

## September 2022

Well, the biggest 2022 event for Michigan shooters is in the books. The State Championships have come and gone but many memories will live on long after all the dust settles. This year we had first time shooters, first time champions, repeat champions, first hundreds and the skeet gods smiled on us as we dodged all the rain that surrounded Detroit Gun Club.

We had an eventful weekend at the State Shoot. Everything began with the Big Gun Handicapped Shootout on Thursday with 25 entries. When the final shots were fired, eight qualified for the shoot-off on Friday, which the Board decided to move so it could be watched by more of the weekend's participants. The results were decided in a box and a half with Santa Claus, I mean Jerry Kott, coming out victorious, followed Trish Magyar and Jeremy Salisbury.

Moving on to Friday the Doubles event was first on the list. Edward Bowker bested the field of 65 competitors with a fine score of 99. That number has been the winning score for the past few years, so you see, in all aspects of skeet we don't need to be perfect, just close. Brent Edwards and Dean Rossman were Runner-up and Third.

Following Doubles, we began the 20 Gauge event which carried over to Saturday, which was joined by the .410 Bore to complete the day, with 84 and 81 participants, respectively. In the 20 Gauge the Champion, with the lone 100, was David Schiebel with Al Magyar Runner-up and Patrick Fowler 3<sup>rd</sup> in a 5-way shoot-off. The .410 Champ was also decided by a shoot-off with Edward Bowker claiming his second State title besting Al Magyar. Third was a lone 97 turned in by Jason Johnson. After the awards presentations, the evening saw John Fournier inducted into the Hall of Fame for his accomplishments on the skeet



field. Congratulations John!

Sunday commenced with the remaining 79 competitors in the 28 Gauge that began on Saturday taking to the fields – have I confused you enough yet? If not, I will keep trying 😊 After the last of the 28 Gauge shots were fired, we moved on to the 12 Gauge and Friendship Team events, totaling 90 entries. The 28 Gauge, again, was decided by a lone 100 atop the leaderboard with Brent Edwards, Champion, Andrew Bielman Runner-up and Keon Miller 3<sup>rd</sup> in a shoot-off 99s. In the 12 Gauge event, for the first time this weekend, there were multiple 100's; five, to be exact. When the smoke cleared Craig Priebe, who shot his first ever 100, was the Champion followed by David Schiebel and Patrick Fowler. On a special note, one Jerry Davis, also shot his "first" 100 in the 12 Gauge, proving that "older" guys still got it! The Friendship Team of Robert Jordan, Jack Jeppesen, Jerry Davis, Jim Gingrich and Kenneth Johnson posted a 491X500 for one of the highest scores in Friendship Team history. Congratulations!

Finally, we concluded the weekend of shooting by tallying up the High Over All scores. On top, and not a surprise to the State Championships, was Brent Edwards with 392. I am, and always will be, impressed with how Brent can do all he does and regroup enough to win multiple

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State titles. Congratulations from all of us! Shooting off 391's for the two other podium spots were Craig Priebe, Dave Schiebel and Jason Johnson. Craig and Dave made the podium in that order to conclude the firing of the last shot.

The final awards given out were the year-long Buckle Race prizes. Andrew Bielman won the Michigan Division, with Sean Rosencrantz and Jerry Kott Runner-up and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Huron Division was captured by Patrick Fowler, with Jimmy Grimes and Tom Pavlack completing the top three. Finally, the SCTP Division, which was a huge success this year, was won by Dylan Dick, with Jeremy Salisbury Runner-up. That concludes my State Championship report for 2022.

A BIG thanks to the Board of Directors, who work all year to put on an event of this magnitude; Detroit Gun Club for allowing us to take over their club for the weekend; our main sponsors, John Herkowitz from Pacific Sporting Arms, and Jim Sykes from Alta Equipment for providing the dinners on Friday & Saturday nights; the Novak Family for donating the Championship belt buckles; and, finally, all of you. With everything that has taken a toll on skeet, you all made this State Shoot better attended than previous years, showing the importance you put on OUR State Championship.

On a final note, remember there are events still to be shot this year. So, check out the MSA calendar on the website and don't put that shotgun away quite yet!

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