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The 2022 Autumn Grand was again held at the Tucson Trap and Skeet Club November 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. It was the 19<sup>th</sup> annual such tournament and though the format has changed over the years the Autumn Grand remains a favorite for shooters who like to escape the cold weather of the northern states and Canadian Provinces. As has been the case for several years, the first five days were actually a separate shoot called the Pre Autumn Grand. The actual Autumn Grand started on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

## PRE AUTUMN GRAND

The Gun Club is located off Old Ajo Highway and so it was natural to name the first day's events after the historic old roadway. Event 1 Old Ajo Highway Singles saw four shooters break 100 straights. Anna Rawe (MO), Mark Isner (WV), Art Peyton (AB) and Sean Hawley used their perfectos to win trophies in

Lady I, Sub Veteran, Veteran and AAA class.

The second event of the day was the OAH Handicap and there were four shooters at the top of the leaderboard with scores of 95 at the end of the day. Thomas Krolick (AZ), Nels Johnson (NE) and Nick Digesualdo (CO) were all tied up in the Sub Veteran category with their 95s, but after one overtime round of 25 straight Digesualdo came out on

top. Sean Hawley was the 27-yard winner with the same score.

In the final event of the day, the OAH Doubles Craig Hart (UT) and Bruce Davis (KS) posted the top scores of 96. Hart took home the Veteran trophy, while Davis was the class AAA champion.

## THURSDAY

The Premier Singles got things started on day number two and there were three shooters who were able to break all the program targets. Sandra Jo Jack (WI), David Womack (CA) and Joe Sudbury (UT) used their 100 straights to collect trophies in Lady II, Veteran and Senior Veteran categories.

In the Flagstaff Handicap Nick

Digesualdo lapped the field with his 98 to win the Sub Veteran category. Dan Alspach (MO) was the next highest score on the board with 92 to win the Senior Veteran trophy.

The Double Adobe Doubles finished off day two and Dennis Johnson of South Dakota had the top score with 95 to win Sub Veteran. Mike Grady (NM), Mark Isner and Anna Rawe were all one target behind to earn trophies in AAA, AA and Lady I.

## FRIDAY

Event 7, the Class Doubles saw Mike Grady win the AAA trophy again, this time with the event leading score of 98. Art Peyton and Eli Walker (NV) knotted up with



scores of 97 in the Veteran category, but Peyton posted a 50 straight to Walkers 49 in the carry over to earn the trophy.

In the Class Singles event, six shooters were able to break 100 straights. Lanny Heitz (WY) took some time away from his ice cream vending business to break his perfecto and ended up being the only non-category shooter in the bunch, winning AA class. Mark Isner bested Scott Abo (ID) in the carryover for the Sub Veteran trophy, while Art Peyton was the lone 100 in Veteran. Jim Copsey (AZ) and Irv Effinger (CO) carried their 100s over and Copsey came out on top in the Senior Veteran category.

The last event of the day was the Event 9 Pre Handicap Championship. Jason Fujie of Hawaii took home the short yardage trophy with the top score of 95. Bruce Davis, Eli Walker and Bobby Hubble (IN) were the 27-yard, Veteran and Senior Veteran winners with scores of 94.

## SATURDAY

The Tucson Singles Championship saw 180 shooters take the line on a nice sunny day with just a bit of wind. Art Peyton was the outright winner with the only 200 straight



PRE-AUTUMN GRAND SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP			
CH	ART PEYTON	AB	200
RU	SEAN HAWLEY	UT	199
AAA	BRET PREESHL	MT	198
AA	MIKE WILLIAMS	IN	197
A	DALE FISHER	MT	198
B	SANDY DIGESUALDO	CO	196
C	GENE MCDANELD	TX	194
D	ALAN SPANGLER	AZ	186
LD1	ANNA RAWE	MO	196
LD2	SUE HOPPER	TX	197
SUB JR	LIANA CERRA	TX	166
JR	COLTON PHILLIPS	TN	199
SUB VET	JEFF TRAYER	OK	199
VET	GERALD DEMULLING	WI	197
SR VET	JOE SUDBURY	UT	198

on the board. Sean Hawley, Jeff Trayer (OK) and Colton Phillips (TN) all had scores of 199 to earn runner-up, Sub Veteran and Junior trophies. Anna Rawe and Sue Hopper (TX) were the Lady I and Lady II winners with scores of 196 and 197, while Liana Cerra posted 166 to win the Sub Junior trophy. Gerald Demulling (WI) had a 197 and outlasted Jimmy Heller (AZ) in the shoot-off for the Veteran prize. Joe Sudbury had the lone 198 in the Senior Veteran category.

