

# Sporting Standards

*WHETHER IT RELATES TO PERSONAL BEHAVIOR, DRESS, PRODUCT OR MANUFACTURING, 'STANDARDS' ARE CRITICAL TO THE ONGOING SUCCESS OF OUR SPORT.*

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To receive an award as 'Company of the Year' reflects the highest standard of commitment by management and staff to best manufacturing practices and a quality product. So, congratulations to White Flyer for having been awarded such a prestigious title, recognized by SHOT Business magazine during the SHOT SHOW earlier this year.

Accepting the award on behalf of all the White Flyer employees, Brian Skeuse, Senior Vice President of Reagent Chemical and White Flyer commented, "We are humbled by this award considering the many fine companies in our industry, yet we are also very proud of our efforts and the success White Flyer is

enjoying. It is a huge team effort." In addition to its sales team of Phil Murray, Josh Taylor and Bill Daniels, the company employs a dedicated team of men and women to produce the finest targets that are used for most major shoots in the United States and Canada – as well as being shipped to fourteen (14) other countries.

## SHELL STANDARDS

FITASC is often considered to be the toughest sporting game – multiple presentations on each Parcours, varying angles and speeds and targets at in excess of 45-50 yards – all shot with 1oz loads. When FITASC introduced the new 1oz standard across this discipline, many believed that scores would drop or the game would have to become easier as we threw less lead at each target. Neither is true.

In this issue, Tim Woodhouse gets technical and explains why the patterning performance of quality 1oz shells is often better than 1 1/8 oz shells – particularly at 40-55 yards. Numerous top shooters tell me that they've now standardized on 1oz shells for both sporting clays and FITASC – they get the job done in style with less felt recoil. Last month's World Sporting Championship saw a healthy number of competitors sticking with 1oz loads, even though 1 1/8 oz is the US sporting standard. In the UK the standard for sporting has long been 1oz – so how long before the NSCA (like the CPSA in England) sets new standards for sporting clays and FITASC of 1oz (28gm)?



## PERSONAL STANDARDS

While on the subject of standards, the last few months has seen Wendell Cherry setting the highest of standards at various Big Blasts. His commitment to the sport – both as a coach and competitor – is admired by many. The results pages for the Seminole Cup, Mardi Gras Open, East Coast Championship and Browning Briley see him capturing multiple event wins whether it be Sporting, 5-Stand or FITASC. He is the man to beat – the 'standard' for 2007.

## TRAVEL STANDARDS

As you plan upcoming flights and trips to Big Blasts across the country, you should find our Air Travel review, by Steven Groh, of significant interest. Like a

shooter's pre-shot routine, the traveling sportsman must have a pre-flight routine to survive the difficulty of traveling with guns in the post 9-11 era. Checked and carry baggage allowances, rules and regulations are previewed for nine different airlines. If you break the new travel and baggage standards be prepared to pay the price!

Elsewhere in this issue we bring you shoot reports from the Mardi Gras, Palmetto Grand Prix, Kachina Open, Browning Briley, White Flyer Cup and East Coast Championship. Steve Fischer has been to visit Blaser, Bruce Buck looks at gun fit, Tom Ceretto puts the Zoli Ambassador 20g through its paces and Alan Rhone continues his series "So you want to buy a Sporter?". And there's more... ■