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The 1996 Missouri State Championships, sponsored this year by Fred Weber, Inc., were held at the West Quincy Gun Club in West Quincy, MO.

Missouri's 1996 HOA champions - Glenn Ernst, at the center of the winners' platform, took HOA with a super score of 397x400 in a 4-way shootoff. To the right of Glenn is Rob Gyngard, Runner-up, with again a 397x400.



To Glenn's left is Harry Proffitt, AA1, also with a 397x400. Front row left to right: Larry Mills AA2 with a 397x400; Ed Bergstedt D1 with 359x400; Chris Carey B1 with 391x400; and Mike Silvey A1 with a 393x400. C1 HOA champion, Donald French, was not available for the picture, with 379x400. Congratulations on winning the most prestigious titles in the state of Missouri. Great shooting!

Doubles champions - Rob Gyngard, at the center of the winners' platform, took the doubles championship with the only 100 straight (and Rob's first 100 straight ever in doubles). Pictured to the right of Rob is Bill Spurlock, Runner-up with 99x100; AA1, John Vinton, (not pictured) with a 99x100. To Rob's left is Glenn



Duncan, A1 with a 98x100. Shown right to left in front row: Gary Dukes B1 with 99x100; Kenneth J. Reeves C1 with 94x100; Kenneth Reeves D1 with 92x100.

12 gauge champions - Harry Proffitt, in center of winners' platform, with 100x100; pictured to right of Harry is Rob Gyngard Runner-up with 100x100; pictured to the left of Harry is Glenn Ernest AA1 with 100x100; front row right to left is William McCauley A1 with 100x100; Hubert Morris, Jr. E1 with 94x100; Kenneth



Reeves D1 with 97x100; Mike Silvey B1 with 100x100. Not available for picture was Adolph Mueller C1 with 99x100. The all-bore competition, as always, is one of the toughest gauges to win. This year was no exception with no less than eight 100 straights in the 12 gauge event. In addition to the 100 straights listed above, Dan Randel won A2 with 100x100, Hub Breuer A3 with 100x100, and Phil Smiddy A4 with 100x100.

28 gauge champions - Larry Mills, in center of winners' platform, champion with 100x100; pictured to the right of Larry is Harry Proffitt, RU with 100x100; pictured left of Larry is Rob Gyngard, AA1 with 99x100; pictured right from left, bottom row, Hub Breuer A1 with 99x100; Ken Reeves C1 with 98x100; Terry Maiden B1 with 99x100; and Larry Layton D1 with 96x100.



