

# 2022 NORTHEASTERN GRAND AMERICAN

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The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeastern Grand American was held from Tuesday, September 6, to Sunday, September 11, at the New York State Amateur Trapshooting Association Home Grounds in Cicero, New York. Due to the Heartland Grand American being moved back in its entirety to the month of August, the Northeastern Grand was the first Satellite Grand American of the 2023 ATA target year. The shoot program consists of 1500 total targets, of which the final 1200 comprise the High Over All and the weekend Championship events the High All Around. A total of 360 shooters from 20 different states and provinces were in attendance this year, and the shoot made a competition factor of 4 for All-American Points by a comfortable margin.

## TUESDAY

Overcast skies and a light drizzle were the forecast for the first day of the shoot and, as a result, attendance was light throughout the day. In the first event of the day, the Warm-Up-Singles, Deborah Ohye-Neilson was the event Champion with the only perfect

score in the event, Todd Hosbach was the Class AA winner following the lone 99 of the day. Frank Pascoe was the Veteran Champion with a 98 outright and, following a four-way carryover, Donald Neilson Jr. was the Sub Veteran winner, also with a 98. Roman Barrett and Joe Sissano were high in the Warm-Up Handicap with 96s and, following a

forfeit by Sissano, Barrett was the event Champion, while Sissano fell back to take Senior Veteran honors. John Cook was the event runner-up following a 93, and Donald Neilson Jr. was the Sub Veteran winner with the same score. Jamaal Brown,

Jonathan Hannahoe, and William Wallis were the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place winners following 92s and one shoot-off round. The annoying drizzle from earlier had abated by the start of the Warm-Up Doubles, but the skies remained dark. Josh

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Buchiere was the event Champion with the lone high score of 96. Deborah Ohye-Neilson was the Lady II winner with 95 and, following a carryover with Carl Chadwell, James Flint was the Sub Veteran Winner, also with a 95.

## WEDNESDAY

Wednesday was the start of the Northeastern Grand's 1200 target High Over All and attendance nearly doubled from the previous day. Deborah Ohye-Neilson and Jordan Ziercher turned in the only 100 straights in the Preliminary Singles and, following a carryover the next day, Ohye-Neilson was the event Champion, and Ziercher fell back to take the Junior category. Michael Fox Jr. and Chad Landon were the Class AAA and Class AA winners, each with scores of 99. Heidi Womer, Carl Chadwell, Lloyd Beecraft, and Keith Miranda were the Lady I, Sub Veteran, Veteran, and Senior Veteran winners, all with 99s.

Sub Junior shooter Cody Meredith was the event Champion in the Preliminary Handicap with the lone high score of 98. Michael Fox Jr. was the event runner-up with the lone second high score of 97, and Carl Chadwell was the Sub Veteran winner with the only score of 96. Following a forfeit by Donald Neilson Jr., James Davis was the event 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner, and Neilson Jr. fell back to 4<sup>th</sup> place, each following scores of 94. Curtis Robbins led the afternoon's Sportsmen's Doubles with the lone 100 straight and was the event Champion without need for carryover. Deborah Ohye-Neilson was the Lady II winner, and Keith Miranda the Senior Veteran Champion, each with the only scores of 98 and 97 in the event. Josh Buchiere was the Class AA

Champion, Heidi Womer the Lady I Champion, and Lloyd Beecraft the Veteran winner, each with scores of 96.

## THURSDAY

Attendance continued to increase Thursday, and scores in the Sportsmen's Singles went up as well. Six shooters turned in perfect scores and the results after carryover are as follows: Deborah Ohye-Neilson (event Champion), David McMasters (Class A Champion), Renwick Parson (Class B Champion), James Cadigan (Class C Champion), Robert Nihtila Jr. (Sub Veteran Champion), and Frank Pascoe (Veteran Champion). Lloyd Beecraft was the Class AAA winner, and Chad Landon was the AA winner, each with scores of 99. Joseph Breck IV and William Kutch were the Junior and Senior Veteran Champions, also with scores of 99.

The breeze picked up but visibility remained good for the Sportsmen's Handicap. Brian Luther led all shooters with a lone high score of 97 and was the event Champion. Cono Natale and Kenneth Fowler were the Sub Veteran and Senior Veteran winners with 96s. Joseph Buschynzski and Marc Goldfarb were the event runner-up and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners, each with scores of 95 and one shoot-off round. Diane Durant was the Lady II winner with a 94, and Robert Edwards was the Veteran winner with the same score.

The breeze died down and targets were nearly perfect for the afternoon's Class Doubles. Joseph Breck IV led all shooters in the event with the lone 100 straight and was the Junior Champion. Carl Chadwell and Gregory Smith were the Sub Veteran and Veteran winners with 99s. Andrew Barrett was the Class A winner with a 97,

while Robert Nihtila Jr. and Frank Pascoe were the Sub Veteran and Veteran runners-up, also with 97s. Michael Fox Jr. and Josh Buchiere were the Class AAA and Class AA winners, each with 96s. Also following scores of 96, Deborah Ohye-Neilson and John Federici were the Lady II and Senior Veteran winners.

