



Colorado Sporting Clays Association News



Shoot Dates - 2010

- 2/21 Colorado Clays
- 3/13 Rivers Edge
- 3/28 Great Guns
- 4/3 Kiowa Creek
- 4/10-11 626 Shoot
- 4/17 Great Guns
- 4/24 Rivers Edge
- 5/2 Colorado Clays
- 5/9 Quail Run
- 5/15-16 Del Monte Iron Man
- 5/22 Pikes Peak
- 5/30 Great Guns
- 6/5 Kiowa Creek
- 6/13 Quail Run
- 6/20 Great Guns
- 6/26-27 Del Monte Coors
- 7/4 Quail Run
- 7/10 Colorado Clays
- 7/11 Del Monte
- 7/24 Rivers Edge
- 7/25 Great Guns
- 8/6-8 Mile High Classic
- 8/13-14 Colorado Clays CP Shoot
- 8/22 Quail Run
- 8/28-29 Fall Classic Del Monte
- 9/4 Great Guns

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From the President's Desk

By Chris Higgins

It's that time of year again when we start to put away the hunting vest and start thinking about shaking off the rust and breaking clays. I'm personally looking forward to the 2010 shoot season and hopefully you have had a chance to visit the website and look at the shoot schedule. We will be adding a few more shoots before its completed but at a glance you can see that there will be plenty of opportunities to hit the course for some fun competition with your friends.

This year we have tried to take advantage of the longer shoot season and spread out the shoots so that there are fewer back to back Saturday and Sunday shoots which had a tendency to lower participation at the individual shoots. Many of the clubs have adopted a 200 target format this year. In most cases the shoots will be individual 100 target events but awards will be based on 200 targets. Also for the insane shooter, the rumors are correct, the 626 shoot is reality; six clubs, two days, 600 targets, look for

the article in this newsletter for details and we will be posting information on the website.

The Board is also focusing on increasing our membership and increasing attendance at the shoots, especially at the State shoot. Several of the Clubs have agreed to designate one of their registered shoots as a "Bring A Buddy" shoot. Most of us were introduced to sporting clays and competition by a friend. We are trying to capitalize on this successful approach for bring people into our sport and have a shoot where if you bring a non-member, that shooter will shoot at a reduced price and be in a hunter class. The targets will be fun but not extreme. The idea is to spark interest in the shooter that may be reluctant to enter a competition on their own. We do not want their first tournament to be a buzz saw. Bring a friend for these shoots and lets increase the number of people at the tournaments. We will designate the "Bring a

Buddy" shoots on the website.

Look for the articles on the upcoming State shoot in this and subsequent newsletters. Colorado Clays and the Board are working hard to bring you the best state shoot possible. The tournament is set for September 30th through October 3rd. The Board voted on this date unanimously after much deliberation and my comment at the state shoot that we could send out a ballot for different dates was wrong and not in line with the vote of the Board. For that I apologized to the board members.

We are looking forward to a terrific tournament. Mark this date on your schedules and come out for the fun.



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626 Shoot - Are you Colorado's toughest shooter?

Colorado Toughest shoot is here. Many thanks go out to John Meyers Sr and others for working with the clubs to find a workable date for holding this event. The event will be held at six clubs, over two days, for a total of 600 targets.

The shoot will start Saturday April 10th at Quail Run, we will progress to Pikes Peak for another 100 targets, and then end Saturday at Rivers Edge. Sunday we will start at Kiowa Creek, then drive to Colorado Clays, and then end at Great Guns. We will have patches

(donated) for the participants that shoot all 600 targets. For those of you going to the US Open, your concern on how to get 500 targets in prior to the shoot is no longer an issue.

tered event so you can still shoot a portion of the event and have punch opportunities. Details of the shoot will be on the website as they are finalized.