## SUNDAY

There were two 100 straights in the Tucson Doubles Championship and they came from Harlan Campbell Jr.



PRE-AUTUMN GRAND DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP			
CH	SEAN HAWLEY	UT	100
RU	HARLAN CAMPBELL JR	KS	100
AAA	JOHN MULLINS	WA	98
AA	STAN BAKER	CO	98
A	DON RACKLEY	TX	95
B	CLAUDE BANYAI	MN	96
C	LAWRENCE GILLUM	IL	96
D	BILL AUSTIN	ND	89
LD1	ANNA RAWE	MO	98
LD2	MARY ALBY	NM	94
SUB JR	LEXI HENNING	IA	95
JR	COLE HENNING	IA	99
SUB VET	KENT SAKAMOTO	ID	98
VET	ELI WALKER	NV	98
SR VET	RONALD MCCONNELL	AB	99

(KS) and Sean Hawley. Campbell elected to forgo the shoot-off, taking the runner-up trophy and handing the Champion's award to Hawley. Ronald McConnell (AB) and Cole Henning (IA) each broke scores of 99 to win Senior Veteran and Junior trophies, while Cole's sister Lexi Henning (IA) posted a 95 to lead the Sub Juniors. Anna Rawe was the Lady I winner with 98 and Mary Alby (NM) carded 94 to earn the Lady II trophy. Kent Sakamoto (ID) and Eli Walker both shot 98s to win the Sub Veteran and Veteran titles.

In the Tucson Handicap Championship Ray Thomas (CA) Cole Henning and Art Peyton each broke near perfect scores of 99. Peyton posted a 24-25 in the

PRE-AUTUMN GRAND HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP			
CH	ART PEYTON	AB	99
RU	JEFF WEBB	TX	98
19-21	FRED FRAZIER	AZ	95
22-24	TOM LEWIC	WI	96
25-26	DONALD LABARGE	WI	98
27 YARD	BRITT DALTON	UT	98
LD1	KELLY PARASIDA	OH	98
LD2	CHERYL DEMULLING	WI	97
SUB JR	WYATT DEBRIE	NE	96
JR	COLE HENNING	IA	99
SUB VET	DENNIS JOHNSON	SD	96
VET	THOMAS RAY	CA	99
SR VET	TIM ROBB	AZ	98

overtime to win the championship, while Thomas was awarded the Veteran trophy and Henning the Junior. Jeff Webb (TX), Eli Walker, Britt Dalton (UT) and Harlan Campbell broke 98s and after the shoot-off Webb was the runner-up with Dalton finishing as the Long Yardage winner. Kelly Parasida (OH) broke 98 to earn the Lady I title, while Cheryl Demulling (WI) posted a 97 in the Lady II category. Dennis Johnson broke 96 and won his shoot-off with three others for the Sub Veteran trophy and Tim Rob (AZ) was the high Senior Veteran with 98. Wyatt Debrie (NE) broke a 96 to earn the Sub Junior title.

## HIGH ALL AROUND

Art Peyton broke 97 in the Doubles

Championship, and then won both the Singles and Handicap titles with scores of 200 and 99 enroute to his High All Around victory with the score of 396x400.

HIGH ALL AROUND			
CH	ART PEYTON	AB	396
HIGH OVER ALL			
CH	BRUCE DAVIS	KS	948
RU	MIKE GRADY	NM	947
AAA	NICK DIGESUALDO	CO	936
AA	DENNIS JOHNSON	SD	937
A	DONALD LABARGE	WI	929
B	JASON FUJIE	HI	907
C	BILL SANDBORG	CA	862
D	JACOB OHONICH	OR	847
LD1	ANNA RAWE	MO	937
LD2	MARY ALBY	NM	921
JR	JORDAN ZIERCHER	MO	933
SUB VET	SCOTT ABO	ID	940
VET	ART PEYTON	AB	944
SR VET	JIM COPSEY	AZ	942

## HIGH OVER ALL

Bruce Davis broke 948x1000 to win the Pre Autumn Grand High Over All by one target over runner-up Mike Grady. Art Peyton had 944 to secure the Veteran trophy and Jim Copsey came in with the score of 942 to win the Senior Veteran award.

