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THE 1997 MISSOURI STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS!

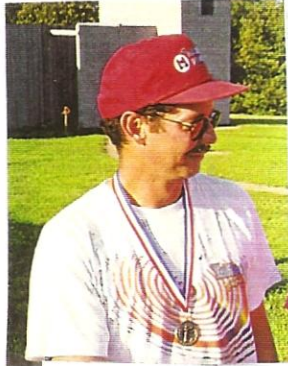
The 1997 Missouri State Championships, sponsored for the 2nd year by Fred Weber, Inc., were held at the Poplar Bluff Gun Club in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Missouri 1997 HOA champions - Archie Alexander won HOA without a shootoff. Bill Spurlock outlasted Ted Hatfield in a shoot-off for Runner-Up. AA1 Ted Hatfield; A1 Bill McCaulley; B1 Dennis Hahn; C1 Kenneth Reeves; and D1 Roger Johnson.

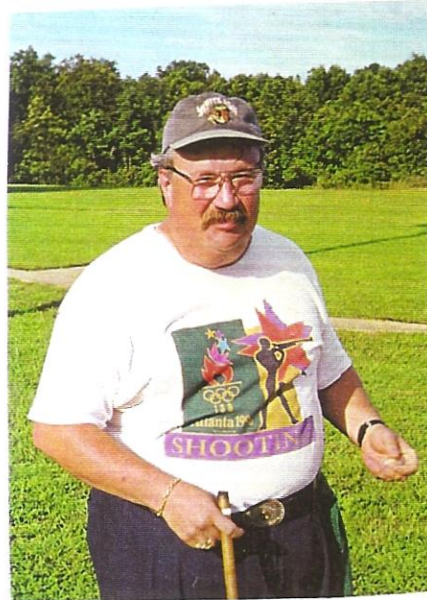
Your concurrent winners - Lady HOA champion Sara Mabrey; Sub Junior HOA Ian Vest; Sub Sub Senior HOA Bill Spurlock; Sub Senior HOA champ Archie Alexander; Veteran champ Hub Breuer; Retired Military HOA champ Don Wood; Husband and Wife champs Harold and Sara Mabrey; 2-Man HOA champs Harold Mabrey and Don Wood; 5-Man Team HOA champs Tommy Moore, Rob Gyngard, Archie Alexander, Jim Costin, and Ted Hatfield.

Doubles champions - Champion Tommy Moore; Runner-up Al Ventucci; AA1 John Vinton; A1 Bill McCaulley; B1 Dennis Hahn; C1 Kenneth Reeves; D1 Roger Johnson. All seven of these champion, runner-up and class winners were awarded free entry into the remaining 4 events of the State Championships. Congratulations to all! Sub Sub Senior champ Rob Gyngard; Sub Senior Champ Tom Moore; Senior Champ Al Ventucci; Veteran Champ John Durbin; Lady Champ Sue Costin; Retired Military Champ Don Wood; Husband and Wife Champs Jim and Sue Costin.

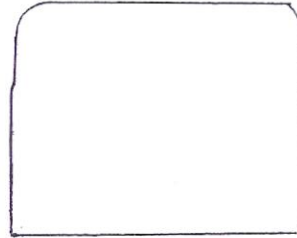
12 Gauge Champions - Champion Dan Randel; Runner-Up Larry Mills; AA1 Bill Spurlock; A1 Mike Rodney; B1 Mike Silvey; C1 Roger Johnson; D1 Frank Gyngard; and E1 Kathryn Ryan; Sub Junior Champ Ian Vest; Junior Champ Frank



Bill Spurlock
HOA Runner-Up



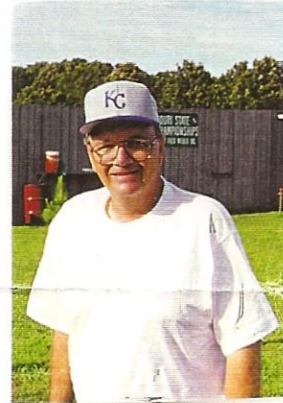
Archie Alexander
HOA Champ



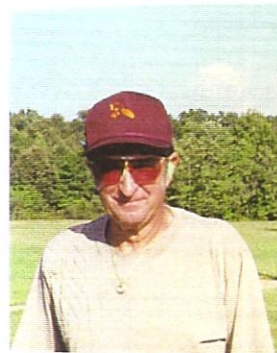
Ted Hatfield
(not available for photo)
HOA AA



