



2024 Heartland Grand at the Stockdale Gun Club

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Energy could be felt rippling through the Stockdale Gun Club and it wasn't coming from the local electric cooperative, nor even the fields of solar panels planted on a neighboring farm. The source of the force came from Dale Stockdale, owner and operator of the family farm/gun club that hosted the 17th annual Heartland Grand, August 19-25. Along with his son, Matt and a full crew of experienced workers, the fields planted with row crops faded into the background, presenting targets that were ripe for the picking. Shooters were

even invited to pick sweetcorn near the campgrounds! As the last opportunity for those looking for bushels of 2024 All American points, it was serious competition and wagon-loads of fun games and shooting.

Let The Games Begin...

Shooters arriving early had the opportunity to take part in Leland's Dead Pair Doubles Marathon, thrown on Saturday/Sunday, August 17-18. Leland Hassler sponsored the event with added money. During the two-day event,

over 14,000 targets were put into the air. Winners were decided by random using a computer program, selecting Wyatt Debie and Kevin Longberg. Leland Hassler set the bar for the other shooters by shooting at 1000 targets each day.

On Sunday evening, prior to a full week of registered competition, burgers and fries were served on the patio as auctioneer Dave Dressler did his thing in anticipation of the first ever Fast Eddie Slider event. Richard Bullard was the event champion (99); Justin Debie was runner-up (97); and Peter Walker

nostalgic pump guns provided a fun trip back in time. This year's newly inducted Hall of Fame member, Ken Darroch brought along one of his favorite Winchester model 12s, sporting a stock with an embedded 1927 silver dollar. For many years, Darroch shot a 1927 model 12 which sported that stock with the coin. On this trip, he put the older stock on his 1945 gun. That very familiar stock fit so well, he was able to win the AAA category.

Great weather continued throughout the week for the Thursday Night Lights Lotzza Motzza Wobble event. Sam Leiendecke led the list of champions in all categories who divided the purse.

Off the trap field, throughout the week, young and old alike enjoyed the cornhole yard game and table games under the tent.



Zach Nannini

Ring That Dinner Bell...

Shooters and their guests harvested the club's hospitality, enjoying a cookout nightly under the patio tent. Members

of the Iowa Falls United Methodist Church worked at the massive BBQ grill to prepare the meat (including Iowa pork chops, chicken, brats and

won third (96) after a shoot-off with Monte Kloubec, Scott Gens and David Bacon.

White Flyer sponsored the WODS (Wobble Osculating Doubles Singles) Buddy Shoot on Monday under the lights. Dan and Zach Bryant were the top winning team.

Pat's Auto Salvage was the all-in sponsor on Tuesday. In addition to the registered shooting events and the cookout, the Waterloo, IA based business sponsored a miss-and-out shootoff. The top prize of a big screen television was won by Zach Nannini.

The National Pump'em Doubles event after Wednesday's registered program drew a large crowd of shooters vying for cash prizes, cheered on by an abundant amount of spectators. The assortment of



ribeye steaks) to be served along with an abundance of homecooked side dishes and delicious desserts.

Ellsworth Community College Athletic Department members arrived each day to work as scorers and loaders. Dale and Matt Stockdale took it upon themselves at lunchtime each day to prepare burgers, delivered to the line staff, hot off the grill. Matt Stockdale fired up the smaller BBQ grills to prepare pizzas prior to the after-dark wobble event on Thursday, both sponsored by Brew Pub Lotzza Motzza Pizzas and Bernatello's Foods.

Friday was Fish Fry Night! always a highly anticipated evening meal. Cole Henning (a commercial fisherman, an Iowa resident and All-American shooter) caught, cleaned and delivered the catfish. A crew, known as the Florida Boys, handled the cooking of the fish and fries.

Let Them Eat Cake...

Jennifer Rutger was honored for her achievement of registering 500,000 career targets. The large decorated sheet cake was served in the clubhouse, thanks to next year's incoming Hall of Fame inductee Dean Neumann.

