Our schedule will be as follows:

10:00 a.m. - Check in, payment for shooting (cash or check) and socialization

10:30 a.m. - 150 sporting clay targets

2:00/2:30p.m. - We will have a late lunch (please R.S.V.P. for the reservation) at the Crystal Lake Golf Club/Tavern. Everyone is responsible for his/her own meal.

Please respond via email, vintagersray@hotmail.com, or call (413) 339-5347 if you plan to attend by Tuesday, April 5.

Northern Appalachian Mountains Chapter April 9, 2022

Oneonta Sportsman's Association - Food Brook's Barbecue Contact Vince Olechnowicz @ 607-434-6875 or Dennis Vandeusen @ 607-434-1187

The Western Lakes Chapter of the Vintage Gunners

Midwestern by design, we formed in 2021 to connect folks who love the double gun.
Our Chapter Shoots pop up at the finest clay courses, in any state that touches Lake Michigan;
our next stop is Three Oaks, in Southwest Michigan.

Chapter Shoot

Deer Creek Hunt Club

April 22nd, 2022 from 1:00 – 5:00 EST

Whether your collection is aspirational or inspirational, this is a great venue to meet other enthusiasts.
Form squads with new friends and push off for Sporting Clays as often as needed
Socialize on the pavilion before, during and after

An RSVP is not needed, but say hello in advance by contacting Steve Norkus (Chapter President)
stenorkus2000@yahoo.com (248) 914-0770

Chapter Shoots are on your dime, please register at the desk and follow all venue rules
If you enjoyed yourself, send me an email and I'll put you on the mailing list.

Northern Appalachian Mountains Chapter: April 30, 2022
Pathfinder Fish & Game, Fulton, NY
Contact: Tom Snyder: tsnyder610@aol.com , ph. 607-759-7150

May

The Double Nasty
Brad Bachelder Shoot It! Memorial
May 5th and 7th, 2022 at KCCL

Shoot for the Loot!
Raffle prizes include jewelry, gift certificates and sporting equipment
Bonus raffle tickets for hitting off-color targets!

Shoot for the glory!
For competitive shooters, scores are enhanced by older guns and smaller gauges.
6 categories, with a purse paid to the winner's charity of choice

Just Shoot It!
Dust off Grandpa's old gun and join the "Dream Cruise of Guns"

Time and Location
Shooting from 12:00 to 5:00 on Thursday and Saturday / See <http://ggrdu.com/events.html> for details
Your shooting cards are good for both days / Raffle and competition winners announced at 5:30 Saturday via ZOOM
Kent County Conservation League / 8461 Conservation NE, Ada MI 49301 shootdoublenasty@gmail.com

<https://ducksunlimited.myeventcenter.com/event/The-Double-Nasty-Brad-Bachelder-Shoot-It-Memorial-61261>

THE SHOOTING PARTY IN THE KINGDOM

**Celebrating the Guns and Sport of
Edwardian England
Enjoy the “Sport of Kings” in
Simulated Driven Bird Shooting**

**Saturday, May 14, 2022
Northeast Kingdom Skeet and Clays
743 Bugbee Crossing Road,
West Burke, VT**



**Side-by-Side Shotguns Only
Any Gauge
25 and 50-Bird Events for
Single Shooters and 2-Man Teams
Trophies Awarded
Catered Lunch**

**Warmup: Friday, May 13
Enjoy Sporting Clays and 5 Stand**

**Join fellow enthusiasts for a black tie dinner Saturday evening.
(Details to be announced.)**

**In the spirit of the Edwardian Era, proper attire is required:
Collared shirt. No jeans, shorts, or camo clothing.**

Spectators Welcome

Contact Jack Dudley at woodcockone@yahoo.com or 207-751-1233 for details.

Northern Appalachian Mountains Chapter May 21, 2022
Vernon National Shooting Preserve (Sporting Clays and Dinner)
(Dinner is no cost to paid current members)
Contact: Tom Snyder: tsnyder610@aol.com , ph. 607-759-7150 or
Dick Mider: dmider@aol.com , ph. 607-642-8419

Chapter Shoot The Western Lakes Chapter of the Vintage Gunners

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our next stop is Hillsdale, in South-Central Michigan.

