

Cleaning Competitors' Guns with QMaxx Saves the ACUI Collegiate Clay Targets Program \$1000s



When it comes to autoloader shotguns, Russ Arnold, Executive Director of Shooting Sports Consulting says, “Don’t just clean it, clean it right. And clean it with QMaxx.”

As the coordinator for the Association of College Unions International ([ACUI Collegiate Clay Targets program](#)), Arnold knows what he’s talking about. He also has the empirical evidence to support his admonition. Using QMaxx Black Diamond gun oil is saving the Clay Targets program between \$2,000 and \$3,000 annually at the ACUI Collegiate Championships.

QMaxx Improves Autoloader Cycling

The ACUI Collegiate Clay Targets program has a venerable 48-year history as an inter-collegiate shotgun sports shooting program. The 2016 annual Collegiate Clay Target Championships in San Antonio, Texas, hosted 696 competitors from 80 colleges and universities—from many of the largest and most prestigious institutions to small private colleges.

The ACUI Collegiate Championships differ from national championships because ACUI supplies competitors with the competition ammunition and all shooters are required to shoot the ammunition that is supplied. It's a significant financial outlay given that they pull more than 250,000 White Flyer clay targets for the six events and buy more than 1500 of flats of shells from Winchester, Federal, Rio Ammunition, Fiocchi, and Browning.

While these are all good suppliers of moderately priced ammunition, inevitably some shooters will complain that the supplied shells won't cycle through their autoloaders. "Each year," Arnold explains, "we purchased additional premium shells on site at the National Shooting Complex to the tune of an additional \$1,500 to \$2,000. We are buying shells to replace shells we have already purchased. Something had to change."



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That's when Arnold turned to QMaxx. "We've been using and supporting QMaxx ever since they introduced the BLU and Black Diamond gun oils. And gunsmith Dennis Wynn has been at our Championships for several years cleaning guns, demonstrating QMaxx and teaching our young shooters how to clean and care for their guns." Arnold decided that before handing out expensive premium shells, he'd send shooters to Wynn for a free gun cleaning with QMaxx and a quick check up.

The results are dramatic. "In the three years, we've been doing this, I have not had to replace even one box of shells," says Arnold. "To go from \$1,500 to \$2,000 in replacement shells to zero...that's a big story."

QMaxx is All You Need

Shooters swear they clean their guns the night before, but unless they use QMaxx to remove carbon and lubricate the autoloader they're going to have problems. Arnold recommends Black Diamond for autoloading shotguns: "You get more carbon with an autoloader because the gas that comes back into the gun and makes the gun cycle is full of carbon and residue. When the piston and spring gum up, the gun will stop cycling."

QMaxx does more than clean and protect guns, and Arnold is always looking for new applications, and that includes trailers, motorcycles and any mechanical device that need lubrication and rust and corrosion protection. "When there's a problem, I pick up a bottle or can of QMaxx. There's no need to have anything else."