

# L. C. Smith Speaks for Itself

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## The Celebration of Togetherness

By Frank Finch, Jr., Executive Director of the LCSCA

### Special points of interest:

- Executive Director article.
- Looking for the Big Bores.
- A New Fall Event, The Carolina Classic
- The Vintage Cup

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Once in while, friends have the power to restore our faith in humanity. Once in the greatest of whiles, friends restore our faith in ourselves!

Following the Maryland Arms Collectors Association show in March 2003, we organized the LC Smith Collectors Association. As part of that weekend venue, the new club invited LC Smith enthusiasts to shoot Sporting Clays using their favorite LC's at Hopkins on the eastern shore. Being a pheasant hunter, I never shot sporting clays, skeet, or official trap. We formed a squad of eight shooters and after explaining that "this is my first time", Rev. Charlie Brooks and Dreu Bowman took me under their wings for instruction and encouragement to shoot "as well as I could". Dreu went out of his way to be helpful and supportive which resulted in a "first" positive experience which I continue to enjoy today.

Dreu was one of our club's best shooters and a real team player. Receiving the report of Dreu's tragic fatal auto accident from Rev. Charlie several weeks ago was devastating. Dreu, an enthusiastic, friendly, kind gentleman is greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family. (Please see Rev. Charlie Brook's article and John Bliemaier's poem in tribute to Dreu in this issue).

The LC Smith Collectors Association

participated in the *Carolina Double Gun Classic* organized by Donny Roth, manager of Harris Springs Sportsman Preserve in Cross Hill, SC. The facility has a hunting preserve, two 5 stand fields and a 10 station sporting clays course.

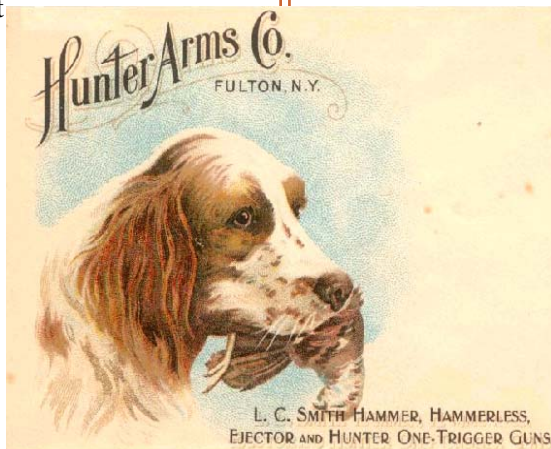
Cliff White, our club's resident "LC Smith Man" and expert in LC Smith guns and memorabilia, answered questions and manned a fabulous exhibit of his guns and collectibles (museum quality).

Also, the weekend classic featured many shooting events. One of particular interest was the "Five Man Team Event" which required all shooters on the team to shoot the "Brand" of gun they represented, i.e., LC, Parker,

etc. Tom Martin and Chris Baumohl organized the LC Smith shooting teams who competed against the Parker team. At the end of the day when the fun and smoke cleared, the LC Smith "A" Team members carried the lovely trophies home. Congratulations LC Smith "A" Team! Thank you to all who participated. The Harris Springs' socialization was top notch with a Friday cocktail party featuring wild game hors d'oeuvres, and a Saturday evening seafood banquet.

It is an event that should be

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placed on your shooting schedule for next year. As our initial terms of office come to an end, I conducted a survey of all life members to determine the satisfaction of the BOD and membership in the execution of our activities and management of the club. The survey results indicated that life members are in favor of our current club activities. Some members responded they would attend more activities if they were held closer to their homes but didn't want to initiate them.

As we plan our 2006 Events, we're looking toward the West Coast to stimulate LC enthusiasts in that area. The success of all our club events is linked to you, our members. We need you! Call if you can participate!

In another question regarding the "management" of the club, all respondents indicated that they were pleased with the organization. This is verified by reelection of Len Applegate, Jim Stubbendieck and me to another three year term on the Board of Directors. (See article on elections by Len in this issue).

