



# Nostalgia Shoot at the 2024 Grand American

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The free Nostalgia Shoot goes along with Elite's sponsorship package at the Grand American.

To enter this prestigious event you must have entered at the Elite Shotgun

building with either Justin Miller, Josh Crofutt, Aaron Willoughby or Brad Young. Your name was then printed on a sheet of paper hanging on the window for all to see who entered.

How does one enter this annual Nostalgia event? This annual event was held during the Grand on August 6<sup>th</sup>. To be able to compete for the trophies shooters would have had to shoot one

qualifying round of 25 at the practice trap from the 23 yard line. The only shotguns that could be used in this event were, Remington Models 10,11, 11-48, 29, 31 & 32, Winchester Models 12, 21 & 1897, or Ithaca, Baker, AH Fox, LC Smith. Also to include Parker, or Lefever Single Barrel trap guns. Start time was very strict so being late would not get you in the event to win the Molly's Belt Buckles offered to 1st through 5<sup>th</sup> place finishers.

One hundred top scoring contestants qualified for the shoot-off that was held in the late afternoon with soft sunshine making for ideal visibility on the orange dome White Flyer targets. All contestants plus bystanders waited for the total of 25s scored to be announced.

Only three of the 100 shooters names were called by Dan Woods in the shoot-off hut. With five places to be specified the next two scores of 24s were calculated. All that gave their best shooting abilities waited for the 24s to be called out.

Molly's Belt Buckles—presented in black boxes shining with cubic zirconia stones, German silver and jeweler's bronze and copper scroll edges—were awarded to the winners of this event.

Winners were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place—George Sands
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place—Jordan Ziercher
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place—JD Ellwanger
- 4<sup>th</sup> place—Kohen Burda
- 5<sup>th</sup> place—Britton Peterson

History of the Nostalgia (a sentimental affection longing for the past) is an annual event at the Grand



American that all can enter. The top three that shot 25s are proud to have won a Buckle.

George Sands (IL) the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner shot his Model 12Y that he recently purchased and he is shooting it so well, he won at Brittany 1<sup>st</sup> Singles, 3<sup>rd</sup> Handicap and 4<sup>th</sup> in Doubles with Remington 7.5 1235 Nitros.

JD Ellwanger (NE), shooting his way to 2<sup>nd</sup>, grabbed reloads off of Grandpa Gary's bench in his honor. His family has a love for Model 12s. JD proudly said he has placed in top six twice before.

Jordan Ziercher (MO) picked up his Model 12 for the first time after borrowing it from Pat Hopson for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done for a newbie with the Model 12.

The original Elite Shotguns Pennsylvania showroom is where it all began in 2013. The first showroom has seen several changes over the last 10 years but quality and customer service have always remained consistent. This PA shotgun store now boasts nearly

600 premier shotguns on display of all disciplines and all the accessories you could need to be successful.

The Elite Shotguns Texas store is located at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio, TX where all the best shooters congregate to shoot at the World and National championships. Stop in to visit Elite Shotguns to view our inventory of over 350 premier shotguns of all disciplines and all the accessories you need to succeed.

Elite Shotguns Kentucky opened its doors in 2015, stocking one of the largest inventories of premier trap guns. With over 150 guns of all disciplines in a variety of price ranges, you can also find all the accessories you need to be a successful shooter here.

Elite Shotguns Florida, also known as Vero Beach Clay Shooting Sports, is a premier destination in South Florida where you can shoot sporting clays on 50+ acres of paradise! The new clubhouse houses a brand-new showroom carrying over 400 guns in inventory and all the accessories. This state-of-the-art facility can host your corporate, charity, and public events—just give the office a call to inquire.

Elite Shotguns Ohio is an events only store located inside the Cardinal Shooting Center in Marengo, Ohio.

Illinois is home for the Elite store during the Grand American with staff from Elite's various stores willing to help you with your gun needs.

Included with your shooting experiences, you can shop for apparel, ammunition, shooting glasses and other accessories. ■

