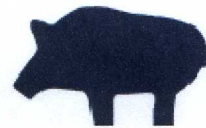


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## BPCR SILHOUETTE 2007

### BRIAN CHILSON TAKES 2007 EASTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Brian Scott Chilson, of Nelson, Pa. has taken the 2007 Eastern Regional BPCR Silhouette Championship over September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> at the Ridgway Rifle Club. We had a total of 63 competitors representing 11 states for this two day event near the village of Ridgway, Pennsylvania. Brian shot a two day aggregate score of 64 two more steel silhouettes than Second Open, Dave Heeter. Again, chickens seemed to be the area where Brian excelled and took the match.

Saturday morning did not see us start the match on time due to a very thick fog bank that seemed to roll in just as daylight appeared. From discussions with long time attendees this was the first time a match had ever been delayed due to weather. The match was held up for just over an hour. This downtime gave all shooters time to discuss everything from hunting, shooting to politics. There were also conversations of crafts and lots of gossip from the ladies that were present. After the fog lifted the rest of the weekend was just beautiful and I must say, from all of the feedback that Becky and I received, everyone seemed to have a grand time.



Even though we had some warm sunny shooting conditions over most of the match, wind and mirage still gave the competitors their challenges. Scores were not as high as past matches but by looking at the results you will see who mastered these conditions. As I stated above Brian Chilson took the Championship with a 64/80. Brian also took Sunday's single day match with a 35/40. Dave Heeter (62/80) took Second Open and he also was Match Winner for Saturday's single day match (31/40). Steve Maurer

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(59/80) wrapped up Third Open for the Championship and also won First AAA with a score of 28/40 on Saturday.

Kevin Lewsey was First Master (58/80) for the Championship and also was First Master on Sunday with a 29/40. Roger Tremba was Second Master (56/80) also scoring Second Master (26/40) Saturday and Third Master (30/40) Sunday. Ross Arnfield took Third Master (54/80) and stayed in the hunt both days scoring Third Master (24/40) Saturday and Second Master (30/40) on Sunday. Ross was the Eastern Regional Champion for 2006.

Ernie Bennett (57/80) was First AAA with Bruce Getgen (56/80) Second AAA. Marshall Chase took Third AAA with a score of (55/80). Walter Smith took First AA with a score of (50/80) with John Haagen garnering Second AA (49/80) and Third AA was Mark Smith (48/80).

Jacob Bly was First A with an aggregate score of 48 and Jacob also took High Junior. Mark Chronister wrapped up Second A with a score of 44. Albert Ogden (39) took Third A. Chuck Cook (24) won First B with Jesse Reichard (19) taking Second B.

Brian Chilson also competed in the Scope Class taking First Scope with a score of 68/80. Ed Heeter won Second Scope (56/80) and also was our High Senior. Paul Prichard took Third Scope with a score of 55/80.

Debra Lee Hovatter was our High Women for the Championship shooting a total score of 51/80 and she also set a National Record with a second day match total of 31/40. With that score of 31 on Sunday Debra also took Second Open. That was some great shooting Deb. Next year match winner, right Deb?

We did something a little different in this years match by adding Team Scope as we had enough scope competitors. High Team Iron Sights this year was Ridgway Rifle Club 1 consisting of Brian Chilson, Ross Arnfield and Roger Tremba with a combined aggregate score of 174. High Team Scope was Ridgway Rifle Club 2 consisting of Brian Chilson, John Powers and Ed Heeter with a total aggregate score of 178.



I want to congratulate all of our winners. As I was not able to compete through the whole match I can say it was a total joy watching Sunday's match amongst all of you fine competitors. I am working diligently at getting myself back in shape for the 2008 season. I have acquired a nice Nautilus home gym and I am finding many ways of creating self torture.

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I would like to thank all the people who helped make this match enjoyable for everyone. Relay callers were Debra Lee Hovatter, Norris Gibson and Elaine Haagen. Now as we all know, and I have stated this in the past, getting people to volunteer for calling relays is like pulling teeth. Then when we do get relay callers they sometimes get hassled by the competitors. I received some excellent suggestions on solving this problem and I will work that out for the 2008 season. I also want to thank Debbie and Brian Chilson for painting and setting up the targets. This is no easy task and takes a considerable amount of time. Brian also takes care of the target setters each match and I really appreciate that. I want to thank Deb Chilson and Beverly Hoke for helping with the scoring at the end of the match. I would also like to thank all of the people who picked up at the end of the match. I cannot list all your names here as I am sure I would miss someone so you all know who you were. Last but by far not least I want to thank my wife Becky for her tireless efforts in making goodies, coffee and helping me run the matches. Without her help this definitely would not be fun to do.

So in closing this edition of our newsletter I would challenge all of you to return next year and bring a new shooter or an established one and also bring in the younger generation. Once they get behind one of these smoke poles they will be hooked.

Remember to shoot straight, often and don't forget to involve the younger generation in our shooting sport.

Match Director - John O'Donnell



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