

MISSOURI FALL HANDICAP

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HIGH OVER ALL & HIGH ALL AROUND

2021 MO FALL HANDICAP HIGH ALL AROUND

CH	RICHARD MARSHALL	395
AAA	KEITH DITTO	394
AA	KIM SCHAEFER	383
A	JARROD EVERLY	387
B	SAMUEL KORBS	382
C	RICK CISIEWSKI	375
D	DAVID NANNINI	367
LD1	LAUREN DUNN	384
LD2	SANDRA JO JACK	375
SUB JR	ADAM BOLZENIUS	370
JR	MITCHELL PIERSON	387
JR GOLD	IAN LAWRENCE	391
SUB VET	MARVIN BEUMER	383
VET	DALE STOCKDALE	388
SR VET	GERRY WILLIAMS	381
CHAIR	ZIGGY TKACZENKO	360

2021 MO FALL HANDICAP HIGH OVER ALL

CH	KEITH DITTO	1164
AAA	SCOTT COCHRAN	1129
AA	RYAN LOVELESS	1117
A	DAVID SMITH	1087
B	JOHN HALAMBECK	1094
C	DANIEL BARE	1090
D	PAULA TRAYER	1046
LD1	ANNA RAWE	1068
LD2	SANDRA JO JACK	1080
SUB JR	BRADEN ELBERT	630
JR	JORDAN ZIECHER	1115
JR GOLD	IAN LAWRENCE	1141
SUB VET	MARVIN BEUMER	1106
VET	DALE STOCKDALE	1129
SR VET	STEVEN MALTZAHN	1106
CHAIR	ZIGGY TKACZENKO	1064

Families seeking vacation fun have been making their way to south-central Missouri since 1931, when the Bagnell Dam created the Lake of the Ozarks. Today, families are still trekking to the man-made reservoir that offers 54,000 surface acres of water and is surrounded by over 50,000 square miles of the beautiful Ozark Mountains. Not much of the original town of Linn Creek has survived after being mostly submerged under the lake, but since 1968 families have continued to vacation near Linn Creek at the (MTA) Missouri Trapshooters Association's home grounds.

On September 18-24 trapshooting families, some with their youth shooters in tow, came to compete in the annual Missouri Fall Handicap.

The Herbig family, of Arnold MO, arrived early to make a special delivery. Andrew Herbig, an All-American Junior shooter and a senior student at Christian Brothers College

High School, presented three new picnic tables to the club. MTA manager, Chip Stamper, accepted the finely crafted results of Andrew's (Boy Scout) Eagle Scout project on behalf of the MTA. Not only did the picnic tables provide seating behind the trap line, each one offered a new gun rack.



CHIP STAMPER AND ANDREW HERBIG

It came as no surprise, considering the number of ATA All-Americans who entered in the Fall Handicap, that six competitors found their names on both the High Over All (HOA) and the High All Around (HAA) lists of champions.



KEITH DITTO

Improving on his total score over last year by 37 targets, Keith Ditto, 2024 ATA All-American Open Team Captain, dominated this year's High Over All (1176/1200). The Kentucky resident was also champion of the High All Around (394/400). All-American Lady 2 Sandra Jo Jack was the category champion on both the High Over All and High All Around lists. Coltyn Schutte, All-American Sub Junior, was the outright winner of the High Over All Sub Junior category and declared the winner over Tyler Burton in his category for High All Around.

Junior All-American Mason Bartlow's totals were good enough for category honors in both the High Over All and High All Around contests. Indiana Gun Club shotgun vendor Michael Gooch, ATA All American Sub Veteran, earned a dual-listing with category honors. Ziggy Tkaczenko, ATA All American Chair Team Captain, picked up checks for both of his category placements.

ATA All-Americans Abigail Malecha (Lady 1) and Steven Fuller (Veteran) won Fall Handicap High Over All honors for their respective categories.

As the fall foliage was just beginning to show color, the trophy display was brilliant with golden belt buckles for events 7 through 19. High Over All and High All Around champions received cash awards.

PRELIM EVENTS

Awesome autumn weather ushered in the Fall Handicap. Top awards in both the first and third events on Monday, were won by David Swigart in Class AA. In the event #1 singles, Johnny Picone was Junior champ with the lone 100.

20-yarder Missouri resident Kaelen Schaub topped all entries in the event 2 handicap with a score of 96. Short yardage shooters Otis Cochran, Marvin Cremer, Stephen Morris and Delmos Little chose a coin toss to decide the winner to be Morris. All other yardage groups and categories were won outright.

Event 3 Doubles winners were rewarded with MTA target vouchers. Class champs included: David Swigart (AA/94); Mike Jackson (A/94); Boone Butler (B/91); Mike Eshleman (C/87); Lloyd Tucker (D/86).

