

SHOOT-OUT AT OK CORRAL?

When I received the invitation to attend the inaugural shoot at the OK Corral my thoughts quickly wandered back to those frontier days of the wild American west – Doc Holiday, Wyatt Earp, Tombstone and the famous and historic shoot-out with the Clanton Gang.

This was no re-enactment of that famous and historic 30 second

shoot-out, it was an invitation from a new gun club in the east/central part of Florida, just ten miles from Okeechobee, on Saturday September 17th to their inaugural sporting clays event, titled 'Friends and Family Invitational'. It was a non-registered event that attracted close to 100 attendees. It was the first day of business for OK Corral and shoot management and others supporting the club were thrilled with the unexpected large turnout. Many of the attendees were family and friends, but the invitation was also extended to Florida NSCA members as management wanted feedback on their course and target presentations.

Pleasant Weather

The morning started uncharacteristically cool and breezy for this time of year. The breeze continued throughout the day, but the bright Florida sun warmed up the temperature in the afternoon – just what you'd expect for September.

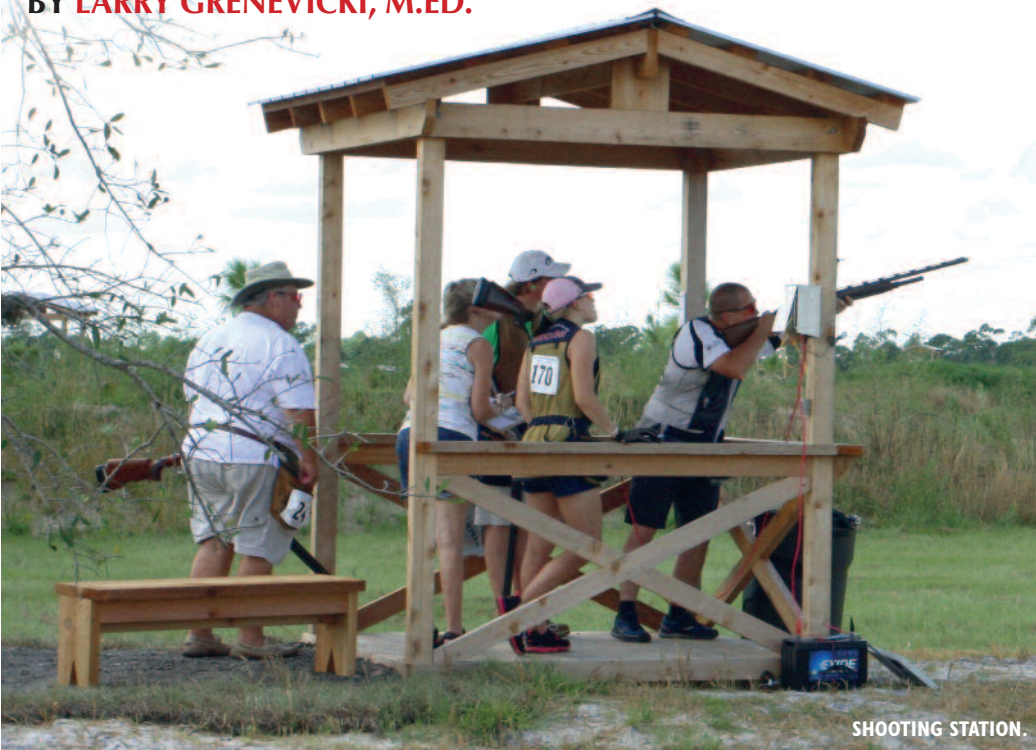
The top sporting clays shooter of the day was Paul Cutshall, posting an impressive 89 over 15 stations. The course trail stretches about one mile over typical Florida flatland that is part of an old pasture while other open areas are covered with palmetto growth. Stations are easily identified and all 15 are walk in and covered. Two adjustable towers are permanent fixtures on the course offering some challenging presentations. For this inaugural 'Friends and Family Shoot' a special menu was catered – breakfast, lunch and then in the afternoon some special hors d'oeuvres. The chicken salad croissant served with chipotle pasta salad at lunch was a big hit with everyone. The bountiful afternoon hors d'oeuvres featuring prosciutto wrapped asparagus and fresh fruit slices topped with homemade whipped cream were both an instant success.

Amenities and Activities

The club has a fleet of golf carts that can be rented for any activity conducted on the property. Gun rentals are also available. Two sets



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SHOOTING STATION.



Endorsements

OK Corral is located just ten miles outside of downtown Okeechobee off of Highway 70 in Okeechobee County.

The Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce as well as the Okeechobee Main St. Association has taken an interest in the club with special advertisements in local news journals. The Tourism Council of Okeechobee has recently launched a marketing campaign boasting all that this area has to offer – some of the best air boating, fishing, birding and hunting in the State. With the addition of OK Corral in their marketing brochures, another outdoor activity is now available to visitors.

of indoor air conditioned restrooms are conveniently located on the clays course and the clubhouse has additional restrooms equipped with showers for members or guest usage.

Included in this inaugural days activities visitors were encouraged to use either one of the two 5-stand layouts. The wobble trap was readily available, as was the pistol range. A cowboy action range with 11 stages proved to be of interest to many. The rifle range and a 3D archery course was open and available for guests.

OK Corral is looking to establish itself as a great weekend retreat area for the outdoor enthusiast – open 7 days a week 8am to 5pm. It's a private club with memberships being offered for seasonal and non-seasonal shooters. Although a private club, it's open to the public and non-member usage rates apply. For

Club information visit their website at Okcorralgunclub.com or just call Michele Ritter, Club Liaison at 863-357-2226. ■

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**ABOVE:
CLUBHOUSE
EXTERIOR.**



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