## FRIDAY

Conditions remained bright with a light breeze for Friday's events. Four shooters out of the field of 242 broke 100 straights in the morning's Class Singles. Ben Snyder was the Class AA Champion, Daniel McCumber the Class C Champion, Deborah Ohye-Neilson the Lady II Champion, and Carl Chadwell the Sub Veteran Champion. Following carryovers, Lloyd Beecraft and Steve Stella were the Veteran winner and runner-up, Paul Shaw and Peter Grant the Senior Veteran Champion and runner-up, all with scores of 99. Roman Barrett was the Junior winner with the only 99 in the category.

The Caesar Guerini Preliminary Handicap saw the highest handicap scores of the week and, once the last shot was fired, Daniel Fadden was the event Champion with the



lone high score of 98. Christopher McEwen was the event runner-up with a 97, and Urb Womer was the Veteran winner, also with a 97. Richard Mastin was the Sub Veteran Champion with a 96, and John Valenti was the Senior Veteran winner with the same score. Following scores of 94, Scott Cooper took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the event, and Joseph Breck IV was the Junior Champion.

## SATURDAY

Temperatures increased into the upper 80s on Saturday for the Singles Championship, and the sun continued to shine making for a hot day of shooting. Eight shooters broke the first half of the championship, and three made it through the day straight. William Wallis, Brian Luther, and Antonio Lobo were called to shoot off at the conclusion of the event. Luther was the first shooter to exit the shoot-off following a miss on the first post, and he would take the event runner-up trophy for his score. Wallis and Lobo went four more rounds before the shoot-off was decided. Lobo let one slip away during the fifth round, and Wallis remained straight and was the 2022 Northeastern Grand American Singles Champion for the second straight year (Wallis won the Singles Championship in 2021 with the lone high score of 199). Lobo would fall back to take the Sub Veteran title. Peter Tsementzis was the Class AAA Champion with the only non-category score of 199 in the event. Lloyd Beecraft and Robert Edwards were the Veteran Champion and runner-up with 199s each, and Paul Shaw was the Senior Veteran Champion without need for a shoot-off. Robert Nihtila Jr. was the Sub Veteran runner-up with a 199 following Lobo's fallback from the Championship shoot-off to take the

**BROWNING SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP**

CH	WILLIAM WALLIS	NY	200
RU	BRIAN LUTHER	NY	200
AAA	PETER TSEMENTZIS	ON	199
AA	TODD HOSBACH	NY	197
A	ROBERT JARVIS	NJ	196
B	VITALINO VAZ	NY	196
C	CONO NATALE	NY	194
D	JOHN MARAGLIANO	NY	189
LD1	HEIDI WOMER	NY	195
LD2	DEBORAH OHYE-NEILSON	PA	195
SUB JR	KYLE SMITH	NY	191
JR	WYATT READLER	PA	198
JR GOLD	CHRISTOS TSEMENTZIS	ON	198
SUB VET	ANTONIO LOBO	CT	200
VET	LLOYD BEECRAFT	ON	199
SR VET	PAUL SHAW	ON	199



**SUNDAY**

category title. Wyatt Readler and Joseph Breck IV tied for the top spot in the Junior category with 198s apiece. Readler would prevail in the shoot-off and was the Junior Singles Champion. Christos Tsementzis was the Junior Gold winner without need for a shoot-off, also following a 198. Todd Hosbach was the Class AA winner with 197 following two shoot-off rounds with Timothy Corrente and David McMasters. Heidi Womer and Anna Rawe were high in the Lady I category with 195s and after one shoot-off round, Womer was the Lady I winner and Rawe the category runner-up.

The temperature dropped more than 15 degrees and the clouds once again rolled in for the final day of the Northeastern Grand American. Conditions for the Doubles Championship were good with very little wind, but the lack of sunlight made for difficult visibility. Carl Chadwell and Joseph Breck IV led the field of 176 with 99s and would be called to shoot off for the title later on in the day. Both Breck IV and Chadwell made it through the first 20 targets straight, and they each let one go during the second round and the shoot-off would continue. Breck IV finally

JOSEPH BRECK IV & CARL CHADWELL



dropped a second target early in the fifth round, and Chadwell finished out the round straight to claim the Northeastern Grand American Doubles Championship, while Breck IV fell back to take Junior Champion in the event. Josh Buchiere was the event runner-up with the only non-category score of 98, and Robert Nihtila Jr. was the Sub Veteran Champion with the same score. Aaron Pollak was the Class AAA Champion with a 96, while Heidi Womer and Sheldon Hostetter were the Lady I and Senior Veteran winners, also with scores of 96.

**DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP**

CH	CARL CHADWELL	MI	99
RU	JOSHUA BUCHIERE	NY	98
AAA	AARON POLLAK	VT	96
AA	URBAN WOMER	NY	92
A	BRIAN LUTHER	NY	95
B	DANIEL FADDEN	NY	95
C	GUY ROUSSEAU	QU	92
D	DARRIN PADOVANO	NY	90
LD1	HEIDI WOMER	NY	96
LD2	DEBORAH OHYE-NEILSON	PA	92
SUB JR	CODY MEREDITH	FL	77
JR	JOSEPH BRECK IV	PA	99
JR GOLD	CHRISTOS TSEMENTZIS	ON	94
SUB VET	ROBERT NIHTILA JR	MA	98
VET	LLOYD BEECRAFT	ON	94
SR VET	SHELDON HOSTETTER	PA	96

The skies continued to darken and a light rain moved in midway through the Handicap Championship. Once the firing line had cleared and all scores had been entered, Ben Snyder had won the Northeastern Grand American Handicap with the lone high score of 96 from 27 yards. Daniel Fadden was the event runner-up with a 95 and one shoot-off round with Daniel McCumber, who took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Cono Natale was high in the Sub Veteran category with a 94, Randolph Thurlow and Sheldon Hostetter were the Veteran and Senior Veteran Champions, each with scores of 93.

**WINCHESTER AMMUNITION HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP**

CH	BEN SNYDER	PA	96
RU	DANIEL FADDEN	NY	95
3RD	DANIEL MCCUMBER	NY	95
4TH	STEVE SMITH	NY	93
5TH	THOMAS HOOD	PA	93
6TH	PETER TSEMENTZIS	ON	93
7TH	MARCO CANNIZZARO	QU	92
LD1	NICOLE HOOD	PA	91
LD2	DEBORAH OHYE-NEILSON	PA	89
SUB JR	CODY MEREDITH	FL	91
JR	JORDAN ZIERCHER	MO	91
JR GOLD	JAMESON MARTIN	NY	91
SUB VET	CONO NATALE	NY	94
VET	THURLOW RANDOLPH	CT	93
SR VET	SHELDON HOSTETTER	PA	93

CHRISTOS TSEMENTZIS & LLOYD BEECRAFT



BEN SNYDER



**HAA & HOA**

Carl Chadwell led both the High All Around and the High Over All

standings, with scores of 389x400 and 1148x1200. Peter Tsementzis was the Class AAA Champion in the All Around with 386, Brian Luther, Antonio Lobo, and Robert Nihtila Jr. were the Class AA Champion, and Sub Veteran Champion and runner-up, all with scores of 385. Lloyd Beecraft was the Veteran Champion in the High Over All with the lone second high score of 1142, and Michael Fox Jr. was the Class AAA winner with 1135.

The Northeastern Grand American is a great way to start off the new target year and get one more shoot in before the long winter ahead. The folks at the NYSATA have worked hard over the past few years and have made significant improvements to both

HIGH ALL AROUND		
CH	CARL CHADWELL	MI 389
AAA	PETER TSEMENTZIS	ON 386
AA	BRIAN LUTHER	NY 385
A	ROMAN BARRETT	MA 374
B	JOSHUA BUCHIERE	NY 376
C	CONO NATALE	NY 374
D	JAMES WRIGHT	NY 362
LD1	HEIDI WOMER	NY 375
LD2	DEBORAH OHYE-NEILSON	PA 376
SUB JR	CODY MEREDITH	FL 354
JR	JOSEPH BRECK IV	PA 375
JR GOLD	CHRISTOS TSEMENTZIS	ON 375
SUB VET	ANTONIO LOBO	CT 385
VET	LLOYD BEECRAFT	ON 380
SR VET	KEITH MIRANDA	NY 380

the grounds as well as the overall target presentation. I always look forward to attending this Satellite Grand American and encourage

HIGH OVER ALL		
CH	CARL CHADWELL	MI 1148
AAA	MICHAEL FOX JR	NY 1137
AA	BRIAN LUTHER	NY 1134
A	ANNA RAWE	MO 1105
B	JONATHAN HANNAHOE	PA 1107
C	THOMAS LANDER	NY 1091
D	DAVE ABBOTT	ON 1055
LD1	HEIDI WOMER	NY 1118
LD2	DEBORAH OHYE-NEILSON	PA 1135
SUB JR	CODY MEREDITH	FL 1092
JR	JORDAN ZIERCHER	MO 1119
SUB VET	DONALD NEILSON JR	PA 1116
VET	LLOYD BEECRAFT	ON 1142
SR VET	KEITH MIRANDA	NY 1120

anyone who has never made the trip to Upstate New York to put the Northeastern Grand American on your list of shoots for next year. ■

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