PRELIM EVENTS

Blue skies continued during Tuesday's preliminary events, which were all open awards (vouchers) and the winners were residents from 10 different states. In Event 4 Singles, Boone Butler posted the lone 100 for Class B honors. Others taking possession of MTA vouchers included: Jenny Mitchell (Lady 1/95); William Cochran (Veteran/99); and Steven Maltzahn (Senior Veteran/99).

Kaelen Schaub punched his way back for the second time in two days with the champion's score (97) in the Event 5 Handicap. Steven Maltzahn and Scott Cochran were each one target from the top score to win Senior Veteran and long yardage respectively.

The final prelim event was 50 pairs of doubles, with MTA vouchers awarded to classes and categories. Nick Digesualdo (Class A) and Michael Hathaway (Veteran) bested all others with scores of 95.

WEDNESDAY

The Wenig Custom Gunstocks \$2000 HOA Lewis jump started the 1200 target competition under dark skies after an early morning rain shower. Shooters side-stepped puddles for all 3 events in their efforts to take home a golden buckle.

In the Event 7 Singles, 5 shooters with perfect scores needed 300 rounds of carry-overs to finally declare Keith Ditto as champion; Scott Cochran (AAA); Adam Hart (AA); Ron Gordon (Senior Veteran); and Tex Hollis (Sub Veteran).

Keith Ditto extended his march toward high over all in the Event 8 Handicap with his 99 for champion. Yardage winners, all with winning scores of 94 included Steven Hurst (19 yds); Charlie Kaimann (22.5 yds); Terry Ockerman (25.5 yds); and Steven Fuller (27yds).



MASON BARTLOW

Mason Bartlow collected his second trophy of the day in Event 9 Doubles. His 98 was high on the leaderboard over Michael Hathaway (Veteran/97); Scott Cochran (AAA/96); Quinn Smith (A/96); Lauren Dunn (Lady 1/96); and Michael Gooch (Sub Veteran/96).

THURSDAY

The Lake Ozark Singles was the first event of the week to draw over 200 entries. After a 200 target carry-over scores were checked before Rodney Johnson and Keith Ditto tossed a coin to decide Ditto as champ and Johnson as Sub Veteran champ.

The Bagnell Dam Handicap ended with a member of the Cochran family at the top of the winner's list. William Cochran broke 99 from the back fence. Keith Ditto (Runner-up) and Rick Fuller (Veteran) both posted a 98 to claim a belt buckle.



SCOTT COCHRAN (CENTER) AND FAMILY; WILLIAM AND OTIS COCHRAN



MARGE GRAF

Keeping it in the family, Scott Cochran was the champion of the Missouri Trapshooters Doubles with the solitary 100.

You could actually smell the fun following the registered shooting. Charlie White put gunpowder into the air and won the traditional Pump'em Doubles event, sponsored by Graf and Sons. MTA manager Chip Stamper and his wife Carrie put the smell of roasted hot dogs out to the crowd (sponsored by Bob Schultz and the MTA) while volunteers served up the picnic style meal.

FRIDAY

Rain overnight moved out before the Gipson-Ricketts Handicap kicked off Friday's events. Mason Bartlow outshot the field with a 98 for the champion's buckle. Joseph Giampolo and James McMahan knotted with 96 apiece to go to the shootoff field for runner-up. A 4-bird edge gave Giampolo the honor.

It was eight scores of 95 that decided yardage groups and categories. Ziggy Tkaczenko was chair champ; Rick Fuller took a Veteran buckle; Adam Hart won long yardage; and Patrick Jarnagin won the shootoff for his 21-23.5 yardage group.

A non-registered contest of 50 handicap targets came between the early Handicap and the Bob Graf Memorial Handicap.

In addition to belt buckles, Graf & Sons offered 10 flats of shells to winners of each yardage group. To further sweeten the pot, a guaranteed \$500 high gun purse was paid out to the top 3 places. This event was the first of three to offer entrants an opportunity to wager on themselves while supporting youth shooting. The Missouri Youth Program Lewis divides payouts between shooters and the Youth Foundation Trapshooting program. This option was also in the program in events that were sponsored by Wenig Custom Gunstocks and White Flyer.

Keith Ditto bested all shooters in the Graf Handicap with his 100 and Scott Cochran was runner-up with 97.

A blackboard event was conducted prior to the annual appreciation dinner, provided by Graf & Sons. Over 350 folks lined up to fill their plates with a chicken/fish dinner. Beautiful weather allowed for tables to be set up outside the clubhouse, a great place to linger and visit!