This will be a hoot, come out for the insanity and shoot at a club that you may not have visited in a while. For those of you not up to shooting all 600 targets, each shoot will be a separate regis-

Board Meeting Dates:

April 15th

July 15th

October 21

Gander Mountain

104th & I-25

6:30—9:00pm



2010 State Shoot Update— Colorado Clays

By Doug Kraft

We are looking forward to the **2010 State Shoot** which will be held **Thursday, September 30th through Sunday, October 3rd at Colorado Clays**. Highlights for this year's shoot include targets being professionally set by Mike McAlpine of the *Clay Target Academy* and an action packed schedule of events including:

*200 Target Championship Event (Saturday – Sunday)

*100 Target Preliminary Event (Friday)

*50 Target 5-Stand Event (Friday-Saturday-Sunday)

*50 Target FITASC Event (Thursday-Friday)

*50 Target Sub-Gauge, Pump, Side/Side Event (Thursday)

*Make-A-Break, 5-Stand, Flurry, Practice, Games and More...

(Thursday-Friday-Saturday-Sunday)

*BBQ, Prize Drawings and Special Event on Saturday Evening

In 2010, in-state shooters will be eligible for an estimated \$14,000 in cash and awards (based on 2010 CSCA entries). Over \$10,000 in cash and awards will be available this year to all shooters (based on 300 entries).

Sponsorships are very important to the success of the state tournament, and a great advertising opportunity for local businesses. Several levels of sponsorships are available. Please contact Colorado Clays at 303-659-7117 or dkraft@coloradoclays.com for more information.

On-line registration will be available May 1st. Please visit our website for details. www.coloradoclays.com for all state tournament information.



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Mike McAlpine selected as Target Setter for 2010 State Shoot

By Bill Noyce

Mike McAlpine will be our target setter for the 2010 Colorado Sporting Clays Championship. Mike has been a tournament shooter for 37 years and has competed in all venues – trap, skeet, five-stand, sporting clays, FITASC and bunker.

He has designed over seven hundred courses in his career. These include:

- The World All Round Shotgun Championships (2007)
- The Pan American FITASC Championships (2007)
- 4 World Sporting Clays Championships
- 8 National Championships
- 2 Texas State Championships
- 2 Zone 6 Championships
- Chief designer of the 2004 US Open
- And many of us had fun at last year's New Mexico State Championship

One of the statements Mike made at the bid proposal time was that he wanted to set targets in all of the states. He also stated that in every tournament his goal is to throw at least one target that no one has ever seen before. This should be fun.

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Shoot Dates - 2010 continued

- 9/11 Pikes Peak
- 9/18 Colorado Clays
- 9/25 Great Guns
- 9/30-10/3 - Colorado State Championship - Colorado Clays
- 10/16 Pikes Peak
- 10/24 Great Guns
- 10/30 Rivers Edge



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SLV Regional Medical Center Foundation honors Del Monte Gun Club

The Del Monte Gun Club received the Adamson Award for their outstanding support of the San Louis Valley Regional Medical Center (SLVRMC). The Fall Colors Shoot has been held by the Club for the last 5 years to raise money for the Stephanie L. Miner Women's Imaging Center.

The Del Monte Club has

raised over \$40,000 dollars helping to make the Imaging Center a reality. Now that the facility has been built, the money from the shoot is used for the CARE FUND which helps women with their health-care financial needs. Tom Reeves with the Club was quoted in the local newspaper article that covered the event stating that "We do it because we love the cause and we're

going to keep doing it, It's a real labor of love."

Congratulations to the Del Monte Gun Club for receiving this award and for all of their efforts in supporting this worthy cause. The Fall Colors Shoot is August 28 and 29th



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Newsletter Advertising Opportunities Available

The Board ruled in the January meeting to accept advertisements in the Newsletter to help offset the cost of publishing this newsletter. A Business Card sized ad is just \$50.00 dollars. Members help support our advertisers that are helping to make this newsletter a reality. If you would like to advertise contact Chris at 720-250-8955. Also there are Sponsorships still available for the State Shoot.

Board Member Positions Open

There are still several positions open on the Board. If you are interested please plan on attending the April meeting. If we have more candidates than positions we will send out a ballot, if not then a vote will be held at the meeting for filling the positions by the candidates at the meeting. The number of positions open will be based on the number of clubs that we have in the organization. Piney Valley should be back as a member club by the April meeting.