## MONDAY

The day following the completion of the Pre Autumn Grand was a Grand Week preliminary day and there were two events on the schedule—a Singles and a Handicap. Event 13 was the Prelim Singles and there were twelve perfect scores recorded from the 182 shooters who participated. Richard Bullard (NV), Jesse Smith (AB), William Sowa (MT) and Jason Fujie converted their 100 straights into AAA, AA, A and B class trophies. Anna Rawe, Dean Townsend (OH), Joe Sudbury and Grayson Stuart (UT) all broke



100s to win Lady 1, Sub Veteran, Senior Veteran and Junior trophies.

In the Prelim Handicap Chad Wiebe (CA) broke 99 from 20.5 yards to win the Short Yardage trophy. Britt Dalton, Bernie Merchlewitz (SD) and Art Peyton broke scores of 98 to win Long Yardage, Sub Veteran and Veteran prizes. Gary Hill (AB) and Jordan Ziercher (MO) each shot scores of 96 to claim the Senior Veteran and Veteran trophies.

## GRAND WEEK

Twenty two of the 349 shooters broke 100 straight in the Event 15 Ben Avery Singles. Sean Hawley outlasted ten others in the carryover to claim the AAA class trophy, while Harlan Campbell Jr. had the lone 100 straight in class

AA. Jeffrey Duren (TN) broke 100 and needed one overtime round to secure the A class trophy and Keith Baker had the lone perfect in B class. Gene McDanel (TX) broke 25 over Mary Alby after the two had tied with 99s in C class and David Schwartz (OH) won his carryover with Eugene Huck (KS) following 97 for D class.

In the Prescott Handicap Justin Debrie (NE) and Jordan Ziercher each broke scores of 98 to lead the way. Debrie was the Long Yardage champion and Ziercher went home with the Junior trophy. Chad Wiebe broke a 97 to claim the Short Yardage trophy for the second day in a row and Ray Thomas broke the same score to win the Veteran trophy.

## WEDNESDAY

Ron Bliss (OK) and Frank Haynes (IL) each broke 99s in the Casa Grande Doubles. After the carryover for the Veteran trophy, Bliss was the winner. John Mullins (WA) broke 50 straight in his carryover with Richard Marshall Jr. (NE) and Eric Munson (MN) after the trio had deadlocked with scores of 98 in AAA class. Carl Chadwell (MI), Wyatt Debrie and Jacob Duren (TN) all broke 98 to win Sub Veteran, Sub Junior and Junior Gold trophies.



Tim Robb and Richard Marshall Jr. both broke 99s in the Pleasant Valley Handicap and were the Senior Veteran and Long Yardage winners for their efforts. Former ATA President Mike Herman (CO) was the Sub Veteran champion with a 98.

## THURSDAY

393 shooters participated in the Tucson Singles Class Championships and Sean Hawley needed seven overtime rounds to claim the class AAA trophy following a 100 straight. Logan Engelman (CA) broke a 100 and then another 25 in overtime to win the AA class award, while Charles Long (TX) broke 99 and then 125 in the carry over to secure the A class trophy. Gary Nichols (OK) and Jorge Ragde (CA) broke scores of 99 and 98 to win the B and C classes, while Dominica Hotchkiss (CA) broke 98 and was the D class champion.

John Mullins broke the lone 100 straight in the Doubles Class Championship to earn the AAA class trophy. Lanny Heitz put a 98 on the board and then needed an additional 49 to outlast Brad Johnson (AB) for the top spot in AA class. Verne Higgs (ON) carded 97 to win A class and Hwa Lee Joon (BC) broke 94 to take home the B class trophy. Rod Hymas (AB) and Lillian



Russell (CO) broke scores of 95 and 90 to earn the C and D class awards.

