

# TEXAS YOUTH SHOOTGUN PROGRAM

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**TITLE: Texas Youth Clay Sports Program**

**ADMINISTRATION: TPWD Hunter Education Program Staff , Lead: Charlie Wilson, Shooting Sports Coordinator**

**PARTNERS: Texas 4-H Shooting Sports, ATA, NSSA, NSCA and affiliate ranges and clubs**

### COMPONENTS:

- Each youth shooting sports club in Texas would hold a shoot in conjunction with an event already scheduled in 2006-2007.
- Ages of participation would correspond with existing 4-H Shooting Sports guidelines
- For entry, a shooter must have no more than 300 registered targets. Shooting in "Hunter Class" at events would count as registered targets. Shooters can practice at ranges as often as they would like
- Targeted audiences/entrants would include 4-H, high schools, boy scouts, rotary clubs, American Legions, Boys Clubs, girl scouts, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and related youth organizations and efforts.
- Currently, there are 12 clubs that are progressive in Texas, including Midland, DFW, Tyler, Beaumont and Kerrville. These clubs would constitute the pilot program and quickly be able to promote it quickly among their peers as a way to get youth that are new to the shooting sports involved in this program.
- The winners of individual/local events would receive a paid entry into the "Main Event" (only) at the State Sporting Clays Shoot in July. The club would pay the entry fee.
- The winners at State would receive paid entry into the "Main Event" at the NSCA Nationals in September (2007), paid by sponsors of this program.
- The winners at Nationals would receive a \$1000 scholarship, paid for by sponsors of the program. (Note: \$3000 has already been pledged to Wilson should the proposal go forth.)
- Wilson will work with Don Snyder and Mike Hampton, Jr. of National Gun Club in San Antonio regarding reduced membership into NSCA. (National Gun Club administers both NSCA and NSSA.)
- Marketing and news and information efforts could be run through TPWD, NSCA, Clubs, Affiliate Organizations and related venues.