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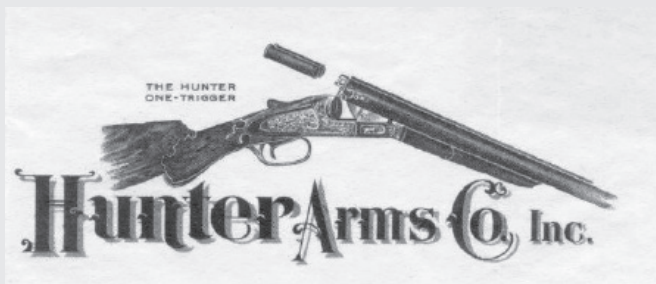
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# Design or Error

by Frank J. Finch, Jr.

The L.C. Smith Collectors Association takes pride in providing research and knowledge on Smith guns and memorabilia to the collector and hunting/shooting community. This is achieved by sharing knowledge through our website, our *Journal*, networking among members and providing exhibits and displays at various venues. Manning our many clubs' displays always has been an enriching experience with many Smith owners sharing their questions/answers and stories regarding their guns.

I digress from my normal *Journal* format to share some new information (at least to me) on Smith guns. A few months ago, one of our members asked if I had ever seen a Damascus barreled 20 gauge Smith shotgun. I thought the question was extremely unusual having been a 20 gauge Smith collector for over 40 years and never having seen a Damascus barreled 20 gauge Smith! Recently, I acquired the field grade 20 gauge and requested a Research Letter from Dr. Jim Stubbendieck. The gun had been manufactured with two sets of barrels, one set Damascus and the other steel; however, it presently has only the Damascus set of barrels.

I thought that gun was rare, but at the Ohio Gun Collectors Association show last weekend in Wilmington, Ohio, our member, Carl, surprised me with new information about a 12 gauge, A1 gun. He asked what was unusual about the gun he presented. Since I shoot a 12 gauge, A1 at various events, I'm quite familiar with the grade. The engraving, checkering and overall appearance of the gun seemed "standard" for a Damascus barreled A1. After Carl focused my attention on the barrels, I noticed that right tube was STEEL and left was DAMASCUS! I found no indication of repair when I took the gun apart to examine the barrel lug and monoblock area.


Returning home from Ohio, I stopped at Dewey Vicknair's Restorations where Dewey does excellent work on LC guns and Single Select Triggers. Upon examining the gun, Dewey initially thought the "steel" barrel was a Damascus barrel polished and blued but after exposing the barrels to several acid tests (in safe unseen areas; barrel flats, chambers and inside the muzzle end of the barrels), the "steel" barrel did not show a Damascus pattern but on the Damascus barrel a pattern quickly appeared. I asked Dewey about the possibility that the gun had been repaired by cutting through the mono-block and replacing one side of the tubes. Dewey said no one would do that, they would not disturb the monoblock (due to the extensive effort required to cut, reset the jigging and welding) but would retube from the monoblock out. Dewey's

assessment was THAT THE GUN WAS INITIALLY BUILT WITH ONE STEEL AND ONE DAMASCUS BARREL!

The question is why? Was the gun ordered with one of each barrel material or a production error? I reached out to another Smith expert, Tom Archer. Tom Archer's email states that it *"Sounds like you have indeed found a truly interesting piece! Until more may be learned, my thoughts would be that this is either a salesman sample, exhibition piece; or both, specifically intended to show customers of the day the differences between the finished barrels. Having one barrel of each type would be much more efficient for customer illustration and comparison purposes than handling/hauling separate guns with each barrel type. Such a gun could have also been built as a test piece, as the fluid steel vs. Damascus debate was raging during the time this gun would have been produced; and could have been used by a factory sponsored shooter. And although a customer could have special ordered such a gun, I think that doubtful; as Hunter would have never allowed such a "mistake", as some might theorize this to be, to be shipped..."*

Dewey's email response: *"If the gun was ordered with steel barrels and mistakenly built with one Damascus and one steel barrel it is possible that it would never have been noticed because of the fact that during striking and polishing the Damascus pattern would never be seen. Secondly, after having been polished and rust blued there would be absolutely no evidence of the one tube being Damascus as steel barrels were not subject to any acid-etching process as the Damascus tubes were. Keeping in mind the sheer number of guns being turned out by Hunter Arms, I think it might be unwise to state unequivocally that there is no way that the factory would let a mistake like that happen. As far as the theory that it is a salesman's sample goes, I would think that if that was the case they would use a more ornate pattern of Damascus."*

Dr. Jim Stubbendieck's check of the factory records provided confirmation of the gun's attributes but no information on the barrels. The search for an answer continues but perhaps, Tom has summarized our challenge for Smith gun knowledge best in his email: *"In closing, you may be entirely correct that this barrel set was a mistake; but given what I have learned of the manufacturing process, I'll never be convinced this set was unintended. But this kind of speculation and banner is what makes this hobby so much fun; it was great to hear from you, and stay in touch."*

My knowledge of Smith guns continues to expand - from Damascus barreled 20 gauge guns to an A1 with one steel and one Damascus barrel! Have you ever known of a gun manufactured with different materials on the same set of barrels? Traveling around our great country to our Smith events and meeting fellow enthusiasts, rekindling friendships, increasing our knowledge base about our beloved LC keeps me humble. I'm always ready for more surprises on the road ahead! 