**FRIDAY**

There were 360 shooters vying for the Autumn Grand Doubles Championship on Friday morning and it was going to take a 100 straight to get it done. In the end there were two perfect scores—Wyatt Debrie and Chris Vendel (PA). In the shoot-off Debrie let one get away and Vendel closed the door with a perfect 20 straight in the overtime round to become the 2022 champion. Debrie fell back to Sub Junior where he won by eight targets. Mike Grady, John Mullins and Zach Nannini (MO) all broke scores of 99 and shot off for the runner-up trophy. Grady broke 19-20 in the overtime to win, while Mullins and Nannini finished as

**WYATT DEBRIE AND CHRIS VENDEL**



AAA and AAA R/U. Katie Jones (MB) and Lisa Salt (BC) both broke 95s to win the Lady I and Lady II trophies, while Casen Calkins (NM) and Hunter Seymore (CA) broke 99 and 98 to capture the Junior and Junior Gold trophies. Kent Sakamoto and Donald Labarge each posted 99s to win the Sub Veteran and Veteran categories, while John Kelly (WY) outlasted two others with 97 to win Senior Veteran.

In the Caesar Guerini Preliminary Handicap Scott Abo led the way with his lone 99 to win the Champion trophy. David Landwerlen (AZ), Britt Dalton and Chris Vendel all had 98s for runner-up through 4<sup>th</sup> in that order. Justin Slater (PA) was tied with Bill

AUTUMN GRAND DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP			
CH	CHRIS VENDEL	PA	100
RU	MIKE GRADY	NM	99
AAA	JOHN MULLINS	WA	99
AA	TYLER BUCHANAN	WI	98
C	BRIAN CORNEHL	WA	97
B	TYLER MARSHALL	NE	95
C	DAVE MANSELL	WI	96
D	GENE MCDANELD	TX	92
LD1	KATIE JONES	MB	95
LD2	LISA SALT	BC	95
SUB JR	WYATT DEBRIE	NE	100
JR	CASEN CALKINS	NM	99
JR GOLD	HUNTER SEYMORE	CA	98
SUB VET	KENT SAKAMOTO	ID	99
VET	DONALD LABARGE	WI	99
SR VET	JOHN KELLY	WY	97



Mullins (OR) and Eric Munson with scores of 97 for the 5<sup>th</sup> and final place. Following a 24 in the shoot-off Slater was the winner. Kristeen Duren (TN) and Lisa Salt were the Lady I and Lady II winners with scores of 95, while Wyatt Debrie had the same score to win the Sub Junior trophy. Carl Chadwell broke 97, Walter Allen (AZ) had 98 and David Wickman (IA) had 95 to win the the Sub Veteran, Veteran and Senior Veteran categories.

**SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP**

David Womack of California was one of thirteen shooters that broke all 200 in the Autumn Grand Singles

AUTUMN GRAND SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP		
CH	DAVID WOMACK	CA 200
RU	JULES AZZI	CA 200
AAA	SCOTT OBENCHAIN	CO 199
AA	GREG JOHNSON	SD 199
A	DONALD LABARGE	WI 199
B	CHARLES SCHWAB	KS 198
C	GREGORY SPICZKA	AZ 195
D	RACHEL STEPHENS	CA 194
LD1	SOPHIE NOSTROM	AZ 199
LD2	PAM WRIGHT	UT 198
SUB JR	WYATT DEBRIE	NE 200
JR	JORDAN ZIERCHER	MO 200
JR GOLD	HUNTER SEYMORE	CA 198
SUB VET	JOHN EVICK	OH 199
VET	THOMAS FESTER	IL 200
SR VET	TIM ROBB	AZ 200

Championship and he was the only one who went 75 straight in the shoot-off to win this year's title. Jules Azzi (CA) was the only non category 200 straight and ended up as the runner-up after all of the category shifting happened. AAA class went to Scott Obenchain with 199 plus an additional 50 straight. AA class was won by Greg Johnson (SD) with 199 and the A class winner was Donald Labarge with the same score. Charles Schwab (KS) was the outright B class winner with 198, while Gregory Spiczka (AZ) and Rachel Stephens (CA) were the C and D class winners with scores of 195 and 194. Sophie Nostrom (AZ) and Pam Wright (UT) broke 199 and 198 to win the Lady I and Lady II championships, while Wyatt Debrie broke 200 to lead the way for the Sub Juniors. Six Junior shooters—Leo Brand (MN), Casen Calkins, Cole Henning, Tyler Honnold (TN), Corey Walker (CA) and Jordan Ziercher all broke 200 straight in the event. Ziercher broke 50 straight in the shoot-off to win the title. Hunter Seymore was the Junior Gold champion with the score of 198. John Evick (OH) was the Sub Veteran champion with 199 and a coin flip over Mike Herman and Carl Chadwell. Thomas Fester (IL) and Tim Robb were the Veteran and Senior Veteran winners with perfect scores.



## HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP

Cole Henning and Elaina McCarthy (OH) led the field of 409 shooters with scores of 99 in this year's Handicap Championship. They knotted up again in the first shoot off round with 24s. In the second round Henning posted another 24 and McCarthy finished with 22, giving Henning the title. McCarthy ended up as the Lady I champion. Brad Johnson and Scott Obenchain were tied with 98s and shot off for the runner-up and third place spots. Johnson broke a 24 and finished as the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher. Sean Hawley and Britt Dalton had 97s and flipped a coin for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> places. Dalton won the flip. Elaina's

### AUTUMN GRAND HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP

CH	COLE HENNING	IA	99
RU	BRAD JOHNSON	AB	98
3RD	SCOTT OBENCHAIN	CO	98
4TH	BRITT DALTON	UT	97
5TH	SEAN HAWLEY	UT	97
6TH	PATRICK MCCARTHY	OH	96
7TH	BILL MULLINS	OR	96
LD1	ELAINA MCCARTHY	OH	99
LD2	JACKIE GARRIGUS	MT	92
SUB JR	ORION COOPER	NV	95
JR	CHET ORICK	AR	96
JR GOLD	MITCHELL PIERSON	NE	98
SUB VET	CARL CHADWELL	MI	98
VET	ART PEYTON	AB	96
SR VET	TIM ROBB	AZ	96

dad Patrick McCarthy (OH) won his shoot-off with Bill Mullins and Tad Nicholson (OK) for the 6<sup>th</sup> place trophy. Mullins ended as the 7<sup>th</sup> and

### HIGH ALL AROUND

CH	COLE HENNING	IA	396
AAA	SCOTT OBENCHAIN	CO	394
AA	JOHN KELLY	WY	388
A	DONALD LABARGE	WI	386
B	JR LONG	TX	378
C	TAD NICHOLSON	OK	376
D	RANDY WEGERSKI	AZ	367
LD1	ELAINA MCCARTHY	OH	383
LD2	LISA SALT	BC	377
SUB JR	WYATT DEBRIE	NE	391
JR	LEO BRAND	MN	390
JR GOLD	HUNTER SEYMORE	CA	388
SUB VET	CARL CHADWELL	MI	393
VET	DAVID WOMACK	CA	389
SR VET	TIM ROBB	AZ	389

### HIGH OVER ALL

CH	COLE HENNING	IA	1079
AAA	CHRIS VENDEL	PA	1073
AA	CORY DALTON	NM	1055
A	VERNE HIGGS	ON	1033
B	JARRETT CARLISLE	NE	1024
C	TAD NICHOLSON	OK	1027
D	LILLIAN RUSSELL	CO	972
LD1	ELAINA MCCARTHY	OH	1043
LD2	MARY ALBY	NM	1014
SUB JR	WYATT DEBRIE	NE	1066
JR	GRAYSON STUART	UT	1057
JR GOLD	JACOB DUREN	TN	1047
SUB VET	CARL CHADWELL	MI	1067
VET	ART PEYTON	AB	1053
SR VET	TIM ROBB	AZ	1062



COLE HENNING AND ELAINA MCCARTHY

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final place winner. Jackie Garrigus (MT) was the Lady II winner with 92 and Orion Cooper (NV) carted off the Sub Junior trophy with 95. Carl Chadwell continued his good week of shooting by breaking 98 and winning the Sub Veteran award. Art Peyton and Tim Robb each broke 96 to win the Veteran and Senior Veteran categories.

## HAA AND HOA

Cole Henning was the High All Around and the High Over All Champion with scores of 396x400

and 1079x1100. In the HAA he had a two target lead over AAA class winner Scott Obenchain and in the HOA Henning had a six bird lead over AAA winner Chris Vendel.

## FINAL THOUGHTS

The Autumn Grand is a great shoot to attend. The facility is first class all the way and the weather during November in Tucson is generally very mild. If you are looking to get out of the cold for a couple weeks, the Autumn Grand is an excellent option. ■