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‘Straight’ from the President

Greetings Shooters!

Another shooting season is winding down and I hope you had many opportunities to get out and enjoying the shooting. I hope you will take the opportunity to enjoy the winter leagues at your own individual clubs and encourage your friends to start shooting registered targets with you.

The Referees clinic and the shoot scheduling meeting will be on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at Saginaw Gun Club. Please make sure that your club is represented at this meeting. If you have questions regarding scheduling of your shoots, please call Kathy Warner or me, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

The MSA website www.michiganskeet.com has all kinds of information about our organization.



George Gilliam

Please go to it and use the wealth of information that you can find there. Feel free to contact me or any of the other board of directors

if you have any questions or suggestions. See you at the meeting!

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Information You May Want To Know!!

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1) The MSA Board approved a reduction in the minimum target requirements, to align with the revised NSSA standards that make you eligible for the All State Teams and NSSA Teams for 2008/9. These may change in the future back to the original amounts, but until further notice the amounts required are: 12 Gauge, 1,000 targets; 20 Gauge, 28 Gauge and .410 are 800 targets; Doubles, 500.

The Next Annual Referee Clinic, Shoot scheduling and Board of Directors meeting will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at Saginaw Gun Club at 10:00 a.m. The Referee Clinic will be first, followed by the Shoot scheduling and the Board meeting.

As stated in the previous editions of this newsletter, we will not be mailing this newsletter any longer. So, if your friends don't have a computer or email, remember to print them off a copy so they can keep up to date on our association news. Please mail new email addresses to Trish Magyar at miskeet@comcast.net with a subject line of "eMSA news."

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Skeet loses a Good Friend - 'Doc' Perry W. Greene, Jr.

by Jane Carpenter

Skeet lost a good friend in Perry W. Greene, Jr. on April 4, 2011. Doc Greene lost his battle against prostate cancer at home, surrounded by his entire family. Skeet was a wonderful part of his family's life with Doc raising an entire family of shooters. All three sons, Perry III, Dan and Brian as well as daughter Tammy, and son-in-law Howie, shot registered targets over the years. Even his wife, Janet shot winter leagues and was a dedicated traveling skeet Mom and skeet Wife. Many of his family's most important and lifelong friendships have been made on the skeet field.

Listed below are some of the history and accomplishments of Doc Greene as listed on his plaque in the Hall of Fame at Detroit Gun Club.

He began his shooting career during his medical residency in 1961. Shortly thereafter he began shooting registered skeet and has contributed greatly to the sport ever since. 2006 marks the 15th year in which "Doc" has hosted the Doc Greene Fun Shoot held on the 4th of July at the North Ottawa Rod and Gun Club. The purpose of the shoot has always been to encourage shooters to get involved with competitive shooting. Doc had hosted a many as



Perry W. Greene

44 shooters at this short, one-day, and incredibly fun event.

Additional sustaining contributions to the sport of skeet shooting also include Doc's support by encouraging women to shoot through the Petticoat Open hosted by Josephine Sedlecky at her Tri-

angle Gun Club in Baldwin. Doc was also a member of the Blackhawk Indians for many years – an international organization that promotes skeet shooting. Further, Doc was active in the International Medical Shooting Association to encourage shooting among medical professionals.

Though not a title-bedecked shooter himself, one of Doc's greatest contributions to the sport is his encouragement and instruction of new shooters. He is always willing to take the time to help new shooters get a firm footing in the basics.

Perry W. "Doc" Greene, Jr. was always outgoing and welcoming when this shooter ventured to the west side of the state as he was for everyone. He was a wonderful "friend" to "skeet" and will be deeply missed by the shooting community in Michigan.



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Kolar Mid-America Open

by Trish Magyar

FT. WAYNE, IN – Once again, St. Joe Valley Conservation Club had to modify the rotations in order to accommodate the OVER 200 shooters from 23 states, plus Canada, England and Australia, who wanted to attend the Kolar Mid-America. In addition, the NSSA Executive Committee held their Summer meeting in conjunction with the shoot. To say the shoot was filled to capacity is an understatement!

Doubles

The expanded format included one flight of Doubles on Thursday afternoon... I had to pity the unfortunate souls who had to shoot in the pouring rain. To add insult to injury, it wasn't even warm! Friday's conditions were only a slight improvement; even though rain only threatened, everyone had to break-out their jeans and fleeces. Cool conditions aren't the norm for Memorial Day weekend, evidenced by those running around in shorts because they didn't have anything warmer. Even though it was cool, the shooting conditions were excellent with flat-gray skies and no wind. Four shooters posted perfect scores for the day. The results of the shoot-off were an "All Kolar Podium, with L. P. Giambrone (CH); Dave Schiebel (RU) and Brent Edwards (3rd). Top Class honors went to Todd



Kolar Mid-America Doubles winners

Bender (AAA), Fred Tschantz (AA), John Scales (A), Remington Wheaton (B) and Junior Champ, Roger Day (C) and Mary Jo Birka (D). Jared Davenport was Sub-Junior Champ and Becky McCumber, Lady Champ.

12 Gauge

The 12 Gauge Event was also shot on Friday, with 28 100s recorded all the way down into B Class. It didn't long to whittle the number down, with five shooters going into the 2nd box. When all was said and done, Kurt Grates was Champion over Steve Mancinelli (RU) and Sam Armstrong (3rd). The class winners with 100s were Dan Lewis (AAA), Billy Neilsen (AA), John Scales (A) and Ken Cochran (B). Ninety-eights shot-off for C Class, with Lauren Best the win-



Kolar Mid-America 12-Gauge winners

ner; and 96s in D Class with Dale Furst the winner. Marla Cardenas won E outright, with a personal best 93. Sub-Junior Champion was Elliott Christian; Junior Champ, Akshay Verma, and Lady Champ, Trish Magyar.

20 & 28 Gauge

The first half of the 20 Gauge event was shot Friday and the 2nd half Saturday morning, which was warmer than Friday, but still with gray skies and a little wind. No surprise, the number of perfect scores reflected the conditions – 17 in the 20 Gauge and 14 in the 28 Gauge, including 1st 100 straight in the 28 Gauge by Deny Tanis. Shooting finished in the nick of time, as the skies opened, making for some soggy

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shoot-offs. In the 20 Gauge, four shooters made it through the first box; well into the 2nd round Dave Starrett won the Championship over Bryan Rogers (RU) and Armstrong (3rd). Bobby DeFrancesco was at the top of AAA, followed by Jeff Moore, AA; and “Awesome” Donny Nelson, A. Other class winners were Ellie Hawthorne, B; Jerry Barefoot, C; and Bryan Hipp, D. Sub-Junior Champion was, once again, Christian; Junior Champ was Wheaton, and Lady Champion, Magyar.

As the rain continued, so did the shoot-offs... In the 28 Gauge event, a handful made it into the 2nd round. But it didn't take long for Giambrone to dispatch Chuck Isaac (RU) and Todd Bender (3rd), with Armstrong (AAA) and Tanis (AA). Other class honors went to Don Nelson (A), Jack Grehan (B), Charlie Kirk (C) and Bryan Hipp (D). Davenport was Sub-Junior Champ; Quinton Smith, Junior; and Magyar, Lady Champ.

.410 Bore

We awoke Sunday to yet, another, beautiful day -- blue skies and temperatures rising to near 90. Unbelievably, there was no wind to speak of for the .410 event in the afternoon.