Also, this issue has a report by Andy Anderson on the fall *Vintage Cup* in which we displayed the LC Smith Quality 2, Grade 2 and Specialty guns, an article by Bob Trefry and Bill Winter about the club's second annual Turkey Shoot. And Jim Stahl's article seeking information from our membership on the LC Smith 8 Gauge manufactured by Hunter Arms.

Once in while, sharing our common interests with friends have the power nourish our spirit. This year, the wild turkey I shot with my LC Smith will be a delicious Thanksgiving feast for my family and good friends. At this time of the year we reflect on our blessings. We are thankful for our country, our freedom, our right to bear arms, our families and friends, and the LC Smith Collectors Association. I wish you very Happy Holidays and lots of good times with your LC in the New Year!

## A Tribute to Close Friend and Fellow Life Member Dreu Bowman

By Rev. Charlie Brooks

As many have now heard, we have all suffered a great loss as individuals and fellow LC Smith Collectors Association members with the tragic death of Dreu Bowman on October 8, 2005.

Dreu was killed in an auto accident while waiting for a light to change. A furniture truck struck him from the rear, running partially over his Jeep and involving six other cars.

The loss of Dreu extends far beyond his wife, Cathy of twenty-seven years, his twenty year old son, Anthony and his close friends. Dreu was not only an active Life Member of our club but member of many additional gun clubs and shooting organizations. He was a real worker-bee and contributed much to the organizations to which he be-

longed, as well as to his friends. His company designed and embroiders the fine shirts and hats that our club enjoys. Dreu was one of the key workers and planners of the Christian Sportsman Fellowship

Event that was held each year for the last six years. This shoot involved a lot of work and planning. We used a local gun club to host this event with sporting clays, trap, rifle ranges and a fishing pond. Dreu worked several days clearing brush prior to this event and then helped set the sporting clays course up as well as working as trapper. His tips were always donated back to our church to help fund the next years



Charlie and Kevin Brooks with their friend Dreu Bowman along with Conor Curtin

shoot.

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Dreu's shooting achievements and sportsmanship will be remembered. He enjoyed shooting sporting clays, skeet, trap, wobble trap and five-stand. He excelled in league trap and skeet shoots, often in trap breaking 100 straight. He was the only man I've seen that could shoot an LC Smith double gun as well as or better than a modern gun. In competition, he also seemed to do as well with a 16 gauge as he did with a 12 gauge. His favorite choice of LC Smith was his "beater gun", a Field Grade with little or no finish remaining that he purchased "cheap" at a gun show for use in bad weather.

This gun always yielded good scores for him at competitions and brought home many awards in recent years. Oh! Yes! Dreu would want me to mention the inexpensive slip-on recoil pad he put on this gun because he said it didn't warrant a custom pad that he had me install on most of his finer guns. If any pictures were ever taken of him at an event, he always wanted that slip-on pad to be seen. It soon became his trademark!

Dreu was a true sportsman, he hunted, he fished, he shot archery, he shot in shooting events and he truly enjoyed the outdoors without regard to the weather.

The thing that many will remember about Dreu was his wonderful personality and willingness to be a team player. When you traveled with him it was enjoyable without regard to how good or bad anyone shot that day. He would help you and enjoyed seeing you shoot well even if you were in competition against him for some award. He supported the LC Team at the LC Smith vs. Parker Challenge Cup even though he was not in the top ten shooters to qualify for the final competition. He was happy to be a supporter and encouraged people around him to be "all they could be".

The last thing I will comment about is the friendship that I was blessed to share with Dreu these last few years. My son Kevin had met Dreu and been shooting with him some time before he introduced Dreu to me. It wasn't long before the three of us started traveling and shooting together regularly. Dreu was just getting started reloading shotgun shells, an activity I was doing myself, so we had an additional common interest. Shortly,

Dreu began coming over to my home every week on Monday evenings to help me reload shells or work on guns.

