

# MAKE A DATE WITH WESTSIDE

**CLAYSHOOTINGUSA  
BRINGS YOU THE  
CLASSIC 2003, A 200  
TARGET SPORTING  
CHAMPIONSHIP WITH  
FITASC AND 5-STAND  
SIDE EVENTS. IT'S NOT  
TO BE MISSED!**

*L TO R: DAN AND LAURIE DANIEL AND  
CONNIE McELROY.*



Graham Brown, owner of Purbeck Shooting School (voted best UK ground in 2002) and our own Ben Brunton, a previous FITASC World Champion and Bronze Medal

With less than two months to go, work is already under way at Westside Sporting Grounds in Katy, Texas for the Classic 2003 Sporting Championship. To be held 6th-8th September, the three days includes 100 FITASC; 50 5-Stand and the 200 target Sporting Main Event (Saturday and Sunday) that has a \$50,000 purse. With payouts of \$5,000 for the HOA, \$2,500 for R/U and cash down to 10th place in all classes (M-E), Concurrents down to 5th place and Hunters down to 3rd place we are expecting a great turnout.

The addition of the Classic 2003 to this year's shooting calendar comes just one year after introducing ClayShootingUSA to the Sporting scene. It will be our

way each year of celebrating everything that is good about Sporting Clays while giving us a chance to 'put something back' into the sport that has supported the magazine.

## **CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT**

The Classic 2003 will be a true 'Championship' event with the emphasis on quality targets – some will be sufficient to test the very best while others will be entertaining and demand that the competitive club shooter, throughout the classes, is on top of his or her game.

Work and planing at Westside has already started. Our target setters from the UK include

Winner at this year's World Sporting Championship. Both have already been to Westside to study the facilities and are confident of creating a challenging but enjoyable series of events.

The 5-Stand will be over two 25 target layouts and the four layout FITASC (old system) will be over terrain not regularly shot at Westside. New stations and elevated shooting positions are being created for the Main Event. With a whole raft of specialist traps from Pro-matic being used, competitors will encounter a strong mix of standard, mini, midi, battue and rabbit targets blended with distance, speed and angles to produce two quite different 100 target courses.

**Classic  
2003**

**WESTSIDE SPORTING GROUNDS  
KATY, TEXAS  
6TH - 8TH SEPTEMBER**

*A PREVIEW BY MICHAEL BRUNTON*



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"The FITASC course will be testing," says Brown, "as it should be. But for the two Sporting courses we want to provide a true skill challenge for the shooters of all classes – we have no plans to steal targets by distance or edge on presentations. We do, however, plan to beat the shooter by angles and varying speeds. There will also be some very unusual presentations, not regularly thrown at other Championships. If your set up in the box and pick up point isn't right for each individual target you'll be rewarded with 0's on your score card!"

