

AMARILLO GUN CLUB

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Mark your Calendar

- **June 30-July 1:**
Firecracker Championship
ATA Registered Trapshooting
- **July 20-22:**
ATA Southwestern Zone Shoot
- **August 4-5:**
Monthly ATA Shoot
- **TBA:**
Young Life Shoot
- **Labor Day weekend:**
Sportsman Classic
- **TBA:**
TTA Zone/Shoot

Sporting Clays Classic A Huge Success

Thanks to the efforts of many AGC volunteers and sponsorship by AMARILLO NATIONAL BANK, the AGC's First Annual Sporting Clays Classic was a success by every measure. Over sixty shooters participated, and numerous shotguns and other prizes were awarded. The shoot provided a net return to the AGC, which will be put to use for capital improvements and other special projects.

Steve Monroe took High Overall honors, while Lewis class winners included: Geo. Parr, Jason Bullis, Harmon McCurdy, Derek Bailey, & Pacer Grant. Gun winners: Charlie Smith, Wayne Jennings, Derek Bailey, Harmon McCurdy, Pacer Grant, and Donald Adams. **Thanks to the following gun donors:** Charlie Henderson, Kendall Foot Clinic, Eric Pullen, James Holmes, Diane Monroe (Happy State Bank), and AGC Board of Directors.

Shoot Directors Sam Lowe and Brad Clark are already planning next year's shoot, with a goal of attracting over 100 shooters.

AGC to Host ATA SW Zone Shoot

The AGC has been selected as a host site for the ATA Southwest Zone Championships. Championship events will be held July 20-22; Friday—Zone Class Doubles; Zone Class Singles Preliminary Handicap; Saturday—Zone Singles Championship; Sunday—Zone Handicap Championship.

Shooters will compete for local options, while scores from throughout the Zone will be combined for ATA championship trophies. Special categories will also be available.

Because of the simultaneous nature of the shoots and the need to upload scores in time for Zone-wide shoot offs and trophy presentations, extra volunteers may be needed for registration and scoring. ATA officials will also be on-site to help insure a smooth shoot. Also, be sure to pre-squad at presquad.com (see below).

Presquad.com

The Amarillo Gun Club has registered with presquad.com, which will initially be used for pre-squadding registered ATA shoots. After a "trial run" with the Firecracker Shoot, we hope to put it to full use for the Southwest Zone and Sportsman shoots.

Simply go to www.presquad.com and set up basic user information, which will include the ATA member number. It is then an easy, menu driven process to reserve a squad and post for each event, checkout, print a schedule, and reserve a confirming email. As AGC and its shooters learn the process, we should be able to offer the ability to reserve full squads, set aside squads for juniors, and similar features. We also hope to use it for other events beyond registered trapshooting. Be sure to visit presquad.com today!

www.amarillogunclub.com

Firecracker Championships June 30—July 1

The annual Firecracker Championship Trapshoot is set for the weekend of Saturday, June 30 and Sunday, July 1. Trophies will be awarded in all championship events, and thanks to the success of past shoots, the AGC is undertaking a program to upgrade trophies for special shoots, including the Firecracker. Although special categories are not officially set for the Firecracker, shells have been donated to be awarded to the high gun junior in Saturday's singles championship.

The full program is now posted on the website, but here are the highlights:

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- Saturday: Singles Championship (200); Preliminary Handicap (100)
 Sunday: Doubles Championship (50 pair); Handicap Championship (100)

NEXT ISSUE

The AGC is alive, well, and on the grow—an interview with Club President Steve Camarata and a preview of upcoming developments at the AGC.



Britt Robinson Visits AGC

Trapshooting legend Britt Robinson recently presented two clinics at the AGC. At 36 years of age, Britt was the youngest shooter ever inducted into the Trapshooting Hall of Fame. He was an eight-time first team All American and won multiple championships at the Grand American.

Britt has since become one of the most sought-after instructors in the country. His individualized style of small-group teaching has him in demand from coast to coast. AGC is fortunate to have this legend (who registered many of his career targets at the AGC) in our own backyard.

Above—Britt Robinson gives a few pointers to Don Foreman while Charlie Smith looks on.

South Plains Gun Club Update

According to reliable sources, the South Plains Gun Club is planning to cease operations at the end of June, 2007. ATA/TTA has been notified that all registered trapshoots scheduled for the rest of the calendar year have been cancelled.

