



## Todd Kemmerer USA National Shooting Team



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**Andy Livingston** introduced today's speaker, **Todd Kemmerer**. Todd is a member of the USA National Shooting Team. He is an Upper Arlington resident, founder of Capital Equities and is the only member of the team who maintains a full time career outside of shooting.

Popular shooting sports include Skeet, Trap and Sporting Clays.

Skeet features 25 "birds"; Trap features 25 birds and includes oscillating target presentation; Sporting Clays (Todd's specialty) features 100 birds.

Sporting Clays involve moving through a twelve to fifteen station course which features shots which are constantly changing. The objective is to simulate actual hunting situations to the extent possible. Among the shooting sports, Sporting Clays is certainly the most like hunting. Shots can be uphill, downhill and at a variety of different angles and directions. Wind can always be a factor.

Because of the fact that the shooter must move through a course with an ever-changing set of challenges, Todd refers to Sporting Clays as "golf with a gun".

Sporting Clays as a sport was invented in England (where the shotgun was also invented) in the early 1900's. The sport came to the United States in 1985.

There are currently 30 million shooters in the United States. The number is growing 8 to 9% per year. The bulk of the growth is in the Sporting Clays arena.

Trap and Skeet are basically just maintaining their numbers. In Sporting Clays, 70% of the participants are men and 30% are women.

The process of qualifying for the U.S. National team involves multiple qualifying rounds. Each member of the team shoots 25,000 to 35,000 rounds per year to compete and to maintain their skills. There are teams for men, women, juniors and seniors. When Todd was asked to join the team he was counseled that he must believe that he is one of the best shooters in the world. There is an emphasis on maintaining a mental edge and a positive attitude. When in competition, Todd described the necessary mindset as "relaxed but mentally aggressive".

The United States and England are the two dominant countries in Sporting Clays. The U.S. team is one of the most organized and out front of all teams. They present a professional appearance and team members sign contracts outlining proper podium behavior.

Todd recalled a local event where he and OSU coach John Cooper were both participating. Cooper did well – hitting 78 out of 100 targets. Todd did better with 94 out of 100. When someone commented to Todd that, as good as he is, he should have hit all 100 targets coach Cooper told him that around here nine out of ten isn't good enough.

Kemmerer shared slides and background information about international competitions he has participated in in England and in Dubai. In England the event was held at the Churchill Shooting Grounds.

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## GREETERS

### May 10

John Fromkes  
Brent Jackson

### May 17

Brent Martin  
Jim Winfree

### May 24

Bill Kraf  
Brad Britton

## REGISTRATION DESK

### May 10

John Cleland

### May 17

Keith Schneider  
Debbie Johnson

### May 24

John Hansel  
John Adams

## CALENDAR

### May 10

Clay Marsh - WV Health  
System  
Host: Fontana

### May 17

Greg Pugh - CEO Rev 1  
Ventures  
Host: McClain

### May 24

Scott Miller - Historical  
recount of Scioto Country  
Club  
Host: DeCapua

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In Dubai, a Prince organized an event for teams from all over the world. There was a one million dollar purse. Americans finished 1, 2, and 3 in the event. Prize money was distributed to winning individuals in fresh, crisp one hundred dollar bills.

Todd displayed three guns that he has used in competition. The guns are very heavy. The weight helps to absorb recoil which is helpful because of the large number of rounds shot every year. All have 32" barrels and featured a choke at the end of each barrel which can be used to adjust the shot pattern.

The real fun of sporting clays (and shooting in general) to Todd is turning his passion for shooting into help for worthy causes and charitable contributions. An annual event in Kentucky has raised over \$6.5 million over 16 years for Boomer Esiason Cystic Fibrosis. Here in Central Ohio, The Kids 'N Clay event, in its 12th year, has raised over \$1 million for Ronald McDonald House.

## The Meeting

President **Bill Cloyd** asked **Glen Dugger** to offer the Invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **John Hansel** announced **Scott Robertson** who introduced his guest **Laura Clevenger**. Laura is a Rotarian with the Dublin/Worthington club.

The members in attendance today thanked **Dave Dewey** for his effort and leadership in planning and presenting the 2016 Fundraiser. Dave, in turn, expressed his gratitude to the planning committee. He asked **Herb Gillen**, **Chris Reinhardt**, **Bill Kraft** and **Bill Mielke** to stand and be recognized for their contributions to the cause.

Dave also reported some preliminary financial results for the Fundraiser. The initial net results are as follows:

Raffle:	\$4,000
Auctions:	\$29,520
Sponsorships:	\$9,000

When other proceeds are factored in the estimated total at this point is about \$48,520. Final results will be reported as soon as possible.

President Cloyd announced that, with the re-launch of the website and the update of the club's email database, future requests for club-wide email should be sent to **Jerry Woessner**.

We will be back at Scioto Country Club for the May 10, 17 and 24 meetings. We will meet at the Schmidt's Reception facility on May 31.

## Notes and Announcements

**John Huneck** announced that we will have a full crew of Rotarians on hand to help out at the May 4 YWCA Family Center dinner service.

**Linda Cummins** announced that there will be a Rotary Roundtable on Tuesday, May 10. The program begins at 10:00 AM and will feature **Brad Frick** discussing Electronic Eavesdropping in the 21st Century.

**Bill Mielke** reminded us of the Community Service Committee's effort to collect household cleaning items for the Homeless Families Foundation. A list of supplies needed to prepare home cleaning kits for residents placed in new apartments was provided at each table. Collection boxes for the items will be placed at the May 10 and 17 meetings. He thanked those who contributed items at today's meeting.

**Andy Livingston** followed up on today's program by asking members to consider supporting the "Kids 'N Clay" event which will take place the last weekend of September. The shooting event features teams of five shooters ranging from novices to experts – with one professional on each team. The event provides support for the Ronald McDonald House. Let Andy know if you are interested