



# 2010 TEXAS STATE FITASC

Competitors arrived at 1 in 100 Gun Club in Lumberton (TX) on Thursday September 16th – just in time to learn that FITASC target setter, Anthony Matarese Jr, was headed to the airport! Uh oh, the target setter was getting out of town before the shoot – this might not bode well! As it turned out, Matarese had another shoot at his Club and had to get back.

The dreaded *Plecia nearctica* (Love Bugs) looked like they might be a nuisance but they were mostly gone by Friday.

Member, Doug Mellen, of Liberty Golf Cars, Club President, Kevin Carl, Manager Matthew Garver and the membership all pitched in to make this a very

memorable and successful shoot.

The 100 bird Pre-lim and the 200 bird sporting event courses were set by Buck Heath, Brian Ash and Matthew Garver. Lumberton, near Beaumont, is in the 'Big Thicket' country of Texas and is characterized by relatively flat terrain with pine and cypress forests. The thicket was used to good effect to hide traps and invariably a tree was located right where you wanted to pull the trigger! None of this seemed to bother our own Ben Brunton as he put up a blistering 98 for the Pre-lim HOA. A three way tie shoot-off was needed to separate Omar El-Aazami (RU), Will Fennell (M1) and Jenni Clark (M2), all of whom finished on 94. Winners in the other classes

were AA1 James Elmore (85), A1 Shad Magno (84), B1 Ray Vincent (84), C1 Paul Parkerson (72), D1 Derwood Carpenter (79), E1 Jim Hutchinson (72), Senior Super Veteran Gus McFaddin (69), Super Veteran John Meitzen (84), Veteran Bill Johnson (91), Sub Junior Jenni Clark (94), Junior Theo Ribbs (92) and Lady Jenni Clark (94).

## Sporting

Day one of the Sporting saw the target difficulty upped from the Pre-lim. Brian Hughes (97), coming off of his Texas State Shoot win, put up the high score of the day, followed closely by Ben Brunton (96), with Joey Bolton and Brad Kidd, Jr. both on 95. It was anyone's ballgame at this point with Will Fennell, Theo Ribbs, Tom Mack and others not far back.

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Buck Heath told me that Sunday would be even more challenging as the target setting crew was hot, tired, and in a awnry mood. He was right – they were difficult and just didn't let up for the entire course. To win, in this type of competition, you must put two good scores together – an out of body experience on one day and a mediocre score on the next will not get it done. While almost everyone dropped the pace from day one, Ben Brunton was able to put back to back 96's together to claim the Sporting HOA with 192. Brian Hughes was runner-up on 186, followed by Theo Ribbs (M1-184). Class honors went to AA1 Allen Hines (156), A1 Richard Malone (149), B1 Walter Janssens (142), (Chris Radde 148, Out of State), C1 Jay Warren (131), D1 Trey Thompson (113), E1 Jean McFaddin with 89 (Jim Hutchinson 138, Out of State), Senior Super Veteran Gus McFaddin (139), Super Veteran John Meitzen with 160 (Paul Haydel 165 and Bill Hogg 164, Out of State), Veteran James Ponder (167), Sub Junior Jenni Clark (167), Junior Theo Rib (184) and Lady Jenni Clark (167).



PARCOUR 5 – IT WENT THAT WAY!



BEN BRUNTON.



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targets set by Anthony Matarese Jr. He more than made up for the lack of terrain with platforms and scissor lifts, the only Parcour with neither of these was the 'woodsier' Parcour 2. As we were in Texas, Matarese thought it appropriate to set some targets that required Texas sized lead! Interestingly, only four perfect 25 scores were

## FITASC

The Main Event for the weekend was the 150 bird old style FITASC arranged over six Parcour with

spread across four different Parcour – shot by Ben Brunton (Parcour 4), Tom Mack (Parcour 6), Sera Russell (Parcour 1), and Doug Kuykendall (Parcour 2).

The distance moved between pegs was more than enough to offer different shots. In the case of Parcour 5 it was a triangle, with the move from Peg 2 to 3 being a 10 yard move up. Although this didn't make the battue from the lift any easier, it appeared that you could engage the target early before it rolled over. Only Jenni Clark in my squad was able to make this shot, taking a small piece off of the back edge of the target. The rest of us had to take the battue after it had rolled over and started to get lost in the pine tree background. The targets



LEFT: LIFT PARCOUR 1. ABOVE: SPORTING COURSE.



Champion. Theo Ribbs was runner-up on a 132 with M1 going to Paul McCormick on 130 (Will Fennell 131, Out of State). Winners were AA1 James McCary on 110 (AA2 Lance Kettering 110), A1 Curtis Fillman (106), B1 John

were great – with a mix of distance and close in speedy presentations with the more difficult targets left in the pairs – for the most part!

Brad Kidd, Jr., who has been working on his mental game, shot a very steady 136 but he is not a Texas resident, and therefore ineligible. This left it to Ben Brunton as HOA with a 134 to cap off his trifecta of winning the Prelim, Sporting, and by being crowned Texas State FITASC

Imboden (111), C1 John Calandro IV on 85 (Paul Parkerson 88, Out of State), D1 Brandon Munoz (85), E1 Mary Beth Blue on 70 (Jean Noel Prade 83, Jim Hutchinson 82, Out of State), Super Veteran John Meitzen (120), Veteran Paul McCormick (130), Junior Theo Ribbs (132), Lady Jenni Clark (116). The shoot also included sub gauge, pump, side x side and multiple 5-stand events.

1 in 100 put on a great shoot

with great food including ribs, chicken, hamburgers and boudin hot off the grill – the targets were good too! Everyone was very Texas friendly and the shoot ran without a hitch. If you haven't had the opportunity to shoot any of

Anthony Matarese' targets, you need to find a spot on your schedule to do so before attending the US Open next May! You should also take your time to shoot at 1 in 100 Gun Club [www.1in100gunclub.com](http://www.1in100gunclub.com) ■



**DOUG MELLEN (LEFT) BEN BRUNTON AND KEVIN CARL, CLUB PRESIDENT.**