



## SES Sporting Clays Tournament

Our Sporting Clays Tournament will be held on:

- Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 PM
- Bay County Shooting Range
- 10900 Steel Field Rd, Panama City Beach, FL, 32413
- Telephone: (850) 233-5004.

This is an excellent facility with multiple stations for shooting enthusiasts with any level of experience. More information on the facility can be found at: <https://myfwc.com/hunting/safety-education/shooting-ranges/bay/>

Please note the range is (25) miles from the hotel and driving time is approximately 40 minutes each way. Please plan accordingly. No transportation is included. We will rideshare where possible.

### **Background:**

Sporting Clays emulates hunting using clay targets instead of live game. Clay targets can be thrown to simulate the flight patterns of low-flying ducks, teal coming off the water, or woodcock zipping through the trees. They can even replicate the pattern of a hopping rabbit.

The game is comparable to golf in two ways. 1) Just as a golfer goes from hole to hole, a Sporting Clays shooter goes from one station on the course to another. At each station, the shooter encounters a different kind of shot which mirrors the wild game of the area. 2) The layout and design of the Sporting Clays grounds depends on the natural habitat and terrain of the area, providing each course with its own challenges and character. Sporting Clays takes shooting one step farther than its cousin shooting sports, Skeet and Trap, by removing the predictability of the clay's path and offering the shooter variety that changes at each station. This makes the sport challenging enough to be stimulating, but it is not so difficult that it becomes discouraging. A shooter does not need to have a brilliant score to get a terrific amount of satisfaction. Perfect scores are extremely rare. Upon the shooter's call, targets are released and can be thrown as single targets, simultaneous pairs, or report pairs where the second target is launched upon the report of the shot at the first target.

Registration fees of \$75.00 per shooter will include (50) targets, ammunition, gun rental, range assistance, scorecards, cart rental, and water/non-alcoholic beverages. PPE is required and is

available for purchase at the range (if needed) as follows: \$1.00 for ear plugs and \$7.50 for safety glasses. Shotgun rental for the event is limited to (20) participants renting, so if you have a favorite boom stick, you may want to bring it along, this will allow us to add additional shooters. If you are bringing your own shotgun please send Tommy an email ([leachtd@oge.com](mailto:leachtd@oge.com)) so teams may be coordinated. Last year, we had almost (40) participants.

**Format:** Four-person teams; four-person scramble; team starting positions will be assigned upon arrival.

- Teams will be setup based upon entrants' shooting experience. Teams will include experienced shooters as well as novice level participants.
- Each team may throw one pair of targets at each station as "show birds" before the first shooter begins.
- Shooters in a team with rotating starting positions (the first shooter at the first station will shoot second at the next station, etc.).
- Targets will be presented in a mix of individuals, report pairs and true pairs. The range coach at each station will inform shooters and launch targets accordingly.
- Teams will be determined by Hospitality Management Services and finalized by Tommy Leach. No appeals will be allowed.
- The team with the highest number of clay targets broken will be 1st place. In the event of a tie the team with the highest individual score will be determined as the winner.
- The official scores will be kept by each team. Score sheets must be turned in to Tommy at the end of the round.

Registration fees are due by March 6, 2023. **Last minute sign ups cause some unnecessary scrambling with the site in preparation. Please sign up by March 6th. Sorry, no credit cards for this event. Cash or check only.**

**Additional Rules:**

- Observe all club safety rules at all times.
- All shooters must wear hearing and eye protection. A mandatory safety briefing will be held prior to the event.
- No alcohol is allowed on the range.
- Shooters may only load a shotgun after taking position in the booth with the muzzle pointed down range.
- Shotguns are to be carried between stations with action open, and muzzles pointed in a safe direction, per club rules.
- Each shooter in a team will attempt each target.

**Sporting Clays Tournament Entry Form**

**Monday, April 3rd, 2023**

**1:00PM**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Shooting Level Experience (please check one):**

- Experienced clay shooter or bird hunter
- Occasional Shooter
- Inexperienced Shooter / Novice

**Mail your check (sorry, no credit cards) for \$75 to:**

c/o Antoinette Chartier  
SSSAAP  
6508 Camino Carreta  
Carpinteria, CA 93013

**A 48-hour cancellation policy is effective.**

**Mobile phone#:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature**

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**Print Name**