

This year's Western Grand was held at the Vernal Rod and Gun Club in Vernal, UT from May 30 through June 4th. Aside from a brief rain/lightning delay on Friday the weather was about as good as anyone could ask for, with temperatures in the mid to high 70s and mild to no wind. There was \$15,000 added to the Multi Event Lewis purses as well as 33 American Eagle gold coins donated for the winners of the championship events. Adding to the fun a Cornhole tournament was run by Scott Abo on Tuesday evening as well as Claybot Annie Oakley shoots on both Wednesday and Thursday nights. Attendance for the Western Grand was up over 10% with shooters from 30 US States, Canadian Provinces and even a shooter from Australia participating. The VRGC has 13 trap fields with Pat Trap machines and Canterbury Voice Release systems on all of the fields. White Flyer Orange Dome pitch targets were thrown throughout the shoot.



TUESDAY

Event 1 was the Board of Directors Welcoming Singles and there were seven shooters who broke all 100 of the targets. After carry-overs, Sharred Oaks (UT) and Dennis Johnson (SD) claimed the AAA and Sub Veteran trophies. Don Williamson (AZ), Wyatt Debrie (NE) and Kenneth Wisner (AZ) were outright winners in AA, Sub Junior and Senior Veteran with perfect scores.



Next up on the schedule was the event 2 Uintah County Handicap. There were 121 shooters competing, but only Gavin Kuck (NE) broke them all. His perfecto from the 27-yard line completed his ATA Grand Slam and netted him the Junior trophy. Fellow Nebraskan, Justin Debrie broke 99 to claim the long yardage trophy, while Bruce

Bradley (ID) had a 98 to secure the Sub Junior trophy.

Cole Henning (IA) and Wyatt Debrie each broke 100 straights in the Dalton Van Memorial Doubles. Henning was the Junior winner and Debrie took home the Sub Junior trophy. Mark Zauhar did not waste much time collecting a trophy in his first trip to Vernal. He carded a 96 and was the Senior Veteran winner.



WEDNESDAY

The Craig and Sharon Hart Doubles was the first event of the day on Wednesday and there were three perfect scores turned in. Jayme Anderson (UT) used his 100 straight to earn the AAA trophy, while Cole Henning needed a carry over with Aiden Deitering (IA) to cash his 100 for the Junior trophy. Katie Jones (MB) and Pam Wright (UT) were the Lady 1 and Lady 2 winners with scores of 98 and 92.

Event 5 was the Rho Rho Rally Doubles and again there were three 100 straights registered. Hall of Famer Richard Marshall Jr, Gavin Kuck and Gerry Williams (AZ) never

missed a bird on their way to the AAA, Junior and Senior Veteran trophies. Jerry Parr (UT and Warren Morimoto (CA) were the Sub Veteran and Veteran winners with scores of 98 and 99.

Cole Henning broke 100 straight from the back fence to lead the pack and win the Junior trophy in the Friends of the VRGC Handicap. Steve Smith was only one target behind with 99 to claim top honors in the Veteran category.

Wednesday Evening after the Handicap shoot offs it was time to have some fun. Randy and Sharon Grilz donated \$500 to each of two Claybot Annie Oakley shoots. The proceeds from the entry money

went towards the trap kid's tip jar. There were free beverages sponsored by Cody Renkosi and a Potluck appetizer night where shooters and guests brought their favorite finger foods up to the fun shoots for all to share.

THURSDAY

The Singles Class Championship was first on the schedule for Thursday and six perfect scores were eventually scattered across the scoreboard. Doug Gustafson (CA) outlasted Sharred Oaks in the carry over for AAA class after the two had carded 100s. AA was won by Frank Sick of Iowa with 98 after his carryover with four others and Justin Sloan (UT) won his carryover after breaking 98 in A class. Glen Brown (UT) was the outright B class winner with 98 and Mackenzie Ludlow (CA) had a lone 96 in C class. Alice Wiebe (CA) won her carry over with Lynda Eichler (CO) for the D class award. Bruce Bradley, Bradley Peay (UT) and Brett Despain (UT) all had 100s to win Sub Junior, Junior and Sub Veteran categories.

Event 8 was the Krieghoff Handicap and at the end of regulation there were two Krieghoff

shooters toeing the line in the shoot off for champion. Richard Marshall Jr and his son Tyler Marshall each broke near perfect scores of 99 to tie for the top award and as they went to the line to settle the dispute, Jody Marshall (wife and mother) must have had mixed emotions as she watched. In the end, it was father knows best (this time) as Richard broke 24 to Tyler's 23. Tyler finished as the Junior winner and one target behind him was the Sub Junior champion Wyatt Debrie. Steve Noland (MT) posted a 97 to lead the way for the Sub Veterans.

In the evening there were two more Randy and Sharon Grilz \$500 Claybot Annie Oakley shoots to keep the good times rolling.