Kolar Mid-America 20-Gauge winners

The morning's efforts resulted in 13 100s in the 20 Gauge, with both Giambrone and Grates still straight through three events. Despite the great conditions at shoot-off time, only two made it through the first box – Giambrone, and Jim Sykes, with his first ever perfect score in the 20 Gauge! Though Sykes had the crowd behind him, he was unable to topple Giambrone. Grates took 3rd, with Chuck Isaac AAA1; Debbi Perry AA1 and Lady Champion; and John Fournier, A1. Other Class winners were Ken Meyers (B), Christian Elliott (C) and Sub-Junior Champ, and Sharon Day (D). Austin Moskal was Junior Champion.

No matter when the .410 event is held the Wind God usually seems to know, but some how



Kolar Mid-America 28-Gauge winners

missed it this time... Three contestants were perfect – Brent Edwards, Marc-Andre Jodoin and Austin Moskal, with his first ever 100 in the baby bore! Jodoin settled for 3rd after the first time on station four, and Moskal left the door open coming back on four, but Edwards was unable to capitalize. However, the next time on four coming back, Moskal, once again gave Edwards an opportunity, and this time he prevailed. Ninety-nines shot-off for AAA and AA, with Giambrone and Fred Tschantz winning their respective classes. Other class winners were Dave Schiebel (A), Eric Fjelde (B), Lauren Best (C) and Jim Moll (D). Tiffany Davis was Lady Champ and Elliott, Sub-Junior Champ.

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High Over All and High All Around

Atop the HOA standings, with a perfect 400-by, was Grates for Champion. Who says one is the loneliest number? The Runner-up position went to Grates with a 398, and three 397 shot-off with Bender capturing 3rd and Isaac taking AAA1. Other Class Champions were Nicholas Van Lier (AA); Rem Wheaton (A), Eric Fjelde (B), Lauren Best (C), and Bonnie Gill (D). Sue Huszai was Lady Champion; Rem Wheaton, Junior Champion and Christian Elliott, completing his sweep, Sub-Junior Champ. For the HAA event, all places were settled without a single shoot-off! Giambrone was crowned Champion, Grates Runner-up and Bender, 3rd. Class winners were Chuck Isaac (AAA), Fred Tschantz (AA); Nicholas Van Lier (A), Roger Day (B), Lauren Best (C), and Steve Hogan (D).

Without Jim Roussel and his cadre of volunteers the Mid-



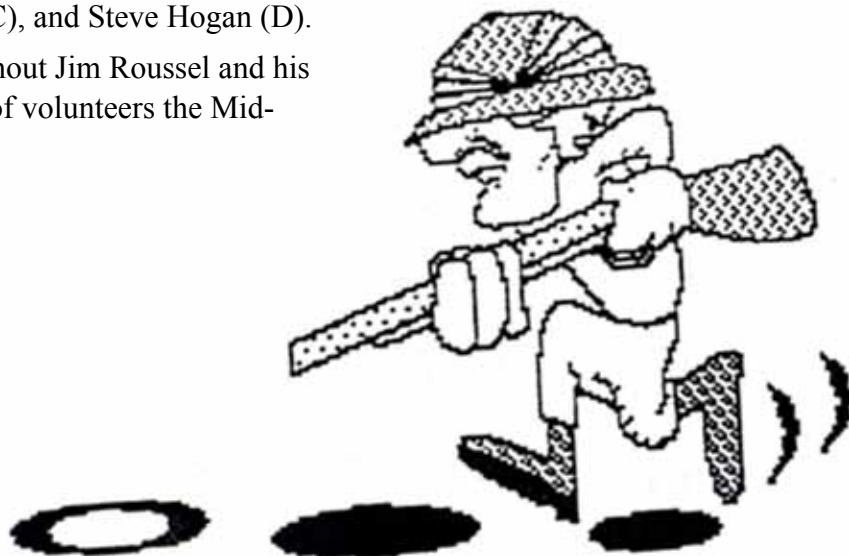
Kolar Mid-America .410 Bore winners

America would not have become the feature shoot that it has. Jim Roussel will be the first to say that it wouldn't all be possible without the generous sponsorship by Kolar Arms, KBCO Lens Co., White Flyer Targets, John Haugh, Mike Searle, Debbi Perry and John Waters; along with the tremendous efforts of the members



Kolar Mid-America 28-Gauge winners

of St. Joe Valley Conservation Club. Special thanks go to Ann Hampton, Corinne Meinert and Mary Roussel who got everyone registered, the scores promptly posted and the shoot-offs ready to go when the last shot was fired; Jim Gast and Bruce Christian for orchestrating the shoot-offs; Chief Referee John Bratty and his the very capable crew of referees made sure we got our targets when we called for them; and the traps threw great targets thanks to the efforts of Bruce Christian and Gene Smith. Kudos to the kitchen staff – the food, as always was delicious, and the waitresses, courteous and quick. Thank you one and all for another fantastic weekend at St. Joe's. If you don't have the Mid-America on your shoot calendar, considering adding it for next year – you won't regret it!



22nd ANNUAL PAT HAYWOOD OPEN

by Loraine Malloy

The 22nd Annual Pat Haywood Open was hosted by Wayne County Sportsman's Club the week end of June 3rd, 4th and 5th 2011. This shoot is held in memory of Pat Haywood, who was the second person in Skeet history to shoot a 400 x 400. Pat accomplished this on May 17th and 18th, 1969, at the Thunderbird Gun Club in Belleville, Michigan. We were pleased to be able to display new pictures of Pat Haywood this year that were taken by a Detroit News photographer that weekend in May of 1969. It seems that skeet shooting and Pat's accomplishment were newsworthy back then. Thanks to Keith Toro who found these on e-bay and purchased them for the Club.

The economic climate in Michigan continues to have a negative impact on our shoot attendance. But those in attendance were treated to good weather, good targets, good food, and in general a good time!

The weekend began with the Doubles Event on Friday, sponsored this year by the Members of WCSC. We were very happy to welcome some of the states SCTP shooters and their parents to our Club on Friday to participate in the Doubles Event. It's wonderful to be able to comment that we are seeing these young shooters at many of the skeet events this year

outside of the SCTP Program. It's great to know that a new generation of shooters are learning to enjoy the shooting sports. No shoot offs were required to settle the winners in this event. Bruce Christian was Event Champion with a 96; and John Massman finished as Event Runner Up with a very nice 94. I believe that this was a new personal best for John, congratulations! Class winners were as follows: AA1, Bob O'Brien; A1, Dave Pratt; B1, Thomas Holton; C1, Justin Broecker and D1, Shane Holton.



Bruce Christian takes Doubles and John Massman is Runner-Up.



Bruce Christian takes 20 Gauge and Dave Ewers wins Runner-Up.

The first event of the day on Saturday was 12 Gauge. It was sponsored by EJ Kaneris Inc., one of our returning sponsors. Bruce Christian claimed his second Event Championship of

the weekend with a very nice 99. Mike Bushart and Dave Ewers reported to the shoot off field to settle Event Runner Up, with scores of 98. Mike, who is

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a member of WCSC was Event Runner Up, and Dave was our A Class winner. John Klida was B1, with a 97. Jane Carpenter and Rick Trawinski shot off with 95's to determine places in C Class. Rick finished C1 and Jane C2. Justin Broecker finished D1 with a very nice 97, his highest registered score to date. Those of you who shot our Fall Shoot last year might remember Justin. He shot just the 12 and 20 gauge events with us last year, and was shooting two different semi-auto's, and encountered some gun malfunctions along the way. You may also remember that we had two Briley gift certificates that were awarded as part of an HOA shootoff. Justin is the young man that the two winners donated their certificates to. Having put these certificates to good use, Justin is now shooting a tubed Beretta, and is well on his way to becoming a very competitive five gun shooter.