January 2, 1999, we had a fire at our home that caused the side of our house to suddenly be open to the cold elements of winter weather. I didn't know Dreu very well at that time but when he heard about the fire he came to my home immediately and worked well into the night helping us to put plastic sheeting and plywood over the exposed side of the house. To minimize the water damage, he and Kevin took my guns over to Kevin's place to clean and oil them. The love and care Dreu had shown to my family in this time of need will never be forgotten. There are numerous examples of Dreu showing his love and care for my family and others.

I will close with a story of the last time I saw Dreu alive (Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup>). We live on a small cattle and grain farm where Dreu loved to come over and help us get our work done. He always used an excuse for helping me. He said he helped out so that we could go out shooting but I don't think that was all of it. We were in the middle of the corn picking season with seven inches of rain being forecasted to begin Friday and continue throughout the weekend. I got started early Thursday morning and had already picked two loads of corn. I went into the house to call Dreu to see if I could persuade him to come over and help for the day unloading wagons thus allowing me to continue picking corn. Dreu had helped whenever he could in recent years. I always said to him, "You must miss unloading corn at the mill like you did for so many years". Dreu's family owned and operated a mill for many years. When I called Dreu's house I got no answer; as I started to the barn, there was Dreu with his work gloves. He said "Let's get to work and beat the storm". I don't know how many loads of corn we harvested that day but we beat the storm! Dreu wouldn't even stop to eat! Before he left, he even crawled up the ladder and put the cap on the thirty-foot high corn crib. I'll never forget Dreu showing up without being asked at my time of need, just as he had done many times before in the last few years.

The Bible tells us that love and friendship are very important in our lives as we travel here on earth. Love is from God! My family and I certainly have

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experienced God's love through the friendship we shared with Dreu these past few all too short years.

Dreu truly has been a blessing in his short time with us in this life. I close with the words I heard my son Kevin murmur in great pain as he

walked past Dreu's casket, "GOOD BYE OLD FRIEND". Dreu was Kevin's best friend too! In the NIV Bible; 1 Samuel 20:18 (in part) "*YOU WILL BE MISSED, BECAUSE YOUR SEAT WILL BE EMPTY*".

## Rest in Peace Dreu

By John Kuhn Bleimaier

Rest in Peace, Shooting Buddy, Dreu Bowman

Fleeting, fragile is this our mortal life,

Sojourn of alternating tranquility and strife;

Oh how fast and few the appointed years

Of gladness, joy, frustration and tears.

Like broken clay targets by the wind a'carried

We're swept away ere long we tarried

Finally, someone is tallying up the score

As we launch forth to Jordan's farther shore.

My shooting comrades are neither many nor few.

One and all, they are a noble, gallant and jolly crew;

Among all those whomsoever I knew

I am proud to have counted our good friend, Dreu.

When next the L.C. Smith Association will meet

For sporting clays, trap and a round of skeet

We'll fire off a traditional volley in salute

To our absent buddy a fitting, final, affectionate tribute.

John Kuhn Bleimaier

October 8, 2005

## 8 Gauge Smith Survey

By Jim Stahl

Jim Stahl likes the *Big Bores* and is convinced that the figure of 30 guns manufactured is inaccurate. He would like to canvas the membership to ask if they would contact him if they are holding an L.C. Smith 8 gauge. He wants you to call, e-mail, or drop him a short note stating the serial number, grade, barrel length, and condition. Jim would like to put together a revised listing to try to get some idea of what the actual number of these big guns might be still surviving.

