

Welcome to the XCP Hotshots Clay Target Team Page.



Last Year's XCP Hotshots Clay Target Team 2020-21

Who we are?

- We are the only High School female clay target shooting team in Arizona and one of a few in the country.
- We are a part of the [Scholastic Clay Target Program \(SCTP\)](#).
- We practice at the [Ben Avery Clay Target Center](#).

Who we are?

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- Founded in 2012 by six charter members, XCP Hotshots was established as a club to promote women in sports.
- In 2017, our status changed from a club to a team, making all athletes eligible to receive JV and Varsity letters.
- Surprisingly, many of our girls have never shot clay targets until they joined XCP Hotshots!
- Gun safety and proper care of firearms training is required and taught by our certified coaches.

Who we are?

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- Each year we participate in several shooting events around the Valley and in Tucson
- Many of our team members qualify to participate in the National Championship competition in Ohio.
- Our practices are Sundays from 3:30-5:30 at Ben Avery Clay Target Center.

Why Join the XCP Hotshots Clay Target Team?

- Unique sport
- Outside activity with friends
- Only competitive high school girls shooting team in Arizona
- Promotes leadership, sportsmanship, self-discipline, and self-reliance
- Learn something new

What is Clay Target Shooting?

There are three primary Clay Target Shooting **disciplines** that the XCP Hotshots focus on.

- Trap
- Skeet
- Sporting Clays

Trap Shooting

The Trap Shooting Field



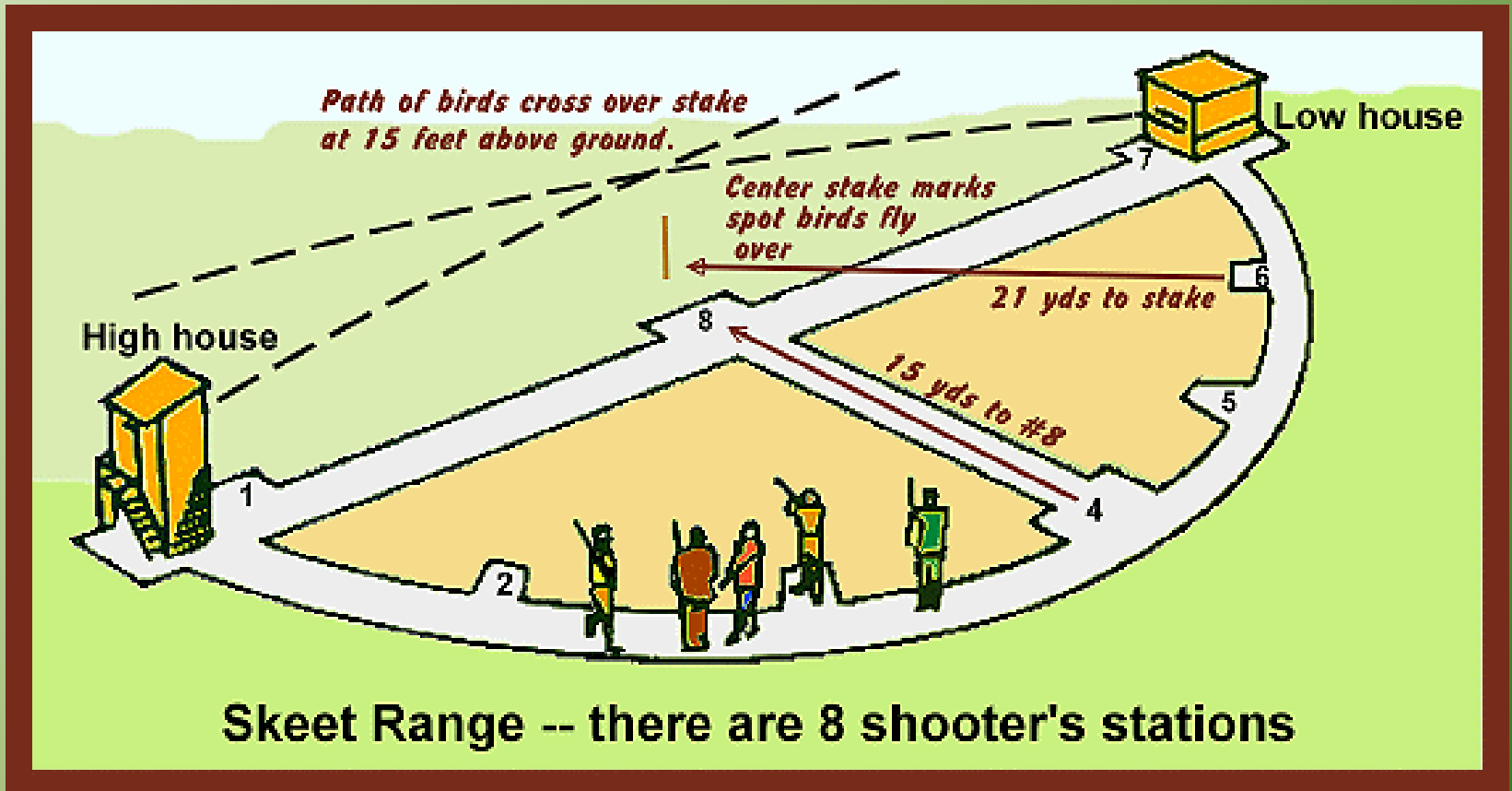
Time Magazine
High School Shooting Teams Are Getting Popular in the U.S. | Time

Trap Shooting

- **Trap** is on a trap course with 5 shooters breaking targets launched from a single trap house.
- The clays are going-away from the shooter and alternating from various positions, making each shot slightly different.
- The line of shooters takes 5 shots from each of the 5 stations, which are in a small arc positioned 3' feet apart, with station 1 shooting first and station 5 shooting last.
- Only one shot is allowed at each clay, so single barrel guns are often employed.
- Trap is the oldest of the three shooting disciplines.
- [Trap Shooting Video](#)

Skeet Shooting

The Skeet Shooting Field



Skeet Shooting

- Skeet is a shooting sport with a specific layout on a Skeet field.
- The field incorporates a high house and a low house at either end of a semi-circle. The center of the field is 63 feet from each house.
- Beginning beside the high house (Station 1), shooters move through 7 Stations around the semicircle, shooting an established combination of shots at each station.
- Station 8 is placed between the high house and the low house, and the final shots require the shooter to break a target from each.
- One round of Skeet is 25 targets. Competition events consist of 4 rounds or 100 targets.
- [Skeet Shooting Video](#)

Sporting Clays

Sporting Clays Shooting Field



*Canyon River Ranch
CanyonRiver.net*



*by Daniel Freel,
New Jersey Herald*



*Coyote Valley Sporting Clays
CoyoteClays.com*

Sporting Clays

- Sporting Clays has shooters see target presentations reminiscent of real hunting situations.
- Shooters follow a course in a field with typically 10-15 stations.
- The targets at each station are thrown in combinations of singles, report pairs, and/or true pairs.
- The shooter must hit each target for a point.
- Typically, the shooter will shoot 100 rounds in Sporting Clay events.
- [Sporting Clays Video](#)