The second gun on Saturday was the 20 gauge event, sponsored by the Farrow Group, another returning sponsor from last year. Two shooters with 99's took to the shoot off field to decide Event Champion and Event Runner Up. Bruce Christian was declared Event Champion, when Dave Ewers missed his first target on station 5. John Fournier was AA1 with a 96; Bob O'Brien was A1 with a 98; Jeffrey Rimer was

B1 with a 98; Kent Dolmyer was C1 with a 90; and Tom Boldrick was D1 with a 90.

The 20 Gauge Event concluded our registered skeet program for the day, but was far from the last thing on the shooting agenda. Next up was the B-C-D and E Shoot off which was sponsored by Great Lakes Sporting Arms. We would like to thank Kurt Grates for sponsoring this event



Justin Broecker wins 28 Gauge event and Dave Ewers takes Runner Up.



Great Lakes Sporting Arms sponsored B, C, D, E Shootoff -- winners with John Fournier are Rick Trawinski and Jeffrey Rimer.

again this year. John Fournier was on hand to shoot part of the program with us and to help with their sponsored event. Nineteen shooters reported to the field to participate in this shoot off which is based on the participants 12 gauge class. The format is doubles from 3-4-5 and the

participants are handicapped by the gauges they must shoot in the shoot off. This is always a fun event, and for some of the shooters their first chance to participate in a shoot off. This years winner was Rick Trawinski who was awarded a Great Lakes Sporting Arms Soft Sided Four Gauge

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to be found this weekend, in spite of the relatively good weather. At the end of the 28 event, two shooters with 99's were called to the shoot off field. One of these was a very happy Justin Broecker who had just bettered his personal best score from 12 gauge yesterday with a 99 in 28 gauge today. The other shooter reporting to the shoot off field was Dave Ewers. At the conclusion of the shoot off Justin Broecker was Event Champion and Dave Ewers was Runner Up.

The 410 Event was sponsored by another returning sponsor, A-1 Auto Salvage and Scrap, we really appreciate their continued support of our skeet program. Our Event Champion was Bruce Christian with a 98. Dave Pratt was Event Runner Up with a 95. Class winners were as follows: A1, Dave Ewers with a 92, after a shoot off with Bob O'Brien and Jim Sykes; B1 was George Innes; C1 was Richard Trawinski and D1 was Ted Maynard. We would like to congratulate Jane Carpenter who shot her 100,000th registered target during the 410 Event. This is an amazing milestone that many shooters never accomplish. Jane's squad mates tell me that she smoked the target! Congrats, Jane!

Pat and Judy Wusthoff's company Restoration & Reclamation Services was our HOA Event Sponsor again this year.

Pat and Judy, who are members of WCSC, were not in attendance at our shoot this year. They were in Arizona visiting with their daughter Jody, her husband and their newest granddaughter. Congratulations to the family! This is the first Haywood shoot they have missed in a long time. Bruce Christian repeated as HOA Champion this year with a score of 391. We appreciate Bruce traveling from Indiana to shoot with us each year. Dave Ewers was HOA Runner Up, Dave Pratt finished A1; Richard Trawinski



Justin Broecker wins Briley HOA Handicap Event and Mike McDade takes Runner Up.



Shooters line up for the Briley HOA Handicap Event.

was B1; and C1 went to Mike McDade.

The last event of the weekend was the Briley HOA Handicap Event. All of the weekends HOA shooters were eligible for this event, which was handicapped

by the shooters HOA Class. AA shooters shot 410 with no targets; A shooters shot 410 with one target; B shooters shot 28 ga with 2 targets; C shooters shot 20 ga with 3 targets and D shooters shot 12 ga with 4 targets.

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Gun Case. Jeffrey Rimer finished second and was awarded a Great Lakes Sporting Arms Shell Pouch. Great shooting everyone!

Many of our shooters, put the guns in the cases at this point, and moved on to our “cook your own” steak dinner. Our meat supplier, JNS Meats continued its support of our shoot, by again supplying a \$25.00 gift certificate to be awarded to our Champ of Champs winner.

The last shooting event of the day, on Saturday, is the 60 Second Flush Event sponsored again this year by CA Sykes Tax Service. This is Cathy Sykes third year sponsoring this event, and the third year in a row that Jim Sykes has taken home part of the prize money! At the end of shooting two teams were tied with scores of 27 out of 30 targets and split the purse. The teams were Bruce Christian and Jim Sykes; Jeffrey Rimer and Terry “Duck” Spowl.

Sunday started with the 28 Gauge Event. Our 28 Gauge event sponsor was Mike Farrow, President of the Farrow Group, all of the members of WCSC would like to thank Mike for his generous support of our skeet program, we appreciate the fact that he stepped up to sponsor two events at this year’s shoot. It seems that perfect scores were not



Bruce Christian takes .410 Event and Dave Pratt takes Runner Up.



Bruce Christian wins HOA and Dave Ewers takes Runner Up.

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Seventeen shooters lined up for the shoot off; and I think that even the first shooters out had a great time. The last two shooters standing came out of C Class. Justin Broecker, finished a very nice shoot, by capturing the Briley HOA Handicap Championship; and Mike McDade finished as event runner up. Both shooters were awarded \$200.00 Briley Gift Certificates.

We would like to thank our event sponsors, and our advertising sponsors as well. Please support these area businesses if

you get the chance. We would also like to thank Sean Marshall for his help with the program book, and in contacting program sponsors. If you arrived early on Friday you might have gotten a chance to meet Chase, Sean's six month old son. I am wondering how soon I can teach him to hold a shotgun! Guess I had best wait until he at least learns to walk and talk!

Lastly, the skeet committee at WCSC would like to thank all the shooters who participated in this year's shoot. We real-

ize that most shooters have had to adjust shooting schedules to reflect changes in our household economies, we therefore thank you for spending some of your shooting dollars with us. We hope that you can join us for one or more of our Steak Roast/Mini Shoots or our Fall Open in September. Please plan on attending our 23rd Annual Pat Haywood Open, it could be the year that a shooter wins our \$4,000.00 4 X 4 jack pot, and that shooter could be you.

Till then, remember to always shoot 2 at low 8!

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Noah Baning's Game is Over

by Terry Walsh

The game of skeet lost a true competitor and friend. Noah Baning passed away quietly in his sleep on August 7, 2011 while attending the Canusa Games with his daughter Christina at the Hamilton Gun Club in Hamilton, Ontario.

Noah began his skeet shooting career 34 years ago at the Grand Blanc Huntsmen Club in Grand Blanc, Michigan. He was also a long-time member of the Bay County Conservation and Gun Club in Crump, Michigan and spent his winters shooting at the Silver Dollar Shooters' Club in Odessa, Florida.

Noah had the best of both environments, once telling me, "I like to shoot where it's warm. The warmer the better," he said. "When I first started shooting registered targets, the World Shoot was held in Texas during the month of July. A lot of shooters couldn't handle the heat. It was so hot even the rattlesnakes didn't come out until after dark!"

Friends remember Noah as always encouraging other shooters. "His smile and kind words of encouragement I'll remember forever," friend Brenda Bangert said.

"Dad loved the game of skeet," his daughter Christina said. "He wanted to see everyone have a good time and shoot well. He



Noah Baning

was my shooting partner for 27 years and very serious about his shooting. Dad was especially proud of his several consecutive years on the Zone 3 Team."

Once asked what he liked to do besides shoot, Noah replied, "Reload. When you shoot over 10,000 registered targets a year, it's the only other hobby there is time for." Noah's lifetime registered target total stands at 121,925.

Noah loved wrestling, his grandkids, and good food. "No matter what state or city we were shooting in, he knew exactly where the best places to eat were," his Grand Blanc teammates said.

