

94th

ANNUAL GEORGIA STATE TRAPSHOOT

April 27 - 30, 2017

South River
Gun Club
Covington, Georgia

1,100 Registered
Targets

194 Trophies

Over \$8,400 Added \$\$

2016
Competition Factor 3

AA Points Pins

Computer
Pre-Squadding

White Flyer
Orange Dome Targets

Attendance Pins

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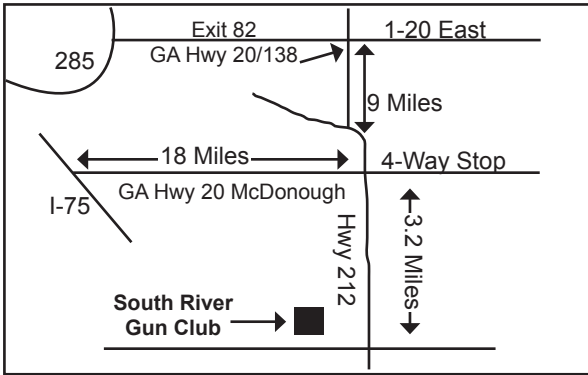


Welcome to the 2017 Georgia State Trapshoot

South River Gun Club
5205 Hwy 212, N
Covington, Georgia 30016
770.786.3752

Map to Gun Club

For Gun Club Locations, visit:
www.gatrap.com or www.southernrivergunclub.com
for detailed map.



Area Motels

- Jameson Inn 770.760.9770
- LaQuinta Inn & Suites* 770.918.0092
- Microtel 770.278.0950
- Days Inn 770.922.3314
- Hampton Inn 770.482.8838
- Country Inn & Suite 770.785.2400
- InTown Suite 770.860.9355
- Suburban Lodge 770.918.0092
- Comfort Inn 770.760.0300
- Baymont Inn 770.787.4900
- Holiday Inn Express 770.482.3220

* Ask about Special Rates for the 2017 GATA State Shoot

Welcome to the 2017 Georgia State Trapshoot

Welcome Fellow Trapshooters,

The Georgia Amateur Trapshooting Association (GATA), its State members and South River Gun Club are pleased to extend this open invitation to the 2017 Georgia State Trapshooting Championships.

In addition to the added money and great trophies for residents and non-residents alike, a special \$500 purse, provided by anonymous donors, will be open to all participants in the special event following Friday's Event #6, John D. Hiter Memorial Handicap. Numbers will be drawn and this shoot off will follow Event #7. The GATA has added \$500 for the combined scores of doubles on Events #3 & #4 to be divided evenly among the five class winners. Billy and Marie Griffin have graciously donated \$1,000 for Event #2, Dr. Hal Sims Memorial Handicap, to be awarded to Champion thru 6th place. Ties will not divide and will be shot off.

Saturday afternoon at 5:00 p.m., the GATA invites all shooters and family members to a barbeque dinner compliments of the GATA, South River Gun Club and our special sponsors. The barbeque will be prepared once again by Big Pigs Barbeque. This has become an annual tradition at the Georgia State shoot. They do an outstanding job every year.

I look forward to seeing you at another great Georgia State trapshoot. Shoot well and good luck to everyone!

Dave Hollingsworth
Georgia ATA President

2017 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting of the Georgia Trapshooting Association will be held on Sunday morning at 8:15 am. Sunday's Championship Events will start at 9:15 am.

All Georgia shooters are encouraged to attend the meeting, awards presentation, and participate in the election of officers.

*** \$2,107 returned to Georgia by the ATA ***

STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Dave Hollingsworth
Vice President	David Witt
Secretary	Betsy Reed
Treasurer	Mike Reed
ATA Delegate	Russ Wright
1st Alternate.....	Martin Henderson
2nd Alternate	Vacant

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

Cherokee Gun Club.....	Sam Weil
Fayette Co. 4-H	Noel Salvanera
Forest City Gun Club	Zac Guerrettaz
Pinetucky Gun Club.....	Mitchell Frank
South River Gun Club.....	Boone Butler
Tom Lowe Shooting Grounds	David Witt

MISCELLANEOUS

GOLF CART RENTALS

Must be reserved and paid for in advance. Contact Mike Reed 770.475.9649 or buckshotreed@bellsouth.net no later than April 26th. For safety & liability reasons, only licensed drivers can operate any golf cart (or like vehicle) on South River Gun Club property.