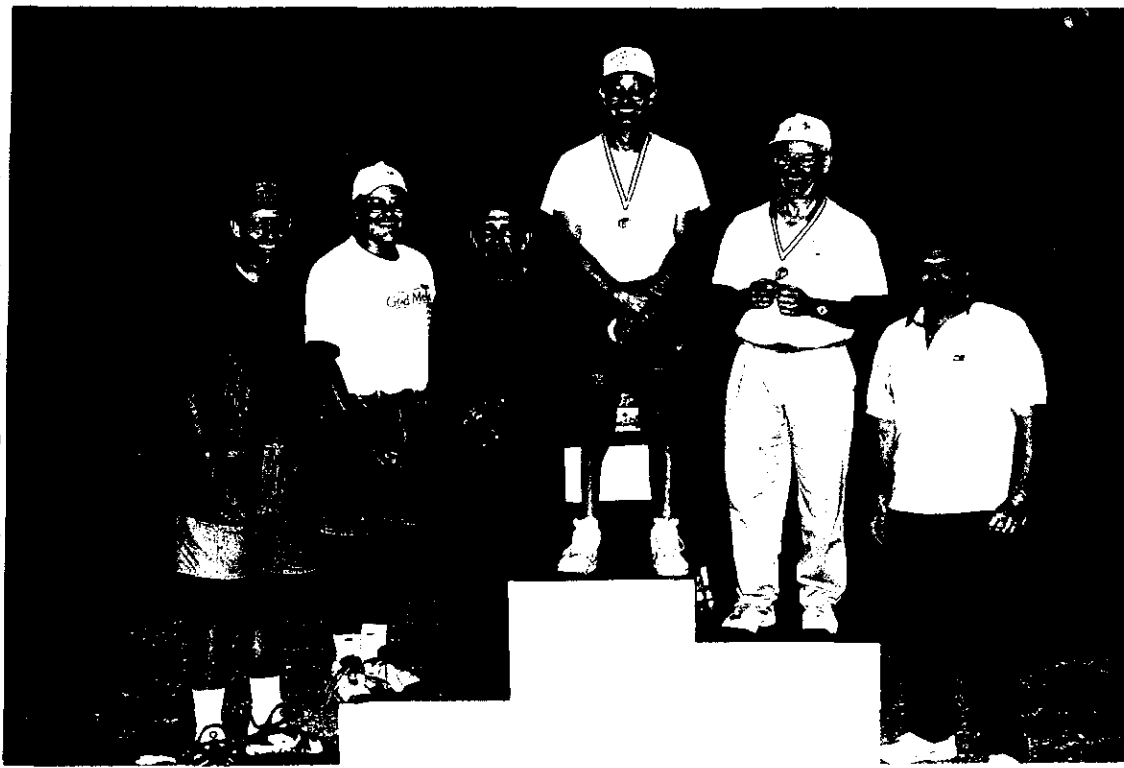
Larry Mill's and Harry Proffitt's 100 straights in the 28 gauge were the only ones posted in that event. As you can see, as we moved to smaller gauges, tension is building on the HOA Championship. Following this 28 gauge championship, Harry Proffitt is leading with 300x300 with only the .410 bore remaining. But remember, it's not over til it's over.

.410 bore champions - Tom Moore, in center of winner's platform, champion with 100x100; pictured to the right of Tom is Dave Runyon, RU with 99x100; pictured to the left of Tom is Rob Gyngard, AA1 with 99x100; pictured right to left in front row is Mike Silvey A1 with 98x100; Chris Carey B1 with 98x100; Kenneth Reeves C1 with



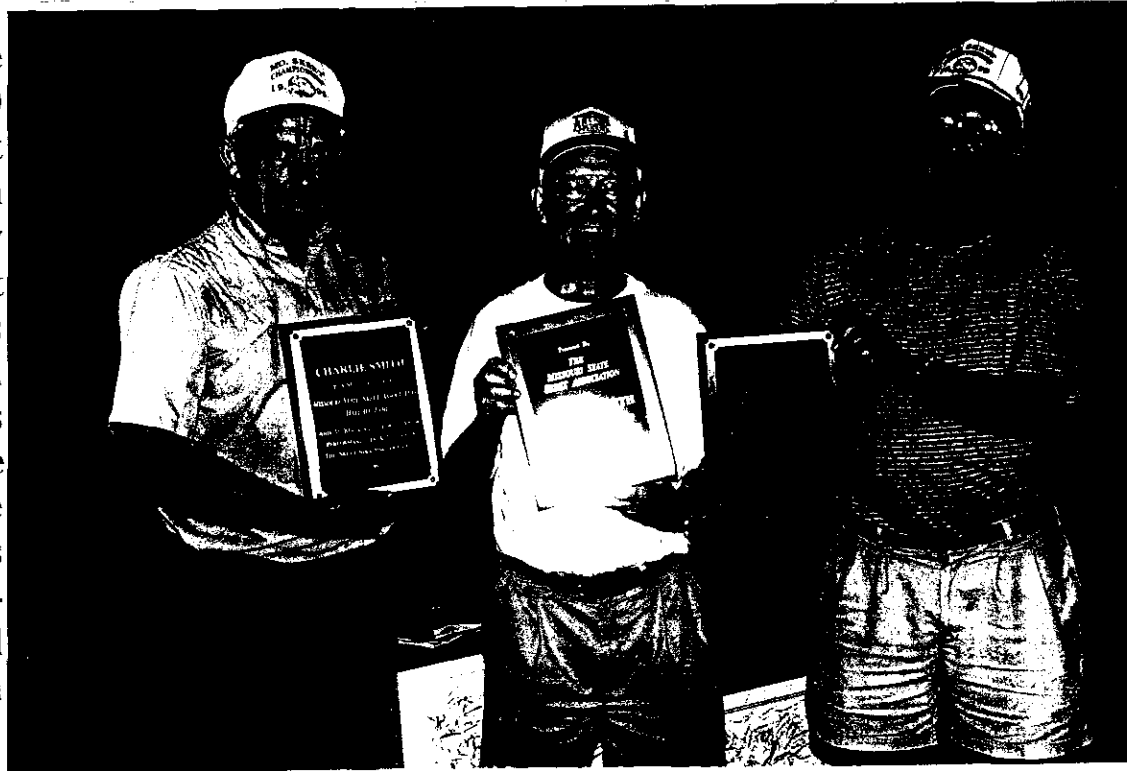
95x100; and Larry Layton B1 with 93x100. Most are aware that the .410 bore is the toughest to achieve a great score. However, the scores posted by several shooters indicate that Missouri shooters are beginning to master the .410 bore. Larry Mills

