

2022 DIXIE GRAND

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The 24th Annual Dixie Grand was held at the North Carolina Trapshooting homegrounds in Bostic, North Carolina, from Tuesday, September 27th to Sunday, October 2nd, 2022. The North Carolina Trapshooting Home grounds has 16 program traps, one practice trap and 80 full hook-up campsites. The program this year consisted of 1300 targets and 307 shooters came from 30 different states/provinces to participate.

The normal 80 degree fall weather in Bostic, North Carolina was interrupted by Mother Nature this year. Hurricane Ian and a tropical storm made for difficult shooting conditions. Shooters had to endure 20 - 30 mph winds Tuesday through Thursday. And because a tropical storm was predicted to pass through Bostic on Friday afternoon and evening, the Doubles championship was moved from Friday afternoon to Thursday afternoon.

TUESDAY

Tuesday was sunny but there was a strong North wind. The first event was the Tyler Honnold Singles presented in honor of the Wounded

Warriors. Heidi Womer, Mike Moore and Jackson Fox shot 100 straights to win Lady I, Veteran and Junior champion. Debbie Ohye-Neilson, William Mortensen and Michael Burnette had 99s to win Lady II, Senior Veteran, and Sub Veteran. Donald Neilson, Frank Pascoe, Tim

Fields and Steve Woods had 98s to win AAA, AA, A and B class trophies.

Event 2 was the Tynan Bennett Handicap presented by All-American Woodworking and Awards. Donald Neilson was champion with a 97. Place winners were Ronald Wallace (92) runner-up, Gregory Robinson(92) 3rd , Tim Dean (92) 4th, Mark Spoon (91) 5th, and Randy Raiford (91) 6th. Other winners included Andy Clayton (95) Senior Veteran, Tip Wight (93) Sub Veteran and Lloyd Beecraft (93) Veteran.

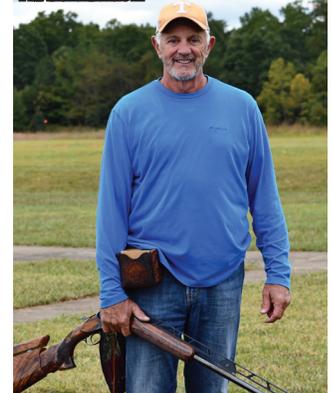
The last event of the day was the Ryan Bucher Doubles presented by Pat-Trap, Inc. and Michael Gooch shot the high score of 98 to win Sub Veteran. Tynan Bennett and Jamaal Brown each shot 96 to win Junior and A class. Other winners were Bruce Davis (95) AAA, Ethan Ledford (95) Junior, and Paul Shaw (95) Senior Veteran.

A special note – Frank Ketron shot his 250,000th target during Tuesday's Singles event. Congratulations Frank.

OLLIE, LEE TIP WIGHT, RANDY RAIFORD, DARLENE RAIFORD



FRANK KETRON



WEDNESDAY

Wednesday's program consisted of the Singles Class Championship presented by Brad Barnett and Tiffany Decker, the Carolina Doubles presented by Watauga Gun Club and the Foothills Doubles presented in Honor of the North Carolina Home grounds Volunteers. With hurricane Ian still moving North, the outer bands of the hurricane produced strong winds throughout the day.

Two shooters shot perfect scores in the Singles Class Championship. Alfred Wright and Michael Burnette were the Sub Veteran and Sub Veteran runner-up winners. Mark Isner (99) won AAA in a carryover, James Flint (99) AA, William Wallis (99) Senior Veteran and Frank Pascoe (99) Veteran.

To say the Doubles were sporty on Wednesday afternoon is an understatement. Still a few shooters were able to post great scores. In the first event of Doubles, Bruce Davis won AAA and Paul Shaw won Senior Veteran with 97s. Carl Caldwell, Mark Isner and Michael Gooch tied in Sub Veteran with 96s. Carl Chadwell prevailed in the carryover to win Sub Veteran and Mark Isner was the Sub Veteran runner-up. Herbert Lewis (95) won AA and Tynan Bennett (94) Junior. Lloyd Beecraft (94) won Veteran after the carryover and Mike Dennis (94) took Veteran runner-up.

The 2nd event of Doubles proved to be just as challenging as the first, but it didn't stop Lloyd Beecraft from posting a 99 to win the Veteran category. Other winners were Mason Bartlow (97) Sub Junior, Joe Nalley (97) Senior Veteran, Sheldon Hostetter (97) Senior Veteran runner-up, Frank Pascoe (96) Veteran runner-up, Keith Miranda (96) A class, Bruce Davis (95) AAA class, Kevin Polson (95) Sub Veteran and Carl Chadwell (95) Sub Veteran runner-up.

