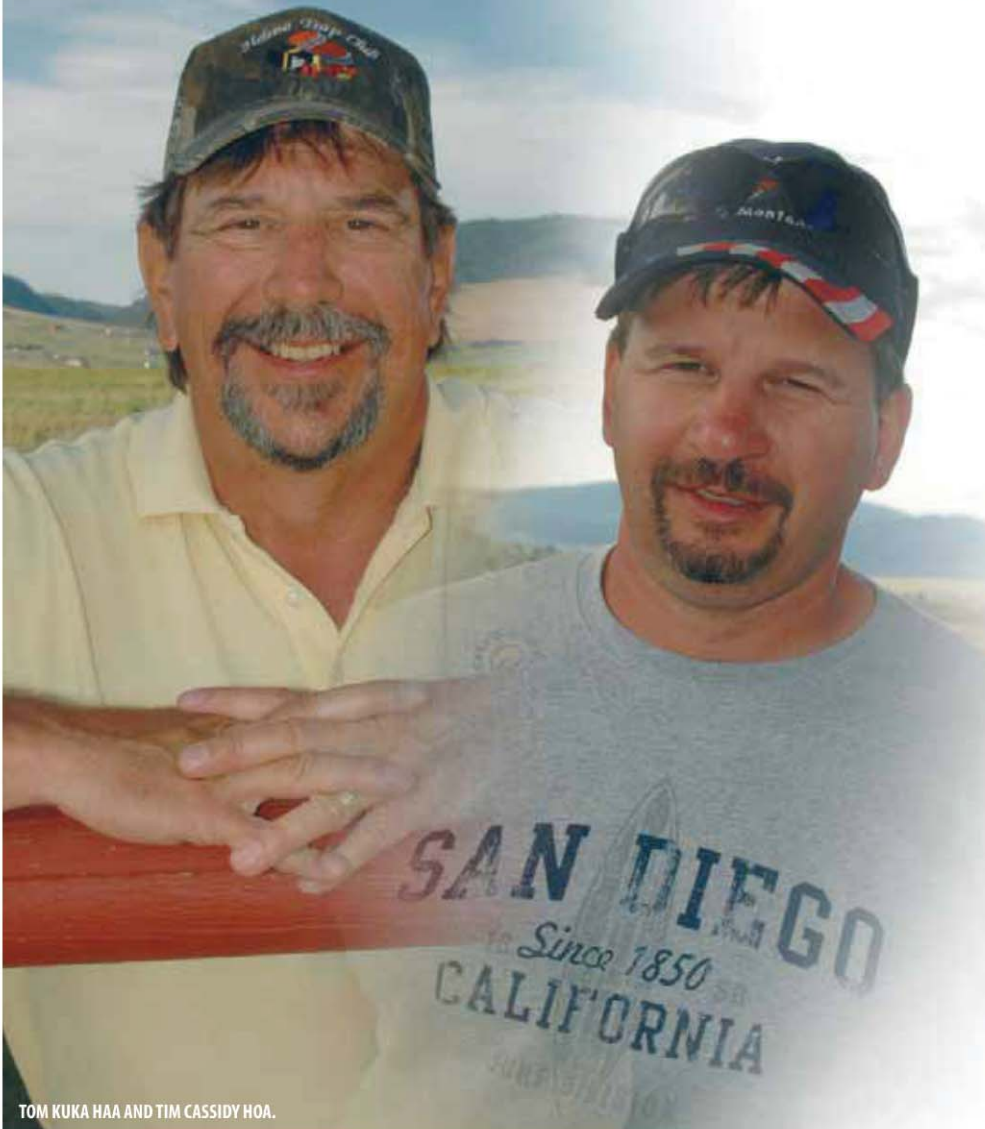


MONTANA

STATE TRAPSHOOT

A REPORT BY MARK KURRUK



TOM KUKA HAA AND TIM CASSIDY HOA.

The Montana State Trapshoot is held at four locations – Great Falls, Billings, Helena, and this year Missoula Trap and Skeet Club. For the most part the weather was excellent considering that four years ago at this venue the temperature was over 100 each day. This year, mid 70s prevailed, along with some windy conditions at times, to the delight of the large turnout.

The first Championship event was on Friday with the State Doubles. Three 98s led the field with Terry Barkell taking his seventh Montana State Doubles Championship. (He won in 1986 through 1989 and again in 2000 and



TERRY BARKELL AND BILL BEYL.



BILL MARTIN

2005.) He also broke a 98 the day before in the Class Doubles. The other high scores went to Out of State shooters Bill Martin in Class AA and Jason Nelson in Class A. Bill Beyl, a four time State Doubles Champion, had a 97 along with Dale Fisher – Beyl called the right side of the coin for the Runner-up trophy. Gene Clawson Jr. and his grandson Brady had a great day. Gene won Veteran and Bray took Sub Juniors. This was very special for Gene as he and his father won these same trophies 51 years ago. Since then Gene has won them with all three of his sons and now with his grandson. To top things off, the pair also won the Parent and Offspring in the title Singles.



GENE AND BRADY CLAWSON.

There was also a very special Handicap on Friday. The Pat Jones Handicap was held in memory of Pat Jones who passed away unexpectedly last April. She won many trophies traveling with her husband Norm. She always had a smile and was very well liked by all that knew her. A special trophy was awarded to the Lady Champion with Sherry Johnson winning a shoot-off over Pat Bannister to win the trophy. The wind really blew during this event, but 27 yard shooter Tim Cassidy made it look easy breaking a 98 for the Championship.

