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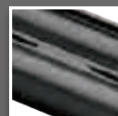
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800 targets over a three day weekend

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1000 targets over four days in New York this year



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2024 AIM Grand

//// by karla harrison

Smoke from Canadian wildfires drifted as far south as Sparta, Illinois to create a hazy start for the 2024 Grand National Youth Trapshooting Championships, held July 25-29. Nearly 1700 young shooters from 32 different states arrived in hopes of setting the World Shooting and Recreational Complex on fire.

AIM representing "Academics, Integrity and Marksmanship" is the official youth program of the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA). Throughout the year, shooters ages 22 and under compete at their local, state, and zone levels in anticipation of the national youth tournament. Whether shooting as an individual, on a school/collegiate team, 4-H team, FFA team, State Conservation

team, or the USA Clay Target League, everyone has an opportunity to earn ATA All-American points, to apply for numerous scholarships to continue their education and to come together for the friendship and fun that shooting sports offer.

ATA staffer, Liz Lloyd has continued to serve as the AIM National Coordinator in preparation for the annual tournament. Skeet and Sporting Clays competition began early on Thursday and concluded on Friday under the direction of Royce Graff and Amber Swartz, experienced event managers coming from the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio, Texas. Trap Singles, Handicap and Doubles events were under the supervision of the ATA.

|Skeet and Sporting Clays HIGH OVER ALL PRESENTED BY BROWNING

Combining 200 Sporting Clays targets with 100 Skeet targets, Drury University shotgunner, Hayden Sanson was the High-Over-All champion with his score of 293/300. The current pre-med student began his shooting career in the typical way, at age 9 he first picked up a gun and was soon a part of a local youth team in his hometown of Auburn, IL. This was his first ever national championship victory.

AIM categories differ slightly from ATA trapshooting in that shooters age 11 and under are classified as a Pre-Sub. Linden Rynders, of Greenfield, IL was the Pre-Sub high-over-all champ,



breaking 268/300. In addition, he took home a champion's trophy from the Doubles Pre-Sub Class A.

Noah Miller was the Sub Junior HOA champion with a score of 284/300. Recognized as the Junior high-over-all winner was Taylor Sims, posting 291/300. Turning in a score of 291/300

was Brady Cox, Junior Gold champion. Chole Anderson turned in a top score of 282/300 to put her name on the High Over All Lady trophy.

SPORTING CLAYS PRESENTED BY BROWNING

Golf carts loaded with guns and gear moved in a steady stream along the Sporting Clays courses. Squads of 4 competitors posted scores out of 100 on Thursday and added a second hundred to their total on Friday. Event champion, runner-up and third topped the trophy list, followed by 44 awards that were earned by young gunners in five categories. Each category presented awards to the top 10 scores.

Winning squads in each category received individual medals and a championship trophy.

Junior shooter Cory Walker, arriving from Live Oak, CA, bested all others on the Sporting Clays course to become event champion with a score of 195/200. Junior Gold shooter Brady Cox was



Hayden Sanson

just one target off the pace, taking event runner-up. Hayden Sanson broke 193/200 to capture event third. Sporting category runners-up included: Pre-Sub Brock McMahan (170/200); Sub Junior Abelin Benavides (190/200); Junior Hunter Alver (191/200); and Junior Gold Clay Laughlin (191/200).



Skeet & Sporting Clays High Over All

HOA	Hayden Sanson	293
Pre Sub	Linden Rynders	268
Sub Jr	Noah Miller	284
Junior	Taylor Sims	291
Jr Gold	Brady Cox	291
Lady	Chole Anderson	282

AIM Sporting Clays Championship

Champion	Cory Walker	195
RU	Brady Cox	194
3rd	Hayden Sanson	193
Pre Sub	Linden Rynders	179
Sub Jr	Noah Miller	191
Junior	Taylor Sims	193
Jr Gold	Ty Leach	191
Pre Sub Lady	Leni Wulf	134
Sub Jr Lady	Stormi Waters	173
Jr Lady	Oaklee Evans	182
Jr Gold Lady	Chole Anderson	184

AIM Skeet Championship

Champion	Klayton McGee	100
RU	Hayden Sanson	100
Pre Sub	Channing Garrett	97
Sub Jr	Landon Hicks	100
Junior	Buck Pennel	99
Jr Gold	Clay Laughlin	99
Pre Sub Lady	Leni Wulf	58
Sub Jr Lady	Jadan Reed	98
Jr Lady	Katie Skinner	97
Jr Gold Lady	Chole Anderson	98



Cory Walker

SKEET PRESENTED BY BROWNING

Skeet squads began filling fields just after the National Anthem on both Thursday and Friday. While shooters were focused on their target breaking skills, coaches gathered to take advantage of the NRA Level 1 Shotgun Coaching School, hosted by the ATA. Participants combined classroom instruction along with time on the shooting field.

Lindenwood team shooter, Klayton McGee, hailing from Willow, OK, won out over Hayden Sanson and Collin Whitehead (all with perfect scores) for the Skeet champion's highest trophy. Sanson broke his first ever 100 straight in Skeet competition. To decide their placements, McGee, Sanson and Whitehead fired at Skeet Doubles from stations 3-4-5. After shoot-offs, Hayden Sanson picked up the runner-up award and Collin Whitehead was awarded event third. Category runners-up included Pre-Sub Ryan Scott (95); Sub Junior Cooper Carver (98); Junior Taylor Sims (98); and Junior Gold Kaden Westfall (99).

Prior to shoot-offs on Friday evening, an ice cream social was enjoyed under the Guns Unlimited hospitality tent.



Skeet and Sporting Clays champions were presented with trophies and medals at the awards ceremony in front of the grandstands.

Trapshooting

Trapshooters geared up for Handicap and Doubles competition on Saturday, while the 200 target Singles championship event was split over Sunday and Monday. Handicap shooters (numbering 1062 entries, up from 1028 last year), were striving to gain additional yardage and All-American points, were first to the line. Doubles followed in the afternoon with 946 entries looking to crush "two-at-a-time".

HIGH ALL AROUND

Benjamin Warwick, a Junior Gold shooter from Auburn, IL swept the Trap High-All-Around event with his score of 396/400, winning outright by one target. He also earned the Junior Gold Doubles championship and the Doubles All-American Junior Gold champion's award. Warwick, a team shooter for Lindenwood University, has been sharpening his skills for the past

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Trapshooting High All Around

Champion	Benjamin Warwick	396
Pre Sub	Barrett Debie	385
Sub Jr	George Lee	393
Junior	Gilbert Palmer	393
Jr Gold	Wyatt Williams	394
Pre Sub Lady	Heidi Thomason	354
Sub Jr Lady	Corley Steward	380
Junior Lady	Marin McKinney	386
Jr Gold Lady	Isabella Ricci	391

ATA All American

Sub Jr	George Lee	Hickman, NE
Junior	Gilbert Palmer	Wilson, AR
Jr Gold	Benjamin Warwick	Auburn, IL

AIM Handicap Championship

Champion	Hunter Alver	100
Pre Sub	Hunter Stevens	98
Sub Jr	Braxton Cannady	100
Junior	Henry Walkowiakiv	99
Jr Gold	Benjamin Warwick	98
Pre Sub Lady	Heidi Thomason	97
Sub Jr Lady	Corley Steward	96
Junior Lady	Audrey Jones	99
Jr Gold Lady	Katie Gilbertson	98

ATA All American

Sub Jr	Braxton Cannady	Quincy, IL
Junior	Hunter Alver	Wildwood, MO
Jr Gold	Benjamin Warwick	Auburn, IL

AIM Doubles Championship

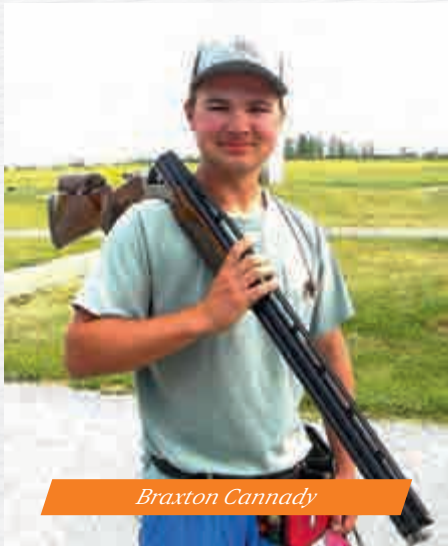
Champion	Zach Hennecke	100
Pre Sub	Rankin Pool	98
Sub Jr	Tyler Burton	99
Junior	Kahne Pucker	100
Jr Gold	Benjamin Warwick	100
Pre Sub Lady	Heidi Thomason	69
Sub Jr Lady	Lily Jennings	95
Junior Lady	Lexi Henning	97
Jr Gold Lady	Isabella Ricci	98

ATA All American

Sub Jr	Tyler Burton	Union, MO
Junior	Kahne Pucker	Wilber, NE
Jr Gold	Benjamin Warwick	Auburn, IL



Hunter Alver



Braxton Cannady



Zach Hennecke



Benjamin Warwick

10 years, coming to Sparta every year during Grand time. The sophomore student is majoring in accounting. Ben is the first in his family to become a shotgun shooter. Other All Americans included Sub Junior George Lee 393/400 from Hickman, NE and Junior Gilbert Palmer 393/400 from Wilson, AR.

HANDICAP PRESENTED BY
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It took just one round in the shoot-off between Hunter Alver and Braxton Cannady, both with scores of 100, to decide the event's champion. The

Wildwood, MO resident, Hunter Alver took top honors. Alver commented, "It went pretty quickly, Braxton dropped one of his first birds out of the house and I did my best to stay calm and just shoot. By the end, I had a 25 and Braxton had a 21."

A senior at Lafayette High School, Alver is considering colleges with thoughts of majoring in engineering. Colleges with shotgun teams should also be considering this versatile shooter. At last year's AIM Grand, Alver took home the Singles championship trophy. This year, his trophies included the Junior runner-up in both the Trap and Sporting Clays High-All-Around.

Braxton Cannady, from Quincy, IL, accepted the Sub Junior champion's trophy.

Both Cannady and Alver were recognized as ATA All Americans for the Handicap Sub Junior and Junior categories respectively. Ben Warwick, of Auburn, IL was the ATA All American among the Junior gold shooters. As a future college student, Warwick is considering a career in law enforcement as a game warden.

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AIM Singles Championship

Champion	Gilbert Palmer	200
Pre Sub	Barrett Debie	197
Sub Jr	Coltyn Schutte	200
Junior	Brody Lenington	200
Jr Gold	Wyatt Williams	200
Pre Sub Lady	Heidi Thomason	188
Sub Jr Lady	Raylee Martin	197
Junior Lady	Isabella Milburn	199
Jr Gold Lady	Jayce Wellen	199

ATA All American

Sub Jr	Coltyn Schutte	Quincy IL
Junior	Gilbert Palmer	Wilson AR
Jr Gold	Wyatt Williams	Moro IL



Kahne Packer



Gilbert Palmer

settled over the WSRC only served to heat up the competition in the afternoon Doubles event. Shooters (numbering 946 entries) were in hopes of claiming one of 61 individual trophies plus 7 concurrent special awards.

Zach Hennecke, Kahne Packer and Ben Warwick made the call to shoot-offs, all with perfect scores of 100. Hennecke, of Adams, NE was the event champion, A shotgun team member at Norris High School, Hennecke was named as the AIM Grand Trap High All-Around Junior AAA champion (390/400).

New to registered shooting, Hennecke learned a lot about the ATA All American point system from Bob Felber, whom he met at the Kansas State Shoot just barely a month before coming to Sparta. "I'm just a small-town kid from Nebraska," says Hennecke, who made his first trip to Sparta this year. He came to compete and stayed to shoot all of the AIM Grand plus Preliminary and Grand weeks.

Ben Warwick picked up the trophy for Junior Gold champ, after the fourth round of shoot-offs with Hennecke. Warwick and Kahne Packer, along with Tyler Burton were all recognized as Doubles All-Americans.

In an effort to promote the youth program, former Texas residents (now Missouri shooters) Patrick and Hannah Hopson continued their annual tradition of providing an ammunition donation to the Texas AIM Doubles competitors.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

After scoresheets from 1550 entries in the Singles Championship were tabulated, two full squads of shooters who posted top scores of 200 were sent to the shoot-off fields on Monday evening. When the chips settled, Arkansas Junior Gold shooter, Gilbert Palmer was the event champion. A true freshman (majoring in AG Business) at Midland University in Fremont,

NE Palmer has recently earned a spot on their traveling team. Palmer commented, "Getting a scholarship was a wake-up call. I knew I had to up my maturity level and that has made a big difference."

Sub Junior Coltyn Schutte had to settle for his category championship, receiving some heartfelt advice from his grandpa at the end of a very long day of shooting. The 14-year-old Schutte not only recorded his first ever 200 in the program, he ran the first 225 in the shoot-off before it came to an end in the tenth round.

SINGLES TEAM CHAMPIONS

Awards were presented in the Singles Team Championships to:

- Pre Sub — Carlinville Clay Busters
- Sub Jr — Quincy Quivering Clays
- Junior — Kansas Stars (top total score of 995/1000)
- Jr Gold — Lindenwood Shotgun Lions

Singles champion Gilbert Palmer shot on the team called "Barrett & Them". His teammates included Barrett Debie, Wyatt Debie, Cole Henning, and Bryce Merrill.

The championship team for the 4H category was:

- YSSA Junior 1 — Iowa
- FFA — West Plains FFA
- State Conservation — Berlin Target Terminators
- USA Clay Target League — Collinsville Kahoks
- Jr Gold Collegiate Div I — Lindenwood Shotgun Lions
- Collegiate Div II — Drury University Shotgun

Scholarships

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|Shoot’n Showdown

Shooters were kept busy before, during and after the registered shooting. The Youth Shootin’ Showdown, AIM

there was plenty of “swag” to take home. Browning and Winchester provided a pizza party during the always fun Annie Oakley Challenge.

|Planning Ahead

Before the first shot at this year’s AIM Grand was ever fired, plans were already being made for a bigger and better AIM Grand next year. In reviewing the champions, many connections became obvious. Conversations with the top winners weaved together stories of mutual friends and their shared experiences, not only at the AIM Grand, but throughout the year at other clubs. Interesting to note is that Ben Warwick (trap high-all-around champ) and Hayden Sanson (Skeet/Sporting Clays high-over-all champ) are both from the same small town in Illinois. Zach Hennecke (Doubles champion) and George Lee (Handicap Sub Junior, 10th/Singles AAA Sub Junior champ) both shoot for the same high school in Nebraska. Friendships are the rewards of shooting that last a lifetime. Coaches, shooters, families and friends need to mark their calendars for July 24-28, 2025 and make plans to reconnect! ■



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HODGDON POWDER SINGLES

CH	Dagen Voigtman	100
RU	Jarrod Mudford	100
AAA	Keith Ditto	100
AA	Connor Voigtman	100
A	Tim Lewis	100
B	Gregory Kasten	100
C	Bruce Kyles	99
D	Andrew Barrett	100
LD1	Lacey Gangwish	99
LD2	Sue Smith	99
SUB JR	Wyatt Debric	100
JUNIOR	Andrew Herbig	100
JR GOLD	Reece Myers	100
SUB VET	Jeff Vollmar	100
VETERAN	Frank Sick	100
SR VET	Marvin Albright	100
CHAIR	Larry Norton	93

Negrini Preliminary High Over All. His 983/1000 was one target ahead of Junior Gold competitor Ian Lawrence. Junior gunner Mason Bartlow (champion) bested Hall of Fame member Sean Hawley (Runner-up) for the Excel Super Doubles award with each posting 497/500.

Wednesday

A torch hot heat index of nearly 110 degrees on opening day, tested the endurance of over 3000 ATA classified shooters and the dedicated personnel who worked the trapline during the eleven-day tournament. Shoppers sought the coolness of vendor's air conditioning or shooters shared shade where they could find it. As the week progressed, the weather improved and scores were the only things soaring high.

HODGDON POWDER SINGLES

Jarrod Mudford, of New Zealand, kicked off preliminary week as the eventual event runner-up to Dagen Voigtman, both with perfect scores in the Hodgdon Powder Singles. This was the first of five preliminary Singles events that Voigtman would sweep without a miss. Doubles and Singles scores carried over throughout the entire tournament to

decide trophy winners. Perfect scores numbering 44 surpassed last year's total of 32, a testament to the target setting.

Included in posting scores of 100 were Brazilians Neimar Suzin (A/runner-up) and Farlei Fernande Reis (A/3rd). A contingent of 99 Brazilian trapshooters and their traveling companions navigated the differences in languages and money exchanges off the trap field, but out on the line, everyone's nationality is "trapshooter".

Larry Norton and Ziggy Tkaczenko began their "chair to chair" competitions to claim chair shooter titles during preliminary week. Norton took an early lead (chair champion/93) but Tkaczenko eventually earned the E-Z-GO High All Around honor (371/400) by week's end.

TRAP & FIELD HANDICAP

After the first shoot-off of preliminary week, Jordan Ziercher was declared event champion over Dagen Voigtman (runner-up) and Austin Jacob (3rd) all with scores of 99 in the Trap & Field Handicap.

Traveling to Sparta from down under, Tom Turner, of New South Wales, Australia began his outstanding Grand tournament shooting from penalty yardage but quickly posted back-to-back Handicap scores that moved him to long yardage and earned him trophies in the first two Handicap events. Turner was event 4th with a 98 in the T&F Handicap.

It was truly a worldwide competition at the 125th Grand American Championships, held July 31-August 10. While other athletes were focused on the summer Olympic games in Paris, France, Grand American shooters representing the United States, Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and South Africa, plus 5 Canadian provinces were arriving at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex, near Sparta, Illinois. There was a keen sense of eager anticipation to step upon the world's largest trapshooting podium!

Dagen Voigtman literally took on the world and came out on top of the winners' lists in the preliminary White Flyer High-Over-All (1480/1500); E-Z-GO High-All-Around (398/400); and Winchester Super 500 Singles (500/500). In the Millennium Luxury Coaches Super 500 Handicap, Voigtman was event runner-up following Ian Darroch (champion), both with scores of 487/500. The Negrini High-Over-All listed Voigtman as the event 3rd champ with 981/1000, after the tie breaker with Keith Ditto, event runner-up. In the Excel Bottling Super Doubles, the Class AAA third place award went home to Nebraska with Voigtman after posting his total score of 493/500.

Junior Missouri shooter, Andrew Herbig topped the trophy list in the



Dagen Voigtman



Andrew Herbig

Prelim Grand Week
at the 2024 Grand American

//// by karla harrison

TRAP & FIELD

TRAP & FIELD HANDICAP

CH	Jordan Ziercher	99
RU	Dagen Voigtman	99
19-20.5	Chad Woolsey	96
21-22.5	Tommy Beedlow	94
23-24.5	Justin Ballantyne	96
25-26.5	Britton Petersen	95
27 YDS	Kurtis Swift	97
SUB JR	Brady Russom	97
JUNIOR	Isaac Hensley	99
JR GOLD	Cole Henning	99
LD1	Sarah Wiebe	96
LD2	Janice Rigler	94
SUB VET	Mike Herman	97
VETERAN	Kurt Pierce	97
SR VET	Dwight Paulin	96
CHAIR	Ziggy Tkaczenko	93

LITTLE EGYPT

GOLF CARS

LITTLE EGYPT GOLF CARS DOUBLES

CH	Dagen Voigtman	100
RU	Garrett Helms	100
AAA	Robert Nihtila	100
AA	Britt Dalton	100
A	Weston Andersen	98
B	Ethan Ferris	98
C	Samantha Rainsdon	96
D	David Hazlet	93
LD1	Elizabeth James	100
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	98
SUB JR	Britton Petersen	99
JUNIOR	Mason Bartlow	100
JR GOLD	Cole Henning	100
SUB VET	Scott Gens	99
VETERAN	Tank Lunsford	100
SR VET	Randy Bartling	99
CHAIR	Ziggy Tkaczenko	92

MEC

MEC OUTDOORS SINGLES

CH	Richard Marshall	100
RU	Scott Obenchain	100
AAA	Jason Krause	100
AA	Patrick Farrington	100
A	Kelsey Turner	99
B	Ronaldo Girardi	100
C	Russell Gaither	99
D	Leslie Slater	99
SUB JR	Weston Andersen	100
JUNIOR	Robert Gropp	100
JR GOLD	Reece Myers	100
LD1	Anna Rowe	100
LD2	Tina Main	100
SUB VET	Scott Syme	100
VETERAN	Mike Blaisdell	100
SR VET	Stephen Russell	100
CHAIR	Ziggy Tkaczenko	98

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TRAPSHOOTINGUSA HANDICAP

CH	Thomas Turner	100
RU	Bobby Fowler	98
19-20.5	David Johnson	96
21-22.5	Andrew Barrett	96
23-24.5	Randy Leach	95
25-26.5	Caleb Secres	97
27 YDS	David Swigart	97
SUB JR	Dason Harman	97
JR	Samuel Wilson	98
JRG	Colby Lancaster	99
LD1	Jennifer Rutger	96
LD2	Jerri Webb	91
SUB VET	Mick Friedel	98
VET	Mack Pouwhare	97
SR VET	Marvin Albright	98
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Prelims



Jordan Ziercher

Mike Herman (Sub Veteran champ/97) and Ziggy Tkaczenko (Chair shooter/93) each repeated their category victories from last year.

