

MSSA State Shoot August 30 - September 1, 2019

Day 1: April showers, in August!?!?! If you shot doubles during the state shoot you got wet. It rained, not sprinkled. As could be understood the attendance was less than usual, but twenty-nine hearty souls braved the weather and shot in the rain.

Mark Presnell was the Champion with a 98 and both Archie Alexander and Micah Gibbons shot a 96 with Archie winning the shoot-off for Runner-up and third place respectively.

Day 2: Saturday's temperature was in the mid-eighties and humid. The skies were overcast but minimal wind. Forty-three shooters participated.

For the 12-gauge event Kevin Hess posted a perfect score of 100. Micah Gibbons, Don Beard, Josh Beard, and Mark Presnell all shot a 98. Micah was Runner-up after the shoot-off and Don Beard was Third Place.

20-gauge was the last event for the day. Micah Gibbons and Mark Presnell both posted a 99, with Micah winning the shoot-off giving him Gun Champ and Mark Runner-up. Four shooters finished with a 98; Bill Spurlock, Bill McCaulley, Don Beard, and Mason McCaulley. Mr. Spurlock was the winner which gave him Third place.

The banquet dinner was prepared by Mary Ann Gates and crew. The meal, fit for ~~royalty~~ skeet shooters. The table fare was; pork loin with chutney, au gratin potatoes, green beans, spinach salad, lettuce, cukes, strawberries almonds & eggs, light rolls, and Italian cream cake. I didn't interview anyone about the banquet, but I did overhear several people state how good the food was.

During the banquet Jeff Nickols was recognized for participating in thirty consecutive years in Missouri's state shoots. Congrats Jeff and nice job (Jeff is still healing from surgery).

Bill Spurlock was recognized for shooting 200,000 registered targets to date. Quite an accomplishment Bill, hope you have 200,000 more targets left in you.

Josh Beard won the drawing to travel to San Antonio to shoot in the 2019 World Skeet Championship September 27th – October 4th. Good Luck Josh!

Day 3: The weather was like Day 2.

The day started with the 28-gauge event. Bill McCaulley shot a 99 for the Gun Champ title. Mark Presnell and Archie Alexander both posted a score of 98 with Mark winning the shoot-off for Runner up and Archie taking Third place.

Last but not least was the .410 event. Three persons only missed four targets each for a 96; Mark Presnell, Josh Beard, and Micah Gibbons. After the shoot-off Mark was Gun Champ, Josh was Runner up, and Micah was Third place.

If you've been running a mental note of who's been listed every time; Mark Presnell. It shouldn't be a surprise then that Mark was the Gun Champ for HOA with a 391-400. Only one target back was Micah Gibbons with a 390-400 for Runner-up. Bill McCaulley was Third place with a score of 388-400, only two targets behind Micah.

Congratulations to Mark Presnell as the 2019 Missouri State Champion! Kudos to all the winners. Thanks for making this year's shoot a success!

Oh, by the way Mark was also HAA Champ with a 489-500.

History was made at the state shoot not with just scores, but with family.

The McCaulley Clan manned an entire squad! Bill, father and grandfather, Michael, Bill's son, and father to Mason, who was also present as well as Bill's twin sons Matthew and James. Ain't that something special?!



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See you at the Bluebird shoot at Gateway October 19, 2019, the last point shoot of the year.