



2012 California Clay Busters Rules



1. STARTING YARDAGE OR CLASS:

Handicap: January starting yardage will be that determined as a result of the December review and will be used for the year end awards.

Doubles: January starting class will be the average of last year's seven highest scores. See chart below.

New Member: Starting handicap yardage and doubles class shall be based on known ability or ATA or PITA average. Shortest handicap yardage is 19 yards for juniors and women, and 21 yards for men. Starting doubles class is C, if ability is unknown.

- A. Night Handicap shoots will be 50 targets.
- B. Day Handicap shoots will be 100 targets.
- C. Day Doubles shoots will be 50 targets (25 pairs).

2. YARDAGE GROUPS AND DOUBLES CLASSES:

Handicap:	Short Yardage	19-21 yards
	Mid Yardage	22-24 yards
	Long Yardage	25-27 yards

Doubles: (out of 50 targets)	AA class - 92% and higher	46 through 50
	A class - 82% and under 91%	41 through 45
	B class - 72% and under 81%	36 through 40
	C class - 0% and under 71%	0 through 35

3. MINIMUM NUMBER OF SHOOTERS FOR AN AWARD:

- A. No minimum in handicap groups or doubles classes shall be required to receive an award.
- B. Only one award per shooter, per each event. Multiple awards are possible for multiple events. Day Handicap, Night Handicap, and Doubles are separate events.

Example: Champion over the class or yardage group, class or yardage group over specials (i.e. High Lady, Junior, Vet), High Lady over Junior.

The DAL award is reserved for the shooter with the lowest score who did not qualify for any other award and who has not yet received one for the event (Day Shoot or Night Shoot) during the calendar year.



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4. EVENT AWARDS

Awards shall be given in the following categories at the conclusion of a scheduled shoot:

A. Day Shoot

- 1) Handicap Overall Champion
- 2) Yardage Champion for Short, Mid and, Long, yardage classes
- 3) High Lady
- 4) High Junior
- 5) High Veteran
- 6) Doubles Class Champions for AA, A, B and, C, classes
- 7) Mike Klein D.A.L. award

B. Night Shoot

- 1) Handicap Overall Champion
- 2) Yardage Champion for Short, Mid, and Long, yardage classes
- 3) High Lady
- 4) High Junior
- 5) High Veteran
- 6) Mike Klein D.A.L. award

5. ADVANCES FOR EVENT WINNERS:

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| A. Handicap Champion: | Receives 1 yard increase |
| B. Yardage Champion: | Receives ½ yard increase |
| C. Doubles Class Champion: | Advances to the next higher class |

6. SHOOTS AND YEAR END REQUIREMENTS:

A. Club shoots are scheduled as follows:

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| DAY SHOTS | Twelve (12) Shoots - | Seven highest scores used |
| NIGHT SHOTS | Twelve (12) Shoots - | Eight highest scores used |
| DOUBLES | Twelve (12) Shoots - | Seven highest scores used |



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B. MAKE-UP SHOOTS:

- 1) Day, Night, and Doubles shoots can only be made up at a similar shoot; i.e. night make-up at a night shoot. Only one make-up of a kind allowed per shoot. Remaining make-ups may be carried over to another shoot of that type (day or night). The maximum number of make-up shoots allowed is two per type.
- 2) Special consideration for make-ups above the two make-up limit necessitated by conditions out of the shooter's control such as business travel, illness, etc. will be allowed at the discretion of the President and the Handicapper. However make-ups may not be shot for events that occurred prior to the beginning of your membership.
- 3) Make-ups must sign up at least ½ hour before the scheduled shoot time to be eligible.

C. SHOOTOFFS - all shoot offs will take place after the last scheduled event:

- 1) Handicap: 1st round - 2 targets per station. 2nd round - move back 1 yard. Each shooter shoots from the same station in a sudden death shoot off. *In the event that (1) or more shooter(s) start at or reach the 27 yard line making it impossible for them to move back 1 yard, all shooters will continue from the yardage that they have reached; i.e. 24 and 26 move back 1 yard to 25 and 27 - they would finish shooting off from the 25 and 27 yard lines.
- 2) Doubles, Lady, Junior, & Veteran: Decided by the run - first from the back (last target backwards) then from the front (first target forward). If both runs are tied, then a sudden death shoot off shall be used to determine the winner.

"Sudden Death" - All shooters shoot one shot (one pair in doubles) from the same station in rotation. The shooter(s) with the highest score(s) advances to the next station. The rest are out. This continues until only one shooter, the winner, remains.

7. SCORE REVIEWS:

- A. Quarterly:** Scores will be reviewed at the end of March, June, September, and December. Shooters must have a minimum of three shoots per quarter for a Handicap review, and two shoots per quarter for Doubles review.
- B. Handicap:** An 85% or lower average will result in a 1 yard reduction. Maximum reduction: to 19 yards. Yardage advances will only result from a win, not from a score review unless requested by Shooter and approved by Handicapper. There shall be no more than one decrease or requested increase per quarter.
- C. Doubles:** A shooter's class reduction will be adjusted based on a review of the average score for that quarter (see Section 2). Class advances will only result from a win, not from a score review. There shall be no more than one decrease per quarter.
- D. Year End:** Any shooter that earns a **"Year End Champion"** award shall not be awarded a yardage reduction as a result of the December scoring review.
- E.** All advance and reduction decisions will be the responsibility of the duly elected Handicapper or President.