# 2010 Board of Directors Election

As most members are aware, the LCSCA Board of Directors is composed of seven (7) life members. These directorships were never intended to be “life appointments”; and, in that regard, our founding Directors established our associational by-laws whereby at least two directors rotate off the board each year. Members must then select, from among its membership, individuals to fill those positions; each to serve a three-year term. There are two primary qualifications for every individual wishing to serve in this capacity. First of all, LCSCA by-laws require that all directors MUST be life members. Secondly, every life member seeking a directorship MUST be enthusiastic about his willingness to serve

(meaning WORK!). As there are seven directorships, the LCSCA has three (3) directors rotating off the board every third year.

Our club By-Laws call for the Executive Director to appoint a nominating committee to select a slate of candidates for presentation to the general membership for a vote. It has been beneficial to our club that our board has representation from all geographic areas of the country. This year, Tom Archer, Len Applegate, and Andy Anderson agreed to work on the nominating committee to seek individuals to elect our two directors rotating off the board on December 31, 2009. Those directors whose terms expire are Bob Trefry and Dean Rasmussen.

Bob has decided not to run for reelection but Dean has agreed to run again for another term.

We thank Bob for his service to the organization both as our first treasurer and membership chairman. As first treasurer Bob, along with Mary Anne Finch, as auditor, was charged with the responsibility to getting the organizations “start-up” finances on track. As membership chairman he brought personal touch to the job with phone calls to members to address their concerns instead of e-mails. The Directors and members thank you Bob for his six years of service to the LCSCA.

**Note:** *Ballot is enclosed. Kindly mark your vote and return.*

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## Lohr E. (Skip) Dunlap Jr.

Currently retired, Skip is a native of northern Virginia, having been raised in the Winchester area; spending his formative years on family farms in Frederick County, Virginia; and Hampshire County, West Virginia. Skip completed his primary education in the Winchester area public school system, and at Randolph Macon Academy; and afterwards, attended Virginia Tech and Shenandoah Universities. Together with his very tolerate bride, Noreen; they successfully raised three children; who have subsequently blessed them with 5 grandchildren. When Skip is not busy tending the family farm, Skip concentrates activities around his two most favorite hobbies; collecting L.C. Smith shotguns and raising and training his line of fine Brittany bird dogs.

From his youth, Skip has been enthusiastic about all things out-doors to include hunting, shooting, gun dogs, and game management and conversation. Skip is

currently an active member of Quail Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, the Ruffed Grouse Society, Pheasants Forever, Quality Deer Management, and the VDGIF Quail Restoration Program. Skip is also President of the Shenandoah Gun Collectors Association, a Life Member of the L.C. Smith Collectors Association; and a member of the National Infantry Association. Additionally, Skip has served as a Training Counselor for the National Rifle Association, and is currently a firearms instructor and concealed carry instructor for the Frederick County, Virginia Circuit Court. He is also current Senior and Master Instructor, and Region 4 Area Coordinator for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Hunter Education.

For the better part of his life, Skip has been an avid collector of firearms; and has been collecting L.C. Smith shotguns for more than 45+years. During that time,

Skip has been fortunate to acquire several unique “one-off” Smith guns that he happily shares with the public as he supports this organization at LCSCA sponsored events. Skip has passed his love of Smith shotguns to one of his sons, SFC Christopher (Chris) Dunlap. Chris is also an LCSCA member and has served our country with three tours of duty in the on-going middle-eastern conflicts; and who, in his spare time, places his focus on collecting pre-1913 L.C. Smith double guns.

If selected to serve on the LCSCA Board of Directors, Skip will be an excellent addition to our vibrant and growing organization; bringing not only his excitement for the L C Smith shot gun to the table, but also his vast amount of personal knowledge and research materials.



## Roger Domer

A native of Ohio, Roger initially attended Ohio University before moving to the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area in 1962 to continue his education at American and George Washington Universities. Retired since 1999, Roger began his professional career as a civil servant in 1962. In the early 1970's, Roger, along with a small group of other Federal employees and community leaders, used a Federal grant as "seed money" to develop and promote an idea then referred to as a "health maintenance organization"; now HMO's are so prominent that this health insurance format is the basis of group health coverage for businesses and organizations throughout the entire United States.

When not engaged in the work of orchestrating major industry innovations, Roger has continued to pursue his passion for the shooting sports and firearms; a passion that has only intensified since retirement. At this writing, Roger is a member of four gun clubs where he is the Treasurer and an active Board of Directors member for the Greenbelt Gun Club in Greenbelt MD, serves on the Board of Directors for the Potomac Arms Collectors

Association, he is a member of the Ohio Gun Collectors Association, and a Life Member of the L C Smith Collectors Association. Roger has never been shy when it comes to working for the organizations he has joined; and as a member of the LCSCA, Roger has already demonstrated his abilities by being the contact person for the very successful 2008 LCSCA sponsored Annual Turkey Shoot Event (and has already agreed to serve in that same capacity for the 2009 event). For the past nine years Roger has served as a part-time range officer, providing firearms instruction to shooters and customers of the Prince Georges Trap and Skeet Center in Glenn Dale, Maryland. Most recently, Roger was instrumental in the creation of an intramural trap league at the Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore in Marriottsville, MD, where he is also a regular volunteer range officer at their trap ranges.