Mark Zauhar celebrated a milestone birthday with cake for everyone, provided by his wife and daughter.

Preliminary Days

Monday's ATA Hall of Fame Day (Singles/Handicap/Doubles) was sponsored by Jim Bradford. Zach Nannini began his collection of trophies with the Singles AAA championship (100) after winners were eventually decided by carryovers. Justin Debrie (he's called Dad by Wyatt and Barrett) shot five extra rounds (after carryovers)



Peter Walker

to earn AA honors.

The Jim Bradford HOF Handicap was a close race with Peter Walker winning the champion's honor over Dirk Winkel, who fell back to Junior champ, both with scores of 98. Jason Krause was runner-up/95; Samuel Leiendecke (3rd/94); Connor Voigtman (4th/94); Dave Mansell (5th/94); and Mathew Tyhurst (6th/93).

Zach Nannini came back to the trophy desk after the Jim Bradford HOF Doubles to claim the AAA champion award over Jason Krause, both men with 100 straights. Junior Gold Cole Henning was category champ with 99. From the ladies, Shay Skaggs scored one better in the shootoff with Elaina McCarthy for the Lady I award. Deborah Ohye Neilson was the Lady II champion with 96.

Tuesday

On Tuesday, Pat's Auto Salvage Doubles was a battle among the classes and categories. Cole Henning posted the lone 100 for the Juniors. Peter Walker and Zach Nannini went into a carryover with 99s. Walker prevailed after an "end of week" shootoff for Class AAA. Rory Lee (97) won Class A over Charlie Stone



Jennifer Rutger

(97) by one target after their eventual shootoff. Darryl Howard earned sub-veteran honors outright (99). Stan Welte bested all other veterans with his 98.

In Tuesday's Singles, shootoffs were needed to decide almost every class/category winner. The ideal weather was reflected in the nearly perfect scores across the board.

Jason Krause shot 5 extra boxes with Zach Nannini before becoming the AAA champ by one bird. David Swigart won the first of two trophies on the day with his 100 plus a second 100 in shootoffs, over Sam Leiendoche. In the Lady I category, Raylee Bishop bested Brianna Thompson and Abigail Melecha, all with program 100s. The longest shoot-off went 250 rounds for Rory Lee, a Junior gunner from Georgia, who recorded 99 in the program. Bernie Mechlewitz outlasted six Sub Veterans, winning his category after 200 extras. Joe Needham and Gary Gooch turned their perfect scores into awards for Veteran and



Brianna Thompson & Cole Henning

Senior Veteran respectively.

Long yardage shooter David Swigart, from Ohio, was champion of the Pat's Auto Salvage Handicap with the solo 99. Zach Nannini was runner-up and Dan Eckstrom third, both the scores of 98. Peter Walker (4th/97); Trey Schlotfeldt (5th/97); Jason Krause (6th/97); and Delmos Little (7th/96).

High-Over-All Begins...

High-Over-All and High-All-Around winners were once again given the opportunity to shoot for an amazing hunting experience, courtesy of the Stan Baker family and the Rackett Grange and Sporting Preserve.

The Midland Power Singles on Wednesday, put some new names on the trophy list: Herb Lewis (AAA runner-up/100); Jon Mead (AA runner-up/100); Kevin Longberg (A runner-up/99); Cameron Ballou (B runner-up/99); Claude Banyai (C runner-up/98); and Stuart Hart (D runner-up/93).

David Swigart picked up his second Handicap championship in the Indiana Gun Club event with a shootoff victory over All American Lady I, Raylee Bishop. After event scores of 98, they shot one round to sort out the order.

Pennsylvania resident Ian Darroch turned in the solitary 100 in the Decots by Dave Doubles for the AAA champion's trophy. Other award winners included: Lexi Henning (AA/98); Sam Leiendoche (A/99); Jeremy Moorehead (B/94); Cameron Ballou (C/93); and Joel Laborde (D/91).

