

CC **SMALL TALK**
DOUG FULLER



NAME:
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AGE: 44

OCCUPATION: HEATING & AIR

CONDITIONING: SERVICE TECH



▼ WHEN AND HOW DID YOU START SHOOTING?

► *At 5 years old – hunting with my Father.*

▼ HOW DID YOU GET INTO SPORTING CLAYS AND DID YOU HAVE ANY FORMAL COACHING?

► *When Quail hunting got bad I started shooting Sporting Clays. I observed other people shoot and then relied on my natural ability.*

▼ WHAT IS IT ABOUT SPORTING THAT REALLY GRABS YOU?

► *I love the challenge of all the different targets and the competition.*

▼ WHAT IS YOUR PRACTISE ROUTINE?

► *I don't have one – I just shoot every opportunity I can.*

▼ MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE?

- *2001 NSCA National Champion*
- 2002 Small Gauge HOA National Championship*
- 2002 Krieghoff Cup Runner Up National Championship*
- 2003 Oklahoma State Champion*
- 2003 World English Prelim Champion*

▼ HOW DO YOU MENTALLY PREPARE FOR A MAJOR TOURNAMENT?

► *As my shooting career has progressed, I've found that day to day events can cause distractions. When I am mentally preparing for an*

event, I clear my mind of the little things and focus on the targets.

▼ WHAT GUN AND CARTRIDGE COMBINATION HAVE YOU SETTLED ON AND HOW SUCCESSFUL HAVE YOU BEEN GAINING SPONSORSHIP?

► *I shoot the most dependable and best gun on the market – a Kolar 32" over & under. I use Fiocchi Ammo 1 1/8 ounce 1150 FPS Paper and 7/8 ounce 1200 FPS training loads. The over and under has the advantage because there are 2 chokes. Reliability is not an issue with an O/U. I am currently sponsored by Kolar Arms, Fiocchi Ammunition, Hi-Viz, ESP, Angle Port, Wenig Custom Stocks, GP Traps and Lehman Optical.*

▼ WHAT SPORTING SHOT DO YOU FIND THE HARDEST – AND HOW HAVE YOU LEARNT TO COPE WITH THIS PARTICULAR TARGET?

► *I find any teal target is a challenge. I've attempted different methods and to date have not found one that works consistently for me!*

▼ WHO DO YOU ADMIRE AMONG CONTEMPORARY SHOOTERS AND WHAT IS IT YOU ADMIRE?

► *Bob Brister. He's been at the top of the game in all shooting sports, and is still a fierce competitor.*

▼ WHAT IS THE MOST MEMORABLE SHOOT YOU HAVE COMPETED IN?

► *2001 National Championship.*

▼ WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST MISTAKE DURING A COMPETITION THAT COST YOU A PODIUM PLACE?

► *Not focusing on all of the easy targets.*

▼ WHICH ARE YOUR FAVORITE SHOOTING GROUNDS?

► *National Shooting Complex, San Antonio, TX; Claythorne Lodge, Columbus, KS and Longshot Ranch, Skiatook, OK.*

▼ #1 AMBITION?

► *To always remember this is a sport, to do my best, be my best and always enjoy the competitions. I also enjoy teaching my children to shoot and to watch as they progress in their abilities.*

▼ ARE YOU SUPERSTITIOUS?

► *No.*

▼ WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE A NEWCOMER TO THE SPORT?

► *Take shooting lessons from a qualified instructor and have your gun fit done properly by a professional. Stay away from heavy recoil shells.*

▼ IF YOU COULD WAVE A MAGIC WAND, WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT THE SPORT?

► *Make it a sport where the popularity and promotions were comparable to other professional events – such as golf.*