CAMPING

54 spaces at \$30 per day available with water and electricity only. SRGC can accommodate large RVs. Primitive camping area no charge. Units in primitive area must be self-contained. Contact Bill Clay at 770.786.3752.

PETS

To ensure the comfort and safety of the shooters, NO PETS will be allowed at the Clubhouse or the trap fields. Pets are restricted to owner's vehicles and camping areas only.

VENDOR INFORMATION

Contact Dave Hollingsworth – 770.329.3375.

SHELLS

Only South River Gun Club or appointed vendors may sell shells on Club grounds. Hulls on the ground become the property of the GATA.

PRE-SQUADDING

Georgia offers pre-squadding using www.presquad.com. Requests will be received up to and including April 25, 2017 until 6pm. After April 25, presquad emails will not be reviewed. If you presquad, and you find you will not be attending, **PLEASE** notify Diane Bolling (mbolling@bellsouth.net), so the position can be released. If you are presquadded and miss 2 or more events (without notifying us) you will be barred from presquad. When cashiering their first event, each shooter that pre-squads will be charged \$5 for this pre-squadding service regardless of the number of events entered.

AIM participants will be assigned the first 10 squads for Event #8, Saturdays Singles. The **first 12 squads** for Sunday's Handicap Event will be reserved for out-of-state shooters. Send requests for early squads to Mike Bolling at mbolling@bellsouth.net. Please include ATA number, yardage, requested squad number and position.

AIM YOUTH PROGRAM

The Georgia State Championship of 200 Singles on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at South River Gun Club will be the only qualifying Trap event in which to qualify for the AIM Program for Trap in Georgia. Contestants must shoot in this event to be eligible to compete in the National AIM Trap Competition. The ATA Rules will govern this qualifying shoot. All AIM championship squad entry forms must be received by the state director no later than 21 days prior to the AIM State Championship for Trap. The GATA supports the AIM program. Go to www.aim4ata.com for more information.

CLASSIFICATION

ATA rules will govern this shoot. Shooters will be classified in accordance with the recommended procedures in the current ATA Official Rule Book. **Your ATA card must be presented and up to date with scores averaged prior to being classified.**

Be sure your classification and handicap yardage are marked on your average card by a member of the Handicap Committee before you leave the table. **It is the responsibility of the shooter to know the rules.** You are subject to penalties for shooting in the wrong classification or disqualification for shooting on the wrong yardage.

SINGLES - 6 CLASSES

98% and over	AAA
96.25% and under 98%.....	AA
94.75 and under 96.25%.....	A
93 and under 94.75%	B
90 and under 93%	C
Under 90%	D

DOUBLES - 5 CLASSES

93% and over	AA
89 and under 93%	A
85 and under 89%	B
78 and under 85%	C
Under 78%	D

SPECIAL CATEGORIES

1. A female shooter who has not reached her 55th birthday may declare Lady I.
2. A female shooter who has reached her 55th birthday may declare Lady II.
3. A shooter who has not reached his/her 15th birthday may declare Sub-Junior.
4. A shooter who is 15 but has not reached his/her 18th birthday may declare as Junior.
5. A shooter who is 18 but has not reached his/her 23rd birthday may declare as Junior Gold.
6. A shooter who is 55 but has not reached his/her 65th birthday may declare as a Sub Veteran.
7. A shooter who is 65 but has not reached his/her 70th birthday may declare as a Veteran.
8. A shooter who is 70 years of age or older may declare as a Senior Veteran.