20 gauge champions - Bill Spurlock, in center of winners' platform, champion with 100x100; pictured to the right of Bill is Dr. Ted Hatfield, Runner-up with 100x100. Pictured left to right is Carter Finnell C1 with 98x100; Ricky Jente AA1 with 100x100; Fred Naugle A1 with 100x100;



Edward Bergstedt D1 with 93x100. Adolph Mueller, not pictured, B1 with 97x100. The 20 gauge competition is proven again to be one of the toughest gauges to win. Seven 100 straights were shot in the 20 gauge. In addition to those listed above, Tom Moore AA2 with 100x100; Harry Proffitt AA3 with 100x100; and Glenn Ernst A2 with 100x100.

Following the shootoffs of the 20 gauge and the great dinner by Niemann Catering on Saturday evening, the first order of business was to honor a Missouri shooter who was inducted into the Missouri Hall of Fame in 1991 for his dedication, contribution and good will toward all shooters in the game of skeet.



This was Charlie Smith's 33rd consecutive State Championships. One of the three plaques pictured was in honor of Charlie's 33rd year. The other two were replacement plaques that were lost while on display at the Gateway Gun Club during the 1993 flood.

posted a 99x100 AA2, Mike Schriever 99x100 for AA3, Mike Rodney AA4 with a 98x100, Terry Maiden A2 with a 97x100, and Phil Smiddy A3 with 96x100, Ron McKuin A4 with a 95x100, and Jeff Nichols B2 with a 96x100. Ricky Jente was Junior champ with a 94x100, Heather Herbold was Lady champ with a 95x100 and Jim Costin broke 97x100.

OPEN 5-MAN TEAMS

12 gauge champions (493x500)

Tom Shepherd
Larry Mills
John Vinton
Harry Proffitt
Don Wyant

12-gauge Runner-Ups (490x500)

Rob Gyngard
Jim Costin
John Durbin
Tom Moore
Ted Hatfield

20 gauge champions (494x500)

Rob Gyngard
Jim Costin
John Durbin
Tom Moore
Ted Hatfield

20-gauge Runner-Ups (492x500)

Tom Shepherd
Larry Mills
John Vinton
Harry Proffitt
Don Wyant

28-gauge champions (492x500)

Tom Shepherd
Larry Mills
Dave Runyon
Harry Proffitt
Don Wyant

28-gauge Runner-Ups (489x500)

Rob Gyngard
Jim Costin
John Durbin
Tom Moore
Ted Hatfield

.410 bore champions (486x500)

Rob Gyngard
Jim Costin
John Durbin
Tom Moore
Ted Hatfield

.410 bore Runner-Ups (484x500)

Tom Shepherd
Larry Mills
Dave Runyon
Harry Proffitt
Don Wyant

HOA 5-MAN TEAM CHAMPIONS

Rob Gyngard (1959x2000)
Jim Costin
John Durbin
Tom Moore
Ted Hatfield

HOA 5-MAN TEAM CHAMPIONS

Chris Carey (1902x2000)
Roger Spann
Al Ventucci
Pat Savage
Jeff Nichols

OPEN 2-MAN TEAMS

12-gauge champions (200x200)