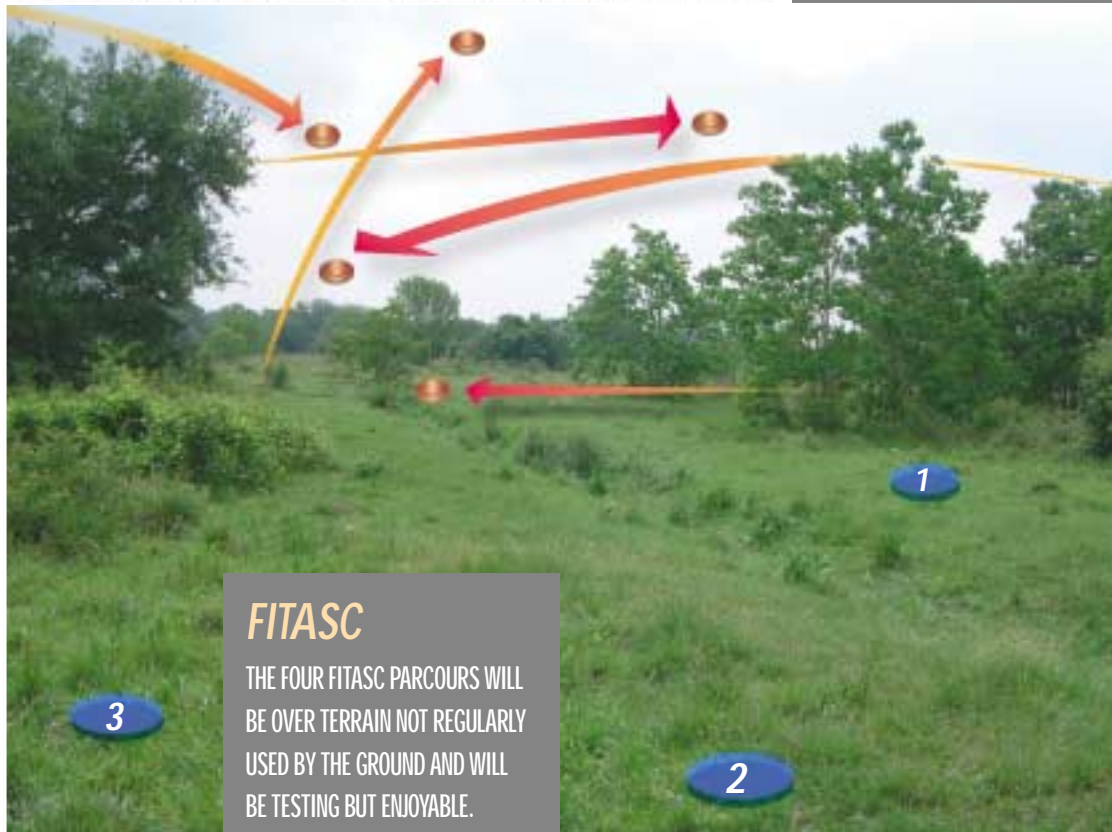
## GREAT TARGETS

To wet your appetite we show amongst these pages one of the FITASC layouts and three Sporting stations that have already been planned. "Westside is not a regular 'Big Blast' venue," says Brunton, "and so we expect the majority of competitors will not have shot the

ground before. Even so, we have to ensure there is no 'local' advantage, so the FITASC will be on new ground and most of the existing shooting positions on the regular Sporting courses will not be used. It all adds up to the exciting prospect of a 'Classic' challenge!"

## SPORTING

OUR THREE PICTURES AT RIGHT CLEARLY ILLUSTRATE SOME OF THE UNUSUAL PRESENTATIONS THAT OUR TARGET SETTERS HAVE ALREADY PLANNED. WHETHER YOU ARE A CLUB SHOOTER OR MASTERCLASS, BE PREPARED TO BE CAUGHT OUT!



## FITASC

THE FOUR FITASC PARCOURS WILL BE OVER TERRAIN NOT REGULARLY USED BY THE GROUND AND WILL BE TESTING BUT ENJOYABLE.

### SHOOT PROGRAM

The Sporting Main Event will be shot on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September – 100 targets each day. The FITASC can also be shot Saturday and Sunday (50 each day) or on Monday 8th September (100 targets straight through). Similarly, the 50 target 5-Stand can be shot Saturday, Sunday or Monday.

Saturday evening will be party time! In addition to a major Make-A-Break exhibition competition there will be a 'Western' style meal

and drinks after shooting. Prize giving for the Sporting Main Event will be on Sunday evening (7th) and the 5-Stand and FITASC prize giving will be on Monday evening.

### NO PUNCHES

For many competitors the Classic 2003 will be a good warm up for the Nationals – that start three days later in San Antonio. It is for this reason that the Classic 2003 events – all three – are 'Open' – we'd hate for any of you to collect

punches before the Nationals!

The combination of ClayShootingUSA and now the 'Classic 2003' is our commitment to our readers and the Sporting fraternity. Whether you plan to be in San Antonio for the Nationals, or you're a Club shooter that has not yet attended a major Championship, we hope that you'll take the time to add your support

to the Classic 2003 and make it the 'must-attend' event of the year. The Classic 2003 entry form can be found on page 101 of this issue or you can enter on-line from our website at [www.clayshootingusa.com](http://www.clayshootingusa.com)

The team here at ClayShootingUSA very much look forward to welcoming you to Westside in September!

