

With Christmas just a memory and New Year resolutions and diets already broken, thoughts turn to the February start of the competition season that kicks off in Florida and includes four Big Blasts in as many weeks. These events are always well supported and are a good excuse for the snow-birds from up North to leave the snow shovels, icy roads and cold weather for a break in the sunshine.

grounds in Williston, Florida. The facilities are excellent – shooting over the rich rolling hills of central Florida. Beautiful large oaks are liberally sprinkled on the gentle rolling hills that make up the distinctive terrain of this facility – something that is in short supply in pancake flat Florida! Last year’s event was one of the best in Florida, and this year’s event promises to be even bigger and better!

Along with the 200 target Main Event sporting, there will also be a Friday Pre-Lim of 100 targets, and a 100 target Compak event with the targets set by Mick Howells. Added for this event is a 100 target FITASC event with targets courtesy of Wayne Nelson.

The entry fee for the 200 sporting event is \$255.00. There will also be \$25,000.00 in added money, (based on 450 entrants) with payouts five deep in all

classes, and three deep in the concurrents. The Compak event will be open Friday through Sunday, with an entry fee of \$95. The 100 target FITASC will be shot over Saturday and Sunday with an entry fee of \$150.00.

Two 5-stands will be running continuously for warm-up and practice and there will also be a competition Make-A-Break event. The Saturday night banquet will feature 14oz. Rib-Eye Steaks with all the trimmings! For more information call 352-528-6110.

RHINO RALLY

Joe Morales, owner of Rhino Gun Cases Inc. starts the ball rolling on February 17th through the 19th with the Rhino Rally, three days of fun and good competition at his

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*THE 2006 SEASON GETS UNDER WAY
WITH FOUR BIG BLASTS PREVIEWED BY
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SEMINOLE CUP

Next up is the 2006 Seminole Cup – one of the longest continually running sporting clays events in the country. As in 2005, Quail Creek Plantation in Okeechobee Florida will host this event from February 22 through the 26th.

This year's event will feature a 100 target Pre-lim on Thursday, the Phil Hughes 100 on Friday and a 200 target Main Event on Saturday and Sunday over two 14 station courses. The 100 target FITASC event is titled The Bill Wall Memorial, to honor Florida resident and avid FITASC competitor Bill Wall who passed away last year. This event will be available over four days, from Thursday to Sunday, but you had better hurry as it is virtually full! There is also a 50 target Compak event running Thursday through Sunday, as well as a 50 target sub-gauge events for .410, 28, and 20 gauge. These events are also very popular and fill quickly.

For those with aspirations to try for Team USA, this is one of the seven Team USA selection shoots for 2007. The Main Event offers a

£25,000 cash purse (based on 500 entries) with payouts five deep in class.

Quail Creek Plantation is located 18.5 miles West of Fort Pierce, Florida on Highway 68, and is about a one hour drive from the Orlando Airport to the North, or from the West Palm Beach Airport to the South. Hotel accommodations are available in the Fort Pierce area, or in Okeechobee City. For more information call 321-383-0047.

CAJUN ELITE

Then its off to Louisiana for the GP Traps Mardi Gras Open. Lynn Miller's Cajun Elite Sporting Complex is already in top gear preparing for this popular tournament that is being held March 2nd-5th. The 2006 event will again feature the target setting skills of Dave Peckham, brought back once again from England, to wow and bedazzle us with his challenging and entertaining targets for the 200 target GP Traps Main Event (Entry \$195). Mo Parsons will be on board for the Clay Wing's Trap Sales FITASC (Entry \$110) and Club Manager, Chris Cantrell, will set the Pre-lim (\$75 – 100 targets).

The Lonesome Charlie's 50 target sub-gauge events for 20, 28, and .410 are sure to be popular, as will be the 100 target Compak Event (\$90). The Make-A-Break game will be running for practice and competition – promising plenty of excitement for both the shooter and spectator.

The Cajun Elite Sporting Complex is located in Jennings, Louisiana, in the heart of Cajun country – about 35 miles from either Lafayette or Lake Charles, Louisiana, just off of I-10. In holding with the proud heritage and tradition of the region, a Cajun French band will be performing at



TOP: SPECTACULAR TARGETS UNDER THE SHADE OF ONE OF THE MANY LIVE OAKS AT WILLISTON. ABOVE: RHINO'S WELL STOCKED CLUB HOUSE AND SHOW ROOM.



QUAIL CREEK PLANTATION, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA HOSTS THE 2006 SEMINOLE CUP.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER IS OFFERED AT THE CLUBHOUSE WHICH IS ALSO KNOWN AS LYNN'S STEAKHOUSE RESTAURANT — AND THE FOOD IS EXCELLENT.

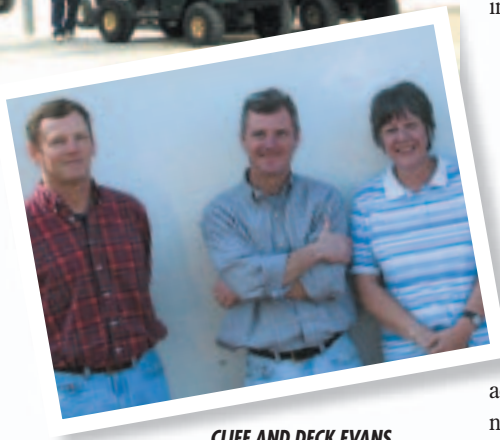


the Saturday night banquet. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are always available at Lynn's Steakhouse located in the main clubhouse building and there are camping grounds and hotels within a few minutes of the complex.

Now in its third year, this competition has grown steadily by about 100 or more shooters each year and the turnout for this year's event is expected to reach 450 guns or more.

For more information contact 337-824-2110, or go to their web site at www.cajunelite.com.

Memorial Main Event (\$215) will be shot over two courses of 100 targets, limited to 1,080 entries. The Krieghoff Parcours de Chasse is 150 targets over 6 Parcours shot to international FITASC rules (capped at 396 entries) and is a Team USA selection shoot. Both competitions are NSCA registered.



CLIFF AND DECK EVANS AND WENDY CRABTREE WILL HOST THE 3RD LEG OF THE TRIPLE CLASSIC WORLD SERIES.

Both events have generously sponsored cash purses – with a guaranteed \$10,000 HOA for the Main Event and \$5,000 for the Runner-up. Class Champions received \$2,500 and payouts are guaranteed to 10th place in class but will be extended to 15th place for a full entry. Parcours de Chasse HOA is guaranteed \$5,000, Runner-up \$2,500 and \$1,000 for class winners with payouts guaranteed to 6th place. Both competitions have separate purses for concurrents in addition to class purses.

While there is no Pre-lim event to this tournament, additional competition and games will include Make-A-Break, 5-stand, 3-stand, Bye Bye Birdie, Tasmanian teal and a full practice FITASC Parour.

The Meadows National Gun Club is based at 1064 Rumble Road in Forsyth and there is plenty of accommodation in Forsyth and nearby Macon. For more information call 478-994-9910 or for online entry visit www.tripleclassicsporting.com ■

TRIPLE CLASSIC

The Triple Classic, sponsored by Fox Lodge, Russia, and organized by ClayShootingUSA, comes to The Meadows National Gun Club in Forsyth, Georgia, on March 9-12th. This is the 3rd leg of a World Series, with previous events having been held in the UK and Russia.

Entries already indicate that this will be a truly international event with over 120 competitors from Europe, UK, Australia and Russia already booked to attend. (see www.tripleclassicsporting.com for current list of those entered). The 200 target Peter Crabtree



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