

AMARILLO GUN CLUB

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Mark your Calendar

- **August 4-5:**
ATA Trap Shoot
- **August 11:**
Boy Scouts Sporting Clays
Camp Don Harrington
- **August 19:**
4-H Back to School Fun Shoot;
Camp Don Harrington
- **August 25:**
Young Life Clay Shoot (5-stand)
- **August 27:**
AGC Annual Meeting***
- **Labor Day weekend:**
48th Sportsman Classic
ATA Registered Trap Shoot

AGC Hosts ATA Southwestern Zone Shoot

The Amarillo Gun Club recently hosted the ATA's Southwestern Zone Shoot. Amarillo was one of five locations in the Southwestern Zone. AGC hosted over 100 shooters over the course of the three day event. Club results from the three championship events are printed on page 3 of this newsletter, and full results are available at the AGC & TTA websites.

Congratulations to **James Holmes II** and **Trevor Coker**, who took Zone Championship trophies, along with **Tom Jones**, who won the Zone Class D Doubles trophy. Read more about Amarillo's "iron man" **James Holmes** on page 2.

Special thanks to our sponsors: **Gander Mountain**; **Xcel Energy**; and **Service Tool & Supply**. Thanks to these sponsors, over 45 club trophies were awarded, along with shells to special category winners. Thanks also to **RiverFields** for its promotional help.



Potter County Shotgun Shooters Successful at 2007 4-H State Shooting Games

Five youth members of the Potter County 4-H Shotgun Shooters Club participated in the 2007 4-H State Shooting Games held at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio on July 17 – July 21. The field at the 2007 4-H State Shooting Games included 700 youth shooters from every corner of Texas. Potter County's competitors included: **Andrew Altman**, **Kalli Parker**, **Elliot Toll**, **Austin Sinclair**, and **Trevor Swindell**. **Kevin Toll**, **Corky Parker**, and **Bob Altman** were the adult leaders accompanying the youth competitors during the shoot.

Potter County 4-H competitors shot in six shooting disciplines: 5-Stand, International Skeet, International Trap, American Trap, American Skeet, and Sporting Clays. Many of the Potter County Shooters were among the top 20 in many disciplines. **Kalli Parker** brought home a 4th place medal for both American Trap and Skeet and **Andrew Altman** earned a 6th place award for Sporting Clays.

The National Shooting Complex is situated on 4 sections of land equipped with 55 Skeet and Trap fields, seven Five Stands, four Sporting Clays courses, and large areas dedicated to rifle/pistol and archery competitions.

The Potter County 4-H Shotgun Shooters Club will host a "Back to School" fun shoot at Camp Don Harrington's new 5-Stand shooting field from 2-5pm on Sunday, August 19. Anyone interested in this shoot or the club's year-long program should call Bob Altman-358-6500 or Corky Parker-341-0846.

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Brad Clark, Webmaster

48th Sportsman Championships Sept 1-3

The 48th Sportsman Championship Trapshoot is set for Saturday, September 1 through Monday, September 3. Trophies will be awarded in all championship events, which will include a 200 target singles, 50 pair doubles, and a handicap championship. Other non-trophy preliminary events will be added.

The full program will be posted on the website.



Young Life Shoot August 25

Help out Amarillo's *Young Life* and enjoy a great 5-stand shoot Saturday August 25. *Young Life* office: 236-3080; Jason Whiteley: jasonwhiteley@gmail.com

Amarillo's Iron Man

Saturday, July 21, 2007, started out like many other days at a registered trapshoot — Amarillo's James Holmes II was "straight" at a singles competition.

This time, it was the Southwestern Zone Singles Championship, and Holmes had run yet another perfect 200. For most shooters, that would be the accomplishment of a lifetime, but that was only the start of the day for Holmes. Although Holmes posted the only 200 at the AGC site, a zone-wide shootoff was sure to follow, as some of the nation's best singles shooters were shooting elsewhere in the Zone.

Meanwhile, the AGC had scheduled a local preliminary handicap, and Holmes shot a 96 to tie for the lead in that event as well. Most shooters would have been placed at a disadvantage, as Amarillo was the only site to squeeze in a handicap that afternoon. Not only that, but Holmes was facing a shootoff from the 27 yard line, which had to be worked in with his Zone Singles shootout.

Then the fun began. Holmes banked a perfect 50 for his first two rounds in the singles shootoff. As if that was not enough, the local handicap shootoff was run, and Holmes emerged victorious after a 50 bird shootoff in that event. Then it was back to the singles shootoff, and by the end of the day, Holmes ran 250 consecutive singles shootoff targets before dropping his 251st. Although he did not take the Zone Singles Championship, his 200+ 250+ 23 was enough to take the Zone AAA Singles trophy.