Thursday

The first event to issue ATA trophies was the Heartland Grand Class Doubles. Richard Marshall repeated his Class AAA championship from last year. After two rounds of shoot-offs, Marshall won out over Herb Lewis (AAA runner-up), both with scores of 99. Other runner-up trophies were picked up by winners in each class and category, which included: Justin Debrie (AA/96); Derek Fischer (A/95); Jeremy Moorehead (B/94); Dirk Winkel (C/93); Delmos Little (D/89); Shay Skaggs (Lady I/98); Yaani Mai Gaddy (Lady II/94); Cameron Ballou (Sub Junior/94); Charlie Stone (Junior/97); Cole Henning (Junior Gold/95); Perry Weiner (Sub Veteran/96); Dean Neumann (Veteran/97); and Gary Gooch



David Swigart

(Senior Veteran/94).

The Grand Class Singles event was chocked full of high scores and shoot-offs. Cheryl Demulling (Lady II/99); Shelly Heitner (Lady II runner-up/98); Wes Andersen (Sub Junior/100); Gavin Wulf (Sub Junior runner-up/96); and Gary Burton (Chair/95) were on the short list of winners who did not have to report for shoot-offs.

The West Fork 100 Handicap closed out the registered shooting on Thursday. When the shoot-off chips finally settled, Ian Darroch was champion (98); Herb Lewis (runner-up/98); Zak Lee (3rd/98); Bradley Gray (4th/97); Peter Walker (5th/96); Leonard Jones (6th/96); Christopher Cusumano (7th/96); Perry Weiner (8th/96) and Kenny Harre (9th/96).

Friday

On Friday, Richard Marshall Jr reclaimed his previous year's championship title (100) in the FIOCCHI Doubles Championship. Runner-up champs included: Zach Nannini (99); Ian Darroch (AAA/98); David Swigart (AA/98); Jaxson Wilson (A/97); John Nicholson (B/95); Evan Elder (C/94); Doug Richter (D/94);

Jennifer Rutger (Lady I/95); Deborah Ohye Neilson (Lady II/93); Wes Andersen (Sub Junior/97); Zach Hennecke (Junior/99); Cole Henning (Junior Gold/96); Jeff Cuer (Sub Veteran/96); Rob Taylor (Veteran/98); and Tim Curtin (Senior Veteran/96).

Illinois Junior shooter, Calen Close was the champion of the Caesar Guerini Preliminary Handicap, breaking the only 100. Herb Lewis was event runner-up with his score of 98. Winners ranking third through tenth, in order were: David Swigart (97); Justin Debrie (97); Tad Nicholson (97); Peter Walker (97); Richard Marshall (97); Zach Nannini (97); Shawn Morgenstern (96); and Ian Darroch (96).

Ending the registered shooting on Friday, the Richard Marshall Jr Singles (not included in the HOA/HAA) was packed with perfect scores. It took 300 overtime targets to finally give the top trophy to Jason Krause. Zach Nannini was included in the 300 rounds before dropping one in the last round for runner-up. The event's namesake, Rick Marshall, dropped 2 birds in the fourth box of shoot-offs, then continued to a second shoot-off to capture the Class AAA title.

Singles Championship

The largest event of the tournament, the Browning Singles Championship, had 304 entries (up from 282 last year). Half a dozen perfect scores of 200 topped the shoot-off sheet. Jason Krause repeated his performance of last year, winning the champion's title. After the top scores shot off, Zach Nannini was declared runner-up; Wes Andersen was Sub Junior champ over Gavin Wulf (runner-up/196); Jack Knaus took Junior Gold over Cole Henning (runner-up/199); Perry Weiner was Sub Veteran champ over Bernie Merchlewitz (runner-up/199); and Ed Schlotfeldt was the Veteran winner over Art Peyton (runner-up/199).