RICKY AND TYLER MARSHALL





KATIE JONES AND SOPHIE NOSTROM

FRIDAY

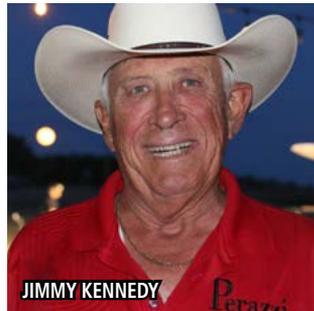
The Doubles Class Championship was the first on Friday morning and there were three category shooters that broke them all. John Kirksey (MD) and Gavin Kuck each broke 100s to win Sub Veteran and Junior trophies, while Sophie Nostrom broke her first 100 in doubles to claim the Lady 1 prize. AAA and AA classes were won by Tim Reed (SD) and Carson Schlimmer (WA) with scores of 99. Greg Church (CO) was high in A class with 98 and Mark Zauhar won his carryover after breaking 96 in B class. C class was won by Brent Duvall (UT) with 96 and Chad Wiebe (CA) carded 93 in D class.

WESTERN GRAND DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

CH	RICHARD MARSHALL JRNE	100
R/U	PERRY WEINER	ND 100
AAA	JAYME ANDERSON	UT 98
AA	CARSON SCHLIMMER	WA 99
A	DAVID LANDWERLEN	AZ 97
B	SCOTT MACDONALD	CO 96
C	MATT FOCHS	MT 97
D	BOB SEMSACK	CO 94
LD1	KATIE JONES	MB 100
LD2	LINDA GUDAHL	WY 97
SUB JR	WYATT DEBRIE	NE 98
JUNIOR	GAVIN KUCK	NE 99
JR GOLD	MITCHELL PIERSON	NE 99
SUB VET	BOB ROBERTSON	OR 99
VETERAN	JIMMY KENNEDY	NM 100
SR VET	MARK ZAUHAR	FL 98

The next event of the day was the Western Grand Doubles Championship and there were 201 shooters that competed for the top prize. At the end of the scoring, four shooters had broken them all. Richard Marshall Jr, Perry Weiner (ND), Jimmy Kennedy (NM) and Katie Jones all turned in perfect scores and headed to the shoot off field to find out who would be this year's champion. With a perfect 20 in the overtime round Marshall was named champion and won the first of the five ½ oz gold coins that are given away in the championship events. Weiner was the event runner up, Jones finished as the Lady 1 winner and Kennedy took

home the Veteran trophy. For Jones and Kennedy, it was their first time breaking 100 straight in doubles. Wyatt Debrie broke 98 and won his shoot off with Bruce Bradley for the Sub Junior title, while Gavin Kuck broke 99 to claim the Junior award. Mitchell Pierson (NE) was the Junior Gold winner with 99 and Linda Gudahl had an 87 to win the Lady 2 trophy. Sub Veteran was won by Bob Robertson (OR) with 99 and Mark Zauhar took home the Senior Veteran prize with 98.



JIMMY KENNEDY



JUSTIN DEBRIE



The day ended with the Caesar Guerini Preliminary Handicap and Justin Debrie (NE) led the way with a lone 99 from the back fence. Richard Marshall was the Runner Up with 98 and a carryover with TJ Main who finished in 3rd place. Jayme Anderson posted a 97 to claim 4th place all by himself, while Carson Schlimmer needed a carryover win to secure 5th place after his 96.

A free pizza party was sponsored by the VRGC in the evening after the shoot offs were finished.

SATURDAY

WESTERN GRAND SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

CH	QUINT SUDBURY	UT	200
R/U	BRUCE DAVIS	KS	199
AAA	JAYME ANDERSON	UT	199
AA	NICO ELARDI	WY	198
A	JUSTIN SLOAN	UT	199
B	THOMAS MCGEE	CO	197
C	KENDRA HUBBARD	NE	193
D	TRACE HUBER	UT	187
LD1	ASHLEY TEAL	CO	198
LD2	PAM WRIGHT	UT	191
SUB JR	WYATT DEBRIE	NE	196
JUNIOR	BRADLEY PEAY	UT	199
JR GOLD	JACK KNAUS	MN	200
SUB VET	JOHN KIRKSEY	MD	199
VETERAN	ELI WALKER	NV	197
SR VET	ARTHUR FENTON	WA	197
CHAIR	JERRY BATLEY	UT	149

QUINTSUDBURY



The Western Grand Singles Championship saw two shooters break all 200 targets. Jack Knaus (MN) and Quint Sudbury (UT) went to the shoot off and surprisingly it was finished with only one round needed. Sudbury posted a perfect 25 to claim the title and the second ½ oz gold coin. This was Sudbury's first Satellite Grand championship. Knaus settled for the Junior Gold title. Bruce Davis (KS) shot a 199 and then 125 extras to win the runner up trophy, while Jayme Anderson finished as the AAA champ with 199. Nico Elardi (WY) was the AA winner with 198 and 25 in the shoot off, with Justin Sloan (UT) taking the A class award with 199. Thomas McGee (UT) broke 197 and then 24 in the overtime round to win the B class trophy, while Kendra Hubbard (NE) posted 193 and 24 extras to win the C class prize. Trace Huber took the day off

from scoring to break 187 and win the D class trophy.

