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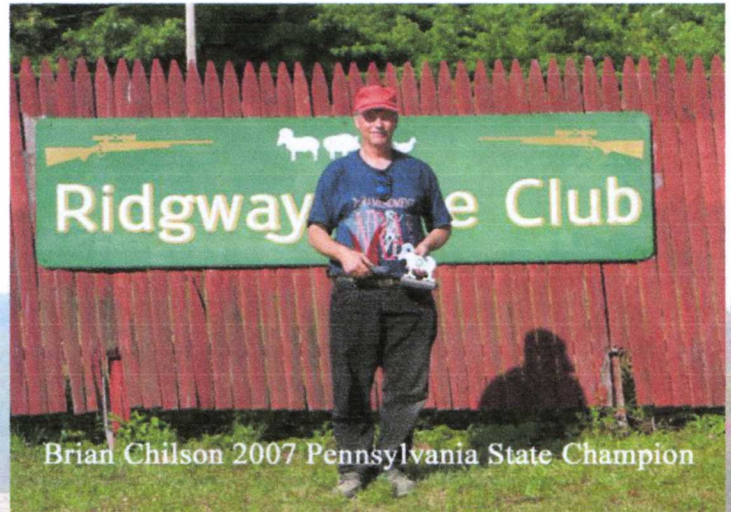


2007 STATE BPCR CHAMPIONSHIP

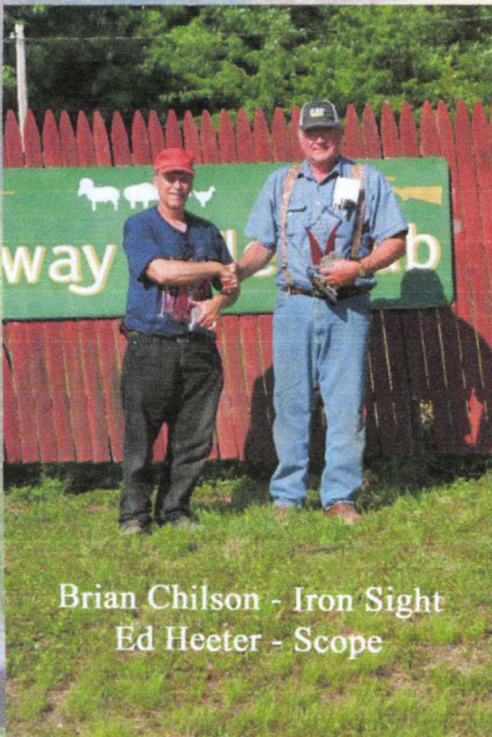
Brian Chilson 2007 Pa. State Champion

Brian Scott Chilson of Nelson, Pa. has taken his 7th Pennsylvania State BPCR Silhouette Championship over June 23rd & 24th at the Ridgway Rifle Club. We had a total of 44 competitors for this two day event set just outside the picturesque village of Ridgway, Pa. located in the heart of the "Pennsylvania Wilds."

There was a time in this sport when chickens were not the real deciding factor in a match, but now with some of the top shooters able to take down 23 out of 30 chickens we can say that matches are now won or lost on chicken count. Over the two day match Brian displayed some impressive concentration and shooting skills when he dropped 13 out of 15 chickens the first day and 10 out of 15 the second day to help boost his score to win the title.



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Brian Chilson - Iron Sight
Ed Heeter - Scope

For the other animals, there were some rather discouraged looks from some shooters, who could be seen shaking their heads as they walked away from the firing line. Although the weather was beautiful, the conditions created by the heat and air currents were definitely challenging. Constantly shifting winds and mirage made shooting Turkeys and Rams rather tricky and exasperating. Most people, including myself, thought there would be some rather high scores when this match began, because of the beautiful weather. How wrong we were. Just when you thought you were dialed in on Rams the mirage would change and throw your bullet off target. Conditions changed so rapidly from the time the spotter communicated them to the shooter, when the trigger was squeezed these changes would force the bullet to impact off the animal.

The scores for the first day were pretty evident of the shooting conditions where no 15 or 10 pins were awarded for Rams and only one 15 pin for Turkeys. Very few 5 pins were awarded for either that same day. The second day gave us the same conditions with one 15 pin, two 10 pins and a few 5 pins for Rams. Turkeys turned out to be no better.

As stated above Brian Chilson won the Championship with a score of 93. Brian walked away with two trophies, \$100 in cash and \$150 gift certificate to MVA. Ed Heeter won First in Scope with a score of 83 and he walked away with two trophies and \$100 in cash. Not bad for two days of doing what we love to do.

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Second Open went to John Whitcomb (92) with Third Open going to Bob Bloyer (91) who also won the match on the second day of competition with a 50. Bob also set a National Record in the Senior Class with that score. Dave Heeter (89) garnered First Master and was the Match Winner for the first days match with a score of 45. Ross Arnfield (82), winner of last years Eastern Regional, took Second Master and Roger Tremba (79) took First Master.

John Heeter (83) took First AAA, and he also took First AAA in the first days match with a 42. Stephen Maurer (78) took Second AAA with Bill Simmen (74) taking Third AAA. Dana Knezevich (74), I am still pronouncing it properly Dana, took First AA and won High Women in a shoot-off with Bobbi Tidrick. Adam Henrich (70) garnered Second AA. First A went to Bobbi Tidrick (74) and Craig Artman (53) took Second A. Albert Ogden (45) took First B with Chuck Cook (35) in Second B. As stated above Ed Heeter (83) took First Scope and John Powers (76) scored Second Scope.

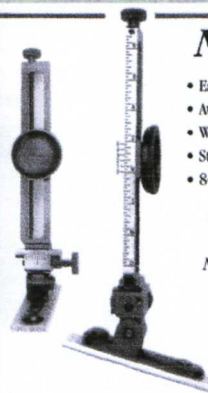


High Women and Senior have already been discussed, but in review, Bob Bloyer (91) was High Senior and Dana Knezevich (74) as High Women. High Junior went to Zachary Smith who shot a two day score of 53. High Team honors went to Ridgway Rifle Team II or as I like to call them, Team Heeter. Ed, Dave and John Heeter shot a combined score of 255.

I would like to congratulate all of the winners in the Pa. State BPCR Silhouette Match and I hope you all had a wonderful time in Ridgway. Please remember we still have matches on July 29th, August 26th, and October 28th. Our two day Eastern Regional Match is September 29th and 30th. I hope to see you all there and please bring along a friend.

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

Match Director - John O'Donnell



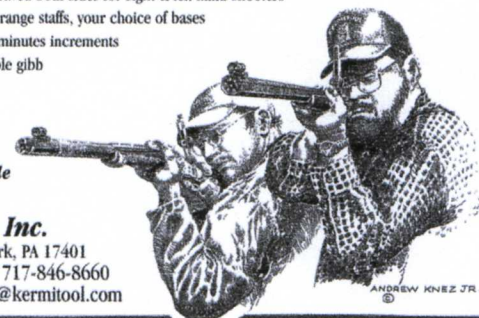
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