In April, 2007 Roger attended the Southern Side by Side in Sanford, NC where he participated as a member of Team LC in the Hammer Gun Challenge; it was this event that inspired Roger to seek a leadership role in the

LCSCA. If elected to serve on the LCSCA Board of Directors, Roger would consider the opportunity a great honor; and an opportunity to utilize his organizational and leadership skills to grow membership and retain members.

Roger is convinced that there are many people who remain unaware of the LCSCA and the opportunities this organization offers for family recreation and fellowship; and in that regard, is already exploring innovative ideas intended to not only expand public awareness, but to also broaden and promote this organization's best attributes; collecting, shooting, knowledge, camaraderie, and the richness of the L. C. Smith legacy.

If elected to the LCSCA Board of Directors, Roger would consider his selection the highest kind of honor; but equally important, a vote of trust that comes with great responsibility. Therefore, if elected, Roger covenants to serve the LCSCA with the highest degree of integrity possible; devoting his energies and skills to making the LCSCA the most exciting and innovative organization of its type.

## Dean Rasmussen

A native Californian, Dean continues to reside in Agoura Hills with his bride, Kathleen. Dean earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY; and his Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Engineering from Arizona State University. Professionally, Dean is co-founder and owner of C. A. Rasmussen, Inc., headquartered in Simi Valley, CA; a privately owned general engineering and contracting firm operating throughout the US whereby Dean continues to serve the company as a member of the Board of Directors. Dean also holds a Third Mate's License in the U.S. Merchant Marine, a Lieutenant's Commission in the U.S. Naval Reserve, and a private pilot's license with IFR rating. Dean's professional, personal, and philanthropic accomplishments are far too numerous to recount in the brief space allotted; but three examples of note are as follows: Dean is a member of the Board of Trustees for the National Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association (ALS or Lou Gehrig disease); Co-Founder of SALSIA, Inc., Solutions for ALS, A Marlene Hall Family Foundation; and he is also

Co-Chairman of Viewpoint School Capital Campaign Committee "Building for Our Children's Future".

Dean acquired his first L.C. Smith shotgun more than 20 years ago; and since, has assembled one of the finest Smith gun collections in the United States featuring quality examples of virtually every grade. Dean is an avid student of history; and as an engineer, is fascinated with machines, especially machinery designed during the 19th Century. It is Dean's opinion that the double gun represents the absolute apex of mechanical design and craftsmanship from that era.

As a Life Member and current acting member of the LCSCA Board of Directors, Dean has focused on building memberships in the western portion of the United States by promoting LCSCA participation in vintage gun events such as the Coyote Valley Shoot, arranging for the LCSCA to participate in the Las Vegas Gun Show and feature a superb Smith gun display; and by making the initial contacts and final arrangements to host an L. C. Smith Day and year long Smith gun display at the National

Firearms Museum. This NRA event was well publicized and proved to be a most successful event for the LCSCA. Many new and existing LCSCA members have received and enjoyed the beautiful 2009 LC Smith calendars, as well as the neat mini-measuring tapes featuring the LC Smith logo; but few members realize that these items are the result of Dean's generosity.

Dean brings to this organization a vast and rare array of talents and qualities ranging from invaluable amounts of Smith gun collecting knowledge to well-connected people within the highest realms of the shooting sports industry that most will never be privileged to meet; yet Dean is perhaps the most reserved individual among our entire membership. If re-elected to serve as a member of the LCSCA Board of Directors, Dean would continue to serve honorably, and with the highest degree of integrity; remaining dedicated to maintaining the integrity, objectives, and goals of the organization to the absolute best of his ability.



# L.C. Smith Wins Again!

By Mark G. Effle, California Side by Side Society

L.C. SMITH wins another Parker vs. L.C. SMITH challenge match. But this time it was very different than those held previously!

The Los Angeles Chapter of the "California Side by Side Society" sponsors, among its other yearly shooting activities, a special Trap shoot. In recent years we have allowed and encouraged, vintage Single Barrel Trap guns to participate in this event in addition to the side by side's. The event display and theme for the shoot was what else... Trap Guns, with a special emphasis on vintage Single Barrel guns. The interest and participation in this annual event has greatly increased among our membership.

This year we wanted to do something a bit different and to generate more interest, so the decision was made to have a **PARKER vs. L.C. SMITH CHALLENGE**. But with a slight twist, using only vintage Single Barrel Trap guns from these makers. So was born the "First Annual National Vintage Single Barrel Trap Gun Challenge Match." Not knowing

what to expect in the way of a turnout we were pleasantly surprised, when 40+ competitors showed up to participate. The match was held on Oct. 19, 2008 at the Prado Olympic Shooting Park, near Los Angeles, California. The eager competitors brought with them over 80 Single Barrel Trap guns, for display and to shoot.

The rules were that the shooter had to shoot either a Parker or an "Elsie" through the entire competition of two rounds of 16 yard trap and one round of handicap slider. The top five (5) scores for each brand were then chosen to shoot an additional round of 16 yard Trap to determine the winner of the challenge match.