SATURDAY

TOM ENDRES SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

CH	DALE STOCKDALE	200
RU	RICHARD MARSHALL	199
AAA	MICK FRIEDEL	198
AA	JIM LAMBERT	198
A	JARROD EVERLY	198
B	BRADLEY JONES	198
C	RAY LARSON	194
D	MICHAEL WHITE	195
SUB JR	STEPHEN LOXTERMAN	190
JR	MITCHELL PIERSON	198
JR GOLD	SAMUEL KORBS	198
LD1	LAUREN DUNN	197
LD2	SANDRA JO JACK	198
SUB VET	MARVIN BEUMER	199
VET	ALAN SHARP	197
SR VET	LOUIE MORGAN	199
CHAIR	ZIGGY TKACZENKO	190

The first official "calendar-day" of autumn arrived and the fall weather held while "Aim kids" and the "big kids" all competed in the Robert Berg Memorial Singles, sponsored by Tom Endres. This 200-target championship event was just two entries under 400, the largest of the week.

In the AIM program, open individual category and team category awards were handcrafted by MO Youth Director, David Hart. AIM singles champions included Junior Gold Aiden Master; Junior

Derick Gerding; Sub Junior Coltyn Schutte; Pre-Sub Evan Petersen; and Lady Sage McKeough.

Three perfect scores were posted in the MTA program event; champion, Aidan Master; runner-up Keith Ditto; and Sub Veteran champ Rodney Johnson. Johnson was squadded with his wife, Deborah (who had just joined the ATA) and felt that inspired him to shoot his best!

Missouri residents, Hughie Coleman, Mark Fenner and Hunter Spruill topped the scoreboard, all with 98s in the White Flyer Handicap. They shot one round of extras before lightning pulled them off the line. A coin toss gave Coleman the championship; Spruill was Junior Gold champ; and Mark Fenner took Sub Veteran.

SUNDAY

A full week of competitive fun and friendships ended with the doubles and handicap championships. Jordan Ziercher and Justin Cavett never dropped a target in the Missouri Doubles Championship and added 3 rounds of shootoffs to declare Ziercher as champ. Cavett accepted the runner-up award with over 240 total entries.



USTIN CAVETT AND JORDAN ZIERCHER



MO DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

CH	IAN LAWRENCE	100
RU	RICHARD MARSHALL	100
AAA	KEITH DITTO	98
AA	BRETT ROBINSON	98
A	JIM LAMBERT	99
B	KIM SCHAEFER	94
C	GARY YOUNG	91
D	SCOTT HAWKINS	90
SUB JR	BRADEN ELBERT	87
JR	MITCHELL PIERSON	99
JR GOLD	ETHAN BOYER	99
LD1	BAILEY LUEDERS	97
LD2	SANDRA JO JACK	92
SUB VET	ROBERT BLIN	94
VET	DAVID BESSINE	96
SR VET	CHARLES GANDERT	95
CHAIR	ZIGGY TKACZENKO	83

AIM Doubles champions included: Junior Gold Jordan Ziercher; Junior Andrew Herbig; Sub Junior Tyler

Burton; and Pre-Sub Evan Peterson.

A beautiful new face, Leah Tedrick, extended her first-ever 50 straight into a total of 99 to become the winner of the Wenig Handicap Championship. Three years ago, the Illinois resident decided to join her husband and son in shooting ATA registered targets. Her new personal best handicap score was 2 birds over the field on Sunday.

Categories decided with outright scores included: Hannah Hopson (95) who prevailed over runner-up Abigail Malecha (94) for Lady 1 honors; Senior Veteran champ Ron Gordon (96) over Don Cottrell (95) as runner-up; and Ziggy Tkaczenko, as chair champ with 95.

AIM handicap champions were Junior Gold Wyatt Williams; Junior

WENIG HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP

CH	JOHN HALAMBECK	99
RU	KEITH DITTO	98
19-20.5	BRADEN ELBERT	92
21-23.5	ROB DAUGHETEE	97
24-26.5	ALLEN ANDERSON	98
27 YARD	CHRIS GERBER	97
SUB JR	ADAM BOLZENIUS	95
JR	ALEX BOLZENIUS	95
JR GOLD	MATTHEW KEIST	97
LD1	LAUREN DUNN	93
LD2	PAULA TRAYER	92
SUB VET	RICHARD LANGDON	98
VET	DAVID SMITH	97
SR VET	RONALD BEACH	95
CHAIR	ZIGGY TKACZENKO	87

Landon Leeners; Sub Junior Colton Krazer; and Pre-Sub Parker Robinson.

HALF A MILLION MILESTONE



Missouri resident and long-term MTA director Tom Rombach, was congratulated by Missouri's ATA Delegate Steve Ricketts for shooting his 500,000th registered target since he began shooting in 1968. The Missouri home-grounds officially opened in 1968 and that's where Tom won his first trophy, at the 1969 state shoot. He also recorded his 25,000th singles target at the 1987 MO State Shoot.

MARK YOUR SHOOT CALENDARS

The 2024 Missouri State Shoot is set to be held at Linn Creek on May 20-26 and the MTA Fall Handicap will be shot September 16-22, 2024. Bring your family and friends and come join into the fun!