Just another day for Holmes, but for the AGC, it was a performance for the ages.

Thirsty Night Leagues

The AGC's "Thirsty Night" league is still going strong. Each week the league shoots one round of skeet and one round of 5-stand. Shooters pay a nominal fee, a portion of which is paid out in weekly winnings.

The league is open to all shooters. Check the AGC website for official rules. www.amarilogunclub.com



Trapshooting Update—Upcoming Shoots



AGC Sportsman Classic—Labor Day weekend; October 7—monthly shoot; November 4—monthly shoot.

Texas: August 12—Abilene; September 9—San Angelo; September 13-16—San Antonio—Zone 5 shoot; September 22—Abilene; September 23—Iowa Park; September 28-30—San Angelo—Zone 2 shoot. www.texastrap.com

New Mexico: August 11—Albuquerque; September 15-16—NRA Whittington Center (Raton); October 6-7—Raton; October 12-14—Albuquerque. [The AGC is a supporting club of the New Mexico Trapshooters Assn.]

Recent first 100s: Wayne Jennings [dbls @ AGC]; Tom Jones [singles @ AGC]; Andrew Cox [singles @ NSC]; also congrats to Herb Hutchins for his 98th registered 100!

ATA SOUTHWESTERN ZONE—CLUB (LOCAL) RESULTS:

HAA—Cary Skaggs; HOA—Wayne Jennings

Event Champs: Handicap Champ—Evan Friemel; Singles Champ—James Holmes II; Doubles Champ—Cary Skaggs.

CLASS & CATEGORY WINNERS:

Event 1—Class Doubles

AA: Steven Ellis
A: Wayne Jennings
B: Harmon McCurdy
C: Charles Crow
D: Evan Maxwell

Event 2—Class Singles

AAA: James Holmes II
AA: Cary Skaggs (100)
A: Gene McDonald (100)**
B: Eddie Nichols
C: Dale Burson
D: Mark Weber

** Coin flip over T. Jones (100)

Event 4—Singles Championship:

Champ: James Holmes II (200) *(AAA)
Runner-up: Cary Skaggs (199)
AAA: Justin Chapman
AA: Stanley Welton (199)
A: Howard Thomas
B: Everett Horner
C: Brett Mills
D: William Nicholson
Lady: Trish O'Connor
Junior: Andrew Cox
Vet: Herb Hutchins
SR-Vet: Gene Hartwell

Event 6—Doubles Championship

Champ: Cary Skaggs (99)
Runner-up: Justin Weber
AA: Wayne Jennings
A: Dudley Clark
B: Gene Wehrer
C: Charles Crow
D: Tom Jones*
Lady: Trish O'Connor
Junior: Shane Herman
Vet: Virgil Rickel

Event 7—Handicap Championship

Champ: Evan Friemel (97)
Runner-up: James Holmes II
Short: Tom Jones
Mid: Joe Adams
Long: Donald Adams
Lady: Trish O'Connor
Sub-Junior: Matt Kiker
Junior: Trevor Coker*
Vet: T.C. Newbell
SR-Vet: Ed Wisdom

* Zone winners; other event winners listed at AGC & TTA websites.

*** * * TTA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED * * ***

Amarillo's **Andrew Cox** was named as one of two recipients of the **Texas Trapshooters Association College Scholarship**. The primary stipend went to O'Donnel's **Kaleb Crutcher**, who has shot (and won) many events at the AGC.

The TTA Scholarship is funded by participants in the Scholarship Lewis Purse. As evidenced by the help provided to these local shooters, the scholarship money is used by deserving shooters year in and year out and is yet another way to promote youth shooting. Please support this worthwhile effort by playing the Scholarship Lewis Purse! For more information contact Jerry O'Connor or Rick Seaton.

From the Texas State Shoot . . .

Between driving rain showers at the National Shooting Complex, the Texas State Shoot was a success, with turnout up across the board. Local shooters brought home hardware as well:

Jimmy Borum: State Singles Championship AA Champ (200); **Trish O'Connor:** State Doubles Championship Lady Runner-up (91); High Over All Open Lady Champ (721); **Jerry O'Connor:** High Over All Open D (712); **Andrew Cox:** State Singles Championship Junior Runner-Up (198); Preliminary handicap Junior Champ; **Bonnie Schuch:** Class Singles—D winner (95); **Andrew Cox, Evan Maxwell, Kaleb Crutcher** (with **Jess Anderson** and **Andrew Reed**): College Youth Team Singles Champions. **Andrew Cox—Roger Cox:** State Singles Championship Parent-Child (391).



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AGC Annual Meeting: August 27, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

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