These fine old guns were powdering the clays and when the scores were added up the L.C. SMITH team won by a margin of one bird. But, that's all it takes! The individual participants were awarded certificates and the name "L.C. SMITH" will be engraved on the perpetual trophy as the team winner of the 2008 vintage single barrel trap gun challenge match.

The winning team of L.C. Smith SBT shooters:

Bob Anderson	Specialty Grade
Doug Curran	Olympic Grade
Mark Effle	Crown Grade
Gary Sayre	Specialty Grade
Cliff Wagner	Specialty Grade

A vote was taken at the conclusion of the match and the great majority of the shooters want the event to continue. Next year the plans are to increase by competition by making the challenge match open to all vintage Single Barrel Trap brands. So expect to see Fox, Ithaca, English, European and maybe even a Baker in the competition next year.

Be on your toes 'ELSIE' shooters. The competition is going to be tougher next year!

For additional information on the "California Side by Side Society" or next year's single barrel challenge match call: Jerry Kitto or Jim Thynne at Ivory Beads, Inc. Tel. 888-328-0700

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## Parker vs. L.C. Smith Single Barrel Trap Challenge Match


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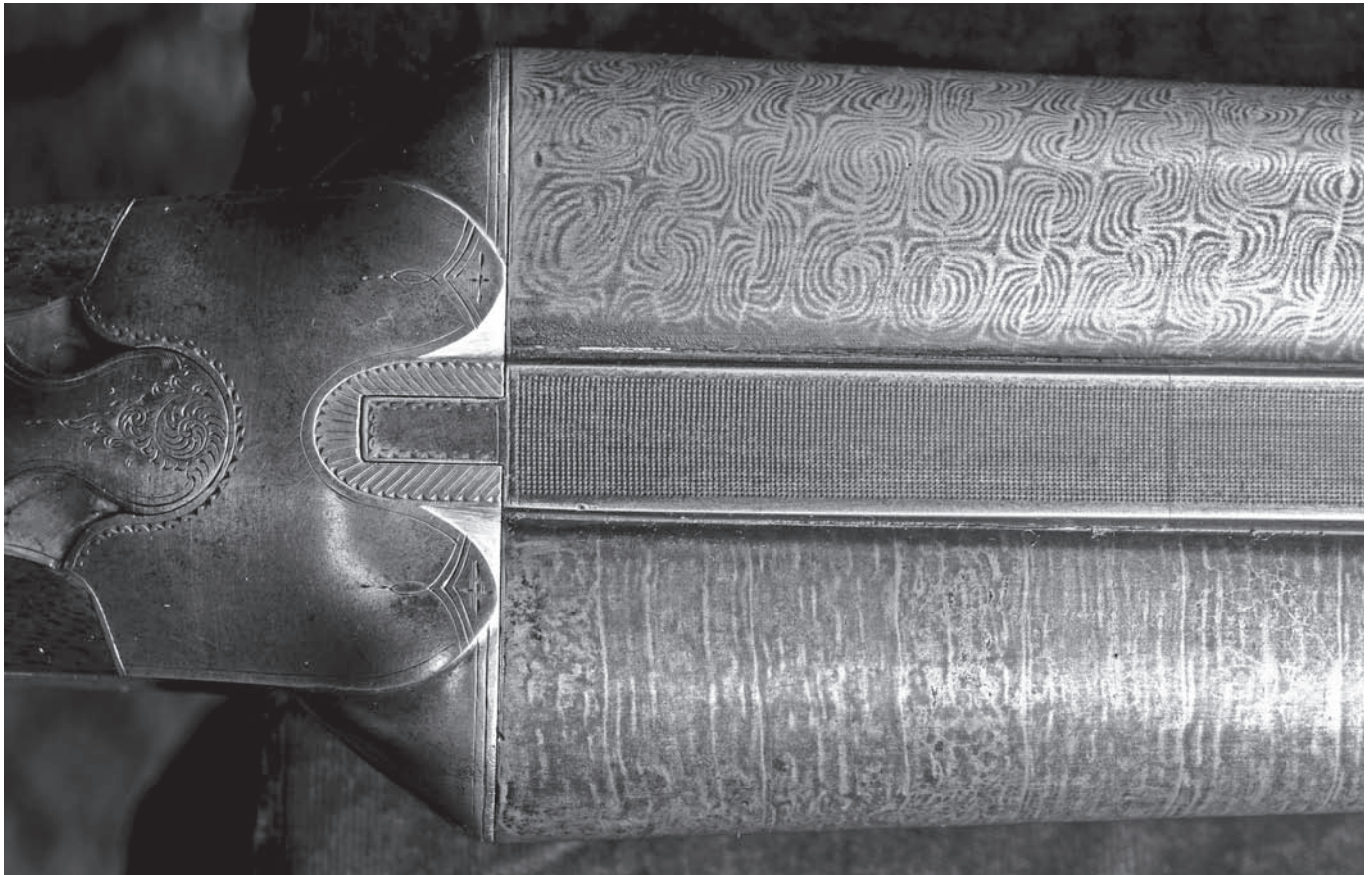
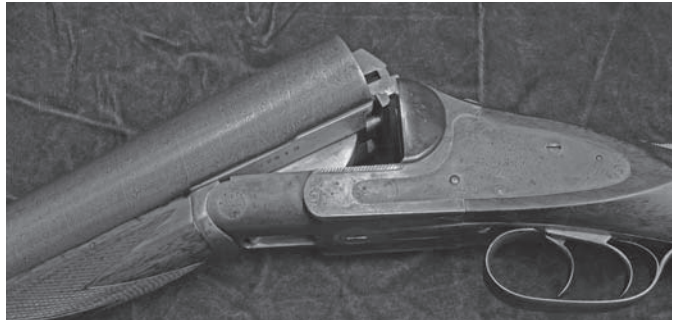


