

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. 20-22)

This March, we sent two squads of competitors to the ACUI Collegiate Clay Target Championships in San Antonio, TX. We participated in three Classic All-American events: Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays. The D3 division had the largest number of teams and shooters—the competition was stiff. Our team demonstrated exceptional skill and resilience, ending with a third-place overall podium finish.

Although we may not have performed at our peak abilities, we still had a great showing and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. This event proved to be both enjoyable and beneficial to our growth as competitors. Additionally, we managed to "crush all of our meals," as Coach Jon often says, thanks to a particularly outstanding dinner provided by Nico's parents. These moments added to the overall positive experience of the competition and our growth as a team.

Seven members contributed a top-5 team score, helping our team secure placements across events and contributing to our podium win. The team comprised members spanning various levels of shooting experience, expertise, and grade levels. Among them were three freshmen, two sophomores, three juniors, and one graduate student, reflecting a diverse range of backgrounds and skill levels. Despite their differ—

—ences, they shared a collective commitment to achieving success as a unified team. Furthermore, eight of these members were recognized as Academic All-Americans: Nico Boyd-Garcia, Chelsea Bajjali, Sami Khan, Jose Gonzales, Lizzie Garcia, Varun Potluri, Anna Winkel, and Alex Moreno.

Also, congratulations to Nico Boyd-Garcia for his incredible achievement of shooting 100 straight in American Skeet! This remarkable feat is a testament to his hard work and commitment to our team. Well done, Nico. Keep it up!



Nico's Triumph (NSC, Mar. 22)



Imagine A Way (Reunion Ranch, Mar. 3)
 Pictured Above (left to right): Jon Dayton, Nico Boyd-Garcia
 Doug Dingman, and Will Van Dusen

Imagine A Way (Mar. 1)

On March 1st, a squad of TXTS shooters—head coach Jon Dayton, president Nico Boyd-Garcia guest coach Doug Dingman, and assistant coach Will Van Dusen—competed in this year's **Imagine A Way** Sporting Clays charity shoot. Although our squad did not win the main event (like last year), Jon and Will ran an impressive 30/30 on the two-man flurry. Additionally, Nico won the one-man flurry and left with a brand new handgun! Way to go, team!

Operation Game Thief (Mar. 29)

On March 29th, Nico Boyd-Garcia, David Pablos, Chelsea Bajjali, and Gabe Salinas travelled to Houston, Texas to participate in the **OGT** Sporting Clays charity shoot. This event represents Texas' Wildlife Crime-Stoppers Program, aimed at combatting wildlife crime by offering rewards for valuable information leading to convictions. Funded by private contributions, including purchases of OGT merchandise, memberships, donations, sponsorships, and gifts, the program relies on public support to uphold its mission of protecting Texas' wildlife. Through their participation in the charity shoot, TXTS was able to contribute to this important cause!

Chelsea Bajjali took HOA Lady with a score of a 97/ 100. The TXTS squad came in second place, earning us some neat prizes.

Upcoming Events

Volunteering

On April 14th, twelve TXTS members will be volunteering 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.



Operation Game Thief (Greater Houston Sports Club, Mar. 29)
 Pictured Above (left to right): Gabe Salinas, Chelsea Bajjali,
 Nico Boyd-Garcia, David Pablos

COACH AND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Texas Trap and Skeet head coach Jon Dayton, assistant coach Will Van Dusen, and president Nico Boyd-Garcia extend their gratitude to all sponsors, donors, alumni, and members for their invaluable support throughout the 2023-24 school year. As we reflect on our achievements and the memories created, we look forward to the promising opportunities that lie ahead. We look forward to what is in store for our future as a team! Thank you for making this school year one of our most successful to date.

Nationals Photo Album

Breaking Clays and Making Memories: Moments from Nationals 2024