Phil Smiddy

Mike Silvey

12-gauge Runner-Ups (199x200)

Glenn Ernst

Bill Spurlock

20-gauge champions (200x200)

Glenn Ernst

Bill Spurlock

20-gauge Runner-Ups (199x200)

Ted Hatfield

John Durbin

28-gauge champions (200x200)

Larry Mills

Harry Proffitt

28-gauge Runner-Ups (197x200)

Rob Gyngard

Tom Moore

.410 bore champions (199x200)

Tom Moore

Rob Gyngard

.410 bore Runner-Ups (196x200)

Larry Mills

Harry Proffitt

HOA 2-Man champions (794x800)

Larry Mills

Harry Proffitt

HOA 2-Man Runner-Ups (793x800)

Rob Gyngard

Tom Moore

CONCURRENT CHAMPIONS

12-gauge Junior Champion

Ricky Jente

12-gauge Junior Runner-Up

Frank Gyngard

20-gauge Junior Champion

Ricky Jente

20-gauge Junior Runner-Up

Frank Gyngard

28-gauge Junior Champion

Ricky Jente

28-gauge Junior Runner-Up

Frank Gyngard

.410 bore Junior Champion

Ricky Jente

.410 bore Junior Runner-Up

Frank Gyngard

HOA Junior Champion

Ricky Jente

HOA Junior Runner-Up

Frank Gyngard

12-gauge Ladies Champion

Heather Herbold (99x100)

12-Gauge Ladies Runner-Up

Sue Costin (98x100)

20-gauge Ladies Champion

Sara Mabrey (99x100)

28-gauge Ladies Champion

Pam Schuler (98x100)

.410 bore Ladies Champion

Heather Herbold (95x100)

HOA Ladies Champion

Sara Mabrey (388x400)

Sub-Sub Senior HOA Champion

Glenn Ernst (397x400)

Sub-Senior HOA Champion

Larry Mills (397x400)

Veteran HOA Champion

Hub Bruer (387x400)

Retired Military HOA Champion

William Wayne (384x400)

Husband & Wife HOA Champions

Sara and Harold Mabrey

20-gauge Ladies Runner-Up

Heather Herbold (94x100)

28-gauge Ladies Runner-Up

Heather Herbold (98x100)

.410 bore Ladies Runner-Up

Sara Mabrey (94x100)

HOA Ladies Runner-Up

Heather Herbold (386x400)

Sub-Sub Senior HOA Runner-Up

Rob Gyngard (397x400)

Sub-Senior HOA Runner-Up

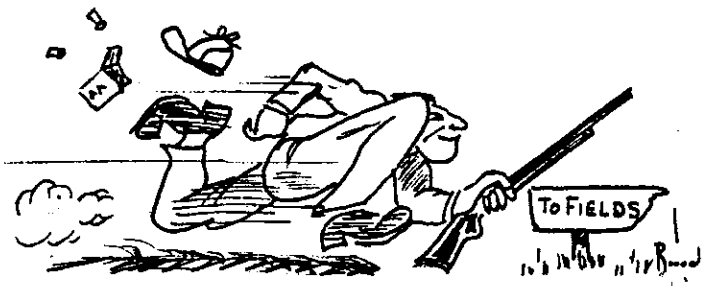
Tom Moore (396x400)

Veteran HOA Runner-Up

John Nooter (369x400)

Husband & Wife HOA Runner-Ups

Sue and Jim Costin



MISSOURI POINTS CHALLENGE TOP 10 WINNERS... Competition this year in Missouri's first Points Challenge Tour was so close that it was the final day of the championships after the .410 bore event before many of the winners could be determined. After all State Championship awards were presented, beautiful silver/gold belt buckles were awarded to the top 10 winners. They are: Ken J. Reeves, Heather Herbold, Arvel Mendenhall, Fred Naugle, Mike Silvey, Sara Mabrey, Rob Gyngard, Mike Rodney, Harold Mabrey, and Adolph Mueller. Medalions were presented to Ricky Jente for Junior Points champion, to John Nooter for Veteran Points champion, and Heather Herbold for the Ladies Points champion. Thanks to all the shooters who participated and the made the Points Challenge Tour a success.