Entries climbed to 320 for the main Singles and two perfect scores were posted. Rick Dorr, who won the State Handicap Championship last year, added the Montana State Singles Championship this year for his second career State title. Idaho's Mike Stears ran the 200 to claim Out of State Champion. The first half of the Main Singles also included the Champion of Champion race – Pat Ryde won the title with a 100 straight. He was having a good shoot and went out on Saturday afternoon and was the only shooter to break all 40 targets to win the prestigious Butte Medal.



PAT RYDE AND RICK DORR (INSET).



JIM SCHWARTZ

In the featured Handicap, Jim Schwartz who has only been shooting for one year (and said that he only shoots for fun whether it be rifle, pistol or shotgun) played no options and broke a 98 along with Tom Kuka and then went on to win the shoot-off for the Championship. 98s were also posted by Out of State Champion Jason Folvag and Runner-up Neil Burbidge.

Tom Kuka tied with Keith Sipe with 385 and won the shoot-off for the High All Around Championship. Jackie Garrigus won Lady and also

took six other Ladies titles including the Lady Singles and Ladies High Overall. Tim Cassidy was the High Overall Champion with a total of 659.



BELOW: JACKIE GARRIGUS



Other top scores included a pair of 99s in the Budweiser Handicap on Thursday by Champion Justin Palin and Long Yardage winner Keith Sipe.

During the State meeting on Saturday afternoon, Leonard Leland was inducted into the Montana State Hall of Fame by his long time friend Don Rimmer. He was honored for his long list of major wins and contributions to the sport.

There were quite a number of Junior and Sub Junior shooters in attendance. The AIM program had 60 shooters taking to the traps first thing Saturday and Sunday morning. Sub Junior Austin did particularly well, breaking his first 100 straight in the second half of the Singles. Some other standout young shooters included Anthony Palin, Idaho's Brady Rinaldi and Shawn Cahoon, Shy and Sherred Oaks from Utah and a shooter to keep an eye on from Wyoming – Hardy Mussleman. This 15 year old won six



ANTHONY PALIN, ABOVE. HARDY MUSSLEMAN BELOW.



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trophies at this shoot and his 197 in the Main Singles included a 100 straight on the second day. He broke his first 100 earlier this year at Tucson. He traveled to Anaconda following this shoot to take in the Western Zone. He broke a 199 and won the Sub Junior Western Zone Championship and followed that with the Western Zone Sub Junior Doubles title with a 97, the Zone SJ HOA (962) and Zone SJ HAA (391).

As usual, the Missoula Trap and Skeet Club did a magnificent job hosting this shoot. Little or no downtime with squad hustlers and trap help just about everywhere. There were many comments by shooters regarding the great way this club operates and how it will bring them back again. ■

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EVENT 14 - MONTANA STATE HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP (280 ENTRIES)

CH	JIM SCHWARTZ	98
RU	TOM KUKA	98
3RD	DAN VOGEL	97
4TH	ADAM DANIELSON	96
5TH	SCOTT JOHNSON	96
6TH	DAN SCHANDOIS	96
18-21.5YD	PAUL McCABE	94
22-24.5YD	RAY BRANDL	95
25-27YD	DAVID PATTERSON	96
LADY	WHITNEY CARR	94
JR	ANTHONY PALIN	95
SUB JR	WYATT HALDORSON	97
VET	GENE CLAWSON JR.	95
SR VET	ROBERT LITZINGER	95
OUT OF STATE CH	JASON FOLVAG	98

HAA

CH	TOM KUKA	385
RU	KEITH SIPE	385
LADY	JACKIE GARRIGUS	376
JR	ANTHONY PALIN	374
SUB JR	AUSTIN NELSON	366
VET	GENE CLAWSON JR.	384
SR VET	WILLIE PRICE	378
OUT OF STATE CH	JASON FOLVAG	394

HOA

CH	TIM CASSIDY	659
RU	JIM LITZINGER	658
AA	GEORGE MILETICH	657
A	JAMES WOODHULL	651
B	RAY BRANDL	549
C	JIM JONES	632
D	CURT HOPPIE	596
LADY	JACKIE GARRIGUS	644
JR	ANTHONY PALIN	642
SUB JR	BRADY CLAWSON	639
VET	GENE CLAWSON JR.	651
SR VET	WILLIE PRICE	643
OUT OF STATE CH	JASON FOLVAG	682

EVENT 7 - MONTANA STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP (197 ENTRIES)

CH	TERRY BARKELL	98
RU	BILL BEYL	97
AA	JIM LITZINGER	96
A	DALE FISHER	97
B	GARY FELAND JR.	89
C	JOHN POPA	93
D	DEAN DURAND	87
LADY	JACKIE GARRIGUS	91
JR	ANTHONY PALIN	87
SUB JR	BRADY CLAWSON	90
VET	GENE CLAWSON JR.	91
SR VET	BILL VASSAR SR.	91
OUT OF STATE AA	BILL MARTIN	98

EVENT 10 & 13 - MONTANA STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP (320 ENTRIES)

CH	RICK DORR	200
RU	MICHAEL CIRIAN	199
AA	KEITH SIPE	199
A	JAMES WOODHULL	199
B	MARVIN REBEIN	197
C	DAN SHANDORF	192
D	TERESA HAUSEMAN	194
LADY	JACKIE GARRIGUS	193
JR	DYLAN UECKER	195
SUB JR	AUSTIN NELSON	195
VET	GENE CLAWSON JR	198
SR VET	WILLIE PRICE	197
OUT OF STATE CH	MIKE STEARS	200