SHOOT-OFFS

Ties in Events 1, 3, 5 and 7 will be carried over to the next similar event. Ties in all other events will be shot off. Shooters involved in ties have the responsibility to check with Shoot Management, before leaving the grounds, to find out how their particular tie will be settled. Shooters not answering a shoot-off call will forfeit their rights to trophies and added money. Shoot-offs will be for trophies, class, categories or place and will be at the discretion of SHOOT MANAGEMENT. Added money follows trophy.

TROPHIES

Only one trophy will be awarded to any one shooter in the same event. If shooter ties for Champion, and loses the shoot off or carryover, then the shooter must take category over class/yardage.

Shooter must declare category when classifying.

DR. HAL SIMS MEMORIAL HANDICAP

Event 2

\$1000 SPECIAL PURSE

Champion - 6th Place (\$250, \$200, \$175, \$150, \$125 & \$100)

Billy and Marie Griffin have donated \$1000 to be awarded to Champ through 6th place in this Event. Ties will be shot off.

JOHN D. HITER MEMORIAL HANDICAP

Event 6

\$500 SPECIAL PURSE

High Gun - 4th Place (\$200, \$150, \$100 & \$50)

All shooters participating in the John D. Hiter Memorial Handicap are eligible to compete for the special \$500 purse. No additional fee is required. Upon completion of the John D. Hiter Memorial Handicap event, two numbers between 0 and 9 will be drawn. Any shooter's score that ends in either of these two numbers will have the opportunity to shoot off for the special purse at the handicap yardage shot during the event. The shoot-off will consist of ten-target sub-events until the winners have been determined. Shooters must furnish their own shells.

2017 GEORGIA STATE SHOOT TARGET REQUIREMENTS

- 800 registered 16-yard targets combined for the current and previous year or shoot Class B or higher.
- 800 registered handicap targets combined for the current and previous year or shoot 3 yards farther back than the yardage shown on their ATA Average Card; however, no shooter will be penalized beyond the 25-yard line except at the discretion of the Classification Committee.
- 500 registered doubles targets combined for the current and previous year or shoot Class B or higher.

All preliminary targets shot on Thursday, April 27th, may be used to fulfill target requirements to avoid shooting penalty (class or yardage) in subsequent events. **It is the shooter's responsibility to make sure you meet the target minimums to avoid shooting penalty. If targets shot on Thursday are shot as penalty, but gives you the minimum necessary to avoid shooting penalty for the remainder of the tournament, you MUST reclassify on Friday morning.**

Lady I, Lady II, Veteran and Senior Veteran shooters with less than 800 handicap targets in the current and previous year shall be assigned their current yardage or 20 yards, whichever is greater. Sub-Junior classification will be exempt from all minimum target requirements.

COACHING

ATA Rules specify that the only people allowed on the field during a registered shoot are the shoot help, referee/scorers and the shooters themselves. All others must remain well behind the line and not interfere with or attempt to influence the scorer. No coaching or encouragement of shooters on the line is allowed by anyone not properly on the field. No coaching by other squad members. Strictly enforced.

This certifies that South River Gun Club has been authorized to hold a registered trap shoot from April 27 – 30, 2017. ATA official rules will govern the conduct of this tournament. -- ATA Executive Director --

MANAGEMENT

Daily Fees: \$6 (ATA \$3 & GATA \$3)

Shooting will start on time each day. Shooters missing their first 25 targets with their squad may make those up on the practice trap. Shooters missing their first 50 targets with their squad may re-squad for a \$20 re-entry fee.

NO ENTRIES REFUNDED UNLESS EVENT OR SHOOT IS CANCELLED.

Shooters should check their scores after each station sub-event and scores posted to the scoreboard. Scoreboard errors should be reported promptly to the Cashier. Pay-off sheets will be posted for all events except the last day. Management will not be responsible for errors in scores after options have been posted on the scoreboard. Any shooter entitled to receive money won during this shoot agrees that if such money is not received during this tournament, a check may be mailed to the address on the ATA card used for entry. When so mailed, the GATA or Cashier will not be liable for any reason for undelivered checks.

