

An impressionist landscape painting featuring a body of water in the foreground, a bridge with several arches in the middle ground, and a dense forest of trees in shades of green and brown in the background. The brushwork is visible and textured, with a focus on light and color.

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Reynolds Lake Oconee

## American Hot Shots

Sporting clays courses across the country are one-upping each other with more stations, new technology, and more interesting surrounds to enhance the game and better trick your instincts into thinking you're taking aim at the real thing.

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## NEW ENGLAND JOURNEY

Once a members-only shooting club, Rhode Island's **Preserve Sporting Club & Residences** has opened its gates to the public, expanding its footprint to 3,500 acres; lengthening its list of outdoor activities; building out its portfolio of suites, cottages, and standalone homes; and benefiting from governance by Ocean House Management. Conceptualized by Paul Mihailides, a real estate developer who grew up hunting and also shooting clays, the Preserve is home to a sporting clays course defined by more than 150 elevation changes and 19 shooting stations, each one equipped with six throwers. That isn't overkill; instead, the multitude of throwers allows the course to easily adapt to any shooter's skill level. The property also features a 12-station compact clays course, where manicured shooting stations are strategically placed among tall-grass fields. Yet, the crown jewel is the 10-station five stand, a regal covered and heated shooting stand that resembles a rustic hunting lodge and operates year-round, challenging shooters with more than 300 target presentations. The club's affiliation with Ocean House Management has created a reciprocity program with the nearby Ocean House resort, allowing beachgoers a day trip to shoot clays (and vice versa). The club's two private helipads enhance its accessibility for outdoors enthusiasts commuting from New York City and Boston. [preservesportingclub.com](http://preservesportingclub.com) ♦