LITTLE EGYPT GOLF CARTS DOUBLES

4,267 White Flyer targets never made it to the ground in one piece during the Little Egypt Golf Carts Doubles, thanks to ten 100 straights and 33 scores of 99. Dagen Voigtman (champion); Garrett Helms (runner-up); and Sean Hawley (3rd) were the eventual top trophy takers. Others with 100 straights included Tank Lunsford; Cole Henning; Mason Bartlow; Kelan Kinion; Elizabeth Ternes; Robert Nihtila; and Britt Dalton.

Deborah Ohye Neilson defended her last year's title as Lady II champ with a 98.

Thursday MEC OUTDOORS SINGLES

A long trophy list of familiar names belonging to Hall of Famers and All Americans also included some new winners in the MEC Outdoor Singles. Richard Marshall Jr was the event champion. Dagen Voigtman (event 3rd) and his brother, Connor Voigtman (AA runner-up) each took home awards.

Among the ladies, Anna Rawe was



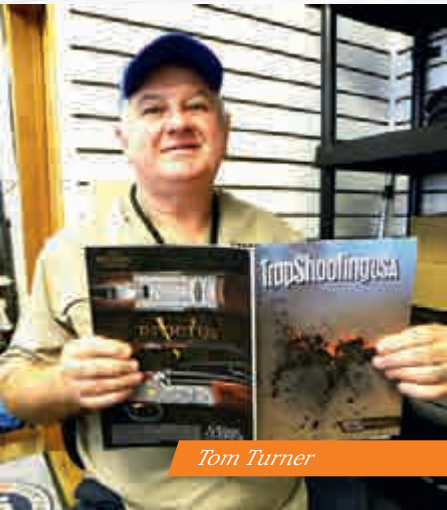
Elizabeth Ternes

Lady I champion over Kya Funkhouser (runner-up) and Bethany Breighner (3rd). In the Lady II category, Tina Main was champion, while Sandy Digesualdo and Sandra Jo Jack followed as runner-up and third respectively.

TRAPSHOOTINGUSA HANDICAP

Australian Tom Turner broke the lone 100 in the TrapShootingUSA Handicap to take home his second Handicap trophy within two days.

Young gun Colby Lancaster, of Tennessee, posted the solo 99 to earn the Junior Gold champion's honors. Dason Harman, of Oklahoma, was the Sub-Junior champion with a score of 97.



Tom Turner

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Junior champion was Samuel Wilson, of Kentucky, posting a 98.

PRECISION FIT STOCKS DOUBLES

Shooters with no misses in the Precision Fit Stocks Doubles filled the top four slots on the event's trophy list while two more shooters posting perfect scores took possession of category titles. Scott Kalnas carried the event champion's trophy back home to New Jersey. Award winners came to shoot from 18 different US states plus 4 foreign countries.

Prize Possessions sponsored a welcome party under the Guns Unlimited hospitality tent behind the grandstands between the conclusion of Thursday's events and shootoffs.

Friday

The National Team Race, presented by Post Printing (events 7-8-9) was decided by the conclusion of Friday's events. The championship team from Tennessee included Caleb Clayton, Colby Lancaster and Jacob Duren with a team total of 862/900. Team Illinois was runner-up

with a total score of 858/900 coming from Ian Lawrence, Wyatt Williams and Steven Margherio. Iowa shooters, Cole Henning, Abram Lorence and Bryce Wade placed 3rd with a total score of 858.

On Friday, the Kolar Satellite Grand American High-All-Around shootoff was held after the registered shooting was in the books. Pat Lamont was the last man standing!

The Trap Talk studio was a new addition to vendor row this year. Prior to the Grand, a contest was held, with the winners receiving free targets. Tom Burton was the Grand Prize winner and had all his target costs covered during Preliminary and Grand week. Trace Huber of Vernal, Utah was the second-place winner, getting his entry fees paid for the main week.

Friday evening, the City of Sparta hosted a fish fry under the hospitality tent to benefit the AIM program.

STERLING CUT GLASS SINGLES

Shooters in the Sterling Cut Glass Singles had to be laser sharp to engrave their names on the trophy list. Fifty

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PRECISION FIT STOCKS

PRECISION FIT STOCKS DOUBLES

CH	Scott Kalnas	100
RU	Dagen Voigtman	100
AAA	Richard Marshall	100
AA	Anthony Fortino	98
A	John Spangler	98
B	Thomas Turner	99
C	Brady Russom	96
D	Alan Loveless	93
SUB JR	Britton Petersen	100
JUNIOR	Kahne Packer	100
JR GOLD	Jacob Diller	99
LD1	Anna Rowe	99
LD2	Sandra Jo Jack	96
SUB VET	Scott Gens	99
VETERAN	Frank Sick	99
SR VET	Paul Shaw	99
CHAIR	Ziggy Tkaczenko	95

STERLING

CUT GLASS

STERLING CUT GLASS SINGLES

CH	Robert Gropp	100
RU	Richard Marshall	100
AAA	Scott Obenchain	100
AA	Marcus Draves	100
A	William Brand	100
B	Schalk Will Pienaar	100
C	Randy Lineman	99
D	Braden Deterding	98
SUB JR	Grayson Stout	100
JUNIOR	Tyler Hornold	100
JR GOLD	Mitchell Pierson	100
LD1	Kelsey Turner	100
LD2	Deborah Ohye Neilson	100
SUB VET	Mike Grady	100
VETERAN	Joseph Needham	100
SR VET	Ray Stafford	100
CHAIR	Larry Norton	94

perfect scores, including one from event champion Robert Gropp, were eventually sorted into winning order.


Sub Veterans, Veterans and Senior Veterans all had to run this event to be in contention for a trophy by the end of Grand week. Sub Veteran Mike Grady was champion; followed by Richard Bullard as runner-up and Scott Syme was 3rd.

In the Veteran category, Joe Needham was declared as champion, Don Sappington claimed runner-up, and Michael Blaisdell was category 3rd.

Hall of Famer Ray Stafford topped all Senior Veterans, while Keith Miranda, of New York, was runner-up and George Hafkemeyer, of Virginia, was 3rd.

RIO HANDICAP

A new sponsorship in this year's Preliminary Grand program was Rio Ammunition. The top eight shooters collecting awards included Austin




RIO HANDICAP

CH	Austin Jacob	100
RU	Robert Smith	98
19-20.5	Joseph Terzo	93
21-22.5	Chad Woolsey	95
23-24.5	John Nicholson	96
25-26.5	Jake Diliberto	96
27 YDS	David Swigart	98
SUB JR	Weston Andersen	95
JUNIOR	Wyatt Happle	98
JR GOLD	Ian Lawrence	98
LD1	Jacque Snellenberger	95
LD2	Jerri Webb	92
SUB VET	Trey Wilburn	97
VETERAN	Tank Lunsford	97
SR VET	James Cox	95
CHAIR	Larry Norton	94



SOS CLAYS DOUBLES

CH	Leo Brand	100
RU	Sean Hawley	100
AAA	Joe Chamigo	99
AA	Justin Ballantyne	99
A	Tyson Adams	99
B	David Bacon	96
C	Kelsey Wickham	94
D	Jake Diliberto	95
SUB JR	Weston Andersen	99
JUNIOR	Aiden Nace	99
JR GOLD	Ian Lawrence	99
LD1	Elizabeth Ternes	100
LD2	Beverly Scott	97
SUB VET	Mike Whitaker	98
VETERAN	Frank Sick	98
SR VET	Craig Hart	98
CHAIR	Clayborn Hunter	85



NRA SINGLES

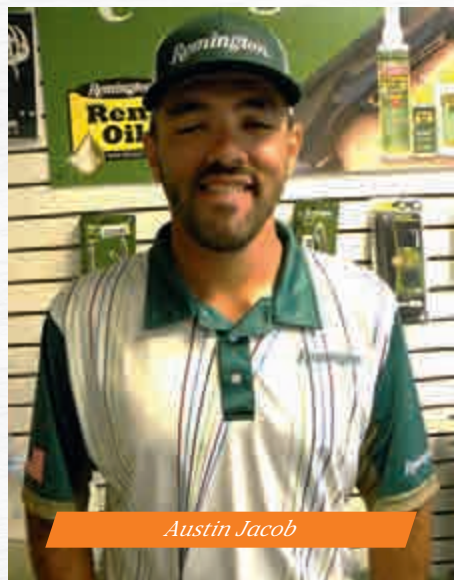
CH	John Kelly	200
RU	Scott Kalnas	200
AAA	Scott Obenchain	200
AA	Thomas Turner	200
A	Dave Marohl	199
B	Roland Thompson	198
C	Nikki Herman	197
D	Angel Diaz	198
SUB JR	Grady Fallert	199
JUNIOR	Robert Gropp	200
JR GOLD	Clay Laughlin	200
LD1	Elizabeth Ternes	199
LD2	Tina Main	198
SUB VET	Bernie Merchlewitz	200
VETERAN	Joseph Needham	200
SR VET	Kay Ohye	200
CHAIR	Ziggy Tkaczenko	189



KRIEGHOFF 100 HANDICAP

CH	Wyatt Williams	100
RU	Robert Nihtila	99
19-20.5	Treyson Foral	96
21-22.5	Kevin Morrison	96
23-24.5	Roman Barrett	96
25-26.5	Dori Jones	97
27 YDS	Andrew Tilford	98
SUB JR	Britton Petersen	99
JUNIOR	Isaac McCoy	99
JR GOLD	Grayson Stuart	98
LD1	Madison Dye	97
LD2	Deborah Ohye Neilson	96
SUB VET	Eric Munson	98
VETERAN	Jerry Jamagin	98
SR VET	Herman Chandley	98
CHAIR	Larry Norton	94

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Austin Jacob

Jacob, who turned in the only 100 to lay claim to the event championship. Robert Smith (runner-up/98); Dagen Voigtman (3rd/98); John White IV (4th/98); Douglas Worrell (5th/97); Curtis Lunsford (6th/97); Britt Dalton (7th/96); and Aaron Broyles (8th/96) all placed for championship trophies.

SOS CLAYS DOUBLES

Three guys and a girl took top honors in the SOS Clays Doubles, all without leaving any targets unbroken. Junior shooter, Leo Brand was declared as champion while Sean Hawley was runner-up. Foster Bartholow earned event third while Ian Laurence claimed the Junior Gold champion's award for the second year in a row. Newly elected Ohio ATA Delegate, Elizabeth Ternes claimed the Lady I crown with a perfect 100. Her score this year was a one bird improvement over her same title win last year.

Saturday
NRA SINGLES

Traditionally, the NRA Singles are split into two races, with the first half being shot on Saturday and finishing the second 100 on Sunday. In the past, this event has tallied the largest

number of entries during preliminary week and this year was no exception. A total of 1461 shooters took the line (up from 1410 last year). This is the first 200 bird event and last Singles event of preliminary week.

After final scores were posted on Saturday, there were fifty 100 straights. Hopes of narrowing down the competition faded after 45 shooters continued their winning ways on Sunday (up from 27 perfect scores in 2023).

KRIEGHOFF 100 HANDICAP

Wyatt Williams had the only 100 in the Krieghoff Handicap. The sophomore on the Lindenwood collegiate team from Moro, Illinois was closely followed by Robert Nihtila, event runner-up with a 99; Britton Peterson, Sub Junior champ/99; and Isacc McCoy, Junior champ/99.

Yardage groups were awarded down three places. Yardage runners-up included Kylie Garrison (95); Chris Akers (96); Jerry Foral (96); Thomas Kleyla (97); and Aaron Willoughby (98). Third place yardage awards went to Austin Lewis (95); Logan Londquist (95);



Wyatt Williams



Ian Lawrence

Kevin Ford (95); Chad Kalma (97); and Craig Schmitt (98).

GRAF & SONS DOUBLES

Wrapping up Saturday's program was the Graf & Sons Doubles. Ian Lawrence captured his first of two preliminary Doubles championships. His perfect score was one of 17 century marks on the scoreboard.

Event runner-up Phil Granger, of Australia, and event third, Austin Jacob both recorded 100s. In Class AAA all three places were awarded to scores of 100: Brody Padgett (champion); Peter Walker (runner-up); and Ryan Glow (3rd). The list of perfect performances extended down into Class AA, with Michael Fontello (champion) and Andrew Tilford (runner-up). Other shooters with 100s included: George Lee (Sub Junior runner-up); Mason Bartlow (Junior runner-up); Gavin Kuck (Junior 3rd); and Jack Knaus (Junior Gold runner-up).

This year's Hall of Fame inductee, Ken Darroch took home the Veteran champ's title with a 99. Frank Payne put his name on the Senior Veteran's trophy for the second year in a row with his score of 98.

In the evening, campers took advantage of the continuing mild weather to enjoy cook-outs and

gatherings throughout the complex. Vendors such as Federal/Remington offered food in appreciation to their shooters and guests.

Sunday

The second 100 of the NRA Singles was first out to the line on Sunday morning.

Following event champion John Kelly, were Scott Kalnas runner-up and third place finisher, Richard Marshall Jr. Three awards were given in each class and category. Third place winners in classes included: Jason Krause (AAA/200); Douglas Worrell (AA/200); Don Labarge (A/199); Mark Slaba (B/198); Richard Evans (C/196); and Luciano Bagnara (D/194).


Third place category trophies went to: Shelby Skaggs (Lady I/199); Sandra Jo Jack (Lady II/198); George Lee (Sub Junior/198); Michael Gates (Junior/200); Jack Knaus (Junior Gold/200); Richard Bullard (Sub Veteran/200); Paul Jacobs (Veteran/200); and William Wallis (Senior Veteran/199). Ziggy Tkaczenko was the chair shooter champion (189).

BLASER HANDICAP

Sunday night's shootoffs included five 100 straights and ten scores of 99 that all took home trophies. Iowa Junior Gold Cole Henning earned the top spot, with Ian Darroch as runner-up and Thomas Kleyla as event third. Kleyla's win was a repeat performance from 2023. Fourth through eighth places, all with scores of 99 were won by: Evan Ingalls, David Swigart, Michael Wengerd, Jacob Turner, and Robert Smith, respectively.

Yardage group and category honors were awarded to champion, runner-up and third place. Runner-up yardage group winners included: Jason Murray (19-20.5/97); Michael Henrikson (21-22.5/98); Jacob Gossett (23-24.5/97); David Renken (25-26.5/97); and Carson Schlimmer (27/98). Third place category trophies went to Jennifer Rutger (Lady

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GRAF & SONS DOUBLES

CH	Ian Lawrence	100
RU	Phil Grainger	100
AAA	Brody Padgett	100
AA	Michael Fontello	100
A	Cameron Decker	99
B	Channing Garrett	98
C	Wyatt Murray	97
D	Jake Diliberto	97
SUB JR	Britton Petersen	100
JUNIOR	Leo Brand	100
JR GOLD	Mitchell Pierson	100
LD1	Jennifer Rutger	99
LD2	Beverly Scott	98
SUB VET	Perry Weiner	99
VETERAN	Ken Darroch	99
SR VET	Frank Payne	98
CHAIR	Ziggy Tkaczenko	95



BLASER HANDICAP

CH	Cole Henning	100
RU	Ian Darroch	100
19-20.5	Landon Vocum	97
21-22.5	Michael Gunderson	98
23-24.5	Brandon Heck	98
25-26.5	Elmer Ebling	98
27 YDS	John Kelly	98
SUB JR	Carson Sievers	99
JUNIOR	Isaac Zihlman	100
JR GOLD	Skylar Clark	99
LD1	Kelsey Turner	98
LD2	Ronette Brumfield	96
SUB VET	Marvin Rustad	99
VETERAN	Kurt Pierce	100
SR VET	Randy Bartling	98
CHAIR	Larry Norton	91

I/97); Debbie Ohye-Neilson (Lady II/93); Channing Garrett (Sub Junior/98); Gavin Kuck (Junior/99); Jordan Ziercher (Junior Gold/98); Andrew Verdeyen (Sub Veteran/98); William Sergeant (Veteran/97); and James Cox (Senior Veteran/98). Larry Norton was Chair champion (91).



Cole Henning

ALL AMERICAN WOODWORKING

ALL AMERICAN WOODWORKING DOUBLES

CH	Ian Lawrence	100
RU	Denis Bringelson	100
AAA	Dagen Voigtman	100
AA	Patrick Farrington	100
A	Cole Disser	100
B	Michael Lombardy	99
C	Alan Julian	96
D	Glen Jorgensen	96
SUB-JR	Weston Andersen	99
JR	Leo Brand	100
JRG	Klayton McGee	100
LD1	Nicole Hood	100
LD2	Sandra Jo Jack	96
SUB VET	Mike Herman	100
VET	John Upcraft	100
SR VET	Frank Payne	99
CHAIR	Ziggy Tkaczenko	89



E-Z GO HIGH ALL AROUND

CH	Dagen Voigtman	398
RU	Scott Obenchain	396
AAA	Tyler Buchanan	396
AA	Anthony Brand	395
A	Brandon Hood	390
B	Matthew Miller	388
C	Glen Jorgensen	382
D	Kooper Freston	376
SUB-JR	Weston Andersen	391
JR	Mason Bartlow	398
JRG	Wyatt Williams	397
LD1	Kya Funkhouser	392
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	388
SUB VET	Eric Munson	393
VET	Bruce Burton	393
SR VET	Gary Gooch	388
CHAIR	Ziggy Tkaczenko	371



EXCEL BOTTLING CO. SUPER 500 DOUBLES

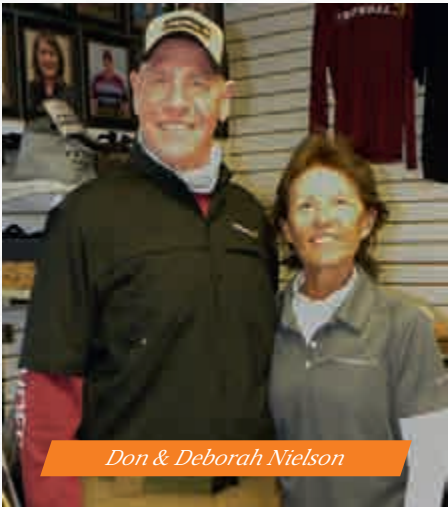
CH	Mason Bartlow	497
RU	Sean Hawley	497
AAA	Brody Padgett	494
AA	Mitchell Pierson	493
A	Evan Petersen	482
B	Thomas Turner	484
C	Robert Kelley	468
D	Alan Loveless	450
SUB-JR	Weston Andersen	492
JR	Leo Brand	495
JRG	Cole Henning	495
LD1	Elizabeth Temes	492
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	475
SUB VET	John Kerr	486
VET	Frank Sick	492
SR VET	Frank Payne	483



MILLENNIUM LUXURY COACHES SUPER 500 HANDICAP

CH	Ian Darroch	487
RU	Dagen Voigtman	487
19-20.5	Kylie Garrison	463
21-22.5	Chad Woolsey	476
23-24.5	Roman Barrett	468
25-26.5	Thomas Turner	478
27 YDS	John Kelly	483
SUB-JR	Britton Petersen	470
JR	Andrew Herbig	479
jrg	Ian Lawrence	485
LD1	Kya Funkhouser	475
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	462
SUB-VET	Carl Chadwell	480
VET	Tank Lunsford	478
SR-VET	Randy Bartling	468

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Don & Deborah Nielson

ALL AMERICAN WOODWORKING DOUBLES

Nineteen shooters out of a total of 1195 competitors posted a score of 100 in the All-American Woodworking Doubles. The top slots belonged to Ian Lawrence (champion); Denis Bringelson (runner-up); and Sean Hawley (3rd).

Others making their way to the trophy room included Evan Ingalls (AAA runner-up); Phil Graninger (AAA 3rd); Jennifer Rutger (Lady I/runner-up); Mason Bartlow (Junior runner-up); Andrew Herbig (Junior 3rd); John Kerr (Sub Veteran runner-up); and Eugene Leoni (Sub Veteran 3rd).