Due to the increased cost of production and postage, the GATA will be mailing only one program to each address within our mail database. There will be additional copies available at the classification desk during our State shoot. An abbreviated program can be printed from www.gatrap.com.

Shoot management reserves the right to reject any entrant and to modify the program at any time during the shoot. In the event of a dispute, members of the GATA Executive Committee will render a binding decision.

No class advancement for Thursday's events. Subsequent wins and ties will move up in class. Shooters earning yardage must have their card punched before shooting in the next handicap event.

It is the shooter's responsibility to insure all shoot fees, options and ATA membership dues are paid before shooting in any sub-event. Failure to do so will result in disqualification for the entire event.

Closing of events will be solely at the discretion of shoot management.

Entries will automatically close for every event except for the singles championship event on Saturday when the last squad for that event takes the firing line. Saturday's event will be limited to 57 squads or equivalent.

Ten program traps and 1 practice trap when available, all with Canterbury Voice Release Systems will be used for the entire program. **Field 11 may be a program trap for Saturday singles only, otherwise it will be used as a practice trap - at management discession.** Orange Dome White Flyer targets will be thrown.

Classification, squadding and practice will be available Wednesday after 2:00 p.m.

\$500 added \$\$ for the combined scores of Events 3 & 4 – to be divided evenly among 5 classes.

Special Thanks To ...

- **Jim Meucci** for providing the Event 12 trophies for Junior Gold, Lady II and Sub-Vet. (Georgia residents only)
- **Chuck Daniel** for providing the Champion's belt buckles for the Championship events. (Georgia residents only)
- **Shamrock Leathers** for providing the ATA HOF Contributor Handicap Award. (Georgia residents only)

2017 GEORGIA STATE SHOOT – Day 1

Thursday, April 27

Starting time: 9:00 a.m.

Combined Daily Fees (ATA & GATA).....\$6

EVENT 1 – RAY GRIMES - PRELIMINARY SINGLES

100 Targets--- 6 Classes

ENTRY\$30

OPTIONS

Lewis Purse, 3 classes divided 50/30/20%\$10

OPEN TROPHIES

Champion, 6 Classes, Lady, Junior, Veteran, Sr. Veteran

EVENT 2 – DR. HAL SIMS MEMORIAL- PRELIMINARY HANDICAP

100 Targets – 4 Yardage Groups

(18-21) (22-23) (24-25) (26-27)

ENTRY\$30

OPTIONS

Lewis Purse, 3 classes divided 50/30/20%\$10

OPEN TROPHIES

Champion, 4 Yardage Groups

ADDED MONEY - \$1000* - See Special Purse Info on Pg. 6.

***Donation by Billy and Marie Griffin**

EVENT 3 – RICHARD GRIFFITH - PRELIMINARY DOUBLES

50 Pair Doubles - 5 Classes

ENTRY\$30

OPTIONS

Lewis Purse, 3 classes divided 50/30/20%\$10

OPEN TROPHIES

Champion, 5 Classes, Lady, Junior, Veteran, Sr. Veteran

EVENT 4 – MR. LEONARD L. EVANS, JR. - MEMORIAL DOUBLES

50 pair Double Event

ENTRY\$30

OPTIONS

Lewis Purse, 3 classes divided 50/30/20%\$10

ADDED MONEY (Must shoot Event 3 and 4 to qualify)

\$500 divided evenly - 5 Classes (AA, A, B, C and D)

Event 4 is not part of HOA, but does add to target count to keep from shooting penalty class.

2017 GEORGIA STATE SHOOT – Day 2

Friday, April 28

Starting time: 9:00 a.m. - Entries close at Noon

Combined Daily Fees (ATA & GATA).....\$6

EVENT 5 - CLASS DOUBLES

50 Pair Double - 5 Classes

ENTRY\$30

OPTIONS

Lewis Purse, 3 classes divided 50/30/20%\$10

OPEN TROPHIES

5 Classes, Lady, Sub-Jr, Junior, Veteran, Sr. Veteran

EVENT 6 – JOHN D. HITER MEMORIAL HANDICAP

**100 Targets – 4 Yardage Groups
(18-21) (22-23) (24-25) (26-27)**

ENTRY\$30

OPTIONS

Lewis Purse, 3 classes divided 50/30/20%\$10

GA HOF Lewis Purse 3 classes divided 50/30/20%.....\$10

OPEN TROPHIES

Champion, 4 yardage groups, Lady, Sub-Jr, Junior, Veteran, Sr. Veteran

ADDED MONEY - \$500* - See Special Purse Info on Pg. 6.