Jim's contact information is:

Telephone 856-779-1084  
 e-mail [james.stahl@dhs.gov](mailto:james.stahl@dhs.gov)  
 Address: James Stahl  
 632 Kings Croft  
 Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

*Ed note: I'll start the list with my Big 8*

OWNER	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	BARREL LENGTH	OVERALL CONDITION
Len Applegate	46290	2	32	85%

## The LCSCA at the Vintage Cup

By Andy Anderson

The annual Vintage Cup, or World Side-by-Side Championship was held September twenty second through twenty sixth at Orvis Sandanona near Millbrook, New York. Our LCSCA was well represented and, for a change, the weather gods cooperated.

My buddy, Oddvar Skadberg, and I set up our display booth on the twenty-first. We were lucky. Our Booth space, while inclined, was pretty much on a single plane so the set-up went smoothly.

Our display, this year, featured the Quality 2, Grade 2, Specialty continuum. Sixteen LC's ranging from a Quality 2 made in Syracuse to sev-

eral Specialties made in the 1920's were shown. The guns were provided by Frank Finch, Bob Morris, Len Applegate, Oddvar Skadberg, Bob Trefry, and yours truly.

The six guns in the Grade 2 rack included examples of three major variants of Grade 2 engraving. I believe these to be time related. The earliest variant has circles on each lockplate. A quail is engraved in the circle on the left lockplate. There is a woodcock in the circle on the right side. This variant seems to have first appeared in the mid 1890's. I do not know when it was dropped.

The middle variant also has circles on each

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lockplate. The woodcock is supplanted by a swimming duck on the right lockplate. The quail remains in the circle on the left lockplate. This variant is the one shown in Lt. Col. Brophy's book. I believe it is the most commonly encountered variant of the Grade 2. I do not know when this variant was initiated. I would guess between 1900 and 1904. Frank Finch has a 20ga. made in 1908 that is engraved with the middle variant. I have a Grade 2 twelve gauge, made in 1909, that is engraved with the last variation. It would seem, then, that the middle variant was last produced in 1908 or 1909.

The last variant of Grade 2 engraving has a quail on each lockplate, but they are free. The circles are gone. This variant was apparently produced from 1908 or 1909 until the end of 1912 when the Grade 2 was supplanted by the Specialty.

There are probably more variants of Grade 2 engraving than the three described. I think I remember, somewhere, sometime, seeing a Grade 2 with Quail in circles on each lockplate. Has anyone else seen this variant? Also, to confuse this writer, John Houchins reports a Grade 2, made in

1898, with scroll rosettes on each lockplate similar to a Syracuse Quality 2; no birds, no circles.

I know there is more than one variant of Grade 3 engraving. I have a hunch the progression is similar to that of the Grade 2. Russ Ruppel has begun to establish a list of Syracuse LC's. Perhaps we should try to establish lists of Grade 2s and Grade 3s. We need a computer savvy enthusiast to take this on. Anybody interested? Please give me a call at (845)657-8491.

It was great to see many of our members and friends again. Along with those already mentioned, they included MaryAnne Finch, Sylvia Trefry, Rich and Susie Beyer, Mike Wicker, Ken Waite Jr, Ken Waite III, Steve Morris, Steve Farfaro, John Bleimaier, Charlie Brooks, and Dreu Bowman.

I met Dreu Bowman about three years ago through this organization. The last time I saw him alive was at the Vintage Cup. He died shortly after in a horrible auto accident. He was a very good shooter who loved LC hammer guns. He became a good friend in a very short time. He will be missed. I will miss him. Please read the memorial to Dreu elsewhere in this newsletter.



John Bleimaier, Len Applegate, Frank Finch, Ken Waite, and Andy Anderson on the Sporting Clays course



The LCSCA display of Quality 2, Number 2, and Specialty Guns



MaryAnne Finch went to the Vintagers determined to win another competition. The Bertie award is given to the lady that best demonstrated the Edwardian style of dress. She went armed with four outfits to try and break into the “Good o’l Girl” network. She did it. MaryAnne Finch won the 2005 Bertie Award.



