



Powder Creekers Take It to (from?) the State!

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The Kansas State Trap Shoot concluded on Sunday with the Handicap Championship. Enroute to a stellar finish, numerous gunners hailing from Powder Creek collected many and varied trophies.

Casey Chappell of the famed "Shooting Chappells" started things off with a bang in Event 1 when he collected "C Class" honors in the Shocker Singles held on Wednesday, June 4th, breaking 98 targets. Following closely on the heels of his son's success, Sonny Chappell smashed 97 targets, his best effort ever, on the way to taking "D Class" honors in the Bernard Waner Singles held on Thursday, June 5th.

Our own Karlon "The Grinder" Stephen worked her Beretta magic, ending up with a 96 and a ½ yard punch in the Harlan Campbell, Jr. Handicap, also on Thursday, with Casey Chappell scoring a 97, tying for first, and collecting a yard of real estate in the same event. Casey ended up in a shoot-off with Harlan Campbell, Jr. and three others for the "Champion" trophy, taking second only to Harlan himself. Casey dropped only two targets in the shoot-off on the way to claiming the "High Junior" honors. Matt "The Hat" Drexler pounded 99 in the Harlan Campbell, Jr. Doubles, also held on Thursday, claiming the "Junior-Out-Of-State" crown.

The Powder Creek Crew remained fully engaged on Friday, giving no quarter to adversaries. Matt pounded out a 96 in the Doubles Championship, once again claiming the "Junior-Out-Of-State" title. In the same event, Justin Gehrt crushed 86, claiming "D Class" honors while his Dad, Phil, took "B Class" with a 94.

The Hall of Fame Handicap, also held on Friday, will go down in the record books known for strong winds out of the northwest and fast, flat targets. These conditions and the target antics that went with them proved no match for the shooting skills of Justin Gehrt, Tony Bonomo, and Casey Chappell. These individuals ended up with a 92 and short-yardage (19-21) honors, a 91 and mid-yardage (22-24) honors, and a 93 and "High Junior" recognition respectively.

Friday's events culminated with the Annual Hall of Fame Banquet, where we saw our own Jeremy Winfrey named as the Captain for the Sub-Junior State Team. This is a prestigious honor awarded to individuals demonstrating excellence and



achievement in Trapshooting, which Jeremy has done for a number of years. Congratulations, Jeremy!

The Powder Creek Crushers (check out the SCTP link on our website) squared off against their opposition on Saturday in the Singles Championship. After the smoke had cleared and the targets had been tallied, the Crusher's squads claimed Second Place honors in the Senior Experienced category, First Place honors in the Senior Novice category, and First Place honors in the Junior Novice class, all in the Scholastic Clays Target Program. On the way to these remarkable achievements, the Crushers also claimed the State Senior High School Championship and the State Junior High School Championship. The Crushers are a fine bunch of young shooters and a great tribute to Powder Creek. We look forward working with these individuals as they continue to develop and hone their shooting skills. Eli Kenning took individual honors in the event, capturing the Novice Junior Trophy, recognizing individuals competing with less than 500 registered targets. Congratulations, Crushers, and coaches Walt and Karlon Stephen, Al and Phil Gehrt, Jack Thomas, and Mike Everhart!

In the same event, Al and Phil Gehrt gave their competition a run for their money in the "Two in a Family" competition, scoring 391 out of a possible 400 targets. Unfortunately, the ultimate victors scored 392.

High All-Around Honors, Sub-Junior, went to Justin Gehrt. Matt Drexler tied for High All-Around – Junior Out-of State. High Overall also went to the now famous Shooting Chappells – Casey taking Junior and Sonny taking D Class. What an outstanding recognition for some accomplished shooters! Congratulations JP, Matt, Casey and Sonny!

Zone Shoot Honors, determined by adding the scores of the Kansas Singles Championship, for the Class winners in the respective Zone Shoots, also went to Powder Creek.



In summary, Powder Creekers took the following:

Event	Name	Trophy	Score
Shockers Singles	Casey Chappell	C Class	98
Bernard Waner Singles	Sonny Chappell	D Class	97
Harlan Campbell, Jr. Handicap	Casey Chappell	Junior	97
Harlan Campbell, Jr. Doubles	Matt Drexler	Junior OoS	99
Doubles Championship	Justin Gehrt	D Class	86
	Phil Gehrt	B Class	94
	Matt Drexler	Junior OoS	96
Singles Championship	Eli Kenning	Novice Junior	
Hall of Fame Handicap	Justin Gehrt	19-21	92
	Tony Bonomo	22-24	91
	Casey Chappell	Junior IS	93
High All-Around	Justin Gehrt	Sub-Junior	364
High All-Around	Matt Drexler	Junior OoS	Tie
High Overall	Sonny Chappell	D Class	991
High Overall	Casey Chappell	Junior	1023

After the dust has settled, the final scores tallied, the guns cleaned and oiled, and the smell of Hoppes #9 fades away, the 2003 Kansas State Shoot will go down as the most glorious in the annals of Trapshooting at Powder Creek.

Congratulations to each and every one, and especially to the Powder Creek Crushers!