Lf to Rt: Mark Effle, Bob Anderson, Cliff Wagner, Doug Curran, Gary Sayre, Frank Baratti, Nestor Corrales, Robert Szerwo, Terry Fredericks, Tom Cacek

# Bud Smith 2009

By Tom Salzer

An article by the author appeared in the 1997 Vol.8 issue 3 *Double Gun Journal* about Bud and Cordette Smith. Bud (shown below) is one of the few 8 gauge guns made by the factory. I theorized at the time, that he was the first of the 8 gauge guns because of his early serial number and mismatched Damascus barrels. His serial number, 37,813 was not recognized in Brophy's book but is included in John Houchins's recent book. In fact, Houchins has identified another 8 gauge about 1000 guns prior to Bud. In the article, I theorized that the gun makers in Fulton scrambled around looking for a pair of 8 gauge tubes to make the first guns. What was pictured in the article was the best they could come up with at the time. Nothing between then and now has happened to change that theory, however, after about 115 years the barrels were looking a bit ragged. So, recently, I sent them out to be refinished. The photos below show the gun with its refinished tubes. In my opinion, this is probably what they looked like when they left the factory, browned without excessive contrast. Although almost all the case color is gone from the receiver of this gun, it is virtually without pitting, and I have not been motivated to have it recolored. 



# Shooting Results for the Southern S X S Spring Classic

Submitted by: Steve Arnett

First of all, I'd like to thank all the sportsmen and women that kept our shooting events running smoothly this year. Mary Ann Finch did her usual magnificent job as Registrar, checking memberships, handling the finances, distributing rules, pins, nametags, and getting shooters squadded for all the Challenge Cup Events. A number of folks pitched in to support her, including Frank Finch, Bob Fleming, James Fincannon, Jim Stubbendieck, Skip Dunlap, and a host of volunteers in the Smith display area helped spread the load.

By agreement with the Parker Gun Collectors Association, there were very minor changes in the rules to accommodate and encourage Junior shooters, and provide a shoot-off option for the Top Gun award in the Challenge Cup and Hammer Gun Challenge Events. Many of the shooters came in with a thorough understanding of the rules, and helped out those with questions. By keeping it simple, we managed to increase L.C.S.C.A. participation to 64 in the Challenge Cup, and 25 in the Hammer Gun Challenge. Combined with the donations from the 43 P.G.C.A. participants, the Challenge Cup donated \$1,070 to the Eddie Eagle Youth Safety Program run by the NRA.







Deep River Sporting Clays and Shooting School, Sanford, NC  
April 24-26, 2009



**Team L.C. SMITH**, John Ganitt, Mike Harris, Grant Rosser, Earl Waddell, Don Shumaker, Dan Christoffersen, Dave Basten, Terry Reckart, Jack Woods, Don Nickerson



## The L.C. Smith vs. Parker Bros. Challenge Cup

The layout for the shooting grounds was altered in 2009 to accommodate more vendor space. The practice 5-Stand that was previously located near the vendor tents was moved to the same field that has traditionally been used for the Challenge Cup Events. The steady stream of business going through that venue, plus the Challenge Cup activity, made this area a bustling hub.

As part of the reconfiguration of the grounds, the L.C.S.C.A. and P.G.C.A. booths were relocated to an outstanding space as close as possible to the Challenge Cup action. There was plenty of shade and parking nearby, including a special spot for Skip Dunlap's Mule. This end of the big tent was like the county courthouse on election night. Folks were checking in to see the current standings on the new scoreboard, while visiting the booths and having Dr. Jim do research on their favorite Elsie.

Qualifying in Event 1 commenced at 12:00 noon Friday with the P.G.C.A. forming the first squad through the 30 target modified 5-Stand course. Successive squads alternated between L.C.S.C.A. and P.G.C.A. through the rest of the afternoon. The scores seemed to indicate that the targets were more difficult than the course set in 2008. Only 4 of the eventual Team L.C. Smith shooters fired their qualifying scores on Friday. The heavy hitters were lurking for Saturday morning.

There was a full complement of squads to kick off Saturday at 9:00 AM. The Parker boys were through early, with 21 fewer guns to qualify. We kept the venue open for practice, and for any late arrivals, and we picked up a couple for each team. By 1:00 or so, all the shooters "on the bubble" had been sorted out, and the teams were set. The venue opened for practice until it was time to reconfigure for Event 2.

