



Locked, Loaded, and Ready

The Lone Star Select Shooting Team

Sponsorships for our new Jerseys is open!

Sponsorship opportunities for our new team jerseys are now open! This is a great way to showcase your business while supporting our athletes. Your logo will be proudly displayed on the new uniforms worn throughout the season at competitions and events. Partner with us today and be part of the Lone Star legacy! Send inquiries to newsletter@lssst.org

Scheduling Lessons

Private lesson schedules are posted on the first of each month on our website — **be sure to book early!** If your plans change, please let your coach know as soon as possible. No-shows will forfeit their lesson for the month. Thanks for helping us keep things running smoothly!

2026 Fundraiser Preparations Underway

As we kick off planning for our **2026 Lonestar Shootout**, we'd love to hear from our amazing parents, friends, and supporters! Your ideas and suggestions help make each year's event even more fun and successful than the last. If you have thoughts on themes, auction items, activities, or ways to make this year's fundraiser stand out, please share them with us — we'd love your input as we start shaping another great event for our Lonestar family. Email us at newsletter@lssst.org  **SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 19, 2026** 

Congratulations Coach Dom & Meagan

Big news for our Lonestar family! We're thrilled to welcome the newest (and tiniest!) member of the team — **Dominic Grossi Jr.** Congratulations to Dom and Meagan on their sweet new addition! We can't wait to see little DJ growing up around the range — he's already part of the team in our hearts.  



Be the Example Everyone Remembers

When you wear the **Lonestar uniform (or logo)**, you're more than just an athlete or parent — you're an ambassador for our team and everything we stand for. People recognize our name and notice how we carry ourselves, both on and off the range. Please remember to show **respect, sportsmanship, and kindness** at all times — in your words, actions, and attitude. Be mindful of your **language, tone, and interactions** with trappers, other shooters, coaches, and spectators. Every moment in that Lonestar gear is a chance to show what makes our team special — **integrity, respect, and class.**

Cole Weston Bags a Beast!

We'd like to give a big congratulations to **Cole Weston** on an unforgettable first-time experience! Cole recently went on his very first alligator hunt right outside of Winnie, Texas, and came home with an incredible **10'6" gator**. What an amazing accomplishment and a memory that's sure to last a lifetime! We're so proud to see our athletes taking on new adventures with the same determination and confidence they bring to the range. Way to go, Cole!



Parent Business Referral Page

We know many of our parents own or run businesses, and we'd love to help support each other! We're putting together a **Referral Page** to share within our team community and on our website. If you'd like your business included, please send us the following: **Business name & Logo if available, Type of service/product, Contact information (phone/email/website)** to newsletter@lssst.org

Let's showcase the talents and services within our own team family!

Chip Begging: Why It Hurts the Game

In clay target shooting, *chip begging* is when a shooter claims a broken target after a clear miss, hoping to be awarded a "chip." While it may seem minor, this practice undermines fairness, disrupts the squad's focus, and damages a shooter's reputation. Targets are only scored "dead" when a visible piece breaks in the air - dust or imagined chips don't count. True sportsmanship means accepting misses honestly and moving on to the next bird. Even if you get a chip and the trapper doesn't call it — **don't argue!** Like Coach Ron always says: *Just hit it harder!* So let's keep it positive, play fair, and remember: **If it doesn't break, it doesn't count!**

Athletes - Practice Protocol

During practice, DO NOT leave the course without first contacting a coach. Whether it's to use the restroom, get more targets or whatever the reason, call your coach before heading off the course. Doing this disrupts the practice of your squadmates and creates a safety issue when students cannot be located. Thank you.

Register NOW for 2026 NSCA Shoots!

Major events like Nationals, Regionals, World English, etc fill up **VERY** quickly! Our website has links to each and every one. [Register today](#) to secure your spot for these 2026 shooting events!

LSSST'S NSCA Concierge – Gretchen Menke

Do you need help scheduling events for upcoming shoots, have questions about a specific event, or need to cancel or reschedule your times? Our dedicated NSCA Concierge, **Gretchen Menke**, is here to assist you. You can find her contact information on our website under [Upcoming Shoots](#). **Texting Gretchen is the fastest way to reach her**, but PLEASE, allow her some time to respond—she manages this role while also balancing a full-time job. Your patience is appreciated, and she's committed to helping make your shooting experience smooth and stress-free!

When our administrative team calls, please respond!

If you receive a message or request from one of our administrative members, **please take a moment to reply**. Our team works hard behind the scenes to ensure everyone has the best experience possible - team members, parents and assistant coaches - and your prompt response helps us keep everything running smoothly. **We're focused on taking the team further than ever! THANK YOU!**

 Check Out the Updated LSSST Website!

Our team [website](#) has been updated with all the latest info! Our menu options look different so please familiarize yourself with the changes. Here's what's new:

- **2025 & 2026 Upcoming [Shoot Schedule](#)**— stay on top of all our events and **REGISTER EARLY!**
- [New Member Page](#) - this page includes a link to our Welcome Package as well as new member paperwork that can be uploaded directly to our website!
- [Coaches Page](#) – currently being updated with our coaches bios and pictures. Still waiting on a few!
- [Team Photos](#) – see all the action from recent events.
- [Team Calendar](#) - Get a quick glance at each month to see what's going on so you don't miss out!
- [Shootout Info](#) - Our Shootout page has been updated with pictures from last year's fundraiser!

Additionally, there is a direct link to **donate** to our foundation. **Share with our sponsors!**

Explore the updates and stay connected with everything happening with The Lonestar Select Shooting Team!

NSCA Concurrent Options – Win More Opportunities

In NSCA, **concurrent options** allow shooters to compete for additional awards within specific age or gender-based categories. Shooters are typically registered in both a skill-based classification (D-Master Class) and any concurrent categories they are eligible for based on their personal information. **All entrants are automatically entered into their associated concurrent.** When you choose to pay an additional “option” at registration, this means you are entering a pool for an **extra cash prize** with other shooters in your specific concurrent category, who also chose to pay that option. These options allow you to potentially win in multiple ways at the same event based on your performance. Concurrent categories for our team are Sub-Junior (under 16), Junior (16-20) and Lady (all ages unless specified).

2026 LSSST Summer Camp

Our **2026 Summer Camp** will be held from **July 31 - August 3, 2026** at **Covey Rise Lodge in Husser, LA** . Attendance is contingent upon the success of our fundraiser in June — let's make it happen again!

Whizbang Finals

Let's hear it for **Kye Sopczak** for placing 4th in the Whizbang Finals while at Nationals! Kye has worked hard all year and it has paid off. Congratulations Kye!