Noah touched the lives of many, always giving back to the game more than he took away from it. He will be truly missed by his family and shooting friends.

**Editor's Note: I spent my first years of exposure to skeet, watching, and then shooting targets, with Noah and Lou Raden. Every Wednesday at Bay County, Noah, Lou and I would shoot targets that Chrissy pulled for us. He was a kind, soft spoken, gentle man that will be deeply missed by many. Our very deepest sympathy to Chrissy and her family. jc*

2011 Chet Crites Open

by Loraine Malloy

The 2011 Chet Crites Open was hosted by Detroit Gun Club on the weekend of June 11th and 12th, 2011. This shoot is hosted in memory of Chet Crites, who is a member of the Michigan Skeet Shooting Hall of Fame. The shoot has been “adopted” in recent years by Lauren Best. Lauren has provided the very nice eagle trophies that have been awarded at this shoot in recent years.

The first event of the weekend was the Doubles Event. Denny Tanis repeated as Event Champion this year with a 99, bettering his score from last year by 4 targets. Nice shooting Denny! Ross Szarenski was Event Runner Up with a score of 97. First place finishers in the classes were as follows: Pat Wusthoff, AA1; Thomas Holton, A1; John Massman, B1; Gordon Novak, C1; and Mary Jo Birka, D1. I would like to mention that Gordon Novak our Class C Champion is a Sub Junior Shooter.

The 12 Gauge Event at this shoot is a combined event. Along with the normal 12 gauge competition, is a late afternoon flight of junior shooters. This afternoon flight is known as the Bill Cassidy skeet kids event and is sponsored by Lauren Best, Joe Yamin, and Dan Mustonen, and their friends. These shooters cover the entry fees, and shells for these young shooters. I am going to



Denny Tanis wins Doubles Event

cover the 12 Gauge results here, and cover the Bill Cassidy Skeet Kids awards at the end of the article. Finishing at the top of the leader board were Denny Tannis and Quinten Smith with perfect scores. This was Quinten’s first registered hundred in 12 gauge, so the first order of business was “the shooting of the hat.” The shoot off that followed resulted in Quinten as Event Champion and Denny as runner up. AA1 went to Pat Wusthoff (98); A1 went to Dave Ewers (99), after a shoot off with Ross Szarenski (99); B1 went to Lauren Best (99); C1 to Shane Holton (98) after a shoot off with Jerry Barefoot (98); D1 went to Justin Broecker (98); and E1 went to Donald Wood. The Event Champion, as well as the winners of classes C and D are junior shooters.

The 28 Gauge Event was the second event of the day on Saturday. At the conclusion of shooting Bob O’Brien was declared Event Champion with



Quinten Smith wins 12 Gauge Event shooting his first 100—also takes 410 Event with 99 and A1 in HOA

the lone 100. There was a three way shoot off for Event Runner Up. Dave Ewers with a very nice 99, was the last man standing, and finished Event Runner Up. John Fournier (99) was AA1; Pat Wusthoff (98) was A1 after a shoot off with Bob Pantier (98); Len Smith (the other 99) finished B1; C1 went to Kyle Wierzbicki (97); D1 went to Zac Hoiles (97). Our C and D Class winners, are again among the ranks of our State’s junior shooters.

The skeet god was smiling on Bob O’Brien as he finished the 20 gauge event on Sunday with another lone 100, and the Event Championship. Five shooters finished with 99's and were called to the shoot off field. They finished in the following order: Fred Richards, Event Runner Up; Denny Tanis, AA1; Al Magyar AA2; Lauren Best, A1; and Pat Wusthoff A2. Two 95's topped

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B class, sending Bill Brown and Jimmy Moll to the shoot off field. Bill left the field with B1 and Jim settled for B2. Jane Carpenter was C1 with a 96; and Gerald Novak was D1 with a 93.

Junior Shooter Quinten Smith shot the lone 99 in the 410 event thus finishing as Event Champion. Pat Wusthoff finished Event Runner Up with the lone 98. Squad mates Al Magyar and Mike Kremski shot off a pair of 96's for places in AA. Mike bested his squad mate, and was awarded AA1 with Al taking AA2. Jeffrey Rimer and Dave Ewers were tied with 97's at the top of A Class. Jeffrey bested Dave for A1, with Dave taking A2. 95's shot off for places in B class with Rich Curlett finishing B1 and Brian Harrison B2. 87's shot off for places in C class, with Jerry Barefoot taking C1 and Bill Primeau taking C2. Jane Carpenter was D1 with a 83 and Garrett Curlett was D2 with a score of 82.

Dave Ewers and Pat Wusthoff were tied for HOA with scores of 393. The shoot off resulted in the HOA Eagle Trophy being awarded to Dave Ewers, with Pat Wusthoff, HOA Runner Up. Denny Tanis was AA1; Quinten Smith finished A1 after a shoot off with Bob O'Brien; Richard Curlett was B1; Jerry Barefoot was C1; and Hunter Derenski was D1



Bob O'Brien wins 20 Gauge and 28 Gauge Events.



Dave Ewers takes HOA with a personal best of 393.



Hunter Derenski takes D Class HOA.



Audrey King wins Beretta.

Special congratulations to Dave Ewers his 393 was a new record high HOA score for him. It should also be noted that 9 junior

shooters participated in the HOA Event at this shoot. This says wonderful things about the future of skeet shooting in Michigan.

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BILL CASSIDY AND THE SKEET KIDS

Forty junior shooters participated in the fifth annual Bill Cassidy and the Skeet Kids Event. All of the shooters wish to thank Lauren, Dan, and Joe for continuing to sponsor this event. The shooter's shot the 100 target twelve gauge event, on a 3:30 flight. While management tabulated the results and got ready to announce the winners the junior shooters and the rest of the attendees enjoyed a burger, brat and chicken dinner. This dinner was provided free of charge to the junior shooters by the event sponsors. Lewis class trophies were awarded to the shooters in five classes as listed below.



Shooters line up to shoot Quinten's Hat.

Class 1 - Class Champion, Quinten Smith	100
Class Runner Up, Justin Broecker	98
Class 2 - Class Champion, Jeffrey Rimer	93
Class Runner Up, Zach Dolloff	93
Class 3 - Class Champion, Mitchell Goyette,	89
Class Runner Up, Jacob Seavey	89
Class 4- Class Champion, Jack Durham	85
Class Runner Up, Daniel Harsh	85
Class 5 - Class Champion, Graham Seelbinder	72
Class Runner Up, Kyle Price	72

At the end of these awards, it was announced that all the junior shooters names had been placed in a hat for an additional set of drawings. Hats and T-shirts provided by Great Lakes Sporting Arms and Detroit Gun Club were awarded by draw to several shooters, there were also shell pouches provided by Great Lakes Sporting Arms. The second to the last winner received a One Hundred Dollar bill which had been donated by Ken Cochran. It was rather fitting that the winner of this prize was Quinten Smith who had shot a perfect 100 in the event. The names that remained in the hat were still in the running for a Beretta 391. This year's winner was Audrey King. Audrey is a member of the SCTP team that is sponsored by the Goodrich School District. Audrey's parents are the head coaches of that team.

The junior shooters ask that I take a moment to thank the sponsors of this great event ----- Thanks Lauren for having such a great idea, and thanks to all of the sponsors for supporting Junior Shooting in Michigan.

Dad's Day Open – June 2011

by Jane Carpenter

North Macomb Sportsmen's Club held their 7th annual Dad's Day Open on Father's Day weekend. We were once again happy to see Adam Van Eaton join his Dad for their annual Father's Day Weekend of shooting with us at North Macomb. What a great thing to do with your Dad on his day!