Anticipation began to build around

2:30 as the squads were set. At the suggestion of Mark Conrad, we followed their protocol by sending our #'s 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 qualifiers to the line in our first squad. Parker won the coin toss, and elected to send their squad up first, rather than deferring. Some questioned this strategy, as it did give our first squad an opportunity to study the targets carefully before shooting. On the other hand, at this level of skill, there aren't many angles these shooters haven't seen. Plus, if they had gotten off to a good start, they might have built a commanding lead and put more pressure on L.C.S.C.A. That strategy has certainly worked for them in the past.

While Rick Hemingway and his crew scurried around setting up a fresh course, we held our photo ceremony and the presentation of our donation to the NRA youth Programs. Finally, it was time to put up or shut up!

The Parker Team's first squad set a tepid pace, appearing to miss just a few too many of the clays they expected to count. The leadoff squad for L.C. Smith, however, went after the job with a purpose. Paced by Mike Harris' 25 X 30, the first five competitors counted 110 X's out of 150 thrown. Parker's second squad couldn't make up any ground, failing to match their earlier

squad's effort. Now, it was up to Smith Squad 2 to close the deal. And close it they did, paced by John Gantt's torrid 29 X 30, they carded another 112 birds! Final tally: Smith 222, Parker 188. Congratulations to our 2009 Team:

### TEAM L.C. SMITH- 2009 CHALLENGE CUP

John Gantt	29
Mike Harris	25
Grant Rosser	23
Earl Waddell	23
Don Shumaker	23
Dan Christoffersen	20
Dave Basten	20
Terry Reckart	20
Jack Woods	20
Don Nickerson	19

The top Gun Award went to John Gantt, backing up his final round 29 with a 27 in the qualifier. Runner-Up went to Mike Harris (Smith), 3rd Place to Carl Brandt (Parker), and 4th Place to Grant Rosser (Smith).

High Lady went to Ann Mauro with an excellent score of 18. Ann also took High Lady in the Compac event Sunday afternoon. We expect to see her on one of the final squads in 2010!



Tom Archer, Mary Ann Finch, Frank Finch managing the L.C. Smith Booth

## L.C. Smith vs. Parker Bros. Hammer Gun Challenge Cup

Set up with a streamlined 30 bird format, the Hammer Gun Challenge took place on Sunday morning. Without a shoot-off round, team qualification is based on the top 10 scores fired by each Association's members. Ties for 10th place position on the team are settled by reverse long run.

This year, L.C. Smith fielded 25 shooters to vie for the team, while Parker managed 14. As scores developed Sunday morning, the outcome was far from certain. Strong scores were posted by Parker shooters John Truitt, Carl Brandt, and Mark Conrad. The top 5 Parker boys actually had a lead over the top 5 Smith shooters. However, the depth of the team pulled out the win for L.C.S.C.A. The final tally was L.C.S.C.A.: 200 X 300, P.G.C.A.: 195 X 300

### TEAM L.C. SMITH- 2009 HAMMER GUN CHALLENGE

Mike Harris	24
Carl Baker	21
John Kuhn Bleimaier	20
Terry Reckart	20

L. C. Smith	PARKER
John Bant 27 (29) 56	Carl Brandt 26 (25) 51
Mike Harris 27 (25) 52	John Truitt 28 (18) 46
Grant Rosser 25 (23) 48	Jay Bunting 24 (21) 45
Earl Waddell 23 (23) 46	Carl Calandra 22 (21) 43
Don Shumaker 22 (23) 45	Mike Sellers 23 (19) 42
Dan Christoffersen 23 (20) 43	Dave Fjelline 20 (20) 40
Dave Basted 23 (20) 43	Sam Thomas 25 (14) 39
Terry Reckart 23 (20) 43	J.D. Shank 20 (17) 37
Jack Wood 23 (20) 43	Mike Korano 20 (17) 37
Don Nickerson 22 (19) 41	Tom Callaghan 20 (16) 36
Total Team Score 222	Total Team score 188

Final Tally

Don Shumaker	20
Dave Wunrow	20
J. D. Shank	19
Kimball Ferguson	19
Bob Fleming	19
Jent Mitchell	18

The Top Gun award for the Hammer Gun Challenge was determined after a fierce shootoff between Mike Harris (Smith) and John Truitt (Parker). Each shooter engaged 3 pairs at one of the

stations on the 5-Stand field. Each shooter offered the other several opportunities to take the prize, but time and again, they remained tied. Finally, on the 6th turn, a gun malfunction took John out of contention, and Mike Harris emerged as the 2009 Hammer Gun Top Gun, with the hard-earned Runner-Up award going to John.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Each year, L.C.S.C.A. awards the A.H. Bogardus Cup to the shooter firing the highest score in the Southern S X S Main Event with a Smith gun. This year, two shooters tied for that honor with scores of 73 X 80. Those outstanding scores were turned in by Grant Rosser and Dan Christoffersen. In a fine act of sportsmanship, Dan elected to forfeit the shootoff and defer to Grant for the 2009 Bogardus Cup.

Finally, the Dreu Bowman Cup is awarded each year to the Smith shooter with the highest score in 20 ga. Preliminary event. Dreu was a founding member of the L.C.S.C.A. who passed away shortly after these great competitions were established at the Southern S X S. This year Dan Christoffersen edged out Bob Fleming 42 to 41 for this award.