***Special donation by anonymous donors**

Champion\$200

Runner Up.....\$150

Third\$100

Fourth\$50

EVENT 7 - CLASS SINGLES

100 Targets - 6 Classes

ENTRY\$30

OPTIONS

Lewis Purse, 3 classes divided 50/30/20%\$10

OPEN TROPHIES

6 Classes, Lady, Sub-Jr, Junior, Veteran, Sr. Veteran

2017 GEORGIA STATE SHOOT – Day 3

Saturday, April 29

Starting time: 8:00 a.m.

Combined Daily Fees (ATA & GATA).....\$6

EVENT 8 - STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

200 Targets--- 6 Classes

ENTRY\$60

OPTIONS

(Each class shoots for own money)

\$5 each 50 divided 60/40%\$20

\$10 each 100 divided 60/40%\$20

Lewis Purse, 3 classes divided 50/30/20%\$20

ATA HOF Purse 3 classes divided 50/30/20%\$20

GA HOF Purse 3 classes divided 50/30/20%\$15

ATA Gun Club Fund 50%/50%.....\$15

(NOTE: The fee for the ATA & GATA HOF Purse is a tax-deductible donation to the ATA & GATA Hall of Fame.)

**** SPECIAL TWO-MAN TEAM EVENT**

CONCURRENT WITH EVENT 8 - NO CLASSES

Entry per Team, divided 60/40% (\$10.00 each)\$20

RESIDENT ATA TROPHIES

Champion, Runner-up, 6 Classes,

Lady I, Lady II, Sub-Jr, Junior, Jr Gold, Sub-Veteran, Veteran and Sr. Veteran

GEORGIA RESIDENT TROPHIES

** Husband & Wife

NON-RESIDENT TROPHIES

Champion, 6 Classes, Lady I, Lady II, Sub-Jr, Junior, Jr Gold,

Sub-Veteran, Veteran, Sr. Veteran, Husband & Wife

OPEN TROPHY

Chair

HOF ATA TROPHY

ATA HOF Contributor award to high score in the ATA HOF Lewis Purse

ADDED MONEY - \$2,020

Crystal Bolling Scholarship (Hi Lady Junior)\$500

State Champion.....\$200

State Runner-up\$150

State Class & Categories (\$50 each)\$700

NR Champion\$50

NR Classes & Categories (\$30 each).....\$420

2017 GEORGIA STATE SHOOT – Day 4
Sunday, April 30

Starting time: 9:15 a.m.; Entries close at 9:15 a.m.*

***In an effort to complete both Championship Events in a timely manner, it is strongly suggested that shooters squad and cashier for this event prior to Sunday.**

Combined Daily Fees (ATA & GATA).....\$6

EVENT 9 - STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

50 pair Doubles--- 5 classes

ENTRY\$30

OPTIONS

Lewis Purse, 3 classes divided 50/30/20%\$20
 ATA HOF Purse 3 classes divided 50/30/20%.....\$20
 GA HOF Purse 3 classes divided 50/30/20%\$15
 (NOTE: The fee for the ATA & GATA HOF Purse is a tax-deductible donation.)