We kicked everything off with the Doubles event on Friday evening and Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. We took to the fields under great conditions but no perfect scores could be had. Bill Nielsen took the Championship, followed by Denny Tanis taking AA1. Class winners were Bob O'Brien (A); Ross Szarenski (B); Tom Irish (C); and Frank Pantalena (D). Sub-junior Champion was Garrett Curlett.

Saturday's conditions were warm and sunny, but occasionally breezy. Even though it was the 12 gauge and the conditions were great, no one came through with a perfect score. Pete Pantalena took the Championship outright with a 99. Three AA's headed for the field with their 98's.

Denny Tanis took AA1 followed by Bill Nielsen and Dean Rossman. Surprisingly there weren't many shoot-offs and the results were as follows: Ross Szarenski (A); Chester Kowalski (B); Tom Irish (C); and Tom



Bill Nielsen takes Doubles, 20 Gauge Events, and HAA.



Pete Pantalena takes 12 Gauge Event.



Chester Kowalski wins 28 Gauge Event.

Fudold (D). Sub-junior Champion was Garrett Curlett.

The afternoon saw unusual results as there were, once again, no perfect scores for the 28 gauge event. On a perfect day it was Chester Kowalski who took the event after a shoot-off with Dean Rossman (AA1) with 97's. Ryan O'Leary took A1 followed by



Ross Szarenski takes 410 Event.

Pete Pantalena and Rich Curlett. The other class winners were: Frank Pantalena (B); Kent Dolmyer (C); and Garrett Curlett (D) and Sub-junior Champion.

Conditions for the official Dad's Day were warmer. The 20 gauge event brought one perfect score for the championship shot

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by Bill Nielsen. Three 99's from Ryan O'Leary, Dean Rossman and Denny Tanis vied for the title of AA1 with O'Leary taking first followed by Rossman and Tanis. Class winners were: Rich Trawinski (A); Jeff Desano (B); Jane Carpenter took C1 after a shoot-off with Katie Jacob; and Garrett Curlett took D. Our sub-junior champion was Katie Jacob followed by Garrett and Hunter Staples. Bryce Baker was our junior champion.

The final event, the .410 Bore, brought no perfect scores. Ross Szarenski took the championship with a nice 96. Class winners were: Dean Rossman (AA); Dave Ewers (A); Ryan O'Leary (B); Frank Pantalena (C); and Jim Van Eaton (D). Garrett Curlett took sub-junior followed by Katie Jacob and Hunter Staples. Bryce Baker was once again our junior champion.

The HOA Event Champ was Dean Rossman (389); and Class HOA winners were Bill Nielsen (387) - (AA); Chester Kowalski (384)- (A); Ross Szarenski (384)- (B); Frank Pantalena (378)-(C); and Jim Van Eaton (352)-(D).

The HAA was taken by Bill Nielsen with a nice 485 after a shoot-off with Dean Rossman(AA1). Bob O'Brien took A1 with 478; Ross Szarenski was B1 with 477; Frank Pantalena was C1 with 463; and Jim Van



Dean Rossman wins HOA Event.



Katie takes Sub-Junior in 20 Gauge Event.

Eaton took D with 439.

Thanks to Bob O'Brien for bringing in the food and a big note of "THANKS" goes out to John & Jane Ewers for serving us lunch for both days. Also, thanks goes out to Nanette Lutz who provided massages on Saturday in the club house. Hope she'll return next year!

Special thanks go to Bob and our own NMSC Crew who guaranteed the targets were set perfectly; to his corps of volunteers, who kept the houses loaded and fields cleaned; the referees for all of their great pulling; and Christa and Dave, who gladly took everyone's money and ensured all the scores were posted and shoot-offs ready to go after the last shot was fired.

Thanks to Bob O'Brien who



Garrett Curlett takes Sub-Junior in Doubles, 12 Gauge, 28 Gauge, and 410.

gathered all of the sponsors for this shoot. We look forward to next year's Dad's Day Open at North Macomb, which should be even bigger and better than this year! Plan to join us.

2011 Mid-Michigan Open Championships Genesee Sportsman's Club

by Jane Carpenter

July 30: The 13th anniversary of this event was held at the Flushing Michigan Club. The weather was great and the shooting better. George Gilliam always offers shooters an even opportunity at the added cash and prizes. There was money for event winners and class winners. The days started at 60 degrees and reached near 90 degrees by afternoon. Everyone was raring to get started and go after those targets.

The Doubles event was won by George Gilliam with a nice 99, A1 went to Bob O'Brien after a shoot-off with Dave Ewers who became A2. Jim Sykes took B1; and Justin Broecker B2, Gary Schultheis took C1 and Chris Banning took C2. Bob Edwards took D1.

The 12 gauge event was taken by George with a nice 99. Denny Tannis took AA1. The class winners in order of A-E were Bob O'Brien; Fred Richard; Bob Refice; Bob Edwards; and Sharon Barefoot. Justin Broecker Junior champion.

Next came the wonderful 28 gauge event which found one perfect score shot by George Gilliam. Dave Ewers took AA1 with a nice 99 after a shoot-off with Bob O'Brien. Numerous



George takes Doubles, 12 Gauge, 20 Gauge, and 28 Gauge and the HAA.



Dave takes 410 and HOA.

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other shoot-offs determined the rest of the winners. Rich Curlett A1; Gerard Debusschere was B1; Christina Baning took C1; and Garrett Curlett took D1. Garrett and Shane were our Sub-junior and Junior Champions.

We then headed upstairs to have dinner provided by George and Lynn Gilliam. A special thanks to Lynn for the great pies we had with dinner. They were great!! Folks began to bid on the Calcutta, and when we were done, headed down to the fields for the Scrap shoot. Lots of fun abounded as several of the shooters had never shot scrap before. When all was done we headed for the trailer trash for a few drinks and fun and before you knew it the day was over.

Sunday awoke to a beautiful, hot day and the 20 gauge event was underway. As beautiful as the day seemed to be there was only one perfect score shot by George Gilliam. Bob O'Brien shot a nice 97 for AA1. The A1 went to Dave Ewers after his shoot-off with Rich Trawinski. Doug Haines took B1; Dale Furst took C1; and Gary Schultheis took D1. Garrett Curlette was our Sub-junior champion and John Gilliam took Junior.



Rookie Shoot-Off.



Ladies Shoot-Off.

The 410 was the last gun shot and not a single perfect score could be found. Dave Ewers took

the championship after a shoot off with Rich Curlett (A1) and Pete Pantalena (A2) and their 96's.

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The Crowd was having fun!

B1 was taken by Tom Holton and C1 by Roger Day. D-1 went to Christina Baning.

George always offers fun stuff for the shooters so we started with the Rookie shoot-off which had 4 rookie shooters. We then sent out the lady shooters for the lady shoot-off and the winner was Chrissy Baning who shot with Sharon Barefoot and Sharon Day.

The Calcutta shooter headed to the fields and when the dust had

cleared, the winners were Dave Ewers, Dick Montel and Jim Sykes. Good shooting guys!

The HOA event winner was Dave Ewers with 392; George Gilliam, runner-up with 390; Rich Curlett took A1; Jim Nierzwick took B1; Mike McDade took C1; and Rich Montel took D1.

The HAA was as follows: George Gilliam, Champion with 489; Dave Ewers, Runner-up;

Jim Sykes, A1; Jim Nierzwick, B1; Mike McDade, C1; and Dick Montel, D1.

It was a great weekend spent with good friends and we had lots of fun. Thanks go out to George for such a great time and many more thanks go out to Christa for running the whole thing and keeping us moving. Special thanks to our great referees. We hope to see you next year!