## The Second Annual Turkey Shoot

By Bob Trefry & Bill Winter

The day was clear, the temperature was C-O-O-L, and the wind was extremely gusty. In fact more than one stated that the clays traveled like a dizzy bird. Our fall turkey shoot was a great success for a variety of reasons. Consider that 20+ people were in attendance representing New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. The camaraderie and fellowship enjoyed was the product of excellent sportsmanship with enthusiastic encouragement offered to all. Bill Winter,

with Bob Trefry’s assistance provided our LC display where many of the shooters displayed their ‘shoot’ in irons’ between matches.

One of the highlights was our luncheon of stuffed Maryland ham, chicken, and many side dishes. Once again Charley Brooks favored us with several homemade pumpkin pies. Our dinner was preceded with a fitting tribute to Dreu Bowman. This was conducted by Dreu’s close friend,

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Charley Brooks. Dreu was killed in a tragic accident several weeks before. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to his lovely wife Cathy, and son Anthony. A number of our LCSCA friends were able to attend the memorial. It goes without saying that at many stations one could be heard to comment on how Dreu might have handled a certain shot.

Those winning the events conducted were:  
Five Stand  
Kevin Brooks  
Sporting Clays

Tie with Jim Cobb and Kevin Brooks  
Hammer gun Skeet  
Charley Brooks (25 for 25)

We look forward to another worthy event next year in what appears to be an ever growing LCSCA event. A thank you to all making this a special day.



Charlie Brooks, John Bleimaier, Kevin Brooks, Bob Trefry, Liz Winter, Bob Flemming, Jim Cobb



Liz and Bill Winter, Kevin Brooks, Bob Trefry, and Bob Flemming congratulating Charlie Brooks



The Turkey winners: Charlie Brooks (Hammer gun Skeet), Kevin Brooks (Five Stand), Jim Cobb (Sporting Clays)



John Bleimaier congratulates Charlie Brooks for a perfect 25 for hammer gun skeet

# The Carolina Classic

By Len Applegate & Frank Finch, Jr.

When the e-mail traffic started regarding the LCSCA participating in the first Carolina Classic I thought "Oh boy, that's a long drive from Cincinnati." I remember Tom Archer saying that we ought to consider going because November is truly the best time of the year in the South. It seemed to be coming together when Cliff White volunteered to provide the display material from his vast collection of L.C. Smith memorabilia. Everyone else had volunteered to do all the work so I decided to go and find for my self about the South in November and do some shooting.

Everything they said about the South in November was true. The weather was just spectacular. It was a little brisk in the morning but that was to be expected running on the Frank Finch time schedule of getting to the display at 07:30. The days were warm the sunny, just perfect for shooting, and the Carolina moon was as described in the song.

I thought we hauled a lot of stuff when we did a display but it was nothing compared to what Cliff brought to show to visitors to our tables. What a treat to see three A3 L.C. Smith shotguns that were examples of all three variations of the highest grade made between 1895 and 1913. A 10 gauge Monogram which was one of only 4 made along with a Crown, 20 gauge, with 32 inch vent rib barrels and a rare 12 gauge, regular frame, Eagle with 32 inch barrels rounded out the display guns in the rack. Also on the display table was a cased Ideal 410 and a 410 bore Eagle grade that was made as a service award for long time Hunter Arms employee Edward Ryther (see Rich Beyer's new book "*The Hunter Arms Co and the L.C. Smith Gun*" pg 76). The ever-popular salesman cut-away gun was also on display.

Cliff also brought several examples of Al Kraus' original art work along with a 1904 Hunter Arm's first place shooting prize (Hunter used Rookwood and Roseville Pottery and Lenox China for first place Class A prizes) and an ultra-rare L.C. Smith calendar. One of the most interest

ing display items that Cliff shared with us was Al Kraus' strong box where he stored the gold used on high grade guns. A 1906 L.C. Smith poster rounded out the display. It was a grand display of L.C. Smith history that probably won't be seen again anytime soon.