THURSDAY

The gusting winds were still a factor on Thursday morning, but there was no rain expected until Friday afternoon. So, with the weather conditions expected to deteriorate on Friday as a tropical storm approached, the management made the decision to move Event 10, the Dixie Grand Doubles Championship presented by Target Shotguns from Friday to Thursday's program. This turned out to be a great decision.

CASSIE HAMMOND



Cassie Hammond outshot the entire field shooting a 93 in the Event 7 Blue Ridge Handicap presented by Rockingham County Gun Club. The 93 earned Cassie a punch back to the 27-yard line. Bill Harrison shot a 92 to win Senior Veteran honors. Places were won by Jamaal Brown (90) runner-up, John Watkins (89) 3rd place, William Mortensen (89) 4th place, and Scott Mouzon (88) 5th place. Kevin Polson (89) beat Daniel Brandeth (89) in a shoot-off to win Sub Veteran. Brandeth settled for Sub Veteran runner-up.

The Doubles Class Championship presented by Buckhorn Gun Club was the first Doubles event of the day. Alfred Wright and Kevin Polson had the top score with 95s. Alfred Wright prevailed in the carryover to win the

DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

CH	JAMES FLINT	NY	96
RU	ALFRED WRIGHT	TX	92
AAA	DRUCE DAVIS	KS	90
AA	HERBERT LEWIS	KY	90
A	DAVID SMILEY	NC	89
B	JESSE BURGHER	AL	89
C	DAVID FEAGA	MD	87
D	RONALD WALLACE	ON	84
LD1	BROOKE BARNETT	TN	93
LD2	DEBORAH OHYE-NEILSON	PA	95
SUB JR	MASON BARTLOW	IL	92
JR	JONAH WYATT	TN	87
JR GOLD	RYAN BUCHER	VA	92
SUB VET	KEVIN POLSON	KY	95
VET	THOMAS CAMPBELL	SC	89
SR VET	JOE NALLEY	NC	93
CHAIR	BOBBY BILBREY	KY	62

Sub Veteran trophy. Kevin took Sub Veteran runner-up. Michael Gooch and Frank Pascoe won AAA class and Veteran with 94s. Other winners were Bruce Davis (93) AAA runner-up, Herbert Lewis (92) AA, Michael Burnette (92) AA runner-up, and Joe Nalley (92) Senior Veteran.

Jim Flint of New York was the 2022 Dixie Grand Doubles champion. He posted an impressive 96 in gusting winds. He prevailed over the field of 148 to win the Dixie Grand Doubles Championship presented by Target Shotguns. Debbie Ohye-Neilson and Kevin Polson won Lady II and Sub Veteran with 95s. Other Doubles championship winners were Alfred Wright (92) runner-up, Brooke Barnett (93) Lady I, Joe Nalley (93) Senior Veteran, Ryan Bucher (92) Junior Gold, and Mason Bartlow (92) Sub Junior.

FRIDAY

Friday morning brought dark skies and fierce winds. With heavy rains expected to start by late morning, shooters were called to the line at 8:30am in hopes of beating the rain for the only event scheduled for



Friday. Except for the last few squads, Event 9 Caesar Guerini Preliminary Handicap was shot under dry skies. 117 shooters braved the high winds and low light conditions. Bruce Burton posted a 94 to win the Caesar Guerini Preliminary Handicap. Marc Cox (92) won runner-up, Billy Soper III (91) 3rd place, Kameron Duvall (92) Sub Junior, Kevin Polson (91) Sub Veteran, Lloyd Beecraft (91) Veteran, and Brooke Barnett (90) Lady I.

SATURDAY

Saturday morning brought sunny skies and light winds after a night of heavy rain and strong winds. Fortunately, there was no damage or flooding to be found at the homegrounds.

It turned out to be a beautiful day to shoot the Dixie Grand Singles Championship. 187 shooters entered the event. At the end of the day, Doug Damron and Donald Neilson posted the day's high score of 198. After a one round shoot-off, Doug Damron was crowned the Dixie Grand Singles Champion and Donald Neilson took the Sub Veteran champion. Other winners were Nathan Snyder (197) runner-up, Herbert Lewis (196) AAA, Rick Manning (196) AA, Mark Cox (196) A, Caleb Delp (197) Junior, Sheldon

Hostetter (197) Senior Veteran.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

CH	DOUGLAS DAMRON	WV	198
RU	NATHAN SNYDER	NC	197
AAA	HERBERT LEWIS	KY	196
AA	RICK MANNING	FL	196
A	MARK COX	NC	196
B	CHRISTOPHER MALONE	NC	196
C	MARTIN GAWRON	NY	193
D	ANTHONY BROWDER	TN	185
LD1	BROOKE BARNETT	TN	196
LD2	DEBORAH OHYE NEILSON	PA	196
SUB JR	KAMERAN DUVALL	MI	194
JR	CALEB DELP	VA	197
JR GOLD	RYAN BUCHER	VA	196
SUB VET	DONALD NEILSON	PA	198
VET	BARRY TURNER	AP	196
SR VET	SHELDON HOSTETTER	PA	197
CHAIR	BOBBY BILBREY	KY	191