Morrissey Motor State Open

by Trish Magyar

Walled Lake, MI – Last year's sponsor's, Mike and Tom Morrissey, were so pleased they stepped-up again to sponsor this year's Motor State. Last year's classic car show was such a hit, they wanted to do it again, but bigger and better – the attendees couldn't wait to see what cars were presented this year! Thursday afternoon's Doubles were conducted under some breezy conditions, but two shooters managed to break perfect scores, including a first for Bob Chestnut! Craig Parsons, however, was the victor in the shoot-off. Nine 99s went at it for over two rounds to determine event 3rd with Kurt Grates taking that position on the podium over Jim Roussel (AA) and Bruce Christian (AAA). Other class honors went to: Debbi Perry (A & Lady Champion); Lauren Best (B); Kristie Haugh (C) and Marla Cardenas (D).

20 Gauge Event

Twelve shooters were able to take advantage of the near perfect conditions in the 20 Gauge Event. Four made it through the 1st box of the shoot-offs, and two after the 2nd box remained standing: Fred Tschantz and Brent Edwards, with Tschantz the Champion halfway through the 3rd box. Third place went to George Lehr; John Herkowitz



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was AAA1; Debbi Perry, AA1 and Lady Champion; and Jim Sykes, A1. Bill Brown was at the top of B; Jim Nierzwick (C) and Marla Cardenas (D).

28 Gauge Event

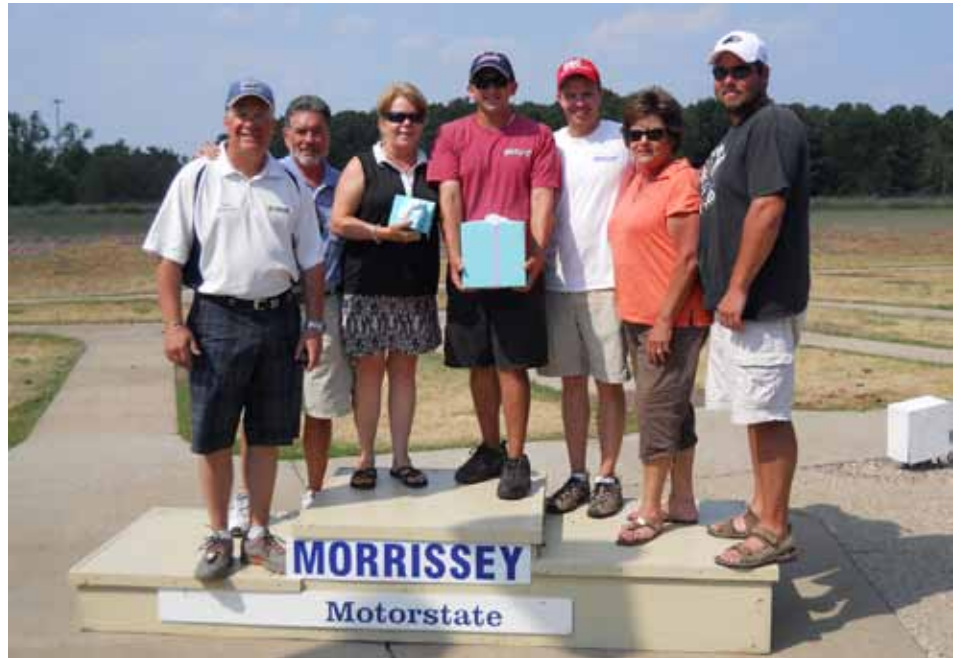
The first half of the 28 Gauge was shot Friday afternoon, under really great conditions, but only three shooters posted perfect scores. Saturday's conditions, though a little warmer, were a repeat of Friday. As a result, ten more perfect scores were added to the tally, making for 13 shooters to come through the 28 Gauge Event unscathed. Two was the number after the 1st round, with Paul Giambrone 3rd. Six stations into the 2nd, Kurt Grates was Champion over Billy Williams, Runner-up. Parsons was AAA1 and Don Walton, AA1. Other class winners were Greg Huszai (A); Jeffrey Rimer (B); Nierzwick (C) and Ed Brown (D). Debbi Perry's 100 landed her another Lady Championship.

.410 Bore Event

Saturday afternoon's conditions brought in some scattered clouds, but that didn't affect Al Magyar's or Bruce Evans' shooting! Bruce quickly dispatched Al to take the Championship. The five 99s took to the shoot-off field to determine who would ascend to the remaining spot on the podium. Robert Paxton prevailed



Cars, Cars, Cars.



Motor State HOA winners.

over Kevin Monteleone (AAA1) and Maj Tavakoli (AA1). Jim Sykes won his shoot-off to take A; and Roger Day (B), Nierzwick (C) and Ed Brown (D) won their classes outright. Loraine Malloy was Lady Champion.

Kolar Handicap Challenge

We had a new event this year, sponsored by Don Mainland and John Ramagli of Kolar Arms, in honor of Larry Kolar. Every-

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one was automatically entered. The top two scores, based upon the "HOA" after the first three events, from each class shot-off for a special award and \$1,600 in cash. Everyone shot the .410, with added targets, based upon your class. A miss on the last pair knocked out three of the remaining five shooters.

The two who remained were Paul Giambrone (AAA) and Roger Day (B). Roger, however, was out of targets going heads-up against Giambrone. Roger managed to hit his pair; Paul, being the consummate gentleman that he is, shot his pair from the hip missing the first target, making Roger Day the first Kolar Handicap Challenge winner!

After the shoot-offs, everyone lined-up for a fabulous dinner cooked by DGC's Chef Lori, assisted by Jessica and Janine, of grilled tenderloin or ahi tuna steaks cooked to order, with all the fixings. Thank you, Lori, for a job well done (and rare steaks for those who wanted them)! The Morrissey's, along with some other club members as well as some of the shooters, brought an impressive collection of classic and muscle cars out for everyone to ogle over (look, but don't touch!), wishing just one of them could be theirs.



Motor State Kolar Challenge

12 Gauge & HOA Events

The near perfect weather conditions continued into Sunday. A number of long-time attendees commented they couldn't remember when we had such a string of beautiful days at the Motor State! Though last year we had "decent" weather, this year's was significantly better. Surprisingly, after three guns under everyone's belts, there were only a couple of shooters down one and two targets. Given the conditions, expectations were high going in to the "All Gauge" event, but only eight individuals managed to come through unscathed. Though Giambrone wasn't among them, he did shoot well enough to capture the HOA Championship out-right with a 398 – well done,

L.P.! In the 12 Gauge shoot-off it took a mere eight stations to decide all places, with Herkowitz, Champion; Lehr, Runner-up; Grstes, 3rd; Monteleone, AAA1; and Mike Stewart, AA1. The remaining Class winners were Dave Bill Sinnott (A); Kody Niese (B); Gordon Novak (C); Cardenas (D) and Bill Richardson (E). Lady Champion was Loraine Malloy.