Heartland Grand attendees are

always happy to see Lanny's Ice Cream trailer pull onto the grounds. This year, the Warm Up Handicap event was sponsored by the sweet treat provider. Charlie Stone and Cole Henning went head-to-head on the shootoff field with program scores of 99. Stone never missed and was event champion, while Henning fell back to category champ. Runner-up was Herb Lewis (98); David Swigart (3rd/98); Nick Seiter (4th/97); and Ian Darroch (5th/97).

Sunday

An exciting week of high yield shooting concluded on Sunday with the Farewell Singles, sponsored by Silent Treatment and the Winchester Ammunition Handicap Championship.

Silent Treatment Farewell Singles (not counted as part of the HOA/HAA) filled the air on Sunday morning with the sweet smell of gunpowder. Only shooters with scores of 98 or higher needed to head to the trophy room for class/category awards. Tied scores were settled quickly, with only two pairs of contenders reporting for shoot-offs. Andrew Husske defeated Todd Whitaker for Class B champ. Bob Sylla and Jeff Vollmar went four rounds before Vollmar let one slip away, giving Sylla the Sub Veteran honor.

The Winchester Handicap Championship came down to a battle between two young shotgunners, Aidan Ireland and Grace Mansell. Ireland at 21 yards and Mansell at 20.5 yards met on the shoot-off field for two rounds before the 15-year-old Ireland was the champion by one target. Grace Mansell fell back to Lady I champion.

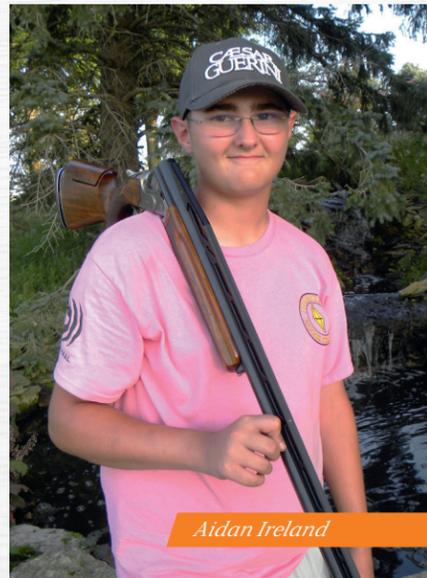
Ireland, from Peotone, IL has been shooting for less than 2 years with the Diamond Indoor Trap Range team. The accomplished high school junior traveled to the Heartland following his trip to the AIM Grand where he was a member of the top squad for the Sub Junior B category.

Kansas resident and attending the



Jason Krause

Heartland for the first time, Jennifer McBee earned Lady I runner-up accolades with a score of 97. Deborah Richter closed out a successful week of shooting as the Lady II champion. Following a shoot-off with Richter, Brenda Dennis was awarded the Lady II runner-up award. Sub Junior Weston Walmsley outshot three others to claim the category runner-up trophy. Grand American two-time ring winner, Leo Brand didn't slow down at this satellite grand. He was the Handicap Junior runner-up (97), adding to his winning



Aidan Ireland

HOA/HAA totals for his category. Three Iowa residents in the Junior Gold category put scores of 98 on shoot-off sheet. After one round, a single target determined the trophy placement, Ruben Salinas was champion, Cole Henning was runner-up, and Brody Smith took home valuable experience and a yardage punch.

A 3-man squad of long yardage Sub Veterans went to the shoot-off field with program scores of 97. Jeff Cuer was the winner after one round over Perry Weiner, runner-up. Dan Staker was the outright Veteran champion (97) ahead of Stan Welte (runner-up/95). Leonard Jones, crossing the border from Ontario was the Senior Veteran runner-up. Jones is the current Canadian President of the Ontario Trap Association and a great ambassador for trapshooting.

HAA and HOA

For the second year in a row, the Stan Baker Family and the Rackett Grange and Sporting Preserve (located in Lewellen, NE) offered a unique prize package to the winner of the High Over All. All HOA open and category winners were eligible to shoot-off for a 5-day/4-night trophy deer hunt.