Although this is an unfortunate occurrence for Lubbock area shooters, the AGC stands

ready to attempt to fill the void. No specific dates have been set; however, club management is exploring the possibility of additional dates in August, September, and October. To some degree, this will be a function of the scheduling of the TTA Zone 1 shoot, which has been held in September the past two years. AGC is in

rotation to host that shoot, but the official date will not be set until a meeting of the Zone 1 officers and final approval at the state meeting on July 8 in San Antonio.

In any event, AGC members are encouraged to extend their hospitality to Lubbock area shooters.

Trapshooting Update

Here are the remaining 2007 trap year registered shoots at AGC: **Firecracker Shoot, June 30— July 1; ATA SW Zone, July 20-22; Monthly Shoot, August 4-5.** As usual, the **Sportsman Classic** is set for **Labor Day weekend**, which will kick off the 2008 trap year.

Texas State Shoot: July 3-8, National Shooting Complex, San Antonio

Other area ATA shoots (tentative—check with the host site): July 29 and August 12—Abilene Clay Sports; August 11—Albuquerque Trap Club; September 15-16—NRA Whittington Center, Raton.

PANDHANDLE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS:

HAA—Gary Sherrod; HOA—Gary Sherrod; HOA Runner up—Mike Kendall

Event Champs: Handicap Champ—James T. Clark; Singles Champ—James Holmes; Doubles Champ—Gary Sherrod.

CLASS & CATETGORY WINNERS:

Event 1—Doubles Championship

Champ: Gary Sherrod
 Runner-up: Richard Hill
 AA: Darin Clawson
 A: Donald Adams
 B: Dalton Jennings
 C: Terry Bryant
 D: Dabnee Hanson
 Lady: Trish O'Connor
 Sub-Junior: Jayton Bryant
 Junior: Tyler Chaney
 Vet: Neal Causbay
 SR-Vet: M.L. Palmer

Event 2—Preliminary Singles

AA: Tom Schooler (*100*)
 A: Freddie Maxwell
 B: Melvin McCabe
 C: Dabnee Hanson
 D: Jayton Bryant

Event 3—Preliminary Handicap

Short: Kelly Denton
 Mid: Dalton Jennings
 Long: Jimmy Borum

Event 4—Singles Championship:

Champ: James Holmes
 Runner-up: Stanley Crawford
 AA: Ronald Johnson
 A: Charles Crow
 B: Frank George, Jr.
 C: Bill Minton
 D: Kelly Denton
 Lady: Dabnee Hanson
 Sub-Junior: Jayton Bryant
 Junior: Ryan Hoelscher
 Vet: Herb Hutchins
 SR-Vet: M.L. Palmer

Event 5—Preliminary Handicap

Short: Donald Foreman
 Mid: Charles E. Crow
 Long: Gary Sherrod

Event 6—Preliminary Handicap

Short: Tom L. Jones
 Mid: Evan Maxwell
 Long: Mike Kendall

Event 7—Handicap Championship

Champ: James T. Clarke
 Runner-up: Charles E. Crow
 Short: Tom L. Jones
 Mid: Ralph D. Depew
 Long: Gary L. Sherrod
 Lady: Nannett Womack
 Sub-Junior: Jayton Bryant
 Junior: Andrew Cox
 Vet: Jon D. Guy
 SR-Vet: Ralph Compton

BRAGGING RIGHTS

Congratulations to Sweetwater's **Neal Crausbay** for his upcoming induction into the Trapshooting Hall of Fame. Neal will become the 10th Texan to be inducted. Still an active shooter, Neal trophied in AGC's 2007 Panhandle Championships.

For schedule updates, visit the TTA at www.texastrap.com; the ATA at www.shootata.com; and the AGC at www.amarillogunclub.com.

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Running 'em in Oklahoma . . .

AGC's **James Holmes** [left] ran a perfect 200 at the Oklahoma State Shoot Class Singles event to take the Non-resident Class Championship.

Other AGC shooters picking up non-resident trophies included **Don Foreman, Everett Horner, Bonnie Schuch, Roger Cox & Andrew Cox.**

Foreman survived a shoot-off to take the preliminary handicap championship, while Andrew Cox picked up five non-resident trophies, including High All-Around Junior and Junior Class Singles.

Save on your cost of practice rounds and support the AGC. Contact the AGC about a membership today!

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