With the 12 Gauge Event settled, it was back to determining the remaining HOA places... Brent Edwards and John Herkowitz with 397s shot-off for Runner-up and 3rd with Edwards the victor. Monteleone won his shoot-off for AAA1; AA1 went to Jim Roussel; Sinnott was A1; Malloy, B1; Nierzwick, C1 and

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Ed Brown, D1. Debbi Perry was Lady Champion. Melodie Morrissey, Mike's wife, presented special awards of a Tiffany crystal bowl to the HOA Champion and a Tiffany bracelet to the Lady HOA Champion.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

No shoot happens without the financial backing and behind the scenes efforts of many individuals. Untold thanks go to the Morrisseys – Mike, Melodie and Tom – for stepping-up once again to provide their extremely generous support to ensure the Motor State's reputation as one of the finest shoots in the country continued – it couldn't have been done without you. Thank you also to Detroit Gun Club member Dave Nelson and to John Waters for sponsoring the Motor State Madness; and Don Mainland and John Ramagli for the Kolar Challenge. Scott Behnke and his Assistant Manager, Danny, did a fantastic job of throwing great targets; the back-loaders were stealth-like keeping the machines full and pads swept; and the crew of outstanding referees gave the shooters the targets when they called for them. Chef Lori, her kitchen staff and waitresses, Jessica, Janine, Jenny and Angie, made sure that no one went hungry (or thirsty!); and the shoot



Motor State Kolar Winners.

staff of Trish, Debbie and Kathy, greeted the shooters with cheery smiles, and made sure the scores were promptly posted and the shoot-off sheets ready to go after the last shot was fired.

We like to boast that we have "Too Much Fun" – as if such a thing were possible! But anyone who has ever attended the Motor State Open will tell you, we do have fun. This year's car show, which was a huge hit, is just one example, and had nothing to do with shooting. The Motor State isn't just about shooting; it's more about the friends we make and have made and look forward to seeing each year. We hope that those of you who haven't experienced the hospitality of the

Detroit Gun Club will do so next year, or at our shoot in September. We can promise you that you will have "too much fun"!



2011 TED HANAFORD / GREAT LAKES OPEN

by Rick Trawinski

On August 5th, 6th and 7th, The Detroit Sportsmen's Congress hosted the 2011 Ted Hanaford / Great Lakes Open. The team of Pete Pantalena, Rick Trawinski, Frank Pantalena, Kristen Pantalena and assorted volunteers from the club was ready to host its premier shoot of the year.

The shoot began on Friday with a portion of the Doubles competitors taking the field to try their luck. The weather cooperated and about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the shooters recorded their scores. On Saturday morning the balance of the Doubles scores were recorded and the results were totaled. The "MEC" Doubles Champion was Jim Nierzwick with a fine 98. Event Runner Up and 3rd was determined by a shoot-off with Bruce Christian from Indiana defeating Bob O'Brien. Class winners were AA; Denny Tanis, A; Ross Szarenski, B ;Greg Mahalak, C; Kent Dolmyer and D; was Garrett Curlett.

As the smoke was clearing the 12 gauges competitors started taking the field. With the weather being very good the scores began coming in and they were pretty indicative of the weather. Three (3) 100's were posted along with a bunch of 99's and 98's. After the shoot-off Bruce Christian emerged as the "Medical Weight



Bob O'Brien takes HAA and 20 Gauge Event. Bruce Christian is Runner Up in HAA.



Pat takes 28 Gauge, 410 Event, and HOA. Bruce takes 12 Gauge and HOA 3rd.

Loss Center" 12 Gauge Event Champion. Runner up was, first 100 shooter Mike McDade and Pat Wusthoff was 3rd. Class winners in the 12 gauge were, AA; Denny Tanis, A; Rich Curlett, B; Ken Cochran, C; John Hinternish, D; Tom Fudold and E; Sharon Barefoot.

After lunch the 28 gauge event got underway with the threat of a bit of weather threatening the shooters. The first flight of shooters got their rounds in with the

second flight not as lucky. The scores were still fairly good with Pat Wusthoff posting his second 100 of the day and taking the "Family Dentistry" 28 Gauge Event. Runner up and 3rd was again decided by a shoot-off of 99s' and Jim Moll was victorious over Bob O'Brien. Class winners were AA; Bruce Christian, A; Ross Szarenski, B; Greg Mahalak, C; Kent Dolmyer and D; Tom Fudold.

With Saturday in the books, Sunday held hope for all the competitors and what a better way than with the 20 gauge. A pair of 100's highlighted the morning competition with Bob O'Brien winning the "Kick Eez"

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20 Gauge Event title and Jim Nierzwick taking runner up. 3rd went to Pat Wusthoff missing his third consecutive 100 by 1 target. 20 Gauge class champions were, AA; Bruce Christian, A; Rich Curlett, B; Mary Jo Birka, C; Kent Dolmyer and D; Garrett Curlett.

Last but not least was the .410 Event. For the first time this weekend no 100's were posted but there was some "smashing" scoring none the less. The "Clay Delay" .410 Champ was Pat Wusthoff with a fine 98. Bob O'Brien was runner up with Ed Howe taking event 3rd. Class winners were AA; Bruce Christian, A; Chester Kowalski, B;

Robert Refice, C; Mary Jo Birka and D; was Tom Fudold.

Now to total up the HOA an HAA results. The "Lawry Shooting Sports" HOA Event Champ went to Pat Wusthoff with an excellent 397. Bob O'Brien from North Macomb Sportsmen's Club was Runner Up and Bruce Christian from St. Joe Valley was 3rd. Class winners in HOA were AA; Dave Ewers, A; Ed Howe, B; Greg Mahalak, C; Kent Dolmyer and D; was Tom Fudold.

The "Hodgdon Powder" HAA title goes to Bob O'Brien with Bruce Christian and Jim Nierzwick runner up and 3rd respectively. Class winners go to A; Pat Wusthoff, B; Greg Mahalak,

C; Kent Dolmyer and D; Tom Fudold.

The final "competition" of the weekend was "The Cowboy Way" Handicap Watch Shoot. The Champion was Jim Nierzwick with Bob O'Brien runner up and Kent Dolmyer 3rd. At this time we would like to thank our other sponsors "Briley", "Paxton Arms", "Lonesome Charlie's", "Magna-Port", "Decot Sport Glasses", and "Weingartz" for their continuing support.

Last but not least we want to thank all our volunteers for without whose help we could have not made our shoot the "Event" it has become. We hope to see everyone next year!



Keep It Open

2011 MICHIGAN SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET PROGRAM

by Loraine Malloy

The 2011 Michigan SCTP again saw record growth in the program within our State. The program continues to defy the Michigan Economy, as new shooters join existing programs, and new groups join the program and build teams. This year, we saw two clubs who had participated in the program in the past, return to the program and field successful teams. These Clubs were Detroit Sportsman's Congress and North Macomb Sportsman's Club. The other very exciting thing that we started to see happen this year is the transformation of SCTP shooters into four gun MSA shooters. This is a very exciting development for all of us involved in the clay target shooting sports. So please take the time to talk to these young shooters when they attend a shoot where you are also competing, and encourage these shooters to build a life long love of the sport. We thank all of our dedicated coaches and volunteers, without you our success would not be possible. We see your success in everyone of our young shooters, who are polite, well mannered, and safety conscious. The fact that we see improving scores as the shooters progress through the program speaks to the sound fundamentals that these shooters will



Katie Jacobs takes Intermediate Entry High Lady Gold at Nationals.

have to build on in the coming years. 191 athletes participated in this year's Michigan SCTP State shoot, an increase of 26% over the 2010 participation level.

We would like to thank Western Wayne County Conservation Association for the use of their Clubhouse for the February Coaches Meeting that started off our Michigan SCTP season. This meeting gives us a chance to meet the new coaches, and renew our



Jacenta takes Rookie Gold at Nationals and Shoots First 25 Straight.

friendships with the returning ones. It also gives us a chance to discuss rule changes and share coaching tips and practices. The National SCTP program had a lot of new sponsorship opportunities that were discussed at this meeting. We also distributed schedules for all of the 2011 Fun Shoots, and State Shoot for all of the disciplines involved in the Program.