Hillsdale College
(Halter Shooting Sports Education Center)

May 22nd, 2022 from 11:00 – 4:00 EST

Whether your collection is aspirational or inspirational, this is a great venue to meet other enthusiasts.
11-12 social hour (BYO lunch) / 12-4 Sporting Clays as often as needed

An RSVP is not needed, but say hello in advance by contacting Steve Norkus (Chapter President)
stenorkus2000@yahoo.com (248) 914-0770

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June

Northern Appalachian Mountains Chapter June 2-4, 2022
16th Annual Northeast SideXSide Classic @ Hausmann's Hidden Hollow Sporting Clays
Contact: Ernest Hausmann: ewhausmann@gmail.com , ph. 570-934-2336

Northern Appalachian Mountains Chapter June 18, 2022
Oneonta Sportsman's Association - Food: Brook's Barbecue
Contact Vince Olechnowicz @ 607-434-6875 or Dennis Vandeusen @ 607-434-1187

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our next stop is Lansing, Michigan.

Capital Area Sportsman's League

June 22nd, 2022 from 3:00 – 6:00 EST

Whether your collection is aspirational or inspirational, this is a great venue to meet other enthusiasts.
Sporting Clays as often as needed / After 6pm Gather at Frank's Press Box for libations.

An RSVP is not needed, but say hello in advance by contacting Dan Schulz (Chapter Treasurer)
dan@schulz.com (616) 292 9571

Chapter Shoots are on your dime, please register at the desk and follow all venue rules
If you enjoyed yourself, send me an email and I'll put you on the mailing list.

This next event is not until September (see flyer on next page), but it is a new and unique event and we wanted to get it some attention ahead of time.

Keystone Shooting Park of Dalmatia, PA is putting on a United States International Side-By-Side Championship exclusively for side-by-side shooters on September 30th through October 2nd, 2022. It includes Helice, International Skeet, and International (aka Olympic) Trap. There will be good prizes plus an unparalleled opportunity for bragging rights if you place.

There are only 30 slots available, so you will want to reserve your slot now before it's too late.

[Check the Vintage Gunners website soon for more information under the Events section.](#)



2022

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL SIDE-BY-SIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

Official Training – Thursday, September 29, 2022
30 Targets – Helice (EL) - Friday, September 30, 2022
75 Targets – Olympic Skeet (OS) - Saturday, October 1, 2022
75 Targets – Olympic Trap (FO) - Sunday, October 2, 2022

Maximum Competitors = 30

Keystone Shooting Park
610 Game Farm Road
Dalmatia, PA. 17017
www.keystoneshootingpark.com
Point of Contact: Allen Chubb – Match Director
keystoneshootingpark@gmail.com
717-903-9009 Cell

Chapters

VINTAGE GUNNERS NATIONAL OFFICE

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Treasurer: Joe Norcom -- 704-577-3180 -- jwnorcom@gmail.com

***New Chapter WESTERN LAKES (MICHIGAN/WISCONSIN)**

Contact: Steve Norkus -- 248-914-0770 -- stenorkus2000@yahoo.com

OLD DOMINION VINTAGE GUNNERS (VIRGINIA)

Contact: Ray McNaughton -- 804-937-6006 -- raymcnaughton@comcast.net

NORTHEAST (NEW ENGLAND)

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

SUNSHINE (FLORIDA)

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

NORTHERN APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS (PENNSYLVANIA/UPSTATE NY)

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

GEORGIA

Contact: Matt Haney, President -- 404-783-0615 -- mmhaney@comcast.net

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

MAGNOLIA CHAPTER (MISSISSIPPI/TENNESSEE)

Contact: Bill Walters, President -- 662-624-6534, ext. 112 -- bwalters@wlwalterscpas.com

CAROLINA

Contact: Chris Tiegland, President -- 704-619-0440 -- chrismtieglan@gmail.com

BUCKEYE (OHIO)

Contact: Mark Douglas, President -- hi-sport@sbcglobal.net

Information about Chapter events can be found [HERE](#).



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Please print legibly.

Name: _____

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
- 5 Mail to: The Vintage Gunners
c/o Joe Norcom, Treasurer
3033 Burnt Mill Road
Charlotte, NC 28210