

TEXAS TRAP AND SKEET

Monthly Newsletter



Baskin' in the Bluebonnets. (NSC, Mar. 22)

Pictured Above: The TXTS Competitive Team

March in Review

ACUI Nationals (Mar. 22-25)

Last month, we sent two squads of competitors to the Collegiate Clay Target Championships in San Antonio, TX. We participated in six events: Trap, Skeet, Doubles Trap, Doubles Skeet, Sporting Clays, and Super Sporting Clays. Our division had the largest number of teams and shooters—the competition was stiff. The team placed 4th in Trap, 4th in Skeet, 10th in Doubles Trap, 7th in Doubles Skeet, 9th in Sporting, and 8th in Super Sporting—finishing 8th overall.

Though the podium eluded us this year, we had a good showing and a great time.

It was the last hurrah for Joe Wischerath (President), Jake Lockwood (Treasurer), and Doug Tolman—all graduating seniors. For freshmen Dalton Ditto, Lizzie Garcia, and Emma Keckler—and for sophomores David Pablos and Gabe Salinas—it was a resoundingly successful first.

Eight members contributed a top-5 team score, helping our team secure placements across events. Emma took 3rd in Women's Doubles Trap (Class C). And six members were recognized as Academic All-Americans: Nico Boyd-Garcia (Vice President), Dalton Ditto, Lizzie Garcia, Emma Keckler, Jake Lockwood, and Doug Tolman.

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A Charitable Victory (Reunion Ranch, Mar. 3)

Pictured Above (left to right): Will Van Dusen, Doug Dingman, Nick Anagnos, Nico Boyd-Garcia, Jon Dayton

Imagine A Way (Mar. 3)

On March 3rd, a squad of TXTS shooters—Nick Anagnos (alumnus), Nico Boyd-Garcia, Jon Dayton (Head Coach), Doug Dingman, and Will Van Dusen (Assistant Coach)—won High Overall Team at this year's [Imagine A Way](#) Sporting Clays charity shoot. Will Van Dusen broke the High Overall score of 59/60, while Jon Dayton and Nick Anagnos ran 30/30 on the 2-Man Flurry side-game.

As our squad was shooting (and winning), eight other TXTS members served as volunteers, overseeing stations and side-games and ensuring that the event ran smoothly.

What's New?

Horns and Clays Spring Fundraiser (Apr. 15)

This year's Horns and Clays was one of the best we've ever had! We are grateful for everyone that came out to support us, and we would like to thank our sponsors and donors—Rockin' C Ranch, Labor Finders, Longhorn Inc., Lock Arms For Life, Drury Hotels, the "Bills Mafia," Capital City Clays, Poncho Outdoors, Spec's Wines Spirits & Finer Foods, our Coaches (Jon Dayton and Will Van Dusen) and, of course, Cabo Bob's Burritos—for making all this possible.

Horns and Clays is among our principal sources of income. Proceeds from Horns and Clays serve to:

- (1) make the shotgun sports more accessible and
- (2) elevate our members' abilities.

Continued support for events such as Horns and Clays moves us ever-closer to our goal of becoming a National title contender. For team results and pictures, [click here](#).

Thank you!

Volunteering

On April 14th, twelve TXTS members volunteered as trappers and safety officers at [Austin Smiles'](#) Annual Sporting Clays Fundraiser. Austin Smiles provides life-changing "surgical and post-surgical care to children born with cleft lip and cleft palate both in Central Texas and Latin America." It is one of our favorite volunteering partners.

We are always looking for new organizations to support, and have plenty of experience overseeing raffles, cleaning venues, and pulling targets. If you know of anyone that could use some longhorn volunteers, contact us at texas.shotgun.sports@gmail.com.

End-of-Semester Practice and Elections (Apr. 28)

The last practice of the semester is fast-approaching. This Friday, in the aftermath of a long (but hopefully satisfactory) week of finals, our members will convene at Capital City Clays to: crush flurry targets, partake of the last chef Lockwood-prepared brisket (quite tragic), and elect officers for the 2023-24 school year.



"The Official Burrito of Texas Trap and Skeet."(CCC, Apr. 15)
Pictured Above: TXTS gathered in celebration of Cabo Bob's catering

COACH AND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Texas Trap and Skeet Head Coach Jon Dayton and President Joe Wischerath would like to thank all sponsors, donors, alumni, and members for making the 2022-23 school year one of our finest to date. They're excited for what the future has in store!

"Joe and Jake are graduating seniors and 4-year members of the team. I appreciate their significant contributions and dedicated leadership, and I look forward to hearing of their experiences as they move beyond UT."

—Coach Dayton