### FINAL WORD

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the members of both the L.C.S.C.A. and P.G.C.A. who have embraced this gathering and lent so much time and energy to make it the premier event it has become. I would also like to thank Bill Kempffer, not only for providing the venue for this conclave, but also for the vision and sheer will to improve on it every year. See you all in Sanford in 2010.



Skip Dunlap's Outstanding display



Frank Finch  
Executive Director  
L.C. Smith Collectors Assn  
Somewhere in New Jersey

Dear Frank,

The Parker Gun Collectors Association sends their heartiest congratulations to the formidable force of L.C. Smith gunners who engineered a severe rout of our team of the faithful. Not only was it a trouncing of the highest order but it reminded many of us of the proverbial trip to the “woodshed” in our youth.

I am sincerely proud of the concerted effort put forth by our Parker “crack shots”, who, after three years of intense persuasion finally laid down their guns during this combat to “throw the fight” and let the high dollar bets fill our coffers from Las Vegas to Atlantic City. With such vivid instructions from our headquarters contingent, to let the L.C. Smith team “edge out” our practiced marksmen, we did not realize they would simply lie down, roll over and take “fine shot” amid ship for the better part of an hour. Nor did we know we would have to slink away to lick our wounds, pamper our bludgeoned egos, and regain our courage to prepare for next year....you just wait!

Now, after careful thought, reflection and recovery, we could not have been beaten by a more first class band of “desperandos”. No finer group of men has surfaced in the annals of the challenge.

So, in closing, our PGCA shooters, our PGCA members, our PGCA BOD wish the L.C. Smith shooters, the L.C. Smith Assn members, the L. C Smith BOD, the very warmest of good cheer in celebrating their victory. But look long and hard at that fine trophy and don’t let it tarnish or fade, cause we’ll be back next year.

Sincerely,

Art Wheaton, President  
John Davis, Chairman of the Board  
Parker Gun Collectors Assn

## Membership Renewals

By Chris Baumohl

For those of you receiving a renewal notice with this issue of the Journal, the cut off for the NEXT mailing list (and your renewal to stay current) will be October 19th. I will need to have RECEIVED your renewal by that time so we can prepare the list and submit it to the printer. Failure

to do so will result in the fact that you will not be on our latest membership list and therefore will not receive the next Journal. I process the renewals almost daily so if you get it to me in time, I will get it processed! 🍀



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May 1, 2009

Dear Art,

It was with extreme pleasure and delight that I, as Executive Director of the L C Smith Collectors Association, received the Challenge Cup from a thoroughly beaten and humiliated Parker Gun Collectors Association Saturday afternoon; so in that regard, I extend my heartfelt condolences for Team Parker as they nurse their collective battered and bruised egos. And in all honesty, while I may have been totally surprised at our margin of victory, Team LC was prepared; and no attempt to explain away the Team Parker debacle by claiming they were instructed to "roll over" will serve to diminish their utter humiliation, nor lessen the exceptional collective efforts of Team LC! So now, after suffering through four consecutive years of disappointment and eating crow, it is with a sense of great pride (and a slight tinge of gloating), that I hereby, on behalf of the LCSCA, proudly accept the congratulations of the Parker Gun Collectors Association. And although no one can know what the hands of fate may hold for future events, the severe trouncing Team Parker received at the hands of Team LC shall forever be fondly remembered with great satisfaction!

But with all boasting and gloating momentarily laid aside, let me say with all earnestness that of all the events in which our respective organizations have jointly participated to date, this was by far the most enjoyable; and I would have made that affirmation whether the LCSCA had been victorious or not, (although it would have been with a little less enthusiasm). With each passing year the spirit of fellowship continues to increase; and our bonds of friendship grow stronger. Each organization is composed of the finest men and women representing the best traits humanity has to offer; and we at the LCSCA are proud to refer to the PGCA as our friends!

In closing, members of the PGCA may rest assured that we members of the LCSCA will indeed celebrate our tremendous victory; and will thoroughly enjoy the long overdue return of **our** Challenge Cup. It is after all, the contention of the LCSCA that the Cup again resides where it rightfully belongs; therefore we will not only cherish its return, but will muster our shooters in Sanford, NC once again next April to demonstrate that the beat-down Team Parker received at the hands of Team LC was anything but a fluke!

Until then, I wish you my fondest regards,

Frank Finch



## 2009 Events

**September 24 – 27 2009** PGCA Annual Meeting and Banquet, in conjunction with Vintagers World Side by Side Championship, at Pin Tail Point MD. The Annual Banquet will be held Friday evening, 25 September. Please see detailed instructions below. The German Gun Collectors Assn, The LC Smith Collectors Assn, and The A H Fox Collectors Assn will have displays at Vintagers

**October 31, 2009** the L.C. Smith Collectors Association's 7th Annual Turkey Shoot will be held at Prince Georges Trap and Skeet in Glendale MD. Contact info: Roger Domer ([buckeyelaststand@verizon.net](mailto:buckeyelaststand@verizon.net))

### **Vintage Cup, September 24-27, 2009**

The L.C. Smith Collectors Association will have a display showcasing Smith guns used for upland birds. Contact Skip Dunlap for further details, [gundogs@ontheridge.net](mailto:gundogs@ontheridge.net) or (540) 858-9904

