



Sporting Sentinel

"Tips & Tales of the Wing & Clay Variety"



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Greetings!

Abraham Lincoln once said, "I don't think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday". As one more means of imparting the expensive and time consuming lessons I've learned (and continue to learn), I offer this inaugural issue of my monthly shooting tips.

Each month you will receive tips, product recommendations, discounts and links to other useful information for the wing and clay shooter.

Feel free to forward this along to your shooting buddies with my compliments. Constructive [E-mail feedback](#) and content suggestions are always appreciated. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER, simply click on the "SafeUnsubscribe" link at the bottom of this page and you will be regrettably removed.

NEWS FLASH !

Don is once again offering lessons, clinics and gun fittings at some of Florida's finest gun clubs over the holidays. Book Now by sending us an [e-mail](#) or calling us at (407) 697-6236.

This Month's Shooting Tips:

Clay Shooting TIP Focusing Small



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Lessons & Fittings

December Dates:

*14th (SAT)
Tampa Bay Sporting Clays
(Some time slots still available)

*20st-21nd (FRI-SAT)
@ Quail Creek Plantation
(Okeechobee, FL)

*23rd (MON)
@ Tenoroc
(Lakeland, FL)

*27th - 28th (FRI-SAT)
@ Amelia Shotgun Sports
(Amelia Is./Jacksonville)

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Other dates: Call for availability

Book a lesson or gun fitting now

Whether you are a competitor, recreational shooter or wingshooter, I will help you propel your shooting performance to the next level. [BOOK NOW!](#)

Buy Don's #1 DVD

What's the best way to get your hands and gun to move to and break a clay target? Sharp visual focus. Just like a batter tries to "look at the threads" as the baseball hurls towards home plate at 90+ mph, so too must the shooter focus on detail on the target. During your pre-shot planning, determine the correct focal point of the target at the instant it arrives at the break point.

For a trap or quartering target, the focal point is the back of the target. For a crosser, its the leading edge. On a right-to-left chondell just past the peak of the arc, perhaps the focal point is 8 o'clock. Whatever it may be, focusing on a PIECE of the target rather than the WHOLE target will send more precise targeting information to the brain and result in more accurate gun/target synchronization. Focusing on the WHOLE target will activate your peripheral vision, tempt you to look at the barrel-target relationship and likely result in a loss of gun speed and a miss behind.

If you "aim small", or focus on a piece of the target about the size of a dime, it will help prevent your focus from diffusing or going soft.

For more info, see "[FOCUS](#)", Part 1 of the Focus-Movement-Faith Series.

Wingshooting TIP

In wingshooting, "focusing small" translates into "seeing tail feathers" on a going-away flushing bird or "seeing the beak" on an incoming duck or dove. At the precise moment that we activate the trigger on our shotgun, the intensity of our visual focus should have reached a crescendo, with no conscious perception of the barrel-target relationship. When our awareness of the barrel goes from sub-conscious to conscious, that's when the bird will live another day.

I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter. Until next month.....

Good shooting!



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"Focus Movement Faith" has been the highest rated and reviewed sporting clays DVD on Amazon for over a year.

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