The success of the Missouri Points Challenge Tour was a win/win situation for the clubs and the shooters, and we plan on continuing the Tour in 1997. We urge the clubs to plan their "Points" tournaments early so that shooters can arrange their schedules to accommodate most, if not all, of these tournaments.

Based on the Missouri Points Challenge Tour guidelines, the club holding the largest Points Challenge tournament for the year would be recognized with a plaque honoring that club by the Missouri State Skeet Association as "Club of the Year". The winner of that award was the Poplar Bluff Gun Club. Their tournament, The Double Eagle Open, with 57 participants was the largest tournament (other than the State Championships) in the state of Missouri during 1996.

The KCTA (Kansas City) club was recognized with a plaque honoring them for the largest Points tournament at a 2-field club in the state of Missouri.

St. Louis Skeet and Trap, Ozark Gun Club (Salem), and Springfield Rod and Gun Club received plaques in appreciation for their dedication to the game of skeet with their participation in making the Missouri Points Challenge Tour a success in 1996. Thanks to all the clubs that participated and we look forward to working together in 1997 for an even more successful and fun year in skeet.

1996 CLUB OF THE YEAR POPLAR BLUFF GUN CLUB

1996 2-FIELD CLUB OF THE YEAR KCTA (Kansas City)

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The 1996 Missouri State Skeet Championships are now history. We worked very hard to ensure that it was a memorable tournament for all. We know that the champions will always remember the shootoffs, the victories, and the awards, as it should be. It is very difficult to arrange and manage an affair as huge and as important as our State Championships without a hitch or two. As President of the Association and being personally involved in most of these arrangements, I can attest to the dedication of several Missouri shooters and non-shooters who worked so very hard to make this championship one of our greatest.

You so often forget someone when you attempt to name them; however, there are some great folks that I am especially grateful to and feel it necessary to mention them - Rob and Kathy Gyngard and John and Sallie Durbin who, at their own expense, drove to Quincy visiting the hotel managers to arrange for the reservation of 90 rooms and reduced rates for the weekend. Thanks to John Durbin who suffered the pains of working with some of our most impatient shooters regarding squad times prior to the State Shoot, at no charge. Thanks to Jim and Sue Costin for their efforts prior to and at the State Championships. Maybe only a few recognized that Jim sat behind the computer all weekend, at no charge, to ensure that everything went smoothly and who was a target for anyone wishing to ask a question or lodge a complaint. I know that this had to have taken away from his shooting. Thanks to Bonnie Ventucci, Barbara Purdum, and Doris Donnelly for working the scoreboard all weekend. These are special folks in that they put up with a bunch of crazy skeet shooters, not only at home. Doris is a skeet shooter herself who was unable to shoot due to pending eye surgery; however, we appreciate that she came to the shoot, worked the scoreboard, and dragged Jerry along with her. Special thanks to Frank Gyngard, Greg Mabrey, and David Dukes who pitched in loading houses. All three are very nice young men and are the future of our sport. Last, but not least, I want to thank Roger Spann for doing a great job as chief referee and for constructing and furnishing the "winners platform" for the awards presentations. Thanks to all the Illinois refs for a job well done all weekend. You may not be aware that some of these refs started work at 6:00 AM, changing machines, cleaning fields and doing all the things necessary to ensure a successful tournament. Oops! I damn near forgot to thank my wife for spending many of her hours working on this damn newsletter. Thanks to Sara for reminding me.

The positive news media coverage of our sport at the West Quincy Gun Club was phenomenal. If we had news coverage like this at every tournament nation-wide, I think they would be building stadiums for our tournaments. I have never seen our sport receive a more positive response from the news media. When is the last time you saw a person holding a gun on television or on the front page of a newspaper without him/her being wanted by the police?!

Most people seemed to have had a good time at the State Shoot this year. We are challenged for next year's State Championships to make it even more successful. This can be achieved if we all take a positive attitude (and I start taking my Prozac again)!