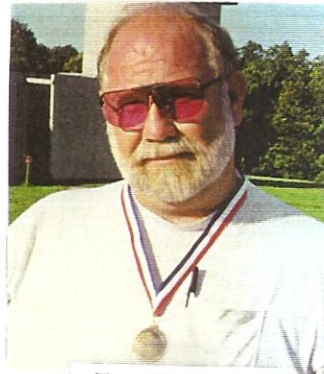
Harold Mabrey
HOA A



Roger Johnson
HOA C



Arvel Mendenhall
HOA B



Terry Montgomery
HOA D



Kathryn Ryan
HOA E

Gyngard; Sub Sub Senior Champ Dan Randel; Sub Senior Larry Mills; Senior Champ Ted Hatfield; Veteran Champ John Nooter; Lady Champ Sue Costin; Retired Military Champ Stanley Harris; Husband and Wife Champs Jim and Sue Costin; 2-Man Team Champs Tom Shepherd and Larry Mills; 5-Man Team Champs Tom Shepherd, Bill Spurlock, John Vinton, Larry Mills, and Don Wood.



Al Ventucci
"Godfather of Skeet"
Doubles Runner-Up



Larry Mills
12 Ga. Runner-Up

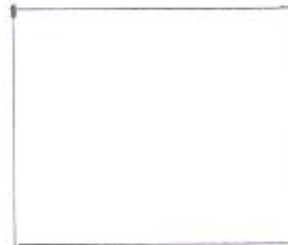
Dan Randel
12 Ga. Champ

20 Gauge Champions - Champion Bill Spurlock; Runner-Up Tom Moore; AA1 Tom Shepherd; A1 Roger Spann; B1 Glenn Duncan; C1 Jim Cagle; D1 Terry Montgomery; Sub Junior Champ Ian Vest; Junior Champ Frank Gyngard; Sub Sub Senior Champ Bill Spurlock; Sub Senior Champ Tom Moore; Senior Champ Ted Hatfield; Veteran Champ Hub Breuer; Lady Champ Sue Costin; Retired Military Champ Don Wood; Husband and Wife Champs Sara and Harold Mabrey; 2-Man Team Champs Tom Shepherd and Larry Mills; 5-Man Team Champs Tom Shepherd, Bill Spurlock; John Vinton, Larry Mills, and Don Wood.



Bill Spurlock
20 Ga. Champ

Tom Moore
Doubles Champion
20 ga. Runner-Up

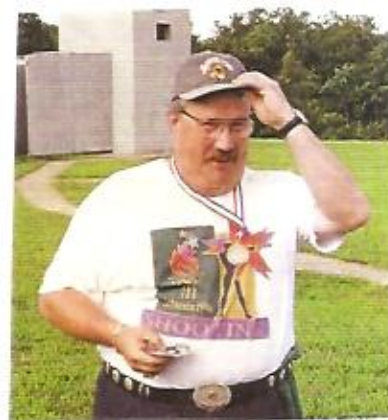


Phil Smiddy
28 ga. Champ
(Photo not available)



Stanley Harris
28 Ga. Runner-Up

28 Gauge Champions - Champion Phil Smiddy; Runner-Up Stanley Harris; AA1 Ted Hatfield; A1 Garry Dukes; B1 Jim Cagle; C1 Larry Layton; D1 Terry Montgomery; Sub Junior Champ Ian Vest; Sub Sub Senior Champ Harold Mabrey; Sub Senior Champ Phil Smiddy; Senior Champ Ted Hatfield; Veteran Champ Hub Breuer; Lady Champ Sue Costin; Retired Military Champ Stanley Harris; Husband and Wife Champs Harold and Sara Mabrey; 2-Man Team Champs Harold Mabrey and Don Wood; 5-Man Team Champs Tom Moore, Rob Gyngard, Archie Alexander, Jim Costin, and Ted Hatfield.



