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