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- F.** The following rules shall apply for the determination of the monthly Mike Klein D.A.L. award:
- 1) A person can only win one day and one night D.A.L. award (2 total) during the calendar year.
 - 2) A person must have at least three previous shoots to qualify for a D.A.L. award. Shoots may be carried forward from the previous year for this purpose.
 - 3) Junior shooters are not eligible for the D.A.L. award unless shooting from the 25 yard line or further back.

8. 2011 YEAR END AWARDS:

A. HANDICAP CHAMPION CATEGORIES:

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Total score of the best 7 day shoots and the best 8 night shoots. The winner of this award cannot receive any other awards, except for Doubles.

NIGHT CHAMPIONS - Highest total score for best 8 night shoots.:

OVERALL CHAMPION
SHORT YARDAGE (19-21)
MID YARDAGE (22-24)
LONG YARDAGE (25-27)
HIGH LADY
HIGH JUNIOR
HIGH VET

DAY CHAMPIONS - Highest total score for best 7 day shoots.:

OVERALL CHAMPION
SHORT YARDAGE (19-21)
MID YARDAGE (22-24)
LONG YARDAGE (25-27)
HIGH LADY
HIGH JUNIOR
HIGH VET

MIKE KLEIN D.A.L.: Awarded to a D.A.L winner who has won both the night and day awards, and who has the lowest combined score for both awards.

B. YEAR END REVIEW The winner of the Year End Champion, Overall Day or Night Handicap, Handicap Yardage or Doubles Class award is not eligible for a January reduction in handicap yardage or doubles class as a result of the Q4 review..



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B. DOUBLES CHAMPION CLASSES:

The year-end winners and classes will be determined from the total of each shooter's top seven scores for the year. A minimum of seven shoots are required. Seven shoots of 50 targets gives a possible score of 350. If no shooter achieves the minimum percentage to win a year end award in a class, that shooter with the highest percentage will win the award for that class..

Class	Scores	Percentage	Requirement
AA	322 through 350	92% and up	Highest score wins
A	287 through 321	82% to 91%	Highest score wins
B	252 through 286	72% to 81%	Highest score wins
C	0 through 251	0% to 71%	Highest score wins

C. MOST IMPROVED HANDICAP AWARD:

This will be awarded on the basis of the greatest number of yards advanced during the calendar year. A minimum of 8 combined day and night handicap shoots is required to be eligible.

~ ~ ~ ALL TIES WILL RECEIVE AN AWARD ~ ~ ~

9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Each Clay-Busters director shall receive a service award to be given at the end of his or her service, for the calendar year. Elected Officers and Appointed Officers will receive a free membership for their year of service.

10. JUNIORS

A shooter who is under the age of 18 on the day of a shoot, is eligible for the Junior award. The shooter is responsible for clearly indicating this classification on their sign-up sheet. Only shooters who have not reached the age of 18 by July 1st, shall be eligible for the year-end Junior award.

11. VETERANS

A shooter who is 65 years of age or older on the day of a shoot, is eligible for the Veteran award. The shooter is responsible for clearly indicating this classification on their sign-up sheet. Only shooters who have reached the age of 65 (or older) by July 1st, shall be eligible for the year-end Veteran award.

12. MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues are \$40. The dues entitle membership to the Clay-Busters for one calendar year from January 1 through December 31. Members who join July 1st or later in the year will be charge \$20 and will not be eligible for year-end awards; they will be eligible for individual monthly event awards. A member is defined as the person paying the dues and his/her immediate family. The immediate family is limited to the spouse, parents, children, and grandparents. Other relatives such as nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins are not considered immediate family and must pay separate dues to obtain membership. Only family members who will participate in shooting events, need to be indicated on the membership form.



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Membership may be revoked at any time at the discretion of the Executive Board of Directors of the Clay-Busters. If membership is revoked for cause, the dues are not refundable at the discretion of the President. If a member must cancel membership for any reason beyond his or her control, such as a job-related move, or health reasons, the member may be eligible for a complete or partial refund of the dues, at the discretion of the President of the Clay-Busters.

13. AMMUNITION

Ammunition used at all Clay-Buster events must meet the following specifications:

7½-9 lead shot -- 1-1/8 oz. 1290 fps, 1 oz. 1325 fps, 7/8 oz. 1350 fps. Any violation will result in a forfeit for all events entered that day; Shooter will be given a zero for each event and entry fees will not be refunded regardless of whether or not they have shot the event at the time the violation is discovered.

14. SAFETY FIRST!

Eye and ear protection **MUST BE WORN BY ALL INDIVIDUALS** participating in Clay-Buster shooting events. Repeated failure to follow this rule will result in an executive board hearing and may be cause for revocation of membership.

15. SQUAD SHEETS

Dead birds and losses must be marked according to the instructions at the top of the squad sheet. It is your responsibility to make sure your score is correct **BEFORE** you move to the next post. If there is a wrong count, you must ask to have it corrected **BEFORE** you move to the next post -- no exceptions. Make sure you know your count and listen for it to be called when you are moving, or look at the sheet at the time you are changing posts -- you may not change it after that time. If the Puller is not calling loud enough, make sure you let him know to call the scores louder. Remember -- there are no changes to the score after you have shot your round of 25 targets. After the round, once everyone agrees with their score, the Squad Leader must initial the sheet. There will be no alterations or changes to the score, except if the total score is added incorrectly. If there is a problem with a score and you can't resolve it, do not leave the field -- request to have the Clay-Buster President (or Vice President if President is not at the shoot) come to the field to resolve the problem. If you make any changes without the President's approval, you can be disqualified. **REMEMBER** -- it is the Shooter's responsibility to know his/her correct score.