



Colorado Sporting Clays Association News



Shoot Dates - 2012

- 2/4 Rivers Edge
 - 2/19 Colorado Clays
 - 3/11 Great Guns
 - 3/17 Rivers Edge
 - 4/1 Great Guns
 - 4/7 Kiowa Creek
 - 4/14 Pikes Peak
 - 4/15 Golden Gun Club
 - 4/21 Colorado Clays
 - 4/22 Quail Run
 - 5.5-6 626
 - 5/13 Quail Run
 - 5/19 Golden Gun Club
 - 5/20 Peaceful Valley
 - 5/26-27 Del Monte
 - 6/2 Kiowa Creek
 - 6/3 Great Guns
 - 6/9 Pikes Peak
 - 6/10 Golden Gun Club
 - 6/15-17 Quail Run
 - 6/23-24 Del Monte
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 - 7/14 Kiowa Creek
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2011 and 2012 Shoot Seasons

By Chris Higgins

Happy Holidays from the CSCA Board. We want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the membership of the Colorado Sporting Clays Association for your support and participation in the sporting clays season. Overall 2011 was another great season. The participation at the state shoot was the highest in several years and we almost beat the Delta Classic in numbers; a \$100,000 payout big blast event held the same weekend. Congratulations to Jeff Bishop, this years State Champion! Rivers Edge did a great job hosting the state shoot with development of two new sporting clays courses, a new area for FITASC and separate sub-gauge courses, allowing competitors to shoot these events throughout the tournament. Rivers Edge staff worked tirelessly making

sure that the traps were filled, events started on time, and making everybody feel welcome. With the improvements that Rivers Edge has put into their facility, abundant RV parking, and area for courses they can handle just about any size shoot. If you missed the shoot this year you will have another opportunity to experience the hospitality of Rivers Edge. They will be hosting the 2012 State Championship. The targets for the 2012 State Championship will be set by Jon Kruger. Jon's target setting capabilities are well known and this should be a treat for all of us. Based on conversations with him, his objective is to set targets which are fun for all classes and all abilities.

The 2012 shoot schedule is published on the website and in this newsletter. We

have the opportunity for potentially 3 Big Blast Events in Colorado this year; the 626 shoot in May, the Kruger Cup in June, and the Colorado State Tournament in September. The Buddy shoots are back. Kiowa Creek is again bringing back 5 Stand and FITASC competitions. Rivers Edge is holding sub-gauge events. And the Golden Gun Club has joined the organization and will be hosting several shoots. It should be another great season with abundant opportunities to satisfy our sporting clays addiction. See you on the course.



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- 9/23 Great Guns
- 9/27-30 Rivers Edge—Colorado State Shoot
- 10/12 Rivers Edge
- 10/14 Golden Gun Club
- 10/28 Great Guns

Board Meeting Dates:

Jan 19, 2012

April 19, 2012

July 19, 2012

Oct 18, 2012

Annual Meeting - CSCA State Shoot

New Proposed Classification System by Bill Noyce

In writing this article it is hard to decide where to start. We have heard about the new NPA Classification system that is running alongside our previous and existing punch system. There are some members of the NSCA that are concerned that Masters and AA classes are too top heavy. The purpose of the NPA was to classify people to their "true" shooting ability.

At the annual membership meeting the Saturday evening of the state championship, there were concerns by our CSCA members that the new system would actually be detrimental to our Colorado membership and would discourage present and future members. The membership urged the delegates not to vote for the new NPA system.

While observing the national meeting of delegates in San Antonio, this concern was widely expressed by delegates from the other states. One of the incoming delegates made a presentation countering the NPA system and

asking to keep the present punch system with some improvements. At which point Scott Robertson stated that until this time, the committee has not received any constructive suggestions to help address the scoring system.

Presently, we as Colorado members should let the National organization know of any suggestions we have. These comments should be constructive and address improvements to a system that classifies shooters. If you think the present system is fine or could be adjusted, let them know. Do you think there should be a mandatory reduction in class if you do not get a certain amount of punches in your present class? Do you think that you should not get punches for small gauge, SXS or pump? Do you think we should separate punches for sporting, small

gauge and FITASC? A new system, or a new class for the pros with perhaps a limit of max shooters allowed may make sense, make the suggestion. As we can see, there are many variables to our situation, you may be one of the people that has an answer. Let it be known.

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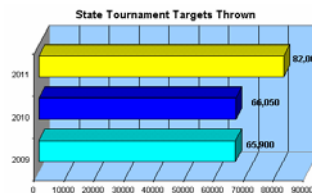
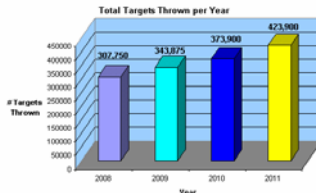
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Interesting Numbers

Even in these challenging economic times, interest in sporting clays in Colorado has continued to grow. Over the last few years we have seen an increase in the number of tournaments held, new faces at the tournaments, an increase of D and E class shooters and consistent participation by seasoned members. To get a feel on how we are doing, the NSCA supplied us with the number of targets thrown by year since 2008 and the number of targets thrown at the state shoot over the last three years. In 2008 a total of 307,750 targets were thrown. In 2011 a total

of 423,900 targets were thrown. Our target count



has shown a steady increase of around 10 percent each year.