There were lots of shooting events but the most important to us was the "Five Man Team Event". Members of the LC Smith and Parker associations had fun (some shooting guns for both organizations) competing. It brought to bear that we have so much more in common than different being enthusiast of the great early American side by sides!

Unlike the format of the LC Smith vs. Parker Cup, where everyone shoots a preliminary round for charity at Deep River, then only the top ten shooters of each club shoot in the final Challenge Cup, the venue at the Carolina Double Gun Classic requires all shooters on a given team to shoot the "Brand" of gun of their team and to shoot two different 5 stand fields for qualification. As in my case, I did not want my historically poor performance in 5 stand to detract from the team score of "real" shooters. My prayers were answered when the LC shooters under the direction of Tom Martin and Chris Baumohl were organized into "A" and "B" Teams. Shooting for fun on the "B" team was my cup of tea.

The two highest scoring teams moved up to an additional 25 target shoot off at 5 stand to determine the championship. The event winning (with 87), LC Smith "A" Team shooters were: Jean Roth, Chris Baumohl, Bob Fleming, Larry Pope and Ray Ward. The Parker Team (with 71) shooters were: David Funderburk, Dan Johnson, John Davis, Carl Beers and Jean Roth. Shooting on the LC Smith "B" Team were: Tom Martin, Carl Beers, John Davis, Len Applegate and me. You will notice that Jean, Carl and John shot BOTH OFFENCE and DEFENCE. (Jean doing especially well considering she shot on the LC Smith "A" Team, in the shoot off, with a swollen cheek and black eye after

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the “other Brand” gun previously “doubled” three times on her.)

All shooters enjoyed participating in the additional sporting clays events! Of course, for L.C. Smith Collectors Association, the fun was “doubled” by winning the first “Five Man Team Event”! And

personally, Mary Anne and I were “double” delighted to be honored with the presentation of the “Best Dressed Man” and “Best Dressed Lady” awards at the Southern Low Country Seafood Banquet! It was “double” delicious!



The display guns



Cliff White’s display of L.C. Smith memorabilia



The L.C. Five Person “A” team. From the left Larry Pope, Bob Flemming, Jean Roth, Chris Baumohl, Ray Ward



Frank, MaryAnne, and Tammy Jo Finch and Len Applegate on the Sporting Clays course



Two Lively discussions at the display. On the left Cliff White and Tom Martin. On the right Frank Finch and Chris Baumohl and Bob Flemming

# 2005 Election Results

By Len Applegate

The 2005 election was really a request for affirmation of the current leadership of the organization. The last three of the original directors, Frank Finch, Jim Stubbendieck, and Len Applegate, were up for their first election. The membership was asked to either bless their election or submit the name of other life members to replace them. Apparently the membership is pleased with the candidates efforts because, of the members that submitted a ballot, they unanimously elected the three to their first elected three term.

The L.C. Smith Collectors Association has seven elected directors. Two stand for election each of two years and three in the third year. Your directors for 2006 are:

1. Andy Anderson  
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On 20 November the Board of Directors met and elected Frank Finch to another term of **Executive Director**. Other chairmanships and positions of responsibility in the organization are:

**Membership Chairman:** Len Applegate

**Newsletter Chairman:** Len Applegate

**Recording Secretary:** Len Applegate

**Corresponding Secretary:** Frank Finch

**Treasurer:** Bob Trefry

**Web Master:** Jim Stubbendieck

**Parliamentarian:** MaryAnne Finch

**Historian:** Open

For 2006 we have a new **Events Chairman**. Tom Martin assisted by Chris Baumohl will take over for Andy Anderson. Tom's contact information is:

Tom Martin  
4421 New Cut RD  
Inman, SC 29349  
(864)473-0534

Tom and Chris did a yeoman's job with the Five-Man Team shoot at the Carolina Classic and we look forward to their help making the LCSCA events top notch.