### **Tulsa Gun Show, November 14-15, 2009**

The L.C. Smith Collectors Association will have a display at the Wanenamaker's Tulsda Arms Show at the Expo Square. Contact Jim Stubbendieck for further details: [jstubbendieck@gmail.com](mailto:jstubbendieck@gmail.com) or (402) 304-0015

## **The Parker Gun Collectors Association's Annual Banquet, September 25th, 2009**

### **NOTE THE DATE CHANGE OF THE ANNUAL BANQUET**

**LODGING:** We have negotiated a reduced rate for 40 rooms with Holiday Inn

Select, and with the Comfort Inn in Easton MD. The Holiday Inn is a NON-smoking facility and Comfort Inn allows smoking. The rate is fixed at \$109.00 per night at the Holiday Inn Select at \$109.00 per night for the 24, 25, and 26th of September 2008 plus local and State taxes. If you are a smoker you will be lodging at the Comfort Inn. The Comfort Inn (sister motel to the Holiday Inn) has a rate of \$69.00 for the 24th and 27th September (Thursday & Sunday) and \$79.00 for the 25th & 26th September (Friday & Saturday) plus local and state taxes. The higher rate at the Holiday Inn is because of the additional amenities they offer. Make sure you tell them you are with the PGCA. The cut-off date is 30 June 2009 for the reduced rate and there after you will be paying the standard rate. Info on both Inns: **Holiday Inn Select** 8561 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD 21601, (410)819-6500 – **Comfort Inn** 8523 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD 21601, (410)820-8333. If you have any other question contact Allan Swanson at (802)885-1152 or email: [ahs482@sover.net](mailto:ahs482@sover.net).

**BANQUET:** The PGCA Banquet will be held on Friday, September 25, 2009 at the Elks Lodge BPOE 1622, 502 Dutchmans Lane, Easton, MD 21601 the cost will be the same as last year \$60.00 until June 30th, 2009 thereafter the cost will be \$75.00 per person. There will be an Open Bar from 6-7:00 pm and cash thereafter.

**Please Note:** Because of a conflicting engagement at the Elks' Lodge it was necessary for the PGCA Banquet to be changed from Saturday the 26th to Friday the 25th of Sept.

**PGCA HEADQUARTERS TENT:** Tent and Display Tables ; The PGCA will again have a headquarters tent of the same size. The PGCA Display, Membership Desk, Raffle Ticket Sales, and Silent Auction preparations, will be in this tent near the commercial row. PGCA will host a reception for members at the tent on Friday evening. A total of 12 tables are offered to PGCA members for the display and sale of PARKER GUNS and Parker Bros related items. Two or more members may pre arrange to share a table. We are asking for a donation to the Association of \$125.00 per table (last year the tent cost the PGCA \$1625). Contact Allan H Swanson at (802)885-1152 or email [ahs482@sover.net](mailto:ahs482@sover.net) with any question about tables, the PGCA tent, or the banquet.

**Monies:** Make checks payable to the PGCA for both the banquet and the tent and mail to Allan H. Swanson, 482 Skyline Dr. Weathersfield, VT 05156.



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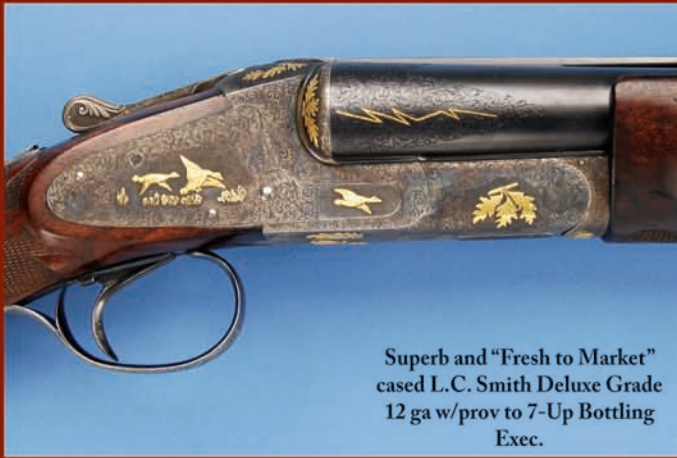


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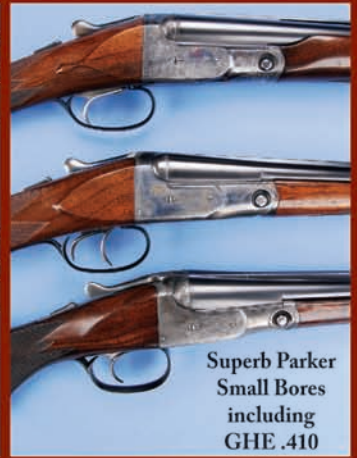
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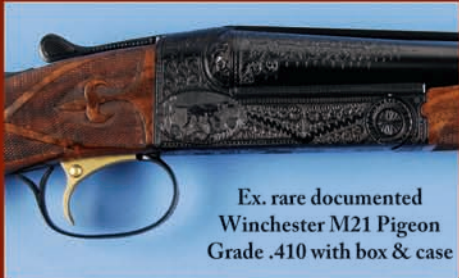
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