Targets thrown at the state shoot remained much the same in 2009 and 2010 with 65,900 and 66,050 respectively but in 2011 we saw a 20 percent increase with 82,000 targets

thrown.

These increases have occurred during the worst economic conditions that our country has seen since the Great Depression. This is a testament to you the membership.

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6-2-6 Colorado's Toughest by Shawn Meyers

The 2nd annual 6-2-6 challenge proved to be another exhilarating yet exhausting weekend. Colorado's spring-time weather included a healthy dose of 'breezy' conditions testing even the most stalwart of our sporting clays enthusiasts. We are pleased to report that the 2011 Colorado's Toughest challenge grew from 40 contestants in its inaugural year to 118 participants completing the whirlwind travel to six top-notch sporting clays facilities in 2011. This event has gained a loyal following and energized support across country as we drew participants from 13 states and Canada (British Columbia Canada, Alaska, Nebraska, New Mexico, Kansas, Texas, Wyoming, Washington, Nevada, Arizona, Missouri, California and Idaho).

Luckily the phenomenal growth this year was anticipated and the format was modified into a two group rotation, with shooters registering to shoot either a northern Colorado or southern Colorado set of facilities on the each day. This rotation

greatly reduced the congestion at each facility, keeping our shooters in rhythm and significantly reducing wait time between stations.

The weather conditions proved the unwelcome star of the 2011 6-2-6, much like Day 2 in 2010. The strong winds made the tower targets almost impossible. Targets would no sooner be released into the wind then they would be blown back into the machine, with a few small pieces of the clay landing 50 yards in the downwind direction.

Solid performance in the event was rewarded with \$7,390 in class options and main event payouts. In addition, 300 punches were awarded. Demonstrating exceptional shooting skills in the adverse conditions was event champion, Jon Kruger of Franktown, Colorado, outscoring by a single target, runner-up Robin Irvine from Nebraska. All of the scores and competitors are available for review on the CSCA website (CSCAclub.com).

6-2-6 in 2012 gets even bigger and better.

6-2-6 2012 is introducing a Team Competition! Do you have five shooters that can handle the fickle Colorado weather and stiff competition? Perhaps your local 4-H, high school, or college has a group of shooters. Maybe your local gun club wants to show their skills. Your team could go home with the top team trophy. Of course, a clever nickname helps your team shoot more accurately. Another addition in 2012 will be selecting The Best of 6-2-6; the best target presentation, top field, favorite rest stop, etc.

Mark your calendars now for May 5th and 6th in 2012, or you might prefer to track it on the **NSCA Big Blast** list of top shoots. We are expanding the starting rotations to all six courses and early registrants will be able to select the rotation that best suits their sleeping/driving accommodations. We hope to see you here!

Colorado Shooters Show Well at Nationals

The 2011 National Championship saw record breaking attendance with over 1400 competitors, mostly great weather (one day we thought we were in the Arctic) and overall fun targets. Last years targets were set to be difficult, but this years targets were geared much more towards all levels of competitors. FITASC was thrown in the new format which allowed many more participants and Super Sporting was added to the competition. Super Sporting can be summed up as FITASC with less rules. It was a lot of fun.

Colorado was well represented with around 50 shooters and many brought home National trophies, a very high accomplishment. Congratulations to all that placed in and/or received punches. The competitors bringing trophies back to Colorado were: Main Event – Aaron Ghini A6, Don Cole B5 and Veteran B2, Joe Woodske D3. FITASC Jon Kruger M1. K-Cup Mike Marshall AA3, Amanda Meyers A4 and Lady 3rd, Don Cole B10. 5 Stand M-AA – Jon Kruger M5, Dan

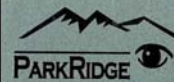
Callahan M7, 5 Stand A-E Don Cole B3 and Veteran Champ, Zina Horton Lady 3rd. 410 Jon Kruger HOA with a perfect 100. Pump Gun Dan Callahan Runner Up, Amanda Meyers Lady Champ, Don Cole Veteran Champ. Super Sporting Mike Marshall AA3. Congratulations to all of the Colorado Shooters that went to the National Championship and represented our state so well.

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Colorado 4-H Brings Home the Silver from National Match

The Colorado 4-H Shotgun team deserves a robust pat on the back for their outstanding performance at the 2011 National 4-H Shooting Sports match held in San Antonio, TX the last week of June. As a team they competed in the three day event including 100 targets each of sporting clays, skeet and trap, highlighted by a one target victory over the always-tough Texas team to bring home 1st place trap honors. The Colorado team consisted of Cody Bratten of Highlands Ranch, Lucas Hoem of Ft Collins, Jace Noe of La Junta , and Clayton Mazar of Canyon City.

Colorado finished 3rd as a team in the Skeet competition and 4th in the sporting clays along with the top trap honors they were able to secure the silver medal in the overall rankings. Individually recognized for superior performance at the national level was Clay Mazar for achieving the gold medal in the trap competition; Cody Bratten for 5th place and Lucas Hoem for 8th place in the overall rankings.

Congratulations to Colorado youth on a Job Well Done.

