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From the TSCA President - John Calandro

We are jumping into February in high gear as January shoot attendance for 2011 was strong. Lonestar SC, a favorite in January, had 165 shooters! See links below for scores from www.shooterspage.com. Let's not be shy about chasing All American open points this year as **NSCA has eliminated the 50 shooter minimum for points**. Now range owners need not be concerned about discouraging shooters with advance knowledge of pre-shoot sign ups. Regardless, points will be awarded based on master class participants. Congratulations to NSCA for a long overdue change!

We are continuing to evolve the newsletter. This month the calendar will link all shoots that we can find the link info for, to make it easier for you to register.


I hope you will be able to join us at one or more of our TSCA board meetings this year. The next one is February 26, 10am in Austin. Details are available both in the newsletter and on the [website](#). This is the year of Infrastructure. While we hope to make progress in fun and cool events, shooter giveaways and great social networking, we really need to bring our infrastructure up to date. All the process and procedures as well as electronic opportunities to make our operations more efficient for our board members, the association and it's shooters. So consider us "under construction".

Sixteen [registered shoots](#) are on tap for February. Get out and get back to form!

A big thank you goes out to [Lonesome Charlie](#) for sponsoring the prizes for the prelim at the [Texas Sporting Clays Association State Championship!](#) We are going to use the generous donation to turn around and put 100 percent of the TSCA directed funds into prizes for the banquet. We are working on other sponsorships to make this a prize laden event. Must be present to win, but who wouldn't with thousands of dollars of prizes to give away. [ASC](#) has a great dinner and entertainment that will be announced soon to make it a great night for all!
Thank You Lonesome Charlie Parker and all your fine staff!

Please say thank you to all our fine sponsors when you see them in person. See you at the range!

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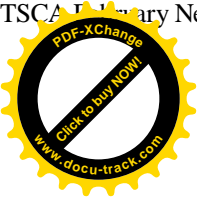


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TSCA Board Meeting



Next Meeting: February 26, 2011

Time: 10 -11:30 AM

Location: Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites - Austin Airport
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SHOT Show 2011 - Las Vegas - Jan 18-21



Just a few pictures from SHOT Show 2011. SHOT is "where the industry meets" and is an amazing collection of guns, bullets, outdoor gear, clothing and all things hunting and shooting.

From Left: Budweiser - Sponsor for the Golden Moose Awards and big sponsor of the outdoor life that we all love and cherish; Freedom Group that includes Remington; TSCA Sponsor: Promatic Crew - Jim, Steve & Haward; Hayley Dunn (Champion Skeet Shooter and aspiring Sporting Clays Shooter) and Lynne Green with Green Girl Photos at the Golden Moose Awards. Thanks to Scott and Wendy for the great seats!

SAVE the DATES!

Texas State Shoot - June 2 - 5th at **American Shooting Centers** in Houston, TX.

Texas State FITASC - September 16-18 at **Rock Creek Clays**.

I added links to the ranges as of Jan 30. Please check www.shooterspage.com for any last minute changes or updates.s Shoots

Date	Club	City	Shoot Name	Type
Thursdays	Rio Brazos	Simonton	Winter Series INFO	UNREG
2/04/11	Rio Brazos	Simonton	Friends of Eagles (oilfield)	UNREG
2/06/11	American Shooting Ctrs	Houston	Super Bowl Shoot	NSCA
2/12/11	Rose City	Tyler	Guns & Roses	NSCA
2/12/11	So. TX Shooting Complex	Laredo	Jalepeno Open	
2/13/11	Hill Country SS	Kerrville	Bahama Mamma	NSCA
2/13/11	Windwalker	Midland	Broken Heart Open	NSCA
2/13/11	Elm Fork	Dallas	Winter Classic	NSCA
2/17/11-5/12/11	Nat. Shoot'g Complex	San Antonio	Spring League (Thursdays)	NSCA
2/19/11	Rio Brazos	Simonton	Blue Goose	NSCA
2/19/11	Lonestar	Glen Rose	Lone Star Special	NSCA
2/19/11	Westside Sporting	Houston	Sky High For St. Jude	UNREG
2/19/11	American Shooting Ctrs	Houston	Come out 2 Shoot Free Seminar (OSP School)	CLINIC
2/20/11	Greater Houston GC	Houston	Grand Prix ; INFO	NSCA
2/20/11	Permian Basin S R	Odessa	Thrown Down with Bobby Clay	NSCA
2/20/11	Abilene Clay Sports	Abilene	Snow's Gone Open INFO	NSCA
2/26/11	One in One Hundred	Beaumont	1 In 100 Blast	NSCA
2/26/11	Rock Creek	Beaumont Ranch	Rock, Paper, Scissors	NSCA
2/27/11	San Angelo Claybird	San Angelo	Tom's Birthday	NSCA
2/27/11	Capitol City	Austin	Red Apple Open	NSCA

Tip from 2010 Texas State Champ - Brian Hughes



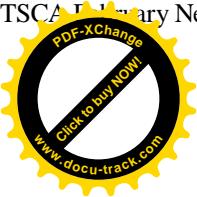
What does it take to become "GREAT"?

There is an interesting book by [Malcolm Gladwell](#) called "The Outliers: The Story of Success" that tells about what it really takes to achieve your dreams or goals. Regardless of what they may be.

There is a short article that makes reference to this book written by James W. Harris titled, 10,000 Hours to Greatness. The study states that almost anyone, in any instance, can achieve greatness after ONLY 10,000 hours of practice. Just to put this into perspective, 10,000 hours would be 8 hours a day, 5 days a week, for 5 years. With this being said, there are a lot of things that can be learned from all of this. Here are just a couple things I take from it.

First, try to relate your amount of commitment, desire, sacrifice, knowledge, etc. to this amount of hours. If you have only been shooting for 3 years and are competitive in your area in "master class", then you're probably right on or ahead of the curve. Keeping in mind that your situation will change constantly. Finding a knowledgeable instructor can help tremendously, but YOU still have to put the 10,000 hours of practice in to teach your body the muscle memory, before greatness will be achieved.

Secondly, no matter what you choose to do, "It's gonna be a lot of hard work", but those that want it bad enough will be the few they call "GREAT".



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January Shoots and Scor

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Thursdays	Rio Brazos	Simonton	Winter Series INFO	UNREG
1/01/11	Rio Brazos	Simonton	Begin Again Shoot	NSCA
1/02/10	Capitol City	Austin	Year End Finale	NSCA
1/08/11	Permian Basin S R	Odessa	Shells, Gas or Asphalt Pitch, Nobody Rides for Free	NSCA
1/15/11	American Shooting Ctrs	Houston	Mid Winter Warmup	NSCA
1/16/11	Hill Country SS	Kerrville	Burrrrr	NSCA
1/16/11	Windwalker	Midland	The Cold One	NSCA
1/16/11-1/17/11	Rio Brazos	Simonton	Pre-Season Clays	NSCA
1/22/11	Westside Sporting	Houston	Katy Prairie Open	NSCA
1/22/11	Lonestar	Glen Rose	Crazy Mania's	NSCA
1/23/11	San Angelo Claybird	San Angelo	Winter Opening	NSCA
1/23/11	Capitol City	Austin	Promatic Open	NSCA



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