



"Summer Clays and Heat Waves"

The Lone Star Select Shooting Team

Summer Training Camp

The summer training camp is upon us! In preparation, there will be ***no practice on Wednesday 6/22 or Thursday 6/23***. For participants, all birds, lunches, drinks, etc. are paid for and taken care of, but everyone should bring plenty of ammo. The schedule will be as follows:

Friday- Greater Houston Sports Club: 8:45am arrival, concluding by 5:30pm

Saturday- Providence Plantation: 8:45am arrival, concluding by 5:30pm (10430 FM 521, Rosharon, TX 77583)

Sunday- Greater Houston Sports Club: 8:45am arrival, concluding by 1:00pm with the team banquet beginning at 6:00pm

This training camp is a great opportunity to learn from some of the best and most influential people in our sport. It is not about putting as many rounds through the gun as possible, but gaining information, asking the right questions, and taking full advantage of their presence. We will not be shooting all that much! Both Friday and Saturday will include a classroom session to allow time to ask any questions as well as take a break from the heat. Sunday will consist of a 100 bird tournament that will likely include 25 Skeet, 25 5-Stand, and 50 Sporting. It's going to be a great time!

SCTP State Shoot

Congratulations to everyone who braved the heat and competed at the SCTP State Championships! The team brought home Overall RU, Sporting Clays 2nd place, Skeet 2nd place, and Trap 3rd place. In total, 49 individual medals and 3 HOA buckles also made the trip home! Way to represent LSSST!



Reporting Shoot Results

Going forward, if a team member attends a tournament and you have podium pictures, notable results, etc. that you would like to be included in the next newsletter, please send them directly to Grace at newsletter@lssst.org or text them to 832-260-8582. Thank you!

Texas State Super Sporting Champs

Reminder to let Ron know ASAP via **TEXT** if you would like to shoot the Texas State Super Sporting Championship in August! The club will be covering the entry fee for the main event. More info about the tournament is available on the team website.



Guest Instructor

We are excited to announce that Will Van Dusen will be conducting 5 private lessons in July! Will is a highly accomplished shooter in 4-H, ACUI, and the NSCA. He competed for the Texas A&M Trap and Skeet team while earning his undergrad and currently is a part of the University of Texas Trap and Skeet Team as he works to complete his Master's Degree.

Target Reading Clinic

Mike Boire, the head target setter at GHSC, will be conducting a target reading clinic on Sunday, July 10th. He will be analyzing the targets from the July 9th Buckle Race. This is open to GHSC members and our team for \$200/person. There are 8 spots available—if anyone is interested, please contact Mike directly at 386-366-1114. This is a great opportunity to see how target setters think, and will be similar to the clinic he offered for LSSST earlier this year.

Safety Practices

Please remember that safety is key in our sport. Lately, we seem to have gotten a little lax on our basic safety practices. We would like to reiterate the importance of:

- ★ Ensuring the gun is unloaded before you leave the shooting stand.
- ★ Keeping your finger off of the trigger until you are ready to fire.
- ★ Walking with the gun open and empty. **If your feet are moving, your gun should be visibly safe.** This means open with the barrels pointed downwards for over-and-under models and with the action open, facing outward, barrel pointed to the sky for semi-autos.

For a full list of safety policies, please visit our team website.

New Target Card Policy

All team members are expected to have an adequate amount of targets loaded on their card at the time practice starts. Recently, unpreparedness has been getting out of hand and becoming a disruption at practice. **From now on, if any team members run out of targets while on the course, they will have to walk to the clubhouse to purchase more.** It will no longer be acceptable for the entire squad to drive to the clubhouse and wait while one member reloads their card. Please ensure you are aware of how many targets you have and when you need to refill your card to make it through the week's practices.

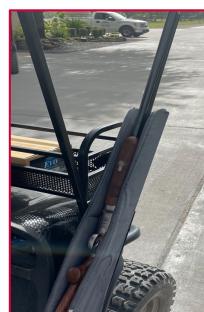
Choke Safety



This is a reminder to ensure your chokes are screwed in tightly at all times. Loose, dirty, or broken chokes can all cause safety hazards. If you happen to drop a choke, clean and inspect it for damage before using it again. Any time they are out of round, even if only slightly, they are no longer safe for use. The picture to the left is an example of what can happen if a choke that is damaged or dirty is used. Most of the time only the choke will be destroyed, but the barrel can be ruined as well. Check them often!

Using the Golf Cart Gun Holders

Lots of the gun racks on the club golf carts have metal nuts poking through the middle of the fabric. This is causing scratching and damage on the rib of guns placed backwards into the holders. The proper way to use the gun rack is to put the gun in with the trigger pointing down, not up. This is demonstrated in the two pictures to the side.



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