Archie Alexander
.410 bore Champ



Rob Gyngard
.410 bore Runner-Up

.410 Bore Champions - Champion Archie Alexander; Runner-Up Rob Gyngard; AA1 Al Ventucci; A1 Glenn Duncan; B1 Steve Krebs; C1 Roger Johnson; D1 Terry Montgomery; Sub Junior Champ Ian Vest; Sub Sub Senior Champ Rob



Sara & Harold Mabrey
Husband-Wife Champs



Jim & Sue Costin
Husband-Wife Runner-Ups



10 High Points Leaders

(Left to Right - Back Row) Don Fudge, Archie Alexander, Ken Reeves, Arvel Mendenhall, Mike Rodney, & Dave Runyon
(Left to Right - Front Row) Bill Wayne, Ken J. Reeves, Garry Dukes & Bill McCaulley (Not Shown)



Ron McQuin accepting "Club of the Year"
award for Poplar Bluff Gun Club

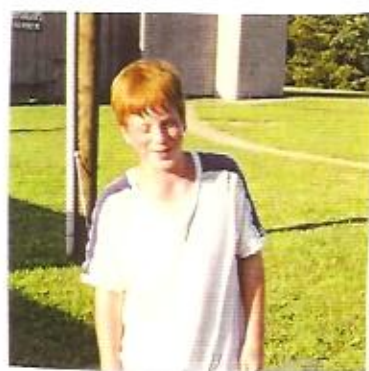


Arvel Mendenhall presented
Tracy Drake with Rookie-of-the-Year
award

Gyngard; Sub Senior Champ Archie Alexander; Senior Champ Al Ventucci; Veteran Champ Hub Breuer; Lady Champ Sara Mabrey; Retired Military Champ Don Wood; Husband and Wife Champs Harold and Sara Mabrey; 2-Man Team Champs Tom Moore and Rob Gyngard; 5-Man Team Champs Tom Moore, Rob Gyngard, Archie Alexander, Jim Costin, and Ted Hatfield.



Sara Mabrey
Lady HOA Champ



Ian Vest
Sub-Junior HOA Champ



Hub Breuer
Veteran HOA Champ



John Nooter
Veteran HOA Runner-Up



Don Wood
Retired Military HOA Champ



Frank Gyngard
12 & 20 Junior Champ



Dennis Steuber
The man who cooked
our wonderful meal!!
Thanks Dennis!



Stanley Harris presenting Bill Wayne with
an award for 100,000 life-time targets

PRESIDENT' S PAGE

Can you believe it? \$9,100.00 in cash returned to the shooters at the 1997 Missouri State Championships, in addition to the many pounds of that great Hodgdon Power, 11 cases of Winchester ammunition, 10 silver and gold belt buckles, all those state patches and medals, in addition to a free dinner. The estimated payback is close to \$14,000.00.

This was, to my knowledge, the first time ever that the State Championships were held in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. With the gusting winds, the targets were some of the toughest I have ever shot. But you can always depend on my 2-man team partner, Rob Gyngard, to mention that the targets were just as tough for everyone. I can also always depend on him, when I start crying about the wind or tough targets, to remind me that if I want a break "to shoot pool". I can attest that targets are much better at the Poplar Bluff Gun Club when there is no unusual wind. On August 29 and 30, following the State, I attended the Gray Bird Open where Archie Alexander and I tied with HOA scores of 395 x 400, both with 99 x 100 in the .410 bore. When I beat Archie in the shoot-off for HOA, it was payback time for him winning the HOA State Championship.

I also know that with the great members of the Poplar Bluff Gun Club improvements in the facility will continue. Ron McKuin says that this winter the club plans on clearing many of the trees from behind fields 4 and 5, which will help some of us that have a problem with background. With these improvements, Poplar Bluff Gun Club will be one of the premier gun clubs in the country. I would look to the future in attending another state championship at the Poplar Bluff Gun Club. Again, we had excellent press coverage in the sports page of the Poplar Bluff newspaper (copy enclosed in this newsletter). This reporter just may be the smartest newspaper man I have ever met. Please note the picture he chose to print was that of Dennis Steuber, our cook for the delicious dinner on Saturday night. By the way, did anyone spot the newspaper reporter in the dinner line? I think he was first in line and with the heaping plate filled by Dennis.

In closing my final newsletter, as president of the MSSA, I want to thank all the folks who supported my ideas and wish the new officers good luck in the coming skeet year. I did not relinquish my president position for any other reason than I felt all the hard work somewhat took away from my skeet shooting scores and traveling. I'm looking forward to getting back to strictly skeet shooting and enjoying skeet with all of you next year.