# 2006 Events & Announcement of Annual Meeting

By Len Applegate & Tom Martin

The Board also tried to finalize the 2006 event schedule. Unfortunately we did n't have all the information we needed to publish the final list. Some things that we want to do haven't been finalized by their sponsors. When new information allows us to add to the list we will keep you informed.

We will be at the Louisville "National Gun Day" at the Kentucky Fair and Expo Center on the weekend of February 25 and the Maryland Arms Collector Show at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, Maryland on the Weekend of March 18. On the Monday, following the Maryland show, we will host a Sporting Clays shoot at a yet to be determined location. In April, the LCSCA will visit the Tulsa Arms show at the Tulsa Fairgrounds in Tulsa, Oklahoma as well as our ***most important event*** the Southern Side-by-Side at Deep River Shooting School in Sanford, North Carolina. Please remember the Southern Side-by-Side is where we try and bring the L.C. Smith/Parker Challenge Cup home. It is also where the LCSCA Annual meeting will be held. The meeting will be held at 5:00PM EST on Friday April 28 at Deep River. In July we will have a display at the Ohio Gun Collectors Show at the Roberts Center in Wilmington, Ohio and, of course, we will enjoy the Vintage Cup at Orvis Sandanona in Millbrook, New York in September. At this point we will finish the year with the Third Annual Turkey Shoot. The date in October and the place have yet to be determined. Please join us.

Date	Event	Location	Arrival Date
2/25 - 2/26/06	Louisville Gun Show	KY Fair and Expo Center	2/24/06
3/18 - 3/19/06	Maryland arms Collectors Show	Maryland State Fairgrounds Timonium, MD	3/17/06
3/20/06	Spring Shoot (See Charlie Brooks article next)	TBD	3/20/06
4/1 - 4/2/06	Tulsa Arms Show	Tulsa Fairgrounds Tulsa, OK	3/31/06
4/28-4/30/06	Southern Side by Side	Deep River Shooting School Sanford, NC	4/27/06
4/28/06	Annual Meeting	Sanford, NC	4/28/06
7/15-7/16/06	Ohio Gun Collectors Show	Roberts' Center Wilmington, OH	7/14/06
9/21 - 9/24/06	Vintage Cup	Orvis Sandanona Millbrook, NY	9/21/06
10/?/06	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Turkey Shoot	TBD	10/?/06

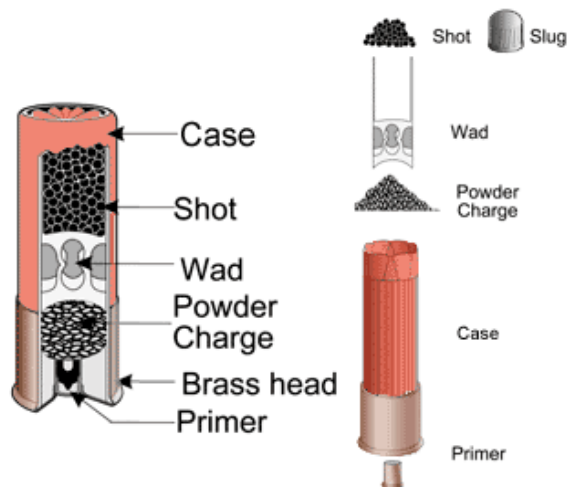
# Components of the Spring Shoot

By Charlie Brooks

Just as five components make up a shotgun shell, special components will make up the spring L.C. Smith Shoot-

## Parts of a Shotgun Shell

A shotgun shell has five components.



Folks that reload their own shells and have great results with them are often under scrutiny; they have been accused of using “special components” that when assembled together really are unique in performance.

The 2006 LC Smith Spring Shoot could certainly fall into being made up out of “special components”. Here are some of the components

- **WHEN:**Monday, March 20, 2006
- **WHERE:**Somewhere within a short ride from the Baltimore Gun Show being held in Timonium, MD that weekend. Final arrangements will soon be made.