RESIDENT ATA TROPHIES

Champion, Runner-up and 5 Classes, Lady I, Lady II,
 Sub-Jr, Junior, Jr Gold, Sub-Veteran, Veteran, Sr. Veteran

NON-RESIDENT TROPHIES

Champion, 5 Classes
 Lady I, Sub-Jr, Junior, Veteran, Sr. Veteran

OPEN TROPHIES

Lady II, Sub-Veteran, Jr Gold
 (not eligible for added money)

Added Money - \$1,415

State Champion.....\$200
 Runner-up.....\$125
 State Classes & Categories (\$50 each)\$650
 NR Champion\$50
 NR Classes & Categories (\$30 each).....\$390

Georgia State Singles Championship winners will be reimbursed \$50 for entries and shells by the GATA if they represent Georgia at the 2017 Grand American in the Champion of Champions event.

Georgia State resident Doubles and Handicap Champions will be reimbursed for entries and shells by an anonymous donor if they elect to compete in the Doubles and Handicap Championship events in the 2017 Grand American World Trapshooting Championships.

2017 GEORGIA STATE SHOOT – Day 4 (Cont.)

Sunday, April 30

The first 12 squads reserved for out-of-state shooters.

EVENT 10 - STATE HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP

100 TARGETS

ENTRY\$30

OPTIONS

\$2.50 each 25 divided 60/40%\$10

\$5.00 each 50 divided 60/40%\$10

Jackpot Purse 50/30/20%.....\$20

Special Purse – One Money.....\$1

Lewis Purse, 3 classes divided 50/30/20%\$10

GA HOF Purse 3 classes divided 50/30/20%\$15

ATA HOF Open Purse 3 classes divided 50/30/20%.....\$10

(Note: The fee for the ATA & GATA HOF Purse is a tax-deductible donation.)

RESIDENT ATA TROPHIES

Champion & Runner-up

3RD, 4TH, 5TH & 6TH Places, Lady I, Lady II,

Sub-Veteran, Veteran, Sr. Veteran, Sub-Jr, Junior, Jr Gold

NON-RESIDENT TROPHIES

Champion, 4 Yardage Groups

(18-21) (22-23) (24-25) (26-27)

Lady I, Junior, Sub-Jr, Veteran & Sr. Veteran

OPEN TROPHIES

Lady II, Sub-Veteran, Jr Gold

Added Money - \$1,530

State Champion.....\$250

Runner-up.....\$200

State Third.....\$150

State Fourth.....\$110

State Fifth.....\$80

State Sixth.....\$60

State Lady I, Lady II, Sub-Jr, Junior, Jr Gold, Sub-Vet, Vet, Sr. Vet (\$50 each) ..\$400

NR Champion.....\$80

NR Yardage Groups (4 - \$50 each).....\$200

2017 GEORGIA STATE SHOOT – Day 4 (Cont.)

Sunday, April 30

EVENT 11 - HIGH ALL AROUND TROPHIES

(400 Targets)

ATA GEORGIA RESIDENT TROPHY

Champion

GEORGIA RESIDENT TROPHIES

6 Classes, Lady I, Lady II, Sub-Jr, Junior, Jr. Gold, Sub Veteran, Veteran, Sr. Veteran

NON-RESIDENT TROPHIES

Champion, Lady I, Lady II, Sub-Jr, Junior, Jr. Gold, Sub Veteran, Veteran, Sr. Veteran

EVENT 12 - HIGH OVERALL TROPHIES

(1,000 Targets)

GEORGIA RESIDENT TROPHIES

Champion

AAA, AA, A, B, C, D

Lady I, Lady II, Sub-Jr, Junior, Junior Gold, Sub Veteran, Veteran, Sr. Veteran

NON-RESIDENT TROPHY

Champion

Lady, Sub-Jr, Junior, Veteran, Sr. Veteran

Class trophies determined by shooters singles classification on Thursday.

Added Money - \$1,050

State Champion.....	\$300
State Class Champions.....	\$125

COMBINED TROPHIES

Resident GA-SC Handicap

Based on combined GA-SC Championship Handicap scores.
(Must be a resident of GA or SC to qualify.)

Resident GA-AL Handicap

Based on combined GA-AL Championship Handicap scores.
(Must be a resident of GA or AL to qualify.)

****Trophy Notes**

To be eligible for the Two-Man Team Event and Husband and Wife Awards, you must notify the cashier at the Classification table prior to the event.