BJ Jackman & Leonard Jones

Value of the hunt is approximately \$25,000, depending on the size of the deer. New this year, the winner of the High All Around shoot-off (among the open/category champions) received a 2-person, 2-day/1-night guided pheasant hunt with dogs provided.

Among the HAA trophy winners qualifying to shoot for the hunting trip, Raylee Bishop and Jack Knaus were repeat contenders. Wes Andersen, qualified as the Sub Junior champion in the shoot-off for both the HAA and the HOA prize packages.

After a lengthy shoot-off under the lights, Ian Darroch was the High Over All winner of the trophy deer hunt and Wes Anderson was awarded the pheasant hunt.

2025 Heartland Grand

Farmers end their harvest by making plans for their next crop. Trapshooters should make plans now for next year's Heartland Grand on August 18-24, 2025. Don't miss out on the best hospitality at any gunclub in the Midwest! For information and to make camping reservations contact the club at dale.stockdale@stockdalegunclub.com ■

Fiocchi Doubles Championship		
CH	Richard Marshall	100
RU	Zach Nannini	99
AAA	Peter Walker	98
AA	B.J. Jackman	98
A	Justin Harre	97
B	Leonard Jones	95
C	Zachary Heister	95
D	Calen Close	94
LDI	Raylee Bishop	96
LDII	Deborah Richter	93
SUBJR	Wyatt Debrie	99
JUNIOR	Leo Brand	99
JRGOLD	Jack Knaus	97
SUBVET	Richard Ballard	99
VETERAN	Frank Sick	98
SRVET	Ken Johnson	96

Browning Singles Championship		
CH	Jason Krause	200
RU	Zach Nannini	200
AAA	David Michaelis	199
AA	Scott Arvig	199
A	Shawn Bonnett	198
B	Sierra Sparenberg	197
C	Daniel Eckstrom	195
D	Dean Davis	192
LDI	Raylee Bishop	199
LDII	Shelly Heitner	196
SUBJR	Wes Andersen	200
JUNIOR	Rory Lee	199
JRGOLD	Jack Knaus	200
SUBVET	Perry Weiner	200
VETERAN	Ed Schlotfeldt	200
SRVET	Leonard Jones	199
CHAIR	Gary Burton	179

Winchester Handicap Championship		
CH	Aidan Ireland	99
RU	Samuel Lejendecke	98
3RD	Scott Arvig	97
4TH	Harlan Campbell	97
5TH	Richard Marshall	97
6TH	Zach Nannini	97
7TH	Herbert Lewis	97
8TH	Jason Krause	97
LDI	Grace Mansell	99
LDII	Deborah Richter	94
SUBJR	Barrett Debrie	96
JUNIOR	Robert Gropp	98
JRGOLD	Ruben Salinas	98
SUBVET	Jeff Cuer	97
VETERAN	Dan Staker	97
SRVET	Charles Noel	96

High All Around		
CH	Zach Nannini	396
AAA	Richard Marshall	395
AA	Scott Arvig	390
A	Jaxson Wilson	389
B	Michael Ohare	385
C	Aidan Ireland	377
D	Dean Davis	368
LDI	Raylee Bishop	390
LDII	Deborah Ohye Neilson	387
SUBJR	Wes Andersen	389
JUNIOR	Leo Brand	393
JRGOLD	Jack Knaus	394
SUBVET	Perry Weiner	393
VETERAN	Frank Sick	389
SRVET	Leonard Jones	389

High Over All		
CH	Ian Darroch	1080
AAA	Herbert Lewis	1077
AA	David Swigart	1071
A	Alexis Fernan	1047
B	Lexi Henning	1057
C	Gavin Wulf	1024
D	Delmos Little	994
LDI	Raylee Bishop	1073
LDII	Deborah Ohye Neilson	1037
SUBJR	Wes Andersen	1067
JUNIOR	Leo Brand	1067
JRGOLD	Cole Henning	1069
SUBVET	Richard Ballard	1062
VETERAN	Art Peyton	1053
SRVET	Gerald Demulling	1047