Saturday evening there was a Special Event in the Lodge and afterward Kansas shooter Craig Schmitt proposed to Kelly Kidd. She said yes! Congratulations!

SUNDAY

WESTERN GRAND HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP

CH	DANIEL GOMEZ	CO	99
R/U	CARSON SCHLIMMER	WA	97
3RD	BODIE JOHNSON	WY	97
4TH	ZACHARY BACHINI	MT	97
5TH	RICHARD MARSHALL JRNE		97
6TH	TIM REED	SD	97
7TH	JEREMIE SUMMERS	UT	97
LD1	SHAY SKAGGS	OK	96
LD2	JERRI HARWELL	UT	94
SUB JR	WYATT DEBRIE	NE	98
JUNIOR	THOMAS MCGEE	UT	97
JR GOLD	MITCHELL PIERSON	NE	96
SUB VET	DAVE MANSELL	WI	98
VETERAN	MARK POLICKY	SD	96
SR VET	GARRY HILL	AB	97



19-year-old Sub Junior Daniel Gomez from Colorado posted a 99 and was the outright winner of this year's Western Grand Handicap Championship. Gomez collected the 3rd 1/2 oz gold coin for his troubles and the smile on his face went from ear to ear. 97 filled out the runner up through 7th place with the winners coming in as follows; Carson Schlimmer R/U, Bodie Johnson (WY) 3rd, Zach Bachini (MT) 4th, Richard Marshall Jr 5th, Tim Reed 6th and Jeremie Summers (UT) 7th. Wyatt Debie and Dave Mansell (WI) both had 98s to claim Sub Junior and Sub Veteran trophies and Mansell's score got him punched back to the 27-yard line. Thomas McGee won his shoot off for the Junior title after a 97 and Mitchell Pierson carded 96 to claim the Junior Gold award. Shay Skaggs (OK) had a 96 to lead the way in Lady 1, while Jerri Harwell broke 94 to take home the Lady 2 trophy. Mark Policky (MT) had 96 and Garry Hill (AB) had 97 to claim the Veteran and Senior Veteran titles.

high and AA winner Caron Schlimmer. Quint Sudbury had a 393 to lead the AAA class shooters. Marshall's 1085x1100 in the HOA was nine targets ahead of the next highest on the board: Sub Junior winner Wyatt Debie.

The Western Grand in Vernal is a good time. The after-hours fun games, the cornhole tournament, Appetizer Night and the Pizza Night are part of what keeps folks around the clubhouse chatting and having fun. The scorers and loaders work hard and are well trained by Stacy Hawley, while Sean Hawley and his target setting crew work hard to put the best target in the air on any given day. If you can, give Vernal a try next year.



CRAIG SCHMITT PROPOSING TO KELLY KIDD



HIGH OVER ALL

CH	RICHARD MARSHALL JRNE	1085
AAA	PERRY WEINER	1071
AA	CARSON SCHLIMMER WA	1064
A	BRADLEY PEAY	1045
B	MATT FOCHS	1019
C	JOEL LABORDE	1001
D	BOB SEMSACK	998
LD1	KATIE JONES	1051
LD2	PAM WRIGHT	996
SUB JR	WYATT DEBRIE	1076
JUNIOR	COLE HENNING	1071
JR GOLD	MITCHELL PIERSON	1062
SUB VET	BOB ROBERTSON	1042
VETERAN	JIMMY KENNEDY	1054
SR VET	GERRY WILLIAMS	1049

HIGH ALL AROUND

CH	RICHARD MARSHALL JRNE	396
AAA	QUINT SUDBURY	393
AA	CARSON SCHLIMMER WA	394
A	JUSTIN SLOAN	389
B	THOMAS MCGEE	387
C	DANIEL GOMEZ	378
D	BOB SEMSACK	366
LD1	KATIE JONES	391
LD2	PAM WRIGHT	367
SUB JR	WYATT DEBRIE	392
JUNIOR	GRAYSON STUART	393
JR GOLD	MITCHELL PIERSON	393
SUB VET	BOB ROBERTSON	393
VETERAN	JIMMY KENNEDY	390
SR VET	GARRY HILL	386

HAA AND HOA

Richard Marshall Jr won his second and third ½ oz gold coins of the shoot by winning the High All Around and the High Over All. Marshall posted a 396x400 in the HAA to win by two birds over next