Preliminary Week Wrap-Up

At the conclusion of preliminary week, the National Aviation Academy hosted the Countdown to Grand Week Party, under the Guns Unlimited hospitality tent. The party was a celebration for all champions, including those in the E-Z-Go High All Around; Negrini Preliminary High Over All 1000; White Flyer High Over All 1500; Winchester Super 500 Singles; Millennium Luxury Coaches Super 500 Handicap; and the Excell Bottling Super 500 Doubles.

Much like the hurricane named Debby that pushed its way through the Caribbean and onward up the east coast during preliminary week, Deborah Ohye

Neilson was a force to be recognized. Her list of championship titles in the Lady II category included the White Flyer High Over All (1427/1500); Negrini High Over All (950/1000); E-Z-GO High All Around (388/400); and the Millennium Coaches Super Handicap (462/500).

While some shooters were packing up to return home, Olympic athletes were also returning from the games in Paris. USA Olympic shotgun team member, Derrick Mein made a surprise visit to the WSRC grounds.

Preliminary Grand shooters closed out the record books and geared up for a full week of Grand American competition. Next year's Preliminary Grand is set to kick-off on July 30. Vendors will be there, ready to buy, sell and trade. Campgrounds will welcome old friends plus new shooters. The staff at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex will be prepared to offer the best possible tournament experiences. Make plans now to be a part of the world's largest trapshoot! ■



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Mike Hampton & Derrick Mein



WINCHESTER

WINCHESTER SUPER 500 SINGLES

CH	Dagen Voigtman	500
RU	Scott Obenchain	499
AAA	John Kelly	499
AA	Kohen Barda	497
A	Marcos Cazarotto	495
B	Thomas Turner	498
C	Sandy Digesualdo	486
D	Angel Diaz	482
SUB-JR	Brady Conner	493
JR	Michael Gates	499
JRG	Caleb Clayton	499
LD1	Elizabeth Temes	495
LD2	Tina Main	491
SUB VET	Jeff Vollmar	498
VET	Joseph Needham	497
SR VET	Randy Cook	496



NEGRINI HIGH OVER ALL 1000

CH	Andrew Herbig	983
RU	Keith Ditto	981
AAA	Austin Jacob	980
AA	Curtis Lunsford	971
A	Kelsey Turner	962
B	Thomas Turner	968
C	Stephan Terzo	926
D	Brayden Deterding	936
SUB-JR	Weston Andersen	967
JR	Mason Bartlow	979
JRG	Ian Lawrence	982
LD1	Kya Funkhouser	971
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	950
SUB VET	Carl Chadwell	967
VET	Tank Lunsford	975
SR VET	Marvin Albright	952
CHAIR	Ziggy Tkaczenko	908

WHITE FLYER

WHITE FLYER HIGH OVER ALL 1500

CH	Dagen Voigtman	1480
RU	John Kelly	1470
AAA	Keith Ditto	1467
AA	David Swigart	1454
A	Kelsey Turner	1438
B	Thomas Turner	1460
C	Dason Hamman	1417
D	Andrew Barrett	1416
SUB-JR	Britton Petersen	1440
JR	Mason Bartlow	1470
JRG	Cole Henning	1471
LD1	Kya Funkhouser	1455
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	1427
SUB VET	Scott Gens	1456
VET	Tank Lunsford	1458
SR VET	Randy Bartling	1436
CHAIR	Ziggy Tkaczenko	1375





A Grand Affair

2024 Opening Ceremonies

//// by jacque snellenberger

Walking into the grandstand area on Monday, August 5th for the 125th Grand American was a site to behold. Fried chicken, ham sandwiches, veggies and fruit were served while the Blue and Gray team members signed the posters. The tent was packed as they all waited for the

opening ceremonies to begin. Opening Ceremonies began with Lynn Gipson announcing the dignitaries of Sparta which included Terri Bryant-Illinois Senator, Natalie Finnie-Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Skip Klinger-WSRC Executive Director, Brad Mayberry-SCRC

Fireworks & Fun

Trap Manager, Jason Schlimme-Sparta Mayor, Cody Rheinecker-Sparta City Manager, Bobby Klausing-Sparta City Commissioner, and David Holder-Randolph County Commissioner. The 2024 ATA Executive Committee was next, and then onto the ATA Central Handicap Committee. Then recognizing the past presidents and Trap and Field associates. The Colors Squad from the Illinois National Guard in Sparta, Illinois marched onto the field and everyone stood for the National Anthem. Gipson then went on to recognize the Grand sponsors, went into the target attainment awards, and the trapshooters who earned their attendance patches starting at 25 years and ending with Dave Berlet attending for 80 years.



Fireworks & Fun

Winchester merged with White Flyer and wanted to continue the Blue Gray Shootout that was such a success previously. Each team member was introduced by Josh Taylor with their gun, ammo, and eye wear. Shooting for the Blue Team: Raylee Bishop, Wyatt Debie, Cole Henning, Dagen Voigtman, and Dale Stockdale. The Gray Team consisted of Anna Rawe, Cody Meridith, Tyler Honnold, Shane Biser, and Robert Harden. After the teams were announced they went out into the crowd and each picked a person to root them on. These “fan/cheerleaders” won when their member won. The targets were set as a three hole using crusher targets. Each team member received a golden ticket. This ticket was in case



they missed they were allowed to use the golden ticket which allowed them to get back into the game one more time. However, they had to shoot a target that was sprung high into the air (think springing teal on the sporting clay course) on a rotating cycle. They all started at 16-yard line and all broke it. Moving to the left of the trap field, close to the skeet field was

where Raylee Bishop had to use her golden ticket, but she got that one to stay in the game. Cole Henning missed, but got to stay in as well. To the 27-yard line, post three is where Wyatt Debie missed and used his golden ticket. Cole missed from there and was the first to walk off the line. Dale Stockdale missed one from there and then missed again when he used his golden ticket. Moving



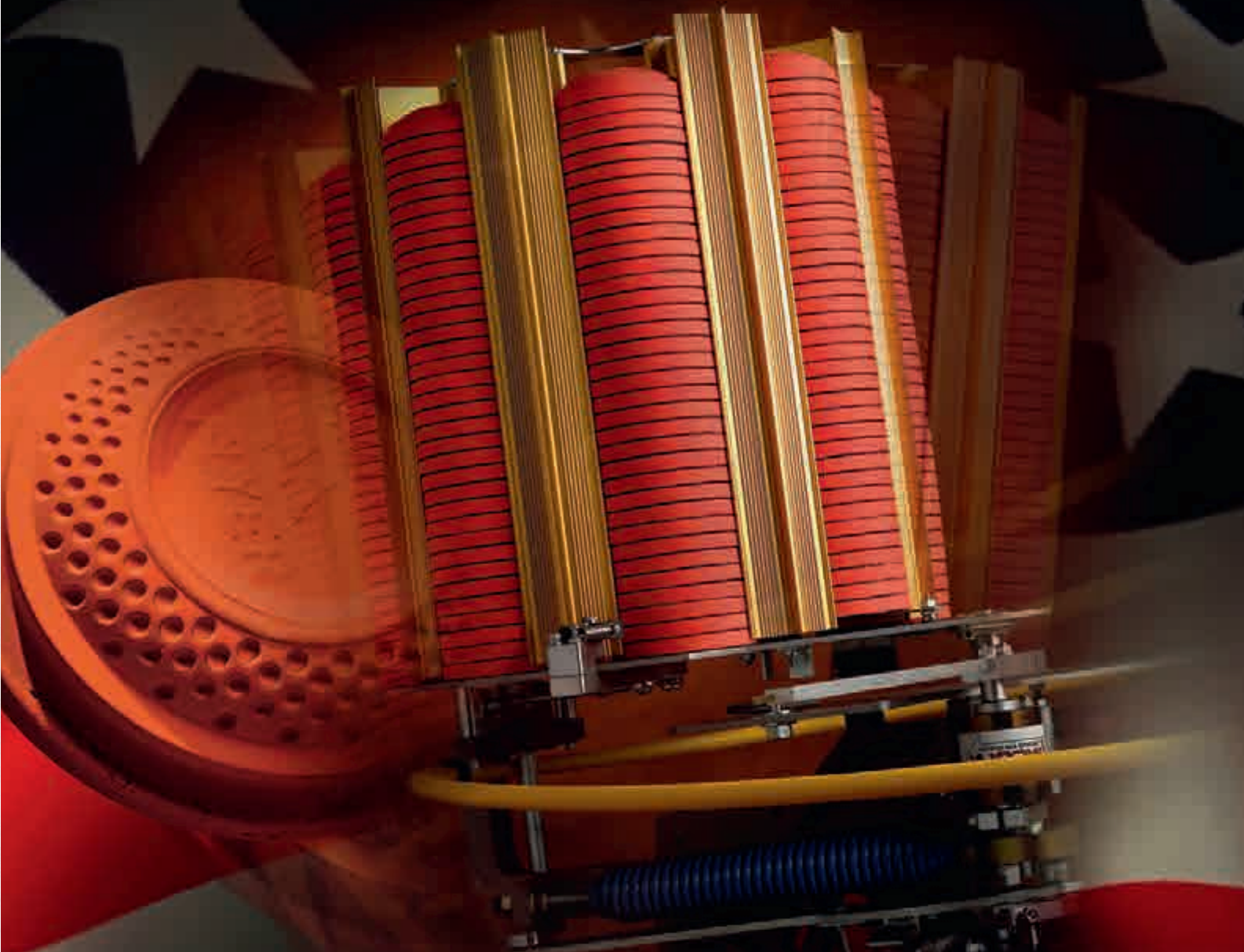
on behind post five about 3 yards was the next placement. Raylee missed and since she'd already turned in her ticket she left the field. Cody Meredith missed

giving up his ticket and missed again. With six shooters left, they stepped back to just shy of the sidewalk. Anna Rawe and Robert Harden had to give

up their golden ticket there and then immediately lost it. Wyatt missed from there knocking him out as well. It was down to three. The three contestants moved just shy of the sidewalk behind post three. It was there that Dagen gave up his ticket and lost. Shane Bison went out giving Tyler the win. Battling it out for second and third and shooting one more target—Shane broke his target earning himself second and Dagen third place.

Introductions of the Open Team included gun, ammunition, and eye wear as had the previous team's announcement. The Blue Team consisted of Richard Marshall Jr., Ryan Glow, Garrett Helms, Peter Walker and Joseph Charnigo. Keith Ditto, Zach Nannini, Herbert Lewis, Scott Obenchain and Bruce Davis were the Gray Team members.

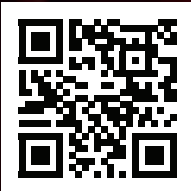
Josh Taylor went to the 16-yard line where you'd think they'd all obliterate the target. However, Walker missed and gave up his golden ticket there. Ricky,



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Ryan and Zack missed when they took it to the right side of the field beside the skeet house. Using their golden tickets, they all stayed in, leaving four down after just two positions. Ricky went out when they moved to about the 30-yard line since he didn't have his ticket left. Garrett gave it all up right there too. Scott used his ticket, as well, but stayed in. Behind the walkway, at about 40 yards, they went and Scott missed, forcing him out. Bruce Davis, past winner of the shoot-out, had to give up his golden ticket. As he did, his young fan ran out and gave him a high five and a "special" shell. Unfortunately, it didn't work, but it was cute as heck. They moved the group behind post four to the sidewalk where Zach and Pete got out and Herbert Lewis was forced to use his golden ticket. Moving to the sidewalk behind post five is where Keith used his golden ticket and then promptly missed. Ryan missed, and was out. Lewis broke his target. Joe, winner of last year's competition, had to use his golden ticket there and earned his way back in. Since they were down to four shooters, they wanted third place decided before moving onto first and second. It took just one more bird for Ryan Glow to win third. It took another target to decide it between Herb Lewis and Joe Charnigo. Herb missed his in the next shot and Joe did not. This meant Joe won the Blue Gray Shoot-Out for the second year in a row. Josh Taylor was in control of the golden ticket machine and started showing the crowd what kind of wild doubles could be thrown. The crowd went crazy while Joe Charnigo, known for his ability in shooting Doubles and pigeons, had to try his hand at them; breaking one of the two both times he tried. Thanks to Winchester, White Flyer, Briley and Promatic for their sponsorship of this event. The shooters won AA Winchester ammunition, and Briley gift cards, while the fans received Winchester White Flyer gift cards that could be used at the store, and a Briley Shooter package. Everyone who



Joe Charnigo & his fan



Danielle Baugh & Cooper Willis

participated, shooters and fans, received a hat to commemorate the event. Right before the fireworks started there was a marriage proposal. Cooper Willis asked Danielle Baugh to marry him. They've known each other for three years and have been attending the Grand and getting into shooting, so she knows what she's getting into. What a great tribute to love, as last year, there was a wedding between Scott and Anne Obenchain. The lights went out and the audience was left to watch a phenomenal almost thirty-minute set of fireworks. They

upped their game and made it longer as well as setting music to the fireworks which was presented by White Flyer and the ATA. Although, the best was hearing the giggles from the kids in the audience when the fireworks went off. This is the night to come enjoy food, camaraderie, games, and fireworks. ■

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The 2024 Grand American

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Grand Week, as it is affectionately referred to by many shooters, began on Monday, August 5th and finished with the Grand American Handicap Championship on Saturday, August 10th. The five days of Preliminary Grand action, which consisted of 1500 targets and multiple triple digit temperature days, ensured that shooters were either warmed up or worn out for the big week. The weather was actually much better during the main week with temps in the mid to high 80s for the most part, however the scores for grand week were definitely lowerer than in the preliminary days.

Monday THE WINCHESTER SINGLES CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

There were 1712 shooters involved in this year's first Grand Week event and of those there were 35 perfect 200 straights put on the board. When all was said and done Patrick Stacy (OK) added several hundred straight via carryover and shoot-off to claim the AAA title. Ryan Glow (NE) finished as the AAA runner-up. Michael Lombardy (MA) was the AA champion with a lone 200 in his class, while Thomas Kleyla (IN) outlasted Patrick Murphy (IL) and Michael Reed

(GA) for A class champion. Murphy and Reed collected runner-up and 3rd place trophies in that order. Glen Jorgensen (SD) was the B class winner with a lone 199 and Richard Evans (WA) beat Nikki Herman (CO) after the two had tied in C class with scores of 198. Fernando Santana (BZ) was the D class winner with 198. Leticia Slinker (NV) and Jennifer Rutger (TX) were the Lady I champion and runner-up following perfect 200s. This was Slinker's first 200 and what a great time to do it; at the Grand. Lady II was won by Laura Winkel (WA) with 198 and a carryover against Sandra Jo Jack (WI), While Carson

Sievers (IL) outlasted Wyatt Debie (NE) following scores of 199 in the Sub Junior category. Hunter Alver (MO) and Clay Laughlin (OK) were the Junior and Junior Gold winners following 200s and carryovers. Sub Veteran, Veteran and Senior Veteran trophies were won by Troy Nelson (CO), Doug Cox (KY) and Robert Munson (ND) all with perfect scores.

Tuesday THE PRESIDENT BILLY COOK HANDICAP BY PERAZZI

There were six shooters who carded

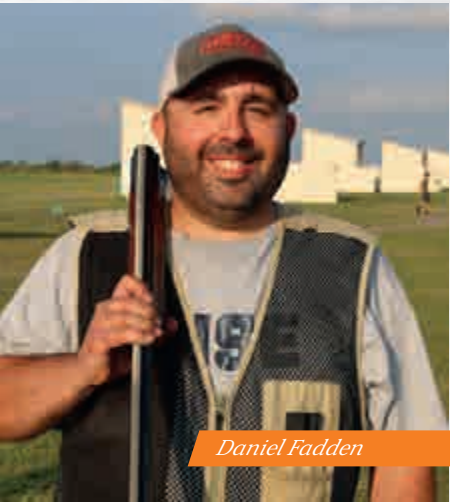
near perfect scores of 99 in this year's President's Handicap. Ian Lawrence (IL), Mick Friedel (IA), Wendy Pennock (AR), Cody Meredith (FL), Daniel Fadden (NY) and Cole Henning all needed to go to the shoot-off fields to straighten it out. Fadden broke 25 to take home the champion trophy and as he was the only non category shooter amongst the scores of 99 the rest were relegated to their respective categories. Pennock was the Lady I champion and Meredith took home the Junior trophy. Lawrence and Henning were the Junior Gold winner and runner-up, while Friedel was the Sub Veteran champ. Tyler Buchanan

Winchester AA Singles Class Championship			
AAA	Patrick Stacy	OK	200
AA	Michael Lombardy	MA	200
A	Thomas Kleyla	IN	199
B	Glen Jorgensen	SD	199
C	Richard Evans	WA	198
D	Fernando Santana	BZ	196
LDI	Leticia Slinker	NV	200
LD2	Laura Winkel	WA	198
Sub Jr	Carson Sievers	IL	199
Junior	Hunter Alver	MO	200
Jr Gold	Clay Laughlin	OK	200
Sub Vet	Troy Nelson	CO	200
Veteran	Doug Cox	KY	200
Sr Vet	Robert Munson	ND	200
Chair	Larry Norton	IL	191

Perazzi President Billy Cook Handicap By Perazzi			
Champion	Daniel Fadden	NY	99
RU	Tyler Buchanan	WI	98
3rd	Benjamin Larson	CO	98
4th	Patrick Hopson	MO	98
5th	Samual Leiendecker	ND	98
6th	Mitchell Loveless	TN	98
7th	Joseph Chamigo	OH	98
8th	Fritz Carlsten	DE	98
LDI	Wendy Pennock	AR	99
LD2	Paula Trayer	OK	96
Sub Jr	Lane Jackson	IA	97
Junior	Cody Meredith	FL	99
Jr Gold	Ian Lawrence	IL	99
Sub Vet	Mick Friedell	IA	99
Veteran	Ron Bliss	OK	98
Sr Vet	Vincent Farrell Jr		98
Chair	Ziggy Tkaczko	MO	93



Patrick Stacy



Daniel Fadden

Wenig Doubles Class Championship			
AAA	Foster Bartholow	SD	100
AA	Michael Fontello	DE	100
A	Ian Woods	KY	98
B	Ary Denti	BZ	99
C	Kurt Armstrong	AR	98
D	Mia Malcom	NE	95
LD1	Elizabeth Ternes	OH	99
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	PA	95
Sub Jr	Wyatt Debie	NE	100
Junior	Kahne Packer	NE	99
Jr Gold	Abram Lorence	IA	99
Sub Vet	Daniel Bryant	NE	100
Veteran	Michael Burnette	TN	98
Sr Vet	Doug Sims	AZ	99
Chair	Ziggy Tkaczenko	MO	96

WA

Wendell August Champion Of Champions			
Champion	Peter Walker	MN	100
RU	Clay Laughlin	OK	100
3rd	Thomas Smith Iv	LA	100
LD1	Hannah Hopson	MO	100
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	PA	99
Sub Jr	Grady Fallert	MO	100
Junior	Michael Gates	OK	100
Jr Gold	Ethan Miles	GA	100
Sub Vet	Scott Syme	UT	100
Veteran	Gary Stille	IA	100
Sr Vet	Richard Unruh	MD	100



Ian Lawrence & Cole Henning

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(WI), Benjamin Larson (CO), and Patrick Hopson (MO) were runner-up through 4th in that order with scores of 98. Paula Trayer (OK) outlasted Deborah Ohye-Neilson (PA) after the two had tied with 96s in the Lady II division. Lane Jackson put a 97 on the board and was the outright winner in Sub Junior for his efforts, while Ron Bliss (OK) and Vincent Farrell Jr (MA) each posted scores of 98 to lead the way for the Veterans and Senior Veterans.

WENIG DOUBLES CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

Only eight perfect scores were posted at the end of the Doubles Class Championship this year. There were five shot in AAA class, one of which was from the Sub Junior Champion Wyatt Debie. Three AA class shooters broke 100 straights, with one coming from the Sub Veteran winner Daniel Bryant (NE). Foster Bartholow (SD), Robert Nihtila (MA), Patrick Hopson and Scott Obenchain finished first through 4th in the highest class, while Michael Fontello (DE) and Dustin Klein (NE) were first and second in the AA class. Ian Woods (KY) and Ary Denti (BZ) broke scores of 98 and 99 to secure the A and B class

trophies, with Kurt Armstrong (AR) and Mia Malcom (NE) earning C and D class awards for scores of 97 and 95. Elizabeth Ternes (OH) and Anna Rawe (MO) were the Lady I champion and runner-up with scores of 99, while Deborah Ohye-Neilson was the Lady II winner with 95. Kahne Packer (NE) and Leo Brand (MN) were first and second in the Junior division with 99s. Abram Lorence (IA), Daniel Everett (KY) and Caleb Clayton (TN) all broke 99s and finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Junior Gold division. Michael Burnette (TN) and Doug Sims (AZ) were the Veteran and Senior Veteran winners with scores of 98 and 99. Ziggy Tkaczenko (MO) broke 96 to lead the Chair Shooters.

