



Sporting Sentinel

"Tips & Tales of the Wing & Clay Variety"

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Greetings!

This month, with Thanksgiving upon us, I find myself giving thanks for my faith, my family, my friends and the fact that my profession also happens to be my passion. I'm very grateful indeed. I'm similarly grateful for our God-given ability to point a shotgun at a moving target and turn it to dust. In keeping with the reflective atmosphere of the holidays, I thought it appropriate to harken back to the timeless truths of shotgunning...Robert Churchill's theory of forward allowance (or "lead"). Much maligned and frequently misunderstood, Churchill's principles of shotgunning are no less true today than they were 90 years ago.

NEWS ITEMS !

> **Don is back at Sarasota Gun Club!**

Group and private lessons as well as gun fittings
- Dec 12 - 13.

> **Teaching locations for Dec and Jan**

-Sarasota Gun Club (Dec 12-13)
-Etowah Valley Sprng Clays (Dawsonville, GA)
-Fox Hall Resort & Spa (Douglasville, GA)
-Tampa Bay Sporting Clays
-Burge Plantation (Mansfield, GA) (tentative)
-Bradford Sportsman's Farm (Graham, FL)
...and of course SO FLORIDA SHOOTING CLUB
*For details, see right panel of this newsletter.

> **NSCA Level I / II Course in Georgia!**

At Foxhall resort in Douglasville, GA on Jan 16-18.

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Lessons & Fittings December / January: **MOST OTHER DATES ARE OPEN!**

SOUTH FLORIDA SHOOTING CLUB (Home Club)
BRADFORD *TAMPA BAY SC*
OK CORRAL GUN CLUB
LIVE OAKS *SARASOTA*
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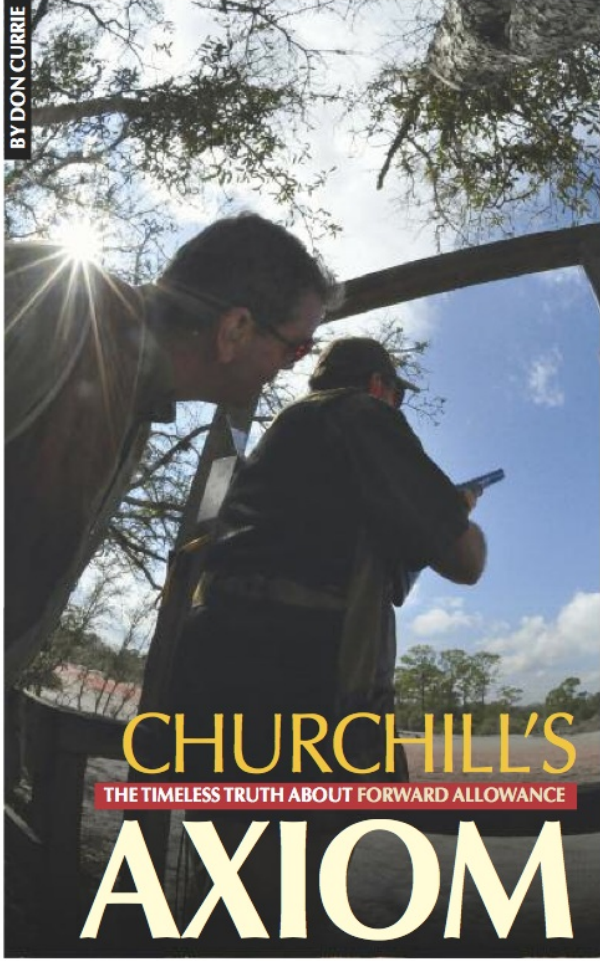
*Nov 27 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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*Nov 28-30 (Fri-Sun): Lessons
@ South Florida Shooting Club, FL

*Dec 3 (Wed-Thurs):
Lessons @ Bradford Sprtmn. Farm

*Dec 4-6 (Thurs-Sat): Lessons
@ South Florida Shooting Club, FL
(one slot available on Friday)

BY DON CURRIE



The secret to good shotgunning was written almost a century ago. While we may find a different way to say the same thing, the principles articulated by Robert Churchill almost 100 years ago have not changed. Yes, the trap technology we have today enables targets setters to serve up target presentations that scantily resemble any known winged animal. These curling and transitioning buggers require some change in technique but the fundamentals are the same. The principles that Robert Churchill first chronicled 90 years ago are no less true today than they were then. So why do some cling to the fantasy of a "lead system" or some other "silver bullet" that we can rely on to break more targets? Wing and clay shooting has always been, and will always be, about pointing our shotgun at the target and the *subconscious* calculation of lead based on visual stimuli. (A batter in baseball doesn't look at the bat!) *The top shot in clay shooting does not beat his opponent with superior ability to consciously calculate lead, but rather with a superior trust in his "visuo-motor system" to put the gun in the right place.*

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

- *Dec 10-11 (Wed-Thurs): Clinics & Lessons @ Tampa Bay SC (Land 'o Lakes, FL)
- *Dec 12-13 (Fri-Sat): Lessons @ Sarasota Gun Club
- *Dec 18-20 (Thurs-Sat): Lessons @ South Florida Shooting Club, FL
- *Dec 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS! & Happy Holidays!
- *Jan 2-4 (Fri-Sun): Lessons @ South Florida Shooting Club, FL
- *Jan 8-10 (Thurs-Sat): Lessons @ South Florida Shooting Club, FL
- *Jan 13-15 (Tues-Thurs): Lessons @ Burge Plantation (Mansfield, GA)
- *Jan 16-18 (Fri-Sun): NSCA Level I/II Instructor Course @ Fox Hall (Douglasville, GA)
- *Jan 22-24 (Thurs-Sat): Lessons @ South Florida Shooting Club, FL
- *Jan 28-29 (Wed-Thurs): Lessons in San Antonio, TX
- *Jan 30-31: NSCA Annual Meeting (San Antonio, TX)

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All other dates: TBD - Call for availability.

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