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We threw three fun shoots again this year and would like to thank the Grand Blanc Huntsman's Club, Island Lakes Shooting Center and Kent County Conservation League for hosting these shoots. The growing size of the program makes it necessary for these clubs to close their fields to their membership to allow us to have the facilities necessary to run our shoots. We thank these Clubs for their commitment to youth shooting, and for assembling the manpower necessary to host these events.

The purpose of these fun shoots is to introduce the young shooters to each other, and to provide them with the experience of shooting in a competitive format. The coaches work with the shooters during these fun shoots to further instill gun safety and shooting fundamentals, as well as methods to keep the teams focused and moving. The program is a team focused program. Teams are comprised of 3 shooters in the same age division from the same group. A group can be a gun club, school district, 4-H group, boy scout or girl scout troop; or any other group that supports a youth program. This format has allowed us to squad two teams together to shoot on the same field, thus allowing the shooters to meet each other and



North Macomb Kids at Nationals with Mr. and Mrs. Potterfield.

form lasting friendships.

In response to the continued growth of our MI SCTP Program, our State Shoot was held at two venues this year. Our Rookie and Intermediate Divisions shot at Island Lakes Shooting Center. These two divisions are the younger shooters in the program. The Rookie Division is shooters up to and including the Fifth Grade. We had three teams competing in this division this year. The Intermediate Division is made up of shooters in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. We had twenty one teams competing in this division in 2011. In total, 63 young shooters shot in the event hosted by Island Lakes Shooting Center. We want to thank Pat

Lieske and the members at Island Lakes for their support of our program.

The senior division, which is shooters in ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades shot at Detroit Gun Club. There were 123 shooters who competed in this division this year. We would like to thank Scott Benhke and his staff, as well as all of the members at Detroit Gun Club for their support of the MI SCTP Program.

At the conclusion of shooting all of the participants gathered at Detroit Gun Club for the Awards Ceremony.

As in the past medals were supplied by the SSSF for the

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top three teams in each division. The Michigan SCTP Program awarded Savings Bonds to the top three teams. Each member of a first place team was awarded a \$100.00 savings bond, members of the second place teams were awarded \$75.00 savings bonds, and members of the third place teams were awarded \$50.00 savings bonds.

New to this years State Shoot Program was a concurrent event for our High School Teams. Trophies were awarded to the top three finishing high school teams. Only the top finishing team from each high school was eligible for consideration. The first place High School team representing the Goodrich School District was comprised of Justin Broecker, Cameron Exel, and Matthew Kovarik, they shot a total score of 283 out of 300. The second place trophy was awarded to the De La Salle High School team of Nicholas Bielman, Steven Criner, and Daniel Swink, with a score of 277 out of 300. The third place trophy was awarded to the Davision Schools team of Drew Lieske, Jon Adolph, and Mitchell Goyette. They finished with a score of 259 out of 300.

We also recognize the Individual High Gun, at each year's State Shoot. This year through the generous donation from one



SCTP Shooters -- Shoot Jacenta Jacobs Hat at the Nationals.



of our sponsors we had an award for the runner-up high gun as well. At the end of shooting we

had a two way tie for high gun. Two of our shooters shot 99's in the days program targets. These

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shooters were Joe Larson, representing Flat River Conservation Club, and Grant Murphy who shoots with the Goodrich Schools program. Based upon the results of a shoot off, Joe Larson was awarded the 2011 Michigan State Shoot Individual Skeet High Gun SCTP Belt Buckle. Grant Murphy was awarded a framed turkey feather with a shotgun and the letters SCTP painted on the feather.

Several hats were shot at the conclusion of the days shooting. We recognized two first 25 straights as well as a first 50, and a first 75.

Please visit our website at www.misctp.com to view the scores from this years events.

The National SCTP Event was held in Sparta this year on July 15th and 16th. Michigan was represented this year by teams from Flat River Conservation Club, Grand Blanc Huntsman's Club, Goodrich School District, North Macomb Sportsman's Club, St. Joe County Straight Shooters and Western Wayne County Conservation Association. In total, 6 Varsity Teams, 4 Junior Varsity Teams, 2 Intermediate Advanced Teams, 3 Intermediate Entry Teams and 2 Rookie Teams from Michigan attended this year's National Event.



Rookies Squad from North Macomb take trophy at Nationals.

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We are really fortunate to have coaches and parents who are able to support participation in the program at the national level.

Michigan was represented on the podium this year by the following teams:

Goodrich Schools Junior Varsity Division 3rd Place 559/600
Justin Broecker, Matthew Kovarik, and Cameron Exel

North Macomb Sportsman's Intermediate Entry 3rd Place 496/600
Bryce Baker, Katharina Jacob and Hunter Staples

North Macomb Sportsman's Rookie Division 1st Place 434/600
Jacenta Jacob, Rhett Stanhovec and Keaton Little

This is the first year that Individual accomplishment has been recognized at the National level in SCTP. We are very proud of the showing made by our Michigan Shooters. Shooters receiving individual medals were as follows:

Justin Broecker	Junior Varsity	3rd Place	193/200
Hunter Staples	Intermediate Entry	3rd Place	176/200
Rhett Stahovec	Rookie	1st Place	166/200
Katharina Jacob	Intermediate Entry	High Lady	156/200
Jacenta Jacob	Rookie	High Lady	148/200
Mike Shost	Varsity	Class A 3rd	183/200

Individual NRA Scholastic Award Pins and patches were also awarded to the top 30 athletes in the Senior Division. Justin Broecker and Mark Brenner were among these award winners.

Scores from the National SCTP Event can be viewed at www.shooter-post.com.

We would like to thank the MSA and the skeet shooters of Michigan for their support of this wonderful program. Your financial support has allowed us to run this program with little additional fund raising and has



allowed us to award medals to the top teams at each of the fun shoots, and Savings Bonds at our State shoots for each of the past seven years.

We would also like to thank all of the organizations who sponsored a field for the State Shoot. This money was used to complete the funding of the savings bonds for this year's State Shoot, we were also able to provide participants T-shirts to all of this year's state shoot athletes.

Last but not least, a big thanks goes to the Friends of the NRA. The MI SCTP, as well as several of the organizations with teams have received grants to help defer expenses for these young shooters.

If you are interested in the 2012 Michigan Scholastic Clay Target Program either as a coach, shooter or a sponsor please contact either Bob Martin or Loraine Malloy, or visit our web site at www.misctp.com.

MICHIGAN SKEET ASSOCIATION Register Shoot Publicity Recap Form

ATTENTION SHOOT MANAGEMENT: Please file this form with your check to MSA.

This form was developed to enable you to provide some basic and vital information to the MSA for the purpose of developing a write-up for your shoot. This write-up will appear in the next available issue of the MSA News. Your association, as well as your club members and guests, will appreciate your efforts. Please print or type clearly so we can record this information accurately. Thank you for your help.

CLUB NAME: _____ **CITY** _____

NAME OF SHOOT: _____

SHOOT DATE(S): _____ **NUMBER OF SHOOTERS:** _____

WEATHER CONDITIONS: _____

INTERESTING SHOOT FACTS (Number of shoot anniversary, ie. 16th Annual, etc.; brief bio of person who shoot is named after; name and thanks to sponsors, if any; charity recognition, if any;): _____

WINNERS & SCORES (Please be accurate with spelling of names)

HOA WINNER: _____ **HAA WINNER** _____

12 GAUGE WINNER: _____ **20 GAUGE WINNER:** _____

28 GAUGE WINNER: _____ **.410 WINNER:** _____

LADY HOA WINNER: _____ **JUNIOR HOA WINNER** _____

SHOOT CHAIRPERSON: _____

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