Wednesday THE WENDELL AUGUST CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Every year the ATA holds a special event reserved for only the Singles champions and category Singles champions from the various state and provincial shoots. Peter Walker (MN) was this year's winner in the open division with a perfect 100 and carryover. Hannah Hopson (MO), Elizabeth Ternes and Caroline Hardesty (KY) all broke 100s and finished in that order in the Lady I category. Deborah Ohye-Neilson, Shelly Heitner (IA) and Kym Hughes (CA) were the top three Lady II winners with scores of 99. Grady Fallert (MO) smashed the lone 100 in Sub Junior, while Michael Gates needed extra innings to win the Junior trophy with his perfect score. Ethan Miles (GA) was the Junior Gold winner and Scott Syme (UT) took home the Sub Veteran trophy with scores of 100. Gary Stille (IA) had the lone 100 in the Veteran category and Richard Unruh (MD) won his carryover to win the Senior Veteran title. Trace Huber, a Sub Junior from Vernal, Utah was the Grand Week entry fee winner given away by the Trap Talk Podcast. Although he wasn't able to win a trophy in the Champion of Champions event, it was definitely a

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great moment for he and his family just to participate.

THE CHALLENGER AMMUNITION HANDICAP

1753 shooters took part in the Challenger Ammunition Handicap and at the end of the event there were just three shooters at the top of the board with scores of 99. Ethan Ferris (WV), Curtis Lunsford (IN) and Patrick Lamont (MB) all broke 99s and headed to the shoot-off field that evening to decide the matter. When the target dust had settled Lamont was named the event's champion, with Lunsford finishing as the runner-up and Ferris taking home the Sub Junior trophy. Joe Charnigo (OH) and Evan Ingalls (IA) were the 3rd and 4th place winners after scores of 98. Cody Burgin (IA) and Austin Jacob (OH) rounded out the top six with 97s. Abigail Malecha (MN) and Sage McKeough (WI) were the Lady I champion and runner-up winners with scores of 94, while Nancy Peterson (FL) broke 95 to lead the Lady II shooters. Blake McCutcheon (ID) broke 98 to win the Junior trophy, with Missourians Wyatt Newby and Hunter Spruill finishing 1st and 2nd in Junior Gold after scores of 97. Scott



Scott Syme



Trace Huber

Moore (WA) was the Sub Veteran winner with 97, Robert Bowers (IN) had 96 for Veteran and John Cook (NY) broke 97 for the Senior Veteran trophy. Ziggy Tkaczenko was the Chair Shooter winner with 88.

THE KUBOTA DOUBLES

The final event of the day was the Kubota Doubles. The Kubota is not a part of the HOA, however it does carry the normal Grand Week All American points. Only nine shooters were able to break all 100 targets, despite great shooting conditions. After the carryover Joe Charnigo was named Champion for his efforts, with Corbin Grybowski (OK) and Zach Nannini (MO) finishing as runner-up and 3rd. John Mullins (WA) and Mitchell Loveless (TN) converted their perfect scores into AAA and AAA runner-up trophies. Zach Hennecke (NE) was the Junior champion with his 100, while Jerry Osborne (GA), Clay Laughlin and Ethan Ledford (GA) finished in that order as Junior Gold 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Raylee Bishop (IA) and Nicole Hood (PA) each broke 99 to finish as Lady I winner and runner-up. Deborah Ohye-Neilson was the Lady II champion with 97 and Bradyn Conner (OH) had 98 to lead the Sub Juniors. Frazer Roberts (AS) was the Sub Veteran

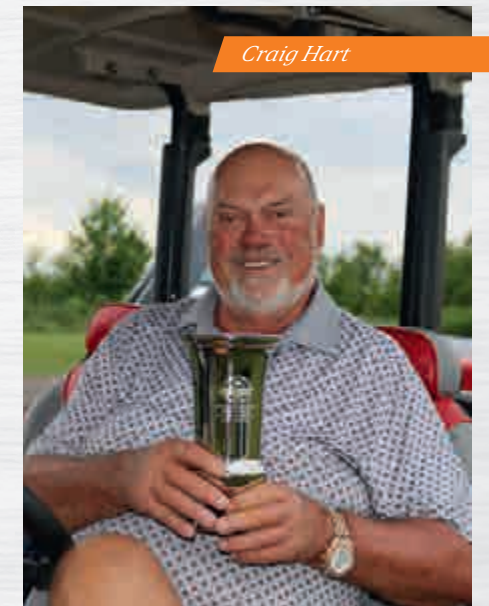
CHALLENGER

Challenger Ammunition Handicap			
Champion	Patrick Lamont	Mb	99
RU	Curtis Lunsford	In	99
3rd	Joseph Chamigo	Oh	98
4th	Evan Ingalls	Ia	98
5th	Cody Burgin	Ia	97
6th	Austin Jacob	Oh	97
7th	Thomas Kleyla	In	97
8th	Foster Bartholow	Sd	97
LD1	Abigail Malecha	Mn	94
LD2	Nancy Patterson	Fl	95
Sub Jr	Ethan Ferris	Wv	99
Junior	Blake Mccutcheon	Id	98
Jr Gold	Wyatt Newby	Mo	97
Sub Vet	Scott Moore	Wa	97
Veteran	Robert Bowers	In	96
Sr Vet	John Cook	Ny	97
Chair	Ziggy Tkaczenko	Mo	98

Kubota

Kubota Doubles			
Champion	Joseph Chamigo	Oh	100
RU	Corbin Grybowski	Ok	100
3rd	Zachari Nannini	Mo	100
AAA	John Mullins	Wa	100
AA	Patrick Stacey	Ok	99
A	Ian Woods	Ky	98
B	Kayla Workman	Ar	97
C	Nathan Oswalt	Oh	97
D	Joseph Terzo	Il	98
LD1	Raylee Bishop	Ia	99
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	Pa	97
Sub Jr	Bradyn Conner	Oh	98
Junior	Zach Hennecke	Ne	100
Jr Gold	Jerry Osborne	Ga	100
Sub Vet	Frazer Roberts	As	99
Veteran	Tank Lunsford	In	98
Sr Vet	Craig Hart	Ut	99
Chair	Ziggy Tkaczenko	Mo	93

winner with a near perfect 99, and Tank Lunsford (IN) won his carryover with Doug Stanek (IA) to secure the Veteran category. Craig Hart, from Vernal, Utah was the Senior Veteran champion with his lone 99 and Ziggy Tkaczenko won the Chair Shoot trophy with 93.




Craig Hart



ATA Clay Target Championship By Browning

Champion	Leo Brand	MN	200
RU	Patrick Stacey	OK	200
3rd	Ryan Glow	NE	200
AAA	John Kelly	MN	200
AA	Thomas Turner	AS	200
A	Schalk Pienaar	ZA	200
B	Richard Dertien	SD	200
C	Kent Lacina	MS	197
D	Charles Legg	IL	197
LD1	Katie Gilbertson	IL	199
LD2	Cheryl Demulling	WI	198
Sub Jr	Carson Sievers	IL	200
Junior	Michael Gates	OK	200
Jr Gold	Jonathan Baker	MS	200
Sub Vet	Troy Haverly	MN	200
Veteran	Charlie Kaimann	MO	200
Sr Vet	Garry Hill	AB	199
Chair	Ziggy Tkaczenko	MO	193



ATA Doubles Championship By Kolar

Champion	Logan Henry	AR	100
RU	Brian Alquist	CA	100
3rd	Dagen Voigtman	NE	100
AAA	Ryan Glow	NE	100
AA	Britt Dalton	UT	99
A	Ian Woods	KY	97
B	Michael Gates	OK	97
C	Dax Demena	FL	98
D	Ean Taylor	NJ	92
LD1	Elizebeth Ternes	OH	99
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	PA	96
Sub Jr	Bradyn Conner	OH	99
Junior	Gavin Kuck	NE	99
Jr Gold	Jonathan Baker	MS	99
Sub Vet	Eugene Leoni Jr	PA	99
Veteran	Ron Bliss	OK	98
Sr Vet	Marvin Allbright	TX	97
Chair	Larry Norton	IL	86



Caesar Guerini Preliminary Handicap

Champion	Dagen Voigtman	NE	98
RU	Patrick Lamont	MB	97
3rd	Chris Akers	IL	97
4th	Austin Jacob	OH	96
5th	James Cooper	AR	96
6th	Chris Vendel	PA	96
7th	JD Ellwanger	NE	96
8th	Graham Smith	IN	96
9th	Shawn Speakman	SC	96
10th	Jason Krause	NE	96
LD1	Kya Funkhouser	OK	96
LD2	Laura Winkel	WA	94
Sub Jr	Alice Wiebe	CA	94
Junior	Kyle Fabisiak	IL	98
Jr Gold	Ian Woods	KY	96
Sub Vet	Kevin Lee	KY	95
Veteran	Robert Bowers	IN	97
Sr Vet	Grant Winck	OH	96
Chair	Hunter Clayborn Jr	KY	89



Katie Gilbertson & Hannah Hobson

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Thursday

THE CLAY TARGET CHAMPIONSHIP BY BROWNING

There were 37 perfect 200 straights in this year's Clay Target Championship, but after two nights of overtime rounds a Junior shooter from Minnesota rose above the rest to capture the title. Leo Brand sealed the deal with a final perfect round and Patrick Stacy (OK) was left in the runner-up position. Fellow Oklahoman Michael Gates took home the Junior crown. Katie Gilbertson (IL) was the Lady I champion, with Hannah Hopson taking the runner-up honors after both had broken scores of 199. Cheryl Demulling (WI) took home the Lady II trophy with her lone 198, while Carson Sievers (IL) broke the lone 200 in the Sub Junior division. Jonathan Baker (MS) was the Junior Gold winner with 200 and Troy Haverly (MN) broke the same score to take the Sub Veteran category. Charlie Kaimann of Missouri took home the Veteran prize and Garry Hill (AB) had a 199 to win the Senior Veteran award. Ziggy Tkaczenko was the Chair winner with 193.

Friday

THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP BY BROWNING

Scores were a little low for this year's Doubles Championship, with only five perfect 100s having been shot. Zeke Yeager (MS), Dagen Voigtman, Logan Henry (AR), Ryan Glow (NE) and Brian Alquist (CA) made up the shoot-off squad for the championship. Oddly enough all of the perfectos were shot by non category shoots. In the end it was down to Alquist and Henry when the Californian let one slip. Henry was named this year's Doubles Champion. Alquist settled for runner-up and Voigtman finished in third place. Glow was the AAA winner with Yeager taking home AAA runner-up honors. Elizabeth Ternes broke 99 to win the Lady I title and Deborah Ohye-Neilson carded 96 to

earn the Lady II trophy. Bradyn Conner had a 99 to lead the Sub Juniors, while Gavin Kuck (NE) and Jonathan Baker broke the same score but needed shoot-offs to become the Junior and Junior Gold winners. Eugene Leoni Jr (PA) was the Sub Veteran champion with 99, Ron Bliss (OK) bested two others with 98 to earn the Veteran prize and Marvin Allbright (TX) had the lone 97 in Senior Veteran. Larry Norton (IL) broke 86 to win the Chair Shooter category.

THE CAESAR GUERINI PRELIMINARY HANDICAP

There were 1878 shooters in the Preliminary Handicap sponsored by Caesar Guerini and only two scores of 98 were at the top of the leaderboard at the end of the day. Kyle Fabrisiak, a Junior shooter from Illinois and Dagen Voigtman of Nebraska broke all but two of the day's Handicap targets and needed an overtime round to decide the matter. In the end it was Voigtman taking home the top trophy, with Fabrisiak settling for the Junior prize. Patrick Lamont and Chris Akers (IL) were the runner-up and 3rd place finishers with 97 apiece, while Austin Jacob (OH), James Cooper (AR) and Chris Vendel (PA) were the 4th, 5th and 6th place winners with scores of 96. Kya Funkhouser (OK) broke 96 to lead the Lady I shooters and Laura Winkel had 94 to earn the Lady II trophy. Carson Sievers was the Sub Junior champion



Logan Henry & Brian Alquist

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with 93 and Ian Woods posted a 96 to win the Junior Gold category. Kevin Lee broke 95 and needed a shoot-off to secure the Sub Veteran trophy, while Robert Bowers (IN) and Grant Winck (OH) were the Veteran and Senior Veteran winners outright with scores of 97 and 96. Hunter Clayborn (KY) broke 89 to win the Chair Shooter category.

Saturday

THE GRAND AMERICAN HANDICAP BY ELITE

Leo Brand, the Clay Target Champion was not finished. The 27 yard Minnesota Junior shooter broke the lone 99 to win the Grand American Handicap without the need for any overtime rounds. John Zeigler (TN) also a 27 yard shooter put the event's only 98 on the board to secure the runner-up trophy. Ryan Glow and Sean Hawley (UT) were the 3rd and 4th place winners with scores of 97, while Travis Maedge (IL) and Jason Vlasak (MN) had 97s to win 5th and 6th place trophies. Logan Henry (AR), Robert Nihtila (MA) and Patrick Lamont were the 7th, 8th and 9th place winners in that order with 97s, while scores of 96 fought it out for 10th through 15th place trophies. Kylie Garrison (AR) was



Leo Brand

the Lady I winner with 96 and Laura Winkel (WA) posted 95 and won her shoot-off with Marcy Plunkett (PA) for the Lady II trophy. Britton Petersen (NE) broke 96 to lead the Sub Juniors and Hunter Prockish (KS) had 97 to secure the Junior trophy. Jack Knaus (MN) broke 96 and outlasted Caleb Clayton (TN) and Kaden Westfall (CO) in the overtime for Junior Gold honors. Mike Schell (ND) was the Sub Veteran winner with 97, while Rob Taylor (KS) and Randy Bartling (NE) each had 97 to win the Veteran and Senior Veteran trophies. Larry Norton of Illinois was the Chair winner with 91.


THE ATA 2600 HOA BY WHITE FLYER

The 2600 HOA is the most underrated trophy at the Grand American every year. This is an Ironman event that requires the winners to perform at a high level for the entire Pre Grand and Grand Week schedule. No All American points are awarded for this, which makes no sense at all, but the endurance and consistency required to succeed here is second to none. This year the winner was Dagen Voigtman with 2562x2600. That score equates to a 98.54 average



Grand American Handicap By Elite

Champion	Leo Brand	MN	99
RU	John Zeigler	TN	98
3rd	Ryan Glow	NE	97
4th	Sean Hawley	UT	97
5th	Travis Maedge	IL	97
6th	John Vlasak	MN	97
7th	Logan Henry	AR	97
8th	Robert Nihtila	MA	97
9th	Patrick Lamont	MB	97
10th	Chris Vendel	PA	96
LD1	Kylie Garrison	AR	96
LD2	Laura Winkel	WA	95
Sub Jr	Britton Petersen	NE	96
Junior	Hunter Prockish	KS	97
Jr Gold	Jack Knaus	MN	96
Sub Vet	Mike Schell	ND	97
Veteran	Rob Taylor	KS	97
Sr Vet	Randy Bartling	NE	97
Chair	Larry Norton	IL	91



ATA 2600 High Over All By White Flyer

Champion	Dagen Voigtman	NE	2562
RU	Cole Henning	IA	2536
3rd	John Kelly	MN	2535
AAA	Keith Ditto	KY	2534
AA	Curtis Lunsford	IN	2505
A	Anna Rawe	MO	2468
B	Thomas Turner	AS	2502
C	Dason Harman	OK	2422
D	Andrew Barrett	MA	2426
LD1	Kya Funkhouser	OK	2513
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	PA	2473
Sub Jr	Britton Petersen	NE	2476
Junior	Mason Bartlow	IL	2527
Jr Gold	Ian Lawrence	IL	2541
Sub Vet	Scott Gens	MN	2517
Veteran	Tank Lunsford	IN	2521
Sr Vet	Randy Bartling	NE	2479
Chair	Ziggy Tkaczenko	MO	2373

across the three disciplines. The second highest score on the board went to the Junior Gold champion, Ian Lawrence with 2541. Congratulations to both of these tremendous young shooters.



Dagen Voigtman

EZGO

ATA HAA Championship By E-Z-Go

Champion	Ryan Glow	NE	397
RU	Dagen Voigtman	NE	396
3rd	Logan Henry	AR	396
AAA	Patrick Lamont	MB	395
AA	Nick Hughes	MD	390
A	Noah White	AR	386
B	Lexi Henning	IA	386
C	Kent Lacina	MS	379
D	Charles McMacken	MN	373
LD1	Sage McKeough	WI	386
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	PA	382
Sub Jr	Wyatt Debie	NE	388
Junior	Leo Brand	MN	396
Jr Gold	Caleb Clayton	TN	393
Sub Vet	Mike Whitaker	TX	388
Veteran	Tank Lunsford	IN	391
Sr Vet	Randy Bartling	NE	388
Chair	Larry Norton	IL	365

GP

ATA 1000 HOA By Prize Possessions

Champion	Patrick Lamont	MB	984
RU	Dagen Voigtman	NE	983
3rd	Ryan Glow	NE	980
AAA	Austin Jacob	OH	974
AA	Ethan Ledford	GA	961
A	Thomas Kleyla	IN	955
B	Lexi Henning	IA	949
C	Kent Lacina	MS	934
D	Michael Milano	MD	917
LD1	Kya Funkhouser	OK	961
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	PA	949
Sub Jr	Wyatt Debie	NE	966
Junior	Jack Holland	KY	969
Jr Gold	Jordan Ziercher	MO	973
Sub Vet	Scott Gens	MN	964
Veteran	Tank Lunsford	IN	965
Sr Vet	Randy Bartling	NE	949
Chair	Ziggy Tkaczenko	MO	905

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Ryan Glow

THE E-Z-GO HIGH ALL AROUND

Ryan Glow was this year's HAA champion with a lone 397x400. Perfect scores in the Clay Target and Doubles Championships along with a 3rd place finish with 97 in the Grand American Handicap ensured the title and his Championship Ring. Coming in with 396 were runner-up and third place finishers Dagen Voigtman and Logan Henry as well as Junior Champion Leo Brand.

THE PRIZE POSSESSIONS HIGH OVER ALL

Patrick Lamont won the coveted Grand Week HOA with the score of 984x1000. Lamont was one target ahead of runner-up winner Dagen Voigtman. Ryan Glow's 980x1000 was the 3rd best score on the board by six targets. Kya Funkhouser and Deborah Ohye-Neilson were the Lady I and Lady II winners with scores of 961 and 949. Wyatt Debie and Jack Holland (KY) were the Sub Junior



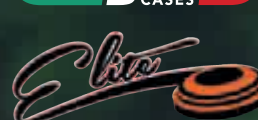
Scott Gens

and Junior champions with 961 and 969 respectively. Jordan Ziercher (MO) carded a score of 973 to secure the Junior Gold trophy. Sub Veteran and Veteran trophies were won by Scott Gens (MN) and Tank Lunsford (IN) with scores of 964 and 965, while Randy Bartling was the Senior Veteran winner with 949. Ziggy Tkaczenko took home the Chair trophy with 905.

This year's Grand American was, as it always is, a Grand time. The best of the best shooters in our sport are always there and it is a lot of fun to watch them do what they do. That is not to say that the average "Joe Trapshooter" can not compete and succeed at the Grand American. Every year there are multiple "Cinderella Stories" that happen in Sparta. I encourage everyone to attend next year's Grand. Bring your gun and shells and see what happens, you might just surprise yourself. ■



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Hall of Fame 2024

//// by jacque snellenberger

A night of recognition. The Hall of Fame induction ceremony is where everyone gathers to recognize the greats. One walks into the event center and it's been transformed. All-Americans and Hall of Famers, past and present, chatting with one another, catching up and reminiscing as they walk around in their fine attire.

Terry Waldron, director of the Hall of Fame started the night off with some interesting facts.

After those interesting facts and more, Jim Bradford held a moment of silence for the passing of some trapshooting greats; Mike Jordan, George Snellenberger, and Dr. H.E. Hewett (ATA past president). He then

invited the pastor from Tilden for the invocation. The dinner was delicious with their legendary spinach poppy seed salad, butternut squash ravioli with pulled pork ragu, chicken cordon bleu, baby green beans with bacon, scalloped potatoes, and your choice of chocolate, chocolate hazelnut, or cheesecake.

As dinner was finishing, Bradford introduced the board of trustees, sponsors, executive committee, past presidents, and previous inductees that were present. Then it was onto the main event. Ken Darroch's son, Ian, started with some of his dad's finest accomplishments. He reminded us that his dad attended his first Grand in 1968 and never fired a shot, but it

was enough to get him hooked and to start a family tradition that's still present today. In 2001 Ken completed his Grand Slam, and in 2004 at the Dixie Grand in Florida he won all five doubles events, an accomplishment that remains unequalled. Ian shared a fun story where he was joking with his dad at the Pennsylvania State Shoot that today should be the day he should win the Handicap championship, since that was the only title that he hadn't won yet. And he did! Ian was very proud of the fact that he saw his dad as the "working man." For thirty-six years Ken worked at Shippingport Nuclear Power Plant, and had to use his time wisely in order to meet the target requirements for the

All-American teams and time with his family. Ian ended saying his dad, as a coach, never pushed him, but allowed him to push himself. Ken stepped up to accept and was entertaining as he was in the know about sometimes whistles were needed to stop others from talking endlessly and he gave three away to make sure he stayed on time. Ken went on to thank the Hall of Fame committee, but also his wife, Pam and son Ian as they were there for him throughout it all. His only regret was that his dad and mother weren't here to see his induction. He believed his dad to be very instrumental in his success in shooting and in his everyday life. His dad didn't allow him to get too

high after a good score or too low after a bad one. It ties into the same advice he gives his son today, "*You're only as good as your last shot.*" When he was younger, he looked forward to going to Vandalia with his father and trying to find the hot-shots; Bueford Bailey, Dan Orlich, Britt Robinson, Kaye Ohye, George Snellenberger, and Ray Stafford. His goal was to figure out why they shot so well and learn from them. And of course, later in life he got to shoot with many of those who he looked up to and he cherishes those moments. He encouraged all young shooters to document their adventures as he enjoys history and learning from others. In closing, he encouraged shooters to give

back to our sport, and to do whatever they can to help the sport thrive.

Next up, Betty Johnson's son, Dane presented. Dane told us all how she was more than just a champion trapshooter. She was a devoted wife and a loving mother of two bratty sons. She balanced her passion for the sport with the responsibilities of family life as well as helping run the family shooting range and the boarding kennel. He wanted to make sure we knew that we were to celebrate not only her achievements, 18-time Texas Singles Lady Champion, but the values of sportsmanship, perseverance, and camaraderie that she embodies. He feels her legacy will continue to inspire generations. Betty

DID YOU KNOW ?

In June of 1900, 74 trapshooters assembled at Interstate Park in Queens, New York to participate in the first Grand American?

Rolla "Pop" Heikes, from Dayton, Ohio won the Handicap with 91 from the 22-yard line and walked away with \$130.25 in prize money?

In 1924, Annie Oakley made her only appearance at the Grand, firing her last public shots, breaking a 97 in poor health?

In 1936, Ben Cheek came to the Grand to watch his son but brought his old rabbit gun, entered the Handicap on a whim, and won?

In 2006, the first year that the Grand was held in Sparta, Hall of Famer, Kay Ohye not only won the Handicap, but was the first to win all 5 Grand American Rings in his career?



Ken Darroch with wife, Kathy and son, Ian



Jeff Mainland with daughter, Brooke and son, Sean

stood up and with a cheerful smile and a sparkle in her eye and told us that she'd been out of shooting for a long time and never in a hundred years did she imagine her photo would be on the wall—that gallery that keeps alive memories. She told stories of her husband, Jack. She found nothing but humor and joy in trapshooting and it came through. Once while waiting for the squad to be called a guy came up and was saying, "I'm nervous to shoot with ladies, but not you Betty. You're one of the guys." She took it as the compliment it was. She once got in a shoot-off with her husband and was wondering how it was going to go so she asked. Her husband said, "I didn't get in to not win. Go get your gun." And she did, and won! Her heart was filled with gratitude on Tuesday night. And she was so grateful for this particular chapter in her life.

Jeff Mainland's son, Sean, was blessed to be there recognizing and inducting two very influential people in the trapshooting community and in his personal life. He went on to say that his father and grandfather, Don, were significant contributors to the industry

but passionate about the sport and the shooters themselves. First, Don laid the groundwork, demonstrating how to treat people with kindness and respect. And, his dad, Jeff mirroring his father's kindness and commitment. Sean is continually amazed at how he builds



Betty Johnson and son, Dane

up his employees and his team. Bill and Leanne Martin, Hall of Fame inductees themselves, sent Sean a letter to be read at the ceremony. Bill remembered when he achieved his grand slam with his first purchased Kolar. Bill and Leanne mentioned his determination to succeed and their friendship. Sean was incredibly proud of both his dad and grandpa. Jeff thanked everyone and was extremely proud of his son and daughter, Brooke. With both of them at the helm, Kolar was in good hands. He's excited about the new directions it's going in. Jim Bradford even told an entertaining story about Don and meeting the Schwinn Bike company owner, as Don was totally into biking. Jeff reminded us that it was us, the customers who keep pushing them to help them grow and expand the product. He recognized the dealers, sales force, and everybody who supported them, including those who have helped fix the camper on occasion when needed.

The next year of inductees will be Dean Newman, Tim Reed, Dennis Devaux. Come help us celebrate the next new inductees at the 126th Grand American. ■



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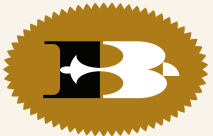
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Nostalgia Shoot

at the 2024 Grand American

//// by sandra jo jack

The free Nostalgia Shoot goes along with Elite’s sponsorship package at the Grand American.

To enter this prestigious event you must have entered at the Elite Shotgun

building with either Justin Miller, Josh Crofutt, Aaron Willoughby or Brad Young. Your name was then printed on a sheet of paper hanging on the window for all to see who entered.

How does one enter this annual Nostalgia event? This annual event was held during the Grand on August 6th. To be able to compete for the trophies shooters would have had to shoot one

qualifying round of 25 at the practice trap from the 23 yard line. The only shotguns that could be used in this event were, Remington Models 10,11, 11-48, 29, 31 & 32, Winchester Models 12, 21 & 1897, or Ithaca, Baker, AH Fox, LC Smith. Also to include Parker, or Lefever Single Barrel trap guns. Start time was very strict so being late would not get you in the event to win the Molly’s Belt Buckles offered to 1st through 5th place finishers.

One hundred top scoring contestants qualified for the shoot-off that was held in the late afternoon with soft sunshine making for ideal visibility on the orange dome White Flyer targets. All contestants plus bystanders waited for the total of 25s scored to be announced.

Only three of the 100 shooters names were called by Dan Woods in the shoot-off hut. With five places to be specified the next two scores of 24s were calculated. All that gave their best shooting abilities waited for the 24s to be called out.

Molly’s Belt Buckles—presented in black boxes shining with cubic zirconia stones, German silver and jeweler’s bronze and copper scroll edges—were awarded to the winners of this event.

- Winners were as follows:
- 1st place—George Sands
 - 2nd place—Jordan Ziercher
 - 3rd place—JD Ellwanger
 - 4th place—Kohen Burda
 - 5th place—Britton Peterson

History of the Nostalgia (a sentimental affection longing for the past) is an annual event at the Grand



George Sands & Justin Miller

American that all can enter. The top three that shot 25s are proud to have won a Buckle.

George Sands (IL) the 1st place winner shot his Model 12Y that he recently purchased and he is shooting it so well, he won at Brittany 1st Singles, 3rd Handicap and 4th in Doubles with Remington 7.5 1235 Nitros.

JD Ellwanger (NE), shooting his way to 2nd, grabbed reloads off of Grandpa Gary’s bench in his honor. His family has a love for Model 12s. JD proudly said he has placed in top six twice before.

Jordan Ziercher (MO) picked up his Model 12 for the first time after borrowing it from Pat Hopson for 3rd place. Well done for a newbie with the Model 12.

The original Elite Shotguns Pennsylvania showroom is where it all began in 2013. The first showroom has seen several changes over the last 10 years but quality and customer service have always remained consistent. This PA shotgun store now boasts nearly

600 premier shotguns on display of all disciplines and all the accessories you could need to be successful.

The Elite Shotguns Texas store is located at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio, TX where all the best shooters congregate to shoot at the World and National championships. Stop in to visit Elite Shotguns to view our inventory of over 350 premier shotguns of all disciplines and all the accessories you need to succeed.

Elite Shotguns Kentucky opened its doors in 2015, stocking one of the largest inventories of premier trap guns. With over 150 guns of all disciplines in a variety of price ranges, you can also find all the accessories you need to be a successful shooter here.

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Elite Shotguns Ohio is an events only store located inside the Cardinal Shooting Center in Marengo, Ohio.

Illinois is home for the Elite store during the Grand American with staff from Elite’s various stores willing to help you with your gun needs.

Included with your shooting experiences, you can shop for apparel, ammunition, shooting glasses and other accessories. ■



2024 Grand American Special Events

//// by josh buchiere

The special events at this year's 2024 Grand American consisted of the 28-Gauge, 20-Gauge, White Flyer Handicap Doubles, and the John Hiter Memorial International. A portion of each entry was donated to the Kids & Clays Foundation, a charity which organizes shooting sports fundraisers to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charity Chapters. In the organization's 25 years of existence, Kids & Clays has raised well over 20 million dollars for its mission. As has been the case in previous years, all of the Grand American Special Events were held at the west end shooting area.

28-Gauge Event

The 28-Gauge event was held on Sunday, August 4, and Monday, August 5. All competitors shot the event from the 22-yard line, and the shooter's Singles classification was used for the purpose of awarding trophies. Dana Edwards led all shooters in the event by a three-target margin with a 47 and was the Champion. Martin Wilbur was the Sub Veteran winner with the lone second-high score of 44, and Brent Smith was the event runner-up with a 43. Eugene Leoni Jr was the event 3rd place winner with a 42, and Donald Chrapla the Class A winner with the same score. Mike Eshleman, Weston Andersen, Patrick Jarnagin, and Dwight Paulin were the Class B, Sub Junior, Veteran, and Senior Veteran winners, all with scores of 41.

20-Gauge Event

The 20-Gauge event was held on Tuesday, August 6, and Wednesday, August 7. The event was shot from the shooter's ATA Handicap yardage from 19-27, and the maximum shell allowed was a 2 ¾ inch, 2 ½ dram, 1oz 7 ½ shot. Gavin Kuck was the event Champion with the lone high score of 45. Steven Charles was the Sub Veteran winner

with a score of 43, and Kevin Shults the Veteran winner with a 42. Donnie Wondel, Larry Norton, Patrick Jarnagin, and Rodney Johnson were the event runner-up, event 3rd, 4th, and 5th place winners, all with scores of 41. Jaryt Hess was the Junior winner with a score of 41. Clayton Kaspar was the Sub Junior winner with a 40, and Henry Bahr the Senior Veteran Champion with the same score.

White Flyer Handicap Doubles Event

The White Flyer Handicap Doubles event was held on Tuesday, August 6, and Wednesday, August 7. Competitors shot the event from their ATA Handicap yardage, and legal trap loads were mandatory. All ties were decided by reverse long run. Matthew Miller, Marcus Draves, Stephan Terzo, and Michael Day turned in high scores of 45 and, after long runs were figured, Miller was the event Champion, Draves the event runner-up, Terzo the 3rd place winner, and Day the Junior Champion. Dausen Hemker, Ryan Denes, Bradyn Connor, and Eugene Leoni Jr were the 25-26.5 yardage, 27 yardage, Sub Junior, and Sub Veteran winners, all with scores of 44. Russel Gaither, Channing Garrett,

and Jonathan Baker took 21-22.5 Yardage, 23-24.5 Yardage, and Junior Gold Champions with 42s.

John Hiter Memorial International Event

The John Hiter Memorial International event was held on Thursday, August 8, and Friday, August 9. All shooters were placed on the 22-yard line and two shots were allowed on each target. Daniel Cleary posted the lone high score of 47, earning him the event Champion trophy. Rachael Bakker, Jack Holland, and Ray Collins were the Lady I, Junior, and Veteran winners with second high scores of 46. Jordyn Smedra and Jeremy Hess took event runner-up and event 3rd place trophies, each following scores of 45. Drew Hamel and Ronnie Pitcock were the Class AA and Class A winners with 44s.

The Grand American special events offer a nice diversion during the grind of the biggest shoot of the year and gives shooters the chance to have fun and enjoy some unique events at a reasonable cost. If you are planning to attend the Grand American in 2025, you might want to stop down to the west end shooting area and participate in these fun events. ■



George Snellenberger

A Tribute //// by jacque snellenberger & karla harrison

George Snellenberger was a hard-working family man, who enjoyed shooting trap. He was proud to call himself just a “weekend trapshooter”. However, decades of record setting scores and winning ways earned him inductions into the Indiana Hall of Fame (1981); Trapshooting Hall of Fame (1983); and the Michigan Hall of Fame (1990).

His passing in Coldwater, Michigan took him from the trapline but he will always be remembered by family and

many others in the sport that he so deeply cared about.

Growing up as a kid in a rural area, it wasn’t until 1956 that George first registered any targets. He soon learned he could make more money shooting in a weekend than working all week.

Work as a butcher in various meat packing facilities moved George around from 1956 until 1977, establishing his residence at various times in Indiana, Michigan, Virginia, Ohio and eventually back to Michigan. He claimed titles

in all of those states. His trophy case of multiple states’ titles began to fill in 1959. He paved the way as the first shooter to win four states’ 16-yard titles. He was the only shooter up until 1978 to win six state Singles titles with a 200 straight.

By 1960, he was using his two weeks of annual vacation to attend the Grand American Trapshoot for a week and his state shoot for a week. Also in 1960, he brought home four of many-to-come Grand American honors. His running of

600 Singles at the 1960 Grand resulted in two of these four trophies.

1961 was a breakout year for George Snellenberger, he was recognized as an ATA All American, the first of eleven years to be listed on the prestigious team. This was at a time when a committee reviewed shooters’ accomplishments for selection.

In a Grand shoot-off against an eventual Hall of Famer, Dan Orlich was gracious enough to allow George to come back later in the week to decide the winner. George’s mother had

passed away and he returned home for her burial. It was common knowledge among George’s friends that when he passed, Jacque was NOT to stop her shooting, as he had. He repeatedly said, *“I’ll be here when you get done shooting.”* Many were shocked to see her shooting on the very day of his passing on the opening of the Michigan State Shoot. She knew what her dad wanted, and she honored those wishes that day and throughout the summer for her dad.

After three days of Grand American shoot-offs, with both Snellenberger and Orlich breaking 500 straight Singles targets (a new record at the time), they were declared Co-Champions in the Champion of Champions race.

The ATA Handicap long run record from the 27-yard line was listed under George Snellenberger’s name from 1965-1967. Another highlight in 1967 came when George met Kitty at the Maryland State shoot. They were married just 6 days later! They won the husband/wife Grand trophy in 1970, setting a new record of 395/400 (George dropped one!). Trap wasn’t the only shooting game that George and Kitty enjoyed together. They attended live bird events, where George would shoot and Kitty would play poker. She had a habit of bragging about her husband, so George shot well to back up her boasts. George

liked to say, *“There’s two kinds of pigeon shooters, the Good and the Rich.”*

Snellenberger recorded his Grand Slam (after his score of 100 in Doubles) in 1965. His name follows Dan Orlich, (the first ever/1964) to post perfect scores in Singles, Doubles and Handicap. He will be forever listed as #2 on the list that now numbers over 517 (and counting) accomplished competitors.

Snellenberger set the ATA High-All-Around record in 1969, a total score that remained unbeaten until 1982.

Snellenberger carried an annual Singles average of 99% or above during 7 different years, including 2019 when at the age of 82, he only registered 100 targets and broke a 99! At age 79, George broke a 200 in the Indiana State Singles in July of 2015, which happened to be a span of 56 years between his first 200 and his last. His longevity in the sport earned him a patch for shooting at the Grand American for 65 years.

Snellenberger was the first to record a 100 straight in Doubles, not once but twice, at a Grand American tournament. He is listed as #3 on the ATA list to ever break 100 Doubles at the Grand.

Anyone who ever knew George Snellenberger knows that his proudest achievement was his daughter, Jacque Snellenberger. From her very first shot, George was her coach and mentor. After





George's retirement in 1998 and until he was unable to travel in 2023, George and Jacque traveled to tournaments all across the country during summers, since Jacque is a 5th grade school teacher. The father-daughter duo is one of only a very few parent-child members of the Trapshooting Hall of Fame.

When asked about favorite memories of her dad, Jacque's responses weren't all about shooting. Her first thoughts were about him spoiling her with orange juice in the mornings, making her oatmeal (her favorite!) or of them sitting together watching cartoons. Jacque then went on to tell of the time when George was shooting for the Grand American Singles Championship at Vandalia. George had run out of shells so he sent her to the shell house to get more. When she came back with heavy 8s instead of light 8s, he never said a word or made her feel bad about the mix up.

During the time when they were traveling, Jacque has funny memories of George forgetting his teeth when they stayed in hotels—they would always go back and retrieve them. Playing cards for nickels at every shoot, including the protections, is a fond recollection.



In addition to his daughter in Coldwater, MI, George Snellenberger is survived by a son, Scott (Helen) Snellenberger of Indiana; 5 grandchildren and their spouses plus many great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Kathryn (Kitty) in 2007; a son, Georgie and a grandchild, Troy.

We've lost a legend. George loved to tell stories of the old trapshooting legends...he lived through the making of that legendary history. You never had to guess where you stood with him, he would tell you. That's just one of the many things that will be greatly missed about George Snellenberger. ■



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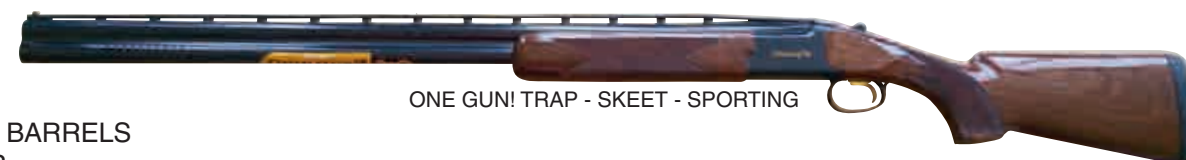


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2024 Pennsylvania Grand

//// by joshua buchiere

The 2024 PA Grand shoot was held from Friday, July 5, through Sunday, July 7, at the Pennsylvania State Shotgunning Association in Elysburg, Pennsylvania. The PA Grand is held on the Fourth of July weekend each year, offering shooters a nice long weekend of competitive shooting. This year the program for the tournament consisted of 100 each Singles, Handicap, and Doubles on Friday, 200 target Singles Championship and 100 Handicap targets on Saturday, and 100 target Doubles and Handicap Championships on Sunday, for a program total of 800 targets.

Friday

The first day of the PA Grand started off at 10am with the Independence Singles. Temperatures in the low 90s and light winds made for a hot day of shooting in Elysburg. A total of 296 shooters took the firing line in the event, and four shooters out of the field turned in 100 straights. After a carryover the following day, Brandon Deal was the event Champion, Justin Slater the Class AA winner, James LaFrance the Sub Veteran winner, and Steven Fitch the Senior Veteran Champion. Patrick Monaghan, Michael Waschitz, Tucker

Nystrom, Joseph Breck IV, Roger Herb, and Katelynn Decker took Class A, Class B, Sub Junior, Junior, Veteran, and Lady I trophies, all with scores of 99. Deborah Ohye-Neilson was the Lady II winner outright with a score of 98. Nicholas Fantanarosa Jr and Raymond Padovani were high with scores of 98 in the Independence Handicap and were called to shoot off at the conclusion of the day. After one overtime round, Fantanarosa Jr was the event Champion and Padovani fell back to take the Veteran category trophy. Brandon Deal was the event runner-up with the only non-category score of 96,

Nicholas Fantanarosa Jr.



and Philip Riley took the Sub Veteran trophy with the same score. Joseph H Bowers, James Byrne, and Shane Strobel were the Junior, event 3rd, and event 4th place winners with 95s. Allan Hunter, Michael Hoover, Kevin Eshenbaugh, John Federici, and Katelynn Decker took event 5th, event 6th, event 7th, Senior Veteran, and Lady I trophies, all with scores of 94.

William Rychlik



William Rychlik and Nicole Hood were high in the Independence Doubles with scores of 98. After a carryover Sunday morning, Rychlik was the event Champion and Hood fell back to take Lady I honors. John Ruggieri and Eugene Leoni Jr were the Class AA and Sub Veteran winners with scores of 96. Matthew Rebuck, Becki Reitz, Brandon Hood, Steven Miller, and David Winn were Class A, Class C, Junior, Veteran, and Senior Veteran winners, all with scores of 95. Michael Waschitz and Iver Gustafson II were the Class B and Junior Gold winners, each with scores of 94.

Saturday

For the PA Grand Singles Championship, temperatures hung in the mid-90s throughout the day on Saturday, and still, clear conditions once again led to good scores. Brandon Deal and Justin Slater both turned in 200 straights and were called to shoot off at the end of the day's program. Both Deal and Slater broke the first 75 targets in the shoot-off and would return to the firing line for one more round. This time, Slater let one target slip away and Deal remained straight earning him the PA Grand Singles Championship. Slater would fall back to take event runner-up. Cody Rahn took Class AA runner-up with a score of 199, and Edwin Johnson the Class A title after one overtime round with Jacob Hoover, who was the Class A runner-up. Wesley Beaver, Steven Miller, and Robert Edwards were high in the Junior Gold, Veteran, and Senior Veteran categories, all with scores of 199. Vincent Barranco was the Sub Veteran Champion outright with a score of 198, and Steven Fitch the Senior Veteran runner-up with the same score. Richard Wilson III, Joseph Breck IV, Steven McCafferty, George Panarisi, and Robyn Bird took Class B Champion, Junior Champion, Sub Veteran runner-up, Veteran runner-up, and Lady I Champion trophies, all with scores of 197. Deborah Ohye-Neilson was the

Brandon Deal



Lady II winner with a score of 196. In the second event of the day, the Firecracker Handicap, Matthew Rebuck and Joseph H Bowers were high in the event with scores of 98 and were called to shoot off for event Champion. After one overtime round, Rebuck was the event Champion and Bowers the event runner-up. Eric Flexer was the event 3rd place winner with the lone second-high score of 97. Patrick Monaghan took the Senior Veteran trophy with the only score of 96 in the event. William

Matthew Rebuck



Singles Championship

Champion	Brandon Deal	PA	200
AA	Justin Slater	PA	200
A	Edwin Johnson	NY	199
B	Richard Wilson Iii	PA	197
C	Robert Sargent Jr	PA	194
D	David Stancavage	PA	192
LD1	Robyn Bird	PA	197
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	PA	196
Sub Jr	Tucker Nystrom	PA	196
Junior	Joseph Breck Iv	PA	197
Jr Gold	Wesley Beaver	PA	199
Sub Vet	Vincent Barranco	NY	198
Veteran	Steven Miller	PA	199
Sr Vet	Robert Edwards	NY	199

Doubles Championship

Champion	Eugene Leoni Jr	PA	97
AA	Brandon Deal	PA	96
A	Louis Bottegag	PA	97
B	Kyle Hartzell	PA	94
C	Randy Parson	PA	92
D	Gary Waalkes	DE	91
LD1	Nicole Hood	PA	95
LD2	Marcy Plunkett	PA	90
Sub Jr	William Rychlik	MA	96
Junior	Joseph T Bowers	PA	93
Jr Gold	Iver Gustafson II	PA	96
Sub Vet	David Darrough	PA	96
Veteran	Raymond Padovani	NJ	90
Sr Vet	John Federici	RI	96

Handicap Championship

Champion	Peter McGowan	PA	97
RU	Joseph H Bowers	PA	96
3rd	Jacob Hoover	PA	96
4th	Brandon Deal	PA	95
5th	David Shaeffer Jr	MD	95
6th	Chad Whitman	PA	94
7th	Cody Rahn	PA	94
LD1	Katelynn Decker	PA	95
LD2	Genevieve Davis	PA	95
Sub Jr	Tucker Nystrom	PA	93
Junior	Alex Orkin	PA	97
Jr Gold	Wesley Beaver	PA	94
Sub Vet	John Pettibone	FL	95
Veteran	Randy Miller	PA	93
Sr Vet	Michael Waschitz	NY	94

High All Around

Champion	Brandon Deal	PA	391
AA	Nicole Hood	PA	380
A	John Ruggieri	RI	377
B	Nicholas Deremer	PA	375
C	Joseph H Bowers	PA	368
D	David Stancavage	PA	368
LD1	Katelynn Decker	PA	381
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	PA	380
Sub Jr	Tucker Nystrom	PA	383
Junior	Joseph Breck IV	PA	384
Jr Gold	Wesley Beaver	PA	383
Sub Vet	Vincent Barranco	NY	377
Veteran	Raymond Padovani	NJ	370
Sr Vet	Michael Waschitz	NY	376

High Over All

Champion	Brandon Deal	PA	772
AA	Matthew Rebuck	PA	757
A	Brandon Hood	PA	750
B	Nicholas Deremer	PA	747
C	Cono Natale	NY	715
D	David Stancavage	PA	716
LD1	Nicole Hood	PA	751
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	PA	733
Sub Jr	Tucker Nystrom	PA	749
Junior	Joseph Breck IV	PA	756
Jr Gold	Iver Gustafson II	PA	743
Sub Vet	Vincent Barranco	NY	740
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Wolfe and David Winn were the event 4th and 5th place winners with 95s and one round of overtime. William Rychlik, Dawson Schoffstall, and Allan Hunter were the Sub Junior, Junior Gold, and Sub Veteran winners with scores of 95. Dennis Cacciola Sr, Justin Slater, Brandon Hood, Raymond Padovani, Andrea LaFrance, and Marcy Plunkett took event 6th, event 7th, Junior, Veteran, Lady I, and Lady II winners, all with scores of 94.

Sunday

The final day of the PA Grand started off at 9am with the PA Grand Doubles Championship. The wind was once again light, but targets were challenging enough to keep scores down overall. Eugene Leoni Jr and Louis Bottegag were high in the event with scores of 97. After one overtime round that afternoon, Leoni Jr was the PA Grand Doubles Champion and Bottegag the Class A winner. Brandon Deal, William Rychlik, and Iver Gustafson II were the Class AA, Sub Junior, and Junior Gold winners with scores of 96. John Ruggieri and Nicole Hood were the Class AA runner-up and Lady I Champion, each with 95s.

In the last event of the tournament, the PA Grand Handicap Championship, Peter McGowan and Alex Orkin led the field of 279 with scores of 97. After one shoot-off round, McGowan was the event Champion, and Orkin fell back to take Junior Champion. Joseph H Bowers and Jacob Hoover were the event runner-up and 3rd place winners, each with scores of 96. Joseph T Bowers was the Junior runner-up with the only category score of 96. Brandon Deal, David Shaeffer Jr, John Pettibone, Katelynn Decker, and Genevieve Davis were the event 4th, event 5th, Sub Veteran, Lady I, and Lady II winners, all with 95s. Chad Whitman, Cody Rahn, Michael Campbell, Timothy Scott, and Joseph Breck IV took event 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th places with 94s. Wesley Beaver, Percy Caraballo, Michael Waschitz, William Wallis, and



Eugene Leoni Jr.

Deborah Ohye-Neilson were the Junior Gold Champion, Sub Veteran runner-up, Senior Veteran winner, Senior Veteran runner-up, and Lady II runner-up, all with scores of 94.

Brandon Deal dominated the High All Around standings at the PA Grand, leading the event with a score of 391x400, seven targets ahead of his closest competitor Joseph Breck IV who took Junior Champion with 384. Tucker Nystrom and Wesley Beaver were the Sub Junior and Junior Gold winners with 383s. Brandon Deal also captured the High Over All Championship with a score of 772x800, a fifteen-target margin over Class AA Champion Matthew Rebuck.

The PA Grand was a successful tournament for the PSSA this year, and attendance was up from 2023. The PSSA sponsored a pig roast and cornhole tournament after the conclusion of the shooting program on Saturday, making for an enjoyable diversion from the usual routine. If you are looking for a Fourth of July getaway next year, consider making the trip to Elysburg in July! ■

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2024 ATA Eastern Zone Shoot

at the New York State Homegrounds in Cicero

//// by josh buchiere



The 2024 ATA Eastern Zone tournament was hosted this year by the New York State ATA in Cicero, New York, from Thursday, July 18, through Sunday, July 21. The Eastern Zone is currently the only ATA Zone shoot that does not use a telephonic format, and the venue alternates annually between Cicero, New York, and Elysburg, Pennsylvania. The total program for the shoot consists of 1000 targets over the course of four days, with the final 400 making up the High All Around Championship, and the total 1000 the High Over All.

Thursday

The first day of the Eastern Zone started off at 10 am with the Chris Vendel Singles. Michael Fox Jr and Daniel Fadden led the field of 160 shooters with 100 straights, and after a carryover the following day, Fox Jr was the event Champion and Fadden the Class AAA Champion. Fritz Carlsten was the Class AA winner with a 99 and a carryover win over John Ruggieri. Steven Miller was the Veteran Champion with a score of 99 after winning a four way carryover

with Louis DiPrete, John Patchell, and Richard Sauer. Deborah Ohye-Neilson and William Rychlik took Lady II and Sub Junior trophies outright, each with 99s.

A stiff breeze picked up by the start of the Ben Snyder Handicap and made for challenging targets and low overall scores. Nick Hughes led all shooters in the event with the lone high score of 96 from 27 yards and was the event Champion without need for a shoot-off. William Compton took the Veteran category trophy with the only score of 95 in the event. Chris Vendel was the runner-up with a 93, and Andrew Goodwin the Junior winner with the same score. Michael Fontello and Deborah Ohye-Neilson took 3rd place and Lady II trophies, each with scores of 92. Brenden Backus was the 4th place finisher with a 91.

The breeze died down some by the start of the Richard Batesko Doubles, and some good scores were posted. Robert Nihtila Jr was the event Champion with the lone high score of 99. Cody Davis was the Class AA Champion with the lone second-high score of 98. Joseph Breck IV was high in



Nick Hughes

the Junior category with the only score of 97 in the event. Michael Fox Jr was the Class AAA winner outright with a score of 95.

Friday

Conditions on Friday morning were much calmer than the previous day, and scores rose significantly with six shooters out of the field of 217 posting perfect scores in the Class Singles. After a carryover the following day, Chris Landon was the Class AAA Champion and Michael Fontello the Class AAA runner-up. Nickolas Gibbs, Marco Cannizzaro, and Steven Miller took Class AA, Class A, and Veteran honors outright following their 100 straights. Andrew Goodwin, Heidi Womer, Deborah Ohye-Neilson, Robert Blackburn, Richard Unruh, Alan Morse, Donald Neilson, and Dan Gris were the Junior Champion, Lady I Champion, Lady II Champion, Senior Veteran Champion, Senior Veteran runner-up, Sub Veteran Champion, Sub Veteran runner-up, and Senior Veteran runner-up, all with scores of 99. Thomas Walter Jr was the Class B winner with a 98 and a carryover win over Michael Waschitz, who took Class B runner-up. Richard Mastin took Class C honors outright



Daniel Fadden



Lanny Kinner

following a 98.

The wind picked up by the time the Preliminary Handicap had started, and scores were low. Lanny Kinner led the field of 195 shooters with the lone high score of 95, earning him event Champion without need for a shoot-off. Glenn Adams was the Senior Veteran Champion with a 94, and William Wallis the category runner-up with a 93. Nick Hughes took the event runner-up trophy with the only non-category score of 93. Leonidas Neifert and Alan Morse were the Sub Junior and Sub Veteran winners each with scores of 93. Mark Johnson took 3rd place after a shoot-off win over Marco Cannizzaro, who was the 4th place winner. Donald Alderson, Thomas Walter Jr, Vincent Farrell, Cody Davis, Richard Unruh, and Brian Luther were the event 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th place winners all following scores of 91. Andrew Goodwin and Diane Durant took Junior and Lady II honors with scores of 91.

In the final event of the day, the Doubles Class Championship, Michael Fox Jr, Chris Vendel, and Robert Nihtila Jr led the field of 151 shooters with scores of 97. After a carryover on Sunday morning, Michael Fox Jr was the Class AAA Champion and Chris Vendel the Class AAA runner-up. John Ruggieri

was the Class AA Champion with the only score of 96 in the event. Nickolas Gibbs was the Class AA runner-up with a score of 95 and a carryover win over Nick Hughes. Marco Cannizzaro, Jonathan Hannahoe, Deborah Ohye-Neilson, Michael Waschitz, and Daniel Tartick were the Class A Champion, Class A runner -up, Lady II Champion, Senior Veteran winner, and Veteran Champion, all with scores of 95.

Saturday

The Eastern Zone Singles Championship started off Saturday morning at 9 am. A total of 260 shooters took the firing line in the event, and six made it through the first 100 without a miss. Once the firing line had cleared and all scores were in, two shooters, Robert Nihtila Jr and Daniel Fadden, posted 200 straights and were called to shoot off in front of the main clubhouse. The lighting was increasingly difficult at that time of evening, but both men made it through the first round straight and would return to the shoot-off trap once again. This time,



Robert Nihtila Jr.

Fadden let two targets slip away and Nihtila Jr remained straight, earning him the 2024 Eastern Zone Singles Championship, and Fadden fell back to take event runner-up. Chris Vendel, Michael Fox Jr, and David Shaeffer Jr tied for the Class AAA title with scores of 199. After forfeits by Fox Jr and Shaeffer Jr, Vendel was the Class AAA Champion and Fox Jr the Class AAA runner-up. Brian Snyder secured the Class AA Champion trophy with a 199 outright, Edwin Johnson was the Class AA runner-up with a 198. Michael Kazmark Jr was the Class A winner with a score of 197, and Matthew McNall the Class B Champion with one target less. Richard Batesko and Steven Miller took Champion in their respective Sub Veteran and Veteran categories, each with scores of 197. David McMasters and Dan Gris were the Sub Veteran and Veteran runners-up, each following scores of 196 and shoot-off wins. Joseph Breck IV and Alex Tucker tied for the Junior title with scores of 196. After two overtime rounds, Breck IV was the Champion and Tucker the category runner-up. Bryce Leonard was the

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Singles Championship		
Champion	Robert Nihtila Jr	200
RU	Daniel Fadden	200
AAA	Chris Vendel	199
AA	Brian Snyder	199
A	Michael Kazmark Jr	197
B	Matthew Mcnall	196
C	Michael Pantuosco	194
D	Susan Gullotta	186
LD1	Jenna Euscher	192
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	196
Sub Jr	Leonidas Neifert	195
Junior	Joseph Breck IV	196
Jr Gold	Bryce Leonard	196
Sub Vet	Richard Batesko	197
Vet	Steven Miller	197
Sr Vet	Richard Unruh	196

Doubles Championship		
Champion	David Shaeffer Jr	99
RU	Michael Fontello	98
AAA	Michael Fox Jr	97
AA	Nickolas Gibbs	95
A	Greg Tartick	94
B	Brian Snyder	95
C	William Alfree	94
D	Keith Barton	90
LD1	Heidi Womer	90
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	91
Sub Jr	William Rychlik	97
Junior	Joseph Breck IV	95
Jr Gold	Chris Tsementzis	96
Sub Vet	John Kirksey	96
Veteran	Urban Womer	95
Sr Vet	Richard Unruh	94

Handicap Championship		
Champion	Chris Vendel	95
RU	Daniel Fadden	92
3rd	Timothy Holtz	91
4th	Brenden Backus	91
5th	David Shaeffer Jr	91
6th	Timothy Corrente	90
LD1	Marie Perron	84
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	89
Sub Jr	Leonidas Neifert	94
Junior	Joseph Breck IV	94
Jr Gold	Chris Tsementzis	94
Sub Vet	Todd Way	94
Veteran	William Alfree	91
Sr Vet	Cliff Haaf	90

High All Around		
Champion	David Shaeffer Jr	389
RU	Chris Vendel	387
AAA	Michael Fox Jr	384
AA	Brian Snyder	383
A	William Alfree	376
B	Connor Gibson	373
C	Robert Rutter	369
D	Anthony Valvo	352
LD1	Heidi Womer	359
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	376
Sub Jr	Leonidas Neifert	381
Junior	Joseph Breck IV	385
Jr Gold	Chris Tsementzis	385
Sub Vet	Joe DiFrancesco	376
Veteran	Dan Gris	381
Sr Vet	Sheldon Hostetter	373

High Over All		
Champion	Chris Vendel	956
RU	Robert Nihtila Jr	950
AAA	Michael Fox Jr	948
AA	Cody Davis	936
A	Brian Luther	914
B	William Rychlik	925
C	Stephane Benard	891
D	Vijay Puran	850
LD1	Heidi Womer	881
LD2	Deborah Ohye-Neilson	934
Sub Jr	Leonidas Neifert	943
Junior	Joseph Breck IV	937
Jr Gold	Connor Gibson	917
Sub Vet	John Kirksey	910
Veteran	Dan Gris	932
Sr Vet	Sheldon Hostetter	924

Eastern Zone

Junior Gold winner with a score of 196, and Deborah Ohye-Neilson the Lady II winner with the same score.

Sunday

Clear skies and temperatures in the upper 70s made for comfortable conditions Sunday morning for the Eastern Zone Doubles Championship. As the day went on, the wind picked up. However, for the first event of the day, the breeze was not a significant factor. David Shaeffer Jr turned in the lone high score of 99, earning him the 2024 Eastern Zone Doubles Championship without need for a shoot-off. This Doubles title was the last one that Shaeffer Jr needed to capture all five Eastern Zone Championship titles over the course of his shooting career. Michael Fontello was the event runner-up with the lone second-high score of 98. Michael Fox Jr was the Class AAA Champion, and William Rychlik the Sub Junior winner outright, each with scores of 97. Robert Nihtila Jr and Chris Tsementzis were the Class AAA runner-up and Junior Gold Champion, each following scores of 96. Nickolas Gibbs, Nick Hughes, Brian Snyder, and Joseph



David Shaeffer Jr.



Chris Vendel

Breck IV were the Class AA Champion, Class AA runner-up, Class B winner, and Junior Champion, all with scores of 95.

The wind picked up significantly by the start of the final event of the tournament, the Eastern Zone Handicap Championship. The strong winds kept scores low and once all scores were in, Chris Vendel led the field of 197 shooters with the lone high score of 95 from 27 yards, earning him the Eastern Zone Handicap Championship without need for a shoot-off. Leonidas Neifert, Joseph Breck IV, Chris Tsementzis, and Todd Way were the Sub Junior, Junior, Junior Gold, and Sub Veteran titles, all with second-high scores of 94. Daniel Fadden was the event runner-up with a 92, and Connor Gibson the Junior Gold runner-up with the same score. Timothy Holtz, Brenden Backus, and David Shaeffer Jr secured 3rd, 4th, and 5th place trophies, all with scores of 91.

HAA & HOA

David Shaeffer Jr captured the High All Around title with a score of 389x400, two targets ahead of Chris Vendel, who took runner-up with 387. Joseph Breck IV and Chris Tsementzis were the Junior

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and Junior Gold winners with scores of 385. Chris Vendel's strong finish in the Championship Handicap secured him the High Over All Championship with a score of 956x1000, six targets ahead of event runner-up Robert Nihtila Jr. Michael Fox Jr was the Class AAA Champion with a score of 948.

In 2025, the PSSA will host the Eastern Zone tournament in Elysburg, Pennsylvania. In addition, for the first time in a number of years, the Ontario Provencial Trapshooting Association will also host a zone site. As a result of having multiple host sites, the number of shooters at the Eastern Zone tournament will no doubt increase in the future. ■



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2024 PSSA Summer Championship

//// by josh buchiere

The 2024 PSSA Summer Championship was held from Thursday, July 25, to Sunday, July 28, at the PSSA home grounds in Elysburg, Pennsylvania. The Summer Championship is held each year that the PSSA does not host the ATA Eastern Zone Tournament to give shooters an additional four days of registered shooting in Elysburg. The program for the shoot consists of 100 each Singles, Handicap, and Doubles on Thursday and Friday, 200 Singles and 100 Handicap on Saturday, and 100 each Doubles and Handicap on Sunday for a program total of 1100 targets.

Thursday

The first day of the PSSA Summer Championship started out at 10am Thursday morning with the Sizzlin' Summer Singles. Brandon Deal, Tucker Nystrom, and John Federici turned in perfect scores and were the Class AA, Sub Junior, and Senior Veteran winners. Steven Fitch, Jeffrey Love, and Gerald Silvis were the Class A Champion, Sub Veteran winner, and Veteran Champion, each with scores of 99. Stephen Pustay took the Class B trophy following a 98 and a carryover win. Albert Raimo, Bethany Breighner, and Marcy Plunkett



Brandon Deal

secured Class C, Lady I, and Lady II honors, all with scores of 97. Scores of 94 were high in the second event of the day, the Hot & Hazy Handicap. Jerry McCoy, Jeffrey Love, and Wayne Shadel were called to shoot off for event Champion at the conclusion of the day's program. After one overtime round, McCoy was the Champion, Love the Sub Veteran winner, and Shadel the Senior Veteran Champion. Jonathan Hannahoe, Steven Fitch, Joseph Sipos, and John Federici were the event runner-up, event 3rd, 4th, and 5th place finishers, all with second high scores of 93. Herman Manbeck and Nicole Hood took the Veteran and Lady I category trophies, each with a score of 93.

A breeze and overcast skies kept scores down in the Dog Days Doubles. Tucker Nystrom was high in the event with a score of 96, earning him Sub Junior Champion. Brandon Deal, Brandon Hood, and Joel Etchen were the Class AA, Junior, and Senior Veteran winners with 95s. Joseph T Bowers and James Johnston were the Class A and Class B winners with 94s,

and Bethany Breighner was the Lady I Champion with the same score. David Darrough was the Sub Veteran winner with a 93.

Friday

Friday started off warm and breezy with clear skies and temperatures in the low 80s for the Singles Class Championship. Brandon Deal was the Class AA winner with a perfect score, and Joseph Sipos was the Sub Veteran Champion outright with the only other 100 straight in the event. Brian Zick was the Class A Champion, Tucker Nystrom the Sub Junior winner, and Sheldon Hostetter the Senior Veteran Champion, each with scores of 99. Uday Madasu, Joseph T Bowers, Richard Painter, and Marcy Plunkett took Class B, Junior, Veteran, and Lady II trophies, all with scores of 98.

David Canavan Sr, Brandon Deal, and Kyle Hartzell were high in the second event of the day, the Heat Wave Handicap, with scores of 95. After two shoot-off rounds, Canavan Sr was the event Champion, Deal the event runner-



David Canavan Sr.

up, and Hartzell the event 3rd place winner. Matthew Rebeck was the event 4th place winner with a score of 93 and one overtime round with Jason Holdren, who fell back to take 5th place. JJ Lubas was the Sub Veteran winner with a 93, and Kelley Huber the Lady I Champion with the same score. Joseph T Bowers, John Russo Jr, and Genevieve Davis





Katelynn Decker



Tucker Nystrom



Joseph T Bowers

took their respective Junior, Veteran, and Lady II categories, all with 92s. The breeze made for challenging targets in the final event of the day, the Doubles Class Championship. Tip Wight and Katelynn Decker were high in the event with scores of 96 and took Sub Veteran and Lady I trophies. Brian Shyda was the Class A winner and Tucker Nystrom the Sub Junior Champion, each with scores of 95. Nicole Hood, Dustin Bauer, Brandon Hood, and James Stoner took Class AA, Class B, Junior, and Sub Veteran honors, all with 94s.

Saturday

Shooters took the firing line at 10am Saturday morning for the SC Singles Championship. Out of the field of 273 shooters, only Tucker Nystrom posted a 200 straight (his career first) and was the Summer Championship Singles Champion without need for a shoot-off. Steven Fitch was the Senior Veteran winner with the lone second-high score of 199. James Bechtel was the Class AA winner with a 198, and Fred Gainer the Class A winner with the same score. Trophy winners with scores of 197 are as follows: Dave Bicknell – Class AA

runner-up, Brian Zick – Class A runner-up, Thomas Henry – Class B Champion, Gary Hoysradt – Sub Veteran Champion, Jeffrey Love – Sub Veteran runner-up, Richard Painter – Veteran Champion, Sheldon Hostetter – Senior Veteran runner-up, Katelynn Decker – Lady I Champion, and Nicole Hood – Lady I runner-up. Jeff Frymoyer led all shooters in the Preliminary Handicap with the lone high score of 98, earning him the event Champion trophy by a three-target margin over the rest of the field. Dave Comroe was the event runner-up with the only non-category score of 95 in the event. Bryce Leonard and Michael Waschitz were the Junior Gold and Senior Veteran winners, each with scores of 95. Tucker Nystrom, Stephen Pustay, and Katelynn Decker were the Sub Junior, Sub Veteran, and Lady I winners, all with 94s.

Sunday

Clear blue skies and temperatures in the low 80s made for a beautiful day to shoot on the final day of the Summer Championship. Joseph T Bowers led all shooters in the SC Doubles Championship with the lone high score

of 99, earning him event Champion without a shoot-off. Nicole Hood was the Lady I winner with the only score of 98 in the event. Dave Bicknell was the Class AA Champion, Louis Bottegat the Class A winner, and Brian James the Sub Veteran Champion, all with scores of 96. In the last event of the tournament, Nicole Hood and Wesley Beaver led the field of 211 shooters in the SC Handicap Championship with scores of 97 from 27 yards and were called to shoot off at the conclusion of the day. After one overtime round, Hood was the event Champion, and Beaver fell back to take the Junior Gold title. Peter McGowan and Robert Edwards were the event runner-up and Senior Veteran winners, each with second-high scores of 96. Joseph H Bowers took event 3rd place with a 94, and Donald Weinreich the Sub Veteran title with the same score.

HAA & HOA

Nicole Hood’s dominant performance on the weekend Championship events earned her the shoot’s High All Around title with a score of 392x400, an 8-target margin over the rest of the field. Robert Edwards was the Senior Veteran

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Singles Championship

Champion	Tucker Nystrom	200
AA	James Bechtel	198
A	Fred Gainer	198
B	Thomas Henry	197
C	Donald Weinreich	191
D	John Solt	194
LD1	Katelynn Decker	197
LD2	Susan Owens	193
Sub Jr	Jackson Lipsett	188
Junior	Nicholas Deremer	195
Jr Gold	Bryce Leonard	193
Sub Vet	Gary Hoysradt	197
Veteran	Richard Painter	197
Sr Vet	Steven Fitch	199

Doubles Championship

Champion	Joseph Bowers	99
AA	Dave Bicknell	96
A	Louis Bottegai	96
B	Kris Ray	94
C	Zachary Eshbach	92
D	Mark Hoffman	87
LD1	Nicole Hood	98
LD2	Marcy Plunkett	92
Sub Jr	Tucker Nystrom	96
Junior	Brandon Hood	92
Jr Gold	Bryce Leonard	93
Sub Vet	Brian James	96
Veteran	Robert Johnston	86
Sr Vet	Joel Etchen	94

Handicap Championship

Champion	Nicole Hood	97
RU	Peter McGowan	96
3rd	Joseph Bowers	94
4th	Brian Snyder	93
5th	Harry Gochenauer	92
6th	Richard Hess Jr	92
7th	Timothy Burnett	92
LD1	Debra Hunter	92
LD2	Mary Ann Cacciola	88
Sub Jr	Logan Whitman	89
Junior	Nicholas Deremer	93
Jr Gold	Wesley Beaver	97
Sub Vet	Donald Weinreich	94
Veteran	James Lechleitner	93
Sr Vet	Robert Edwards	96



Nicole Hood

Champion, and Tucker Nystrom the Sub Junior winner with respective scores of 384 and 383. Tucker Nystrom topped the High Over All Championship with a score of 1044x1100. Brandon Deal was the Class AA winner with 1035, and Nicole Hood the Lady I winner with 1034.

High All Around

Champion	Nicole Hood	392
AA	Matthew Reback	379
A	Kris Ray	375
B	Kristen Ray	370
C	Kelly Ramsey	368
D	Mark Hoffman	363
LD1	Bethany Breighner	377
LD2	Susan Owens	365
Sub Jr	Tucker Nystrom	383
Junior	Brandon Hood	375
Jr Gold	Wesley Beaver	377
Sub Vet	David Fish	376
Veteran	Robert Johnston	362
Sr Vet	Robert Edwards	384

High Over All

Champion	Tucker Nystrom	1044
AA	Brandon Deal	1036
A	Brandon Hood	1026
B	Michael Waschitz	1002
C	Nathan Wilson	940
D	David Stancavage	962
LD1	Nicole Hood	1035
LD2	Marcy Plunkett	966
Sub Jr	Logan Whitman	931
Junior	Joseph Bowers	1028
Sub Vet	Jeffrey Love	1009
Veteran	Richard Painter	982
Sr Vet	John Federici	1021

The PSSA Summer Championship is a nice way to warm up and get some targets in before the Grand American, which starts the following Wednesday. The PSSA will be a host site for the ATA Eastern Zone in 2025, meaning the next time the Summer Championship will be held will be in 2026. ■

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Tyler Buchanan

//// by jacque snellenberger

In the quaint town of East Troy, Wisconsin, nestled in the southeast part of the state, Tyler Buchanan has deep roots in the Midwest. His journey through trapshooting has been marked by impressive achievements and a passion that runs deep. This year, at the Wisconsin State Shoot Tyler emerged as the High Overall Champion, Runner-up in the High All Around, Handicap Champion, and Doubles Champion. During the 2024 Grand American Tyler won 4 trophies, 3 of which were

places in Handicap events, and was also the AAA Champion in the E-Z-GO Preliminary Week High All Around. With such accolades, it's clear that Tyler handles it all, but there's much more to his story. After living 11 years in Platteville, where he also attended the University of Wisconsin-Platteville to study civil engineering, Tyler moved towards the state's center in July 2024. He currently works as a Civil Engineer for TEAM Engineering Inc. in

Shooter Profile

Reedsburg, Wisconsin. Interestingly, TEAM Engineering Inc. was responsible for the site plans of the Wisconsin Trapshooting Association Homegrounds, connecting his professional and sporting lives in a unique way.

Tyler's introduction to shooting began at the Boxhorn Gun Club, where he watched his father participate in trap leagues. Taking hunter safety courses at a young age and family experiences further cemented his passion. His father's inheritance of their grandfather's guns spurred him to join the Pioneer Sportsmen's Club at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. This club, focused on outdoor activities like hunting, fishing, and shotgun sports, and became a significant part of his life. Despite academic struggles, the goal of competing at the ACUI Collegiate Nationals in San Antonio provided motivation. Tyler wanted to continue his shooting career and joined the ATA in 2017 after becoming friends with registered shooters at Cassville Conservation Club. This marked the beginning of a committed shooting career.

Tyler currently shoots a Kolar Max Trap T/A High Profile Combo, featuring a 34-inch Unsingle Barrel and a 32-inch Over/Under. His gear includes Decot Shooting Glasses and a custom-made pouch by Diamond 8 Leather, adorned with their family crest that has been in his family for at least six generations.

Tyler enjoys shooting with a variety of individuals, including Sarah Atkielski, Garrett Schlimmer, Brian Stoa, Ken Sue, Tim Curtin, John Hefel, Robert Gropp, and Kevin Doerring. The positive atmosphere they bring enhances the shooting experience for him. His girlfriend, Sarah, also supports and understands his lifestyle, having grown up in the sport with her dad, John, who is and has been involved with different aspects of the WTA for over 30 years. The camaraderie they share enriches both their shooting and family life.

Shooter Profile

Although practice time was limited in the summer of 2024, Tyler's routine usually involves keeping a full choke in the gun until breaking 100 straight in singles, ensuring confidence in gun fit and movements. Previously, he practiced 10 boxes weekly, believing in the importance of readiness for any situation, mentally or physically. He shoots doubles a bit differently, always shooting the right target first. When he shot one-eyed, he found it more consistent shooting the right target first and looking over the gun at the left target due to a dot on his right lens creating a large blind zone when shooting pairs "traditionally." Since switching to shooting with both eyes, he has continued this routine, aiming to improve his scores. His long-term goals include completing the Grand Slam with 100 from the 27-yard line and

achieving AAA-27-AAA recognition.

In May 2020, Tyler was appointed to fill a position on the board of the Wisconsin Trapshooting Association and has been elected since then to the South-West Zone. The association divvies up responsibilities, allowing them to work efficiently. They hold monthly meetings in person and virtually, managing three registered shoots, three youth state shoots, a bunker shoot, and several corporate shoots annually. They focus on trap help and maintenance, which are common challenges for many clubs. Tyler emphasizes the importance of mentally switching to "shooter mode" and squad in a way that allows him to decompress and prepare. Shooter mode consists of reminding himself to "break this target" when his mind wanders.

Tyler draws inspiration from



Wisconsin's top shooters, Tim Curtin and George Hass, both phenomenal shooters and excellent people. The best advice he's received is from Phil Kiner: "It's not where you're at, it's why you're at where you're at." This advice has been invaluable, encouraging Tyler to focus on learning from every target shot at, both broken and lost. The result of the target being broken or missed is only just that, a result. Its all in the consistency of a pre shot routine, both physically and mentally. Tyler also focuses on goals he wants to achieve and how to take the next step to get there. He encourages others to focus on personal improvement, seek advice, and experiment with different techniques to find what works best for them. His mentality is that you are only ever shooting against yourself, don't let other people's scores affect you and your ability to compete.

Tyler Buchanan's story is a testament to dedication, passion, and the supportive community of trapshooting. With his achievements and commitment, he continues to be an inspiring figure in the sport. ■

2024 Westy Hogans at the PSSA Homegrounds

//// by joshua buchiere

The Westy

The 2024 Westy Hogans tournament was held at the PSSA grounds in Elysburg, Pennsylvania, from Thursday, August 15, to Sunday, August 18. The Westy Hogans has had a number of different host sites and dates over its 118-year history but has now found a home in Elysburg in late August and is the final major tournament of the year for the PSSA. The shoot program now consists of 1000 total targets, 100 each Singles, Handicap, and Doubles on Thursday and Friday, 200 Singles on Saturday, and 100 each Doubles and Handicap on Sunday. A total of 635 combined entries in the Championship events gave the Westy Hogans a Competition Factor of 4 for All-American Points this year.

Thursday

The first day of the Westy Hogans started off at 10am with the Daniel Fadden Singles. Clear skies and a light breeze made for comfortable shooting conditions throughout the day. Dan Fadden, Joseph Breck IV, Frank Pascoe, and Norman Peckham broke 100 straights in the event, and took Class AA, Junior, Veteran, and Senior Veteran trophies, all without need for carryovers. Chad Whitman, Mark Arnold, Joseph H Bowers were the Class A, Class B, and Class C winners with scores of 99. Vincent Barranco was the Sub Veteran Champion with a score of 99. Bethany Breighner took Lady I honors with a score of 98.

A total of 196 shooters took the firing line for the Michael Fontello Handicap and, once the line had cleared and all scores were in, Bethany Breighner led all shooters with the lone high score of 96 from 27 yards and took the event Champion trophy outright. John Federici was the Senior Veteran winner with the lone second-high score of 95. Corey Miller was the event runner-up with the only non-category score of 94. Charles Dietz and Katelynn Decker were the Sub Veteran and Lady I winners,



Katelynn Decker



Leonides Neifert



James Hoffman

each with 94s. Eddie Knowles, Gary Hoysradt, and Joseph H Bowers were the event 3rd, 4th, and 5th place finishers, each with scores of 93.

In the final event of the day, the Ronald Weschler Jr Doubles, Joseph Breck IV turned in the lone high score of 97, earning him the Junior Champion trophy. Clare Schaffer was the Lady I winner with a 96, and Eugene Leoni Jr was the Sub Veteran Champion with the same score. Brandon Hood, Dustin Bauer, and Frank Pascoe were the Class AA, Class A, and Veteran winners, each with scores of 95.

Friday

Shooting conditions were once again ideal on Friday, and a number of good scores were posted over the course of the day. In the Singles Class Championship, seven shooters out of the field of 305 turned in 100 straights. Dan Fadden and Brad Heath tied for the Class AA trophy. After a carryover, Fadden was the Class AA Champion. Timothy Burnett was the Senior Veteran winner after winning a carryover with John Federici and Robert Edwards.

Richard Batesko was the Veteran category winner with his 100 straight. Randy Parson, Robert Peters, Raymond Emerson Jr, and Katelynn Decker were the Class A, Class B, Veteran, and Lady I winners, each with scores of 99. David Stancavage and Dylan Buhay took Class C and Junior honors with 98s.

Leonidas Neifert and Eric Flexer were high in the Preliminary Handicap and, after a shoot-off forfeit by Flexer, Neifert was the event Champion. Flexer fell back to take the event runner-up trophy. Brad Heath was the event 3rd place winner with the only score of 96 in the event. Earl Grube and Carmine DeSanto were the event 4th and 5th place winners with 95s, and Scott Cooper was the Veteran winner with the same score. Lester Ott, Brandon Hood, Stanley Bezubek, Bethany Breighner, and Susan Owens secured event 6th, Junior, Senior Veteran, Lady I, and Lady II trophies, all with scores of 94.

In the last event on Friday, the Doubles Class Championship, John Ruggieri was high in the event with the lone high score of 99 and took Class AA Champion. Marc Invidiato, Sheldon Hostetter, and Bethany Breighner were

the Veteran, Senior Veteran, and Lady I category Champions with 97s. Eugene Leoni Jr took the Sub Veteran trophy with a score of 96.

Saturday

A dismal forecast of all day rain and a stiff breeze was predicted for Saturday and, as a result, entries were down from the previous day. The forecasted rain never materialized, but the breeze and low lighting kept scores down, and only two shooters out of the field of 284 made it through the first 100 without a miss. The breeze subsided somewhat by the afternoon, but only one shooter, James Hoffman, managed to remain straight on the day, earning him the Westy Hogans Singles Championship without need for a shoot-off. Dan Fadden, Justin Slater, and Brian Snyder tied for Class AA with scores of 198, and were called to shoot off. Snyder let one go the first round and would exit the shoot-off. After one additional round, Fadden was the Class AA winner, and Slater the AA runner-up. Chris Hipwell took the Class A title outright following his score of 198. Wesley Beaver, Jon



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Westy Hogans Singles Championship

Champion	James Hoffman	200
AA	Daniel Fadden	198
A	Chris Hipwell	198
B	Kyle Hartzell	196
C	Bradley Fogel	192
D	Clayton Hoover	193
LD1	Bethany Breighner	197
LD2	Susan Owens	194
Sub Jr	William Rychlik	192
Junior	Sofia Granata	196
Jr Gold	Wesley Beaver	197
Sub Vet	Jon Zadzora	197
Veteran	Thomas Lonczynski	195
Sr Vet	Vincent Farrell Jr	194

Westy Hogans Doubles Championship

Champion	Eugene Leoni Jr	98
AA	Justin Slater	95
A	James Hoffman	94
B	Brian Snyder	92
C	Wayne Shadel	90
D	Gene Ferrence	85
LD1	Bethany Breighner	95
LD2	Marcy Plunkett	93
Sub Jr	Leonidas Neifert	88
Junior	Brandon Hood	94
Jr Gold	Wesley Beaver	89
Sub Vet	Richard Batesko	93
Veteran	Marc Invidiato	95
Sr Vet	Sheldon Hostetter	93

Westy Hogans Handicap Championship

Champion	Joseph Breck IV	96
RU	Mark Hoffman	96
3rd	Brian Snyder	96
4th	Jeff Larkin	94
5th	Ryan Ramsay	94
6th	Mark Decker	94
7th	Gary Hoysradt	94
LD1	Katelynn Decker	94
LD2	Cassie Hammond	95
Sub Jr	Leonidas Neifert	88
Junior	Joel Hershey	96
Jr Gold	Wesley Beaver	91
Sub Vet	Dennis Cacciola Sr	96
Veteran	Raymond Padovani	93
Sr Vet	Daniel Cordell	94

High All Around

Champion	Brian Snyder	386
AA	Justin Slater	386
A	John Ruggieri	378
B	Dylan Buhay	368
C	Joel Hershey	358
D	Cathy Parson	354
LD1	Bethany Breighner	385
LD2	Susan Owens	372
Sub Jr	William Rychlik	365
Junior	Nicholas Deremer	380
Jr Gold	Wesley Beaver	377
Sub Vet	Gary Hoysradt	377
Veteran	Marc Invidiato	369
Sr Vet	Sheldon Hostetter	375

High Over All

Champion	Bethany Breighner	962
AA	Joseph Breck IV	941
A	John Ruggieri	948
B	Dylan Buhay	921
C	David Stancavage	915
D	Richard Shaffer	859
LD1	Katelynn Decker	944
LD2	Susan Owens	922
Sub Jr	Leonidas Neifert	924
Junior	Brandon Hood	947
Jr Gold	Marshall Roof	885
Sub Vet	Gary Hoysradt	930
Veteran	Frank Pascoe	926
Sr Vet	Sheldon Hostetter	943



Eugene Leoni Jr.

Zadzora, and Bethany Breighner were the Junior Gold, Sub Veteran, and Lady I winners, each with a scores of 197. Sofia Granata and Nicholas Deremer were the Champion and runner-up in the Junior category with 196s and one shoot-off round. John Ruggieri, Kyle Hartzell, and Jeffrey Love were the Class A runner-up, Class B Champion, and Sub Veteran runner-up, each with a score of 196.

Sunday

The last day of the 2024 shooting season in Elysburg started off at 9am with the Westy Hogans Doubles Championship. Dark and foggy conditions made for challenging visibility and, in spite of the lack of wind, scores overall were low. Eugene Leoni Jr led all shooters in the event with the lone high score of 98, earning him the Westy Hogans Doubles Championship by a three-target margin over the rest of the field. Justin Slater, Marc Invidiato, and Bethany Breighner were the Class AA, Veteran, and Lady I winners with second-high scores of 95. James Hoffman and Brandon Hood took Class A and Junior trophies with 94s.

The lighting improved significantly by the start of the final event of the tournament, the Westy Hogans Handicap Championship. Six shooters,

Joseph Breck IV, Mark Hoffman, Brian Snyder, Joel Hershey, Dennis Cacciola Sr, and Stephen Pustay, turned in high scores of 96 and were called to shoot off for the title. After the first overtime round, three out of the six shooters, Breck IV, Hoffman, and Hershey, broke 24s and would continue the shoot-off for the title. In the second round, Breck IV broke all 25 from the 27-yard line and both Hoffman and Hershey let two go, leaving Breck IV as the Westy Hogans Handicap Champion, Hoffman the event runner-up, and Hershey as the Junior winner. The three remaining shooters, Snyder, Cacciola Sr, and Pustay, took event 3rd, Sub Veteran Champion, and Sub Veteran runner-up trophies after the first shoot-off round. Nicholas Deremer and Cassie Hammond took Junior and Lady II titles following scores of 95. Jeff Larkin, Ryan Ramsay, Mark Decker, Gary Hoysradt, Fran Sheridan, Ronald Kikel, and Kenneth Dunkle were the event 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th place winners, all with scores of 94. Katelynn Decker was the Lady I Champion with a 94, and Daniel Cordell was the Senior Veteran winner with the same score.



Joseph Breck IV

HAA & HOA

Brian Snyder and Justin Slater tied for the High All Around Championship with scores of 386x400, and after one shoot-off round of 40, Snyder was the HAA Champion and Slater the Class AA winner. Bethany Breighner was the Lady I Champion with the second-high score of 385. Bethany Breighner topped the field in the High Over All race with a score of 962x1000, an impressive 14-target margin over the rest of the field. John Ruggieri was the Class A Champion with a score of 948, and Brandon Hood the Junior winner with 947.

The Westy Hogans offers shooters in the northeast one last chance to get in a shoot at the Elysburg grounds before the long winter ahead, as well as one more opportunity to earn All-American Points before the new target year starts on September 1st. ■



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2024 Heartland Grand

at the *Stockdale Gun Club*

//// by karla harrison

Energy could be felt rippling through the Stockdale Gun Club and it wasn't coming from the local electric cooperative, nor even the fields of solar panels planted on a neighboring farm. The source of the force came from Dale Stockdale, owner and operator of the family farm/gun club that hosted the 17th annual Heartland Grand, August 19-25. Along with his son, Matt and a full crew of experienced workers, the fields planted with row crops faded into the background, presenting targets that were ripe for the picking. Shooters were

even invited to pick sweetcorn near the campgrounds! As the last opportunity for those looking for bushels of 2024 All American points, it was serious competition and wagon-loads of fun games and shooting.

|Let The Games Begin...

Shooters arriving early had the opportunity to take part in Leland's Dead Pair Doubles Marathon, thrown on Saturday/Sunday, August 17-18. Leland Hassler sponsored the event with added money. During the two-day event,

over 14,000 targets were put into the air. Winners were decided by random using a computer program, selecting Wyatt Debie and Kevin Longberg. Leland Hassler set the bar for the other shooters by shooting at 1000 targets each day.

On Sunday evening, prior to a full week of registered competition, burgers and fries were served on the patio as auctioneer Dave Dressler did his thing in anticipation of the first ever Fast Eddie Slider event. Richard Bullard was the event champion (99); Justin Debie was runner-up (97); and Peter Walker

nostalgic pump guns provided a fun trip back in time. This year's newly inducted Hall of Fame member, Ken Darroch brought along one of his favorite Winchester model 12s, sporting a stock with an embedded 1927 silver dollar. For many years, Darroch shot a 1927 model 12 which sported that stock with the coin. On this trip, he put the older stock on his 1945 gun. That very familiar stock fit so well, he was able to win the AAA category.

Great weather continued throughout the week for the Thursday Night Lights Lotzza Motzza Wobble event. Sam Leiendecke led the list of champions in all categories who divided the purse.

Off the trap field, throughout the week, young and old alike enjoyed the cornhole yard game and table games under the tent.



Zach Nannini

|Ring That Dinner Bell...

Shooters and their guests harvested the club's hospitality, enjoying a cookout nightly under the patio tent. Members

of the Iowa Falls United Methodist Church worked at the massive BBQ grill to prepare the meat (including Iowa pork chops, chicken, brats and



won third (96) after a shoot-off with Monte Kloubec, Scott Gens and David Bacon.

White Flyer sponsored the WODS (Wobble Osculating Doubles Singles) Buddy Shoot on Monday under the lights. Dan and Zach Bryant were the top winning team.

Pat's Auto Salvage was the all-in sponsor on Tuesday. In addition to the registered shooting events and the cookout, the Waterloo, IA based business sponsored a miss-and-out shootoff. The top prize of a big screen television was won by Zach Nannini.

The National Pump'em Doubles event after Wednesday's registered program drew a large crowd of shooters vying for cash prizes, cheered on by an abundant amount of spectators. The assortment of

ribeye steaks) to be served along with an abundance of homecooked side dishes and delicious desserts.

Ellsworth Community College Athletic Department members arrived each day to work as scorers and loaders. Dale and Matt Stockdale took it upon themselves at lunchtime each day to prepare burgers, delivered to the line staff, hot off the grill. Matt Stockdale fired up the smaller BBQ grills to prepare pizzas prior to the after-dark wobble event on Thursday, both sponsored by Brew Pub Lotzza Motzza Pizzas and Bernatello's Foods.

Friday was Fish Fry Night! always a highly anticipated evening meal. Cole Henning (a commercial fisherman, an Iowa resident and All-American shooter) caught, cleaned and delivered the catfish. A crew, known as the Florida Boys, handled the cooking of the fish and fries.



Jennifer Rutger

|Let Them Eat Cake...

Jennifer Rutger was honored for her achievement of registering 500,000 career targets. The large decorated sheet cake was served in the clubhouse, thanks to next year's incoming Hall of Fame inductee Dean Neumann.

Mark Zauhar celebrated a milestone birthday with cake for everyone, provided by his wife and daughter.

|Preliminary Days

Monday's ATA Hall of Fame Day (Singles/Handicap/Doubles) was sponsored by Jim Bradford. Zach Nannini began his collection of trophies with the Singles AAA championship (100) after winners were eventually decided by carryovers. Justin Debrie (he's called Dad by Wyatt and Barrett) shot five extra rounds (after carryovers)



Peter Walker

to earn AA honors.

The Jim Bradford HOF Handicap was a close race with Peter Walker winning the champion's honor over Dirk Winkel, who fell back to Junior champ, both with scores of 98. Jason Krause was runner-up/95; Samuel Leiendecke (3rd/94); Connor Voigtman (4th/94); Dave Mansell (5th/94); and Mathew Tyhurst (6th/93).

Zach Nannini came back to the trophy desk after the Jim Bradford HOF Doubles to claim the AAA champion award over Jason Krause, both men with 100 straights. Junior Gold Cole Henning was category champ with 99. From the ladies, Shay Skaggs scored one better in the shootoff with Elaina McCarthy for the Lady I award. Deborah Ohye Neilson was the Lady II champion with 96.

|Tuesday

On Tuesday, Pat's Auto Salvage Doubles was a battle among the classes and categories. Cole Henning posted the lone 100 for the Juniors. Peter Walker and Zach Nannini went into a carryover with 99s. Walker prevailed after an "end of week" shootoff for Class AAA. Rory Lee (97) won Class A over Charlie Stone

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(97) by one target after their eventual shootoff. Darryl Howard earned sub-veteran honors outright (99). Stan Welte bested all other veterans with his 98.

In Tuesday's Singles, shootoffs were needed to decide almost every class/category winner. The ideal weather was reflected in the nearly perfect scores across the board.

Jason Krause shot 5 extra boxes with Zach Nannini before becoming the AAA champ by one bird. David Swigart won the first of two trophies on the day with his 100 plus a second 100 in shootoffs, over Sam Leiendecke. In the Lady I category, Raylee Bishop bested Brianna Thompson and Abigail Melecha, all with program 100s. The longest shoot-off went 250 rounds for Rory Lee, a Junior gunner from Georgia, who recorded 99 in the program. Bernie Mechlewitz outlasted six Sub Veterans, winning his category after 200 extras. Joe Needham and Gary Gooch turned their perfect scores into awards for Veteran and



Brianna Thompson & Cole Henning

Senior Veteran respectively.

Long yardage shooter David Swigart, from Ohio, was champion of the Pat's Auto Salvage Handicap with the solo 99. Zach Nannini was runner-up and Dan Eckstrom third, both the scores of 98. Peter Walker (4th/97); Trey Schlotfeldt (5th/97); Jason Krause (6th/97); and Delmos Little (7th/96).

|High-Over-All Begins...

High-Over-All and High-All-Around winners were once again given the opportunity to shoot for an amazing hunting experience, courtesy of the Stan Baker family and the Rackett Grange and Sporting Preserve.

The Midland Power Singles on Wednesday, put some new names on the trophy list: Herb Lewis (AAA runner-up/100); Jon Mead (AA runner-up/100); Kevin Longberg (A runner-up/99); Cameron Ballou (B runner-up/99); Claude Banyai (C runner-up/98); and Stuart Hart (D runner-up/93).

David Swigart picked up his second Handicap championship in the Indiana Gun Club event with a shootoff victory over All American Lady I, Raylee Bishop. After event scores of 98, they shot one round to sort out the order.

Pennsylvania resident Ian Darroch turned in the solitary 100 in the Decots by Dave Doubles for the AAA champion's trophy. Other award winners included: Lexi Henning (AA/98); Sam Leiendecke (A/99); Jeremy Moorehead (B/94); Cameron Ballou (C/93); and Joel Laborde (D/91).

|Thursday

The first event to issue ATA trophies was the Heartland Grand Class Doubles. Richard Marshall repeated his Class AAA championship from last year. After two rounds of shoot-offs, Marshall won out over Herb Lewis (AAA runner-up), both with scores of 99. Other runner-up trophies were picked up by winners in each class and category, which included: Justin Debie (AA/96); Derek Fischer (A/95); Jeremy Moorehead (B/94); Dirk Winkel (C/93); Delmos Little (D/89); Shay Skaggs (Lady I/98); Yaani Mai Gaddy (Lady II/94); Cameron Ballou (Sub Junior/94); Charlie Stone (Junior/97); Cole Henning (Junior Gold/95); Perry Weiner (Sub Veteran/96); Dean Neumann (Veteran/97); and Gary Gooch (Senior Veteran/94).



David Swigart

The Grand Class Singles event was chocked full of high scores and shoot-offs. Cheryl Demulling (Lady II/99); Shelly Heitner (Lady II runner-up/98); Wes Andersen (Sub Junior/100); Gavin Wulf (Sub Junior runner-up/96); and Gary Burton (Chair/95) were on the short list of winners who did not have to report for shoot-offs.

The West Fork 100 Handicap closed out the registered shooting on Thursday. When the shoot-off chips finally settled, Ian Darroch was champion (98); Herb Lewis (runner-up/98); Zak Lee (3rd/98); Bradley Gray (4th/97); Peter Walker (5th/96); Leonard Jones (6th/96); Christopher Cusumano (7th/96); Perry Weiner (8th/96) and Kenny Harre (9th/96).

|Friday

On Friday, Richard Marshall Jr reclaimed his previous year's championship title (100) in the FIOCCHI Doubles Championship. Runner-up champs included: Zach Nannini (99); Ian Darroch (AAA/98); David Swigart (AA/98); Jaxson Wilson (A/97); John Nicholson (B/95); Evan Elder (C/94); Doug Richter (D/94); Jennifer Rutger (Lady I/95); Deborah

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Ohye Neilson (Lady II/93); Wes Andersen (Sub Junior/97); Zach Hennecke (Junior/99); Cole Henning (Junior Gold/96); Jeff Cuer (Sub Veteran/96); Rob Taylor (Veteran/98); and Tim Curtin (Senior Veteran/96).

Illinois Junior shooter, Calen Close was the champion of the Caesar Guerini Preliminary Handicap, breaking the only 100. Herb Lewis was event runner-up with his score of 98. Winners ranking third through tenth, in order were: David Swigart (97); Justin Debrie (97); Tad Nicholson (97); Peter Walker (97); Richard Marshall (97); Zach Nannini (97); Shawn Morgenstern (96); and Ian Darroch (96).

Ending the registered shooting on Friday, the Richard Marshall Jr Singles (not included in the HOA/HAA) was packed with perfect scores. It took 300 overtime targets to finally give the top trophy to Jason Krause. Zach Nannini was included in the 300 rounds before dropping one in the last round for runner-up. The event’s namesake, Rick Marshall, dropped 2 birds in the fourth box of shoot-offs, then continued to a second shoot-off to capture the Class AAA title.

|Singles Championship

The largest event of the tournament, the Browning Singles Championship, had 304 entries (up from 282 last year). Half a dozen perfect scores of 200 topped the shoot-off sheet. Jason Krause repeated his performance of last year, winning the champion’s title. After the top scores shot off, Zach Nannini was declared runner-up; Wes Andersen was Sub Junior champ over Gavin Wulf (runner-up/196); Jack Knaus took Junior Gold over Cole Henning (runner-up/199); Perry Weiner was Sub Veteran champ over Bernie Merchlewitz (runner-up/199); and Ed Schlotfeldt was the Veteran winner over Art Peyton (runner-up/199).

Heartland Grand attendees are always happy to see Lanny’s Ice Cream

trailer pull onto the grounds. This year, the Warm Up Handicap event was sponsored by the sweet treat provider. Charlie Stone and Cole Henning went head-to-head on the shootoff field with program scores of 99. Stone never missed and was event champion, while Henning fell back to category champ. Runner-up was Herb Lewis (98); David Swigart (3rd/98); Nick Seiter (4th/97); and Ian Darroch (5th/97).

|Sunday

An exciting week of high yield shooting concluded on Sunday with the Farewell Singles, sponsored by Silent Treatment and the Winchester Ammunition Handicap Championship.

Silent Treatment Farewell Singles (not counted as part of the HOA/HAA) filled the air on Sunday morning with the sweet smell of gunpowder. Only shooters with scores of 98 or higher needed to head to the trophy room for class/category awards. Tied scores were settled quickly, with only two pairs of contenders reporting for shoot-offs. Andrew Husske defeated Todd Whitaker for Class B champ. Bob Sylla and Jeff Vollmar went four rounds before Vollmar let one slip away, giving Sylla the Sub Veteran honor.

The Winchester Handicap Championship came down to a battle between two young shotgunners, Aidan Ireland and Grace Mansell. Ireland at 21 yards and Mansell at 20.5 yards met on the shoot-off field for two rounds before the 15-year-old Ireland was the champion by one target. Grace Mansell fell back to Lady I champion.

Ireland, from Peotone, IL has been shooting for less than 2 years with the Diamond Indoor Trap Range team. The accomplished high school junior traveled to the Heartland following his trip to the AIM Grand where he was a member of the top squad for the Sub Junior B category.

Kansas resident and attending the Heartland for the first time, Jennifer



Jason Krause

McBee earned Lady I runner-up accolades with a score of 97. Deborah Richter closed out a successful week of shooting as the Lady II champion. Following a shoot-off with Richter, Brenda Dennis was awarded the Lady II runner-up award. Sub Junior Weston Walmsley outshot three others to claim the category runner-up trophy. Grand American two-time ring winner, Leo Brand didn’t slow down at this satellite grand. He was the Handicap Junior runner-up (97), adding to his winning HOA/HAA totals for his category.



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Fiocchi Doubles Championship		
CH	Richard Marshall	100
RU	Zach Nannini	99
AAA	Peter Walker	98
AA	B.J. Jackman	98
A	Justin Hare	97
B	Leonard Jones	95
C	Zachary Heister	95
D	Calen Close	94
LD I	Raylee Bishop	96
LD II	Deborah Richter	93
SUB JR	Wyatt Debie	99
JUNIOR	Leo Brand	99
JR GOLD	Jack Knaus	97
SUB VET	Richard Bullard	99
VETERAN	Frank Sick	98
SR VET	Ken Johnson	96
Browning Singles Championship		
CH	Jason Krause	200
RU	Zach Nannini	200
AAA	David Michaelis	199
AA	Scott Arvig	199
A	Shawn Bonnett	198
B	Sierra Sparenberg	197
C	Daniel Eckstrom	195
D	Dean Davis	192
LD I	Raylee Bishop	199
LD II	Shelly Heitner	196
SUB JR	Wes Andersen	200
JUNIOR	Rory Lee	199
JR GOLD	Jack Knaus	200
SUB VET	Perry Weiner	200
VETERAN	Ed Schlotfeldt	200
SR VET	Leonard Jones	199
CHAIR	Gary Burton	179
Winchester Handicap Championship		
CH	Aidan Ireland	99
RU	Samuel Leindecke	98
3RD	Scott Arvig	97
4TH	Harlan Campbell	97
5TH	Richard Marshall	97
6TH	Zach Nannini	97
7TH	Herbert Lewis	97
8TH	Jason Krause	97
LD I	Grace Mansell	99
LD II	Deborah Richter	94
SUB JR	Barrett Debie	96
JUNIOR	Robert Gropp	98
JR GOLD	Ruben Salinas	98
SUB VET	Jeff Cuer	97
VETERAN	Dan Staker	97
SR VET	Charles Noel	96
High All Around		
CH	Zach Nannini	396
AAA	Richard Marshall	395
AA	Scott Arvig	390
A	Jaxson Wilson	389
B	Michael Ohare	385
C	Aidan Ireland	377
D	Dean Davis	368
LD I	Raylee Bishop	390
LD II	Deborah Ohye Neilson	387
SUB JR	Wes Andersen	389
JUNIOR	Leo Brand	393
JR GOLD	Jack Knaus	394
SUB VET	Perry Weiner	393
VETERAN	Frank Sick	389
SR VET	Leonard Jones	389
High Over All		
CH	Ian Darroch	1080
AAA	Herbert Lewis	1077
AA	David Swigart	1071
A	Alexis Fernan	1047
B	Lexi Henning	1057
C	Gavin Wulf	1024
D	Delmos Little	994
LD I	Raylee Bishop	1073
LD II	Deborah Ohye Neilson	1037
SUB JR	Wes Andersen	1067
JUNIOR	Leo Brand	1067
JR GOLD	Cole Henning	1069
SUB VET	Richard Bullard	1062
VETERAN	Art Peyton	1053
SR VET	Cerald Demulling	1047

Heartland Grand

Three Iowa resents in the Junior Gold category put scores of 98 on shoot-off sheet. After one round, a single target determined the trophy placement, Ruben Salinas was champion, Cole Henning was runner-up, and Brody Smith took home valuable experience and a yardage punch.

A 3-man squad of long yardage Sub Veterans went to the shoot-off field with program scores of 97. Jeff Cuer was the winner after one round over Perry Weiner, runner-up. Dan Staker was the outright Veteran champion (97) ahead of Stan Welte (runner-up/95). Leonard Jones, crossing the border from Ontario was the Senior Veteran runner-up. Jones is the current Canadian President of the Ontario Trap Association and a great ambassador for trapshooting.

HAA and HOA

For the second year in a row, the Stan Baker Family and the Rackett Grange and Sporting Preserve (located in Lewellen, NE) offered a unique prize package to the winner of the High Over All. All HOA open and category winners were eligible to shoot-off for a 5-day/4-night trophy deer hunt. Value of the hunt is approximately

\$25,000, depending on the size of the deer. New this year, the winner of the High All Around shoot-off (among the open/category champions) received a 2-person, 2-day/1-night guided pheasant hunt with dogs provided.

Among the HAA trophy winners qualifying to shoot for the hunting trip, Raylee Bishop and Jack Knaus were repeat contenders. Wes Andersen, qualified as the Sub Junior champion in the shoot-off for both the HAA and the HOA prize packages.

After a lengthy shoot-off under the lights, Ian Darroch was the High Over All winner of the trophy deer hunt and Wes Anderson was awarded the pheasant hunt.

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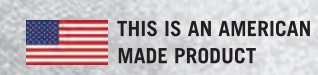
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