SUNDAY

Sunday was the Winchester Ammunition Handicap and it was another beautiful day. Christopher "Gage" Malone (96) beat Lloyd Beecraft (96) in a shoot-off to become the Dixie Grand Handicap Champion. Lloyd Beecraft became the Veteran champion. Kevin Polson (95) won his shoot-off against Martin Gawron (95) to earn Sub Veteran champion. Places were won by Randy Parson (93) runner-up,

HANDICAP CHAMPSHIP

CH	CHRISTOPHER MALONE	NC	96
RU	RANDY PARSON	PA	93
3RD	RANDY RAIFORD	VA	92
4TH	DAVID GONYEAU	NY	91
5TH	ROBERT HOYT	FL	91
6TH	MEGAN SMITH	NC	90
7TH	ROBERT ROGAN	TN	90
LD1	MELANIE FRERICHS	NE	94
LD2	CASSIE HAMMOND	MD	93
SUB JR	ETHAN FERRIS	WV	92
JR	JAMES MILES	GA	93
JR GOLD	ETHAN LEDFORD	GA	93
SUB VET	KEVIN POLSON	KY	95
VET	LLOYD BEECRAFT	ON	96
SR VET	DAVID SNYDER	PA	93
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Randy Raiford (92) 3rd place, David Gonyeau (91) 4th place, Robert Hoyt (91) 5th place, Megan Smith (90) 6th place, Robert Rogan (90) 7th place, Urban Womer (90) 8th place, Ryan

DOUG DAMRON



Bucher (90) 9th place, Daniel Tollison (90) 10th place.

HIGH ALL AROUND & HIGH OVER ALL

Kevin Polson won the High All Around and the High Over All with scores of 387x400 and 949x1000. Kevin accumulated an impressive nine trophies at the 2022 Dixie Grand. Seven other shooters won both the HAA and the HOA—Alfred Wright (378, 919) AA Class, Brooke Barnett (380, 910) Lady I, Ronald Wallace (352, 842) D Class, Sheldon Hostetter (375, 901) Senior Veteran,

CHRISTOPHER "GAGE" MALONE



KEVIN POLSON



Carl Chadwell (381, 923) Sub Veteran, Lloyd Beecraft (379, 938) Veteran, Bobby Bilbrey (337, 696) Chair.

The Dixie Grand is a must to put on your 2023 schedule. The warm fall weather and southern hospitality makes for a perfect end to the summer. Even when you are not shooting, you can sit in a rocking chair on the front porch and enjoy the view of the Blue Ridge Foothills. Or plan to spend a few extra days exploring the Blue Ridge Parkway, Biltmore Castle, Chimney Rock State Park, Lake Lure (where much of the movie Dirty Dancing was filmed) and Asheville, NC. There are lots of great restaurants, shopping, and scenery to enjoy in the mountains of North Carolina. ■

HIGH ALL AROUND

CH	KEVIN POLSON	KY	387
AAA	HERBERT LEWIS	KY	372
AA	ALFRED WRIGHT	TX	378
A	JOE NALLEY	NC	373
B	CHRISTOPHER MALONE	NC	370
C	MARTIN GAWRON	NY	370
D	RONALD WALLACE	ON	352
LD1	BROOKE BARNETT	TN	380
LD2	DEBORAH OHYE NEILSON	PA	372
SUB JR	ETHAN FERRIS	WV	371
JR	JACKSON FOX	MI	372
JR GOLD	RYAN BUCHER	VA	378
SUB VET	CARL CHADWELL	MI	381
VET	LLOYD BEECRAFT	ON	379
SR VET	SHELDON HOSTETTER	PA	375
CHAIR	BOBBY BILBREY	KY	337

HIGH OVER ALL

CH	KEVIN POLSON	KY	949
AAA	D. ISNER	WV	906
AA	ALFRED WRIGHT	TX	919
A	MEGAN SMITH	NC	881
B	SCOTT SOMERO	FL	891
C	TIP WRIGHT	VA	846
D	RONALD WALLACE	ON	842
LD1	BROOKE BARNETT	TN	910
LD2	CASSIE HAMMOND	MD	894
SUB JR	MASON BARTLOW	IL	896
JR	CHRISTOPHER MALONE	NC	885
JR GOLD	ETHAN LEDFORD	GA	893
SUB VET	CARL CHADWELL	MI	923
VET	LLOYD BEECRAFT	ON	938
SR VET	SHELDON HOSTETTER	PA	901
CHAIR	BOBBY BILBREY	KY	696

WISHING EVERYONE A BLESSED YEAR AND SAFE TRAVELS