- **WHO:**Any LCSCA member or guest is welcome. The only requirement is that an LC Smith gun be used.
- **VENUE:**Sporting Clays, 5 Stand, and Wobble Trap will be available. This is a fun, practice shoot not a competition. It’s a good opportunity for folks to try several of their favorite LCs.
- **FOOD:**You bet there will be food! A wonderful meal will be served at a reasonable price.
- **WHY:** What is the most important component of this shoot? **YOU ARE!!** Your attendance is very important to make this shoot a great success.

These “special components” that make up our spring shoot always benefit the ones who participate. An interesting fact is that six of the people who attended last years spring shoot also made the qualifying round at the LC Smith vs. Parker Challenge Cup held at the Southern Side by Side at Deep River in April. (note: scheduled again for last weekend in April 2006)

We look forward to seeing you at the March 21, 2006 shoot.

Contact Charlie Brooks (410-756-2095) to reserve your spot.

# Membership Dues for 2006

By Len Applegate

Included in this mailing is a bill for annual dues of \$25.00. Please remit your payment to **The L.C. Smith Collectors Association** C/o

Bob Trefry  
5104 Salima ST  
Clinton, MD 20735

Please remember that dues must be paid before February first 2006 for your name to be included on the membership list for 2006, and that at any time during the year you can convert your membership to a life membership by paying the balance of the \$300.00 Life Membership dues.

At any time, you can tell what kind of membership we believe you have and through December 31st of what year we believe you have paid for by looking at the mailing label on your newsletter. For example.

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his mailing label would change to "Life".

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If your mailing label doesn't reflect what you believe your membership is or if your newsletter doesn't arrive in good condition please contact

Len Applegate at the address on the last page.

In summary, if your mailing label says "Annual 2005" you should have gotten a bill. If it says "Annual 2006" or "Life" you should not have gotten a bill with your newsletter.

# John Houchin's new book in the works

By John Houchins

*Editor's note: Life member John Houchins is writing a new book on the L.C. Smith Gun. His goal is to have high quality photographs of all the types and variations. He needs some help from the membership.*

One of the goals of the new book on L.C. Smith shotguns is to include high quality photographs of all types and qualities/grades. Most of the guns have been photographed or are scheduled to be photographed in the next month or two. Only two have not been located. Missing are L.C. Smith Syracuse bar action hammer guns (Type I in Brophy) in qualities B and C. If any of you have one or both of these guns, please contact John Houchins ([cjsuites@msn.com](mailto:cjsuites@msn.com)).

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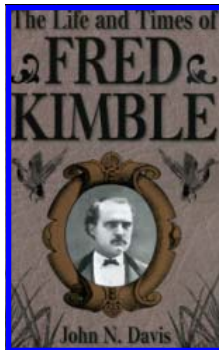
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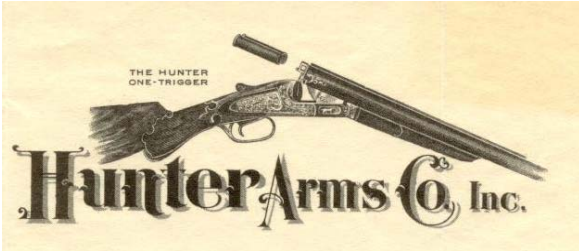
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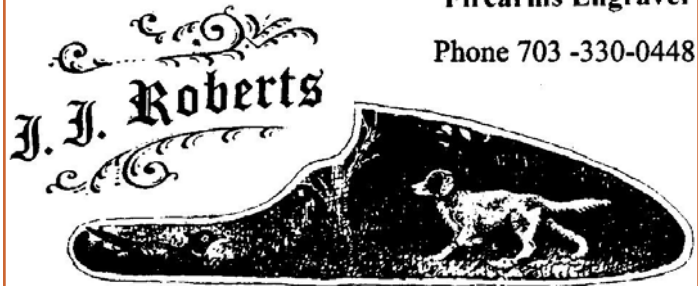
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