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## USHA & FITASC "CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE AMERICAS" MARCH 30 - APRIL 3, 2016, IN DALLAS

The USHA has been asked by FITASC to host a "Championship of the Americas" based on our performance with last year's North American Championship. This year, the Championship will include all South American and Latin American countries as well as North America.

The format will be similar to 2015, with the tournament taking place over five days (Wednesday, March 30 through Sunday, April 3) at the Dallas Gun Club.

We will be shooting MORE targets this year. We will plan to shoot 30 targets on each day; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On Friday, the first 20 targets will be counted for the FITASC Grand Prix but we'll shoot 10 more... *because we like to shoot!*

On Saturday, we'll shoot 30 targets with the first 18 targets counting toward the Championship (and be added to 12 on Sunday).



There will be a Calcutta Friday night for Saturday's 30-target race.

A formal program will be coming out soon, but please put this event on your calendar.

We are actively seeking sponsors for the Championship of the Americas. Please see the graphic below for sponsorship opportunities. If you want to be a sponsor, or have a candidate sponsor in mind, please contact Mike Higgins at 817-296-3104 or [Higgs56@aol.com](mailto:Higgs56@aol.com).

Sponsorship	Consideration
\$1000 "Gold"	Signage on each competition field (3), half-page ad in program, marketing information in competitor gift bag, reserved parking for all days of the event
\$750 "Silver"	Signage on one competition field, quarter-page ad in program, marketing information in competitor gift bag
\$500 "Bronze"	Signage on the gun club grounds, sponsor listing in program
\$250 "Sponsor"	Listing as sponsor in program

Additional information will be provided on the USHA web site ([www.ushelice.com](http://www.ushelice.com)).



## USHA WEB SITE UPDATES

Event scores and the USHA Team Status can be found on our web site. Event summaries (a simple document that catalogs shooter scores by qualifying event) can be found at [www.ushelice.com/results.htm](http://www.ushelice.com/results.htm).

For an update of current team rankings, please visit [www.ushelice.com/nationalteam.htm](http://www.ushelice.com/nationalteam.htm).

There are two PDF documents located towards the bottom under "Current Year Standings / US National Team Points". It is our intent to update these documents within a week following future events.



## VENUES ADDED IN 2015

In 2015, we saw the addition of two new venues: Providence Plantation of Greenwood, Mississippi and Wilderness Gun Club of Lafayette, Louisiana.

We would like to thank Bryan Jones and Mo Powers for hosting Providence's first Sanctioned match in October of 2015, with two rings. They have a beautiful venue, top-notch hospitality, and great birds; the USHA is grateful that they have come aboard.

Our gratitude also goes out to Eddie Francez, Josie Richard, and Lacy Baudoin of Wilderness Gun Club for putting on their first ever Sanctioned match the following month.

Together, the Wilderness crew put on a great show with three auto-loading rings, lightning fast cranks, and wonderful people.

***Congratulations and well done to you all!***

We would like to officially announce that Glynn Kiper of Cottonland Helice has recently finished installing his third ZZ ring.

The USHA is grateful to thank Glynn and Mendy for the time, effort, and resources they have poured into Cottonland Helice to make it one of the go-to venues within our Association. They have made, and continue to make, a huge contribution to our sport.



## NEW VENUES FOR 2016

Three additional venues are scheduled to host Helice competitions (sanctioned or otherwise) in the upcoming year. These new venues,

combined with those already in place, have together produced 10 scheduled Sanctioned matches for 2016. That's **twenty** separate qualifying events! This is by far the most heavily scheduled year we have ever seen and we owe our thanks to these and other venues that continue to support our sport.

Our full 2016 event schedule can be found at [www.ushelice.com/calendar.htm](http://www.ushelice.com/calendar.htm).

The first such addition is Keystone Shooting Park of Elizabethville, Pennsylvania. Keystone's founder, Allen Chubb, has recently scheduled three (3) Sanctioned matches for 2016. These shoots are listed on the USHA web site.

We are extremely pleased for Allen, the USHA, and the multitude of new shooters we hope to see develop from this region. See Allen's website [here](#) for additional details.

Event flyers can be found at the USHA web site [Calendar](#) section.

Second, we would like to announce that American Shooting Centers in Houston is planning to host monthly fun shoots. American currently offers a single ring of auto-loaders.

Mike Sellers and Sam Shiller have worked with American Shooting Centers to arrange this and they tell us their format will include the traditional 30 Bird race but with a few twists, namely a compulsory purse of \$100 Championship (half of which covers your 30 birds) and the return of the "5 & Slide" rule. While these are not sanctioned shoots, they are great for ZZs and just as fun for the shooters.

A special thanks is due to everyone involved for putting out the effort!

American's first shoot is scheduled for Sunday, January 17th, just around the corner. Contact

Michael at [msellers@sellersbros.com](mailto:msellers@sellersbros.com) for additional details and to request inclusion on their e-mail distribution list. An event listing for the January 17th shoot can be found on the USHA web site.

Lastly, though not technically considered a "new" venue, we are pleased to see that Providence Plantation of Houston, now under new management, has thrown their hat back in the ring.

Providence has not yet scheduled a shoot for 2016, but we have it from reliable sources that they soon will. More to follow as we get it but, in the meantime, **welcome back Providence!**



## FUN SHOOTS

Both Wilderness Gun Club and Cottonland Helice are gearing up to begin hosting fun shoots when time permits.

Eddie Francez has informed us via Michael Sellers that Wilderness Gun Club will host their first such shoot, this month, on Saturday, January 16th. Like Michael and Sam, Eddie is instituting the "5 & slide" rule, a compulsory purse, and similar fees.

Contact Josie Richard at [berettajoz@yahoo.com](mailto:berettajoz@yahoo.com) for additional details on the Wilderness shoot.

Event information for all upcoming fun shoots can be found in the USHA web site's [Calendar](#) section.



## ATTABOYS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The USHA would like to congratulate one of our top junior shooters, Gavin Scott of Boerne, Texas, for recently signing with Lindenwood University's Shooting Sports program.



Gavin Scott at the 2015 World Championships with the Junior Grand Prix Trophy.

Lindenwood is located in St. Charles, Missouri, just West of St. Louis.

As you may know, the university boasts one of the top collegiate shooting programs in the nation and is the alma mater to some of the most competitive shooters in the United States. The Lindenwood team has won the National Collegiate Shotgun Championship the last twelve years in a row.

Gavin had this to say: "My family and I were real excited to hear that I was accepted to Lindenwood, especially my father who said that he couldn't wait for someone else to pick up my shell bill."

Congratulations Gavin (and Scotty)!



**Helice USA** is the official electronic newsletter of the United States Helice Association.

The mission of the USHA is to promote the growth of Helice, an exciting form of artificial target shooting which is rapidly becoming more and more popular, especially in Europe and the United States.

You are invited to visit the USHA web site at [www.USHelice.com](http://www.USHelice.com). We welcome input from members and associates, as well as individuals new to helice.

You can contact our offices directly via e-mail at [Feedback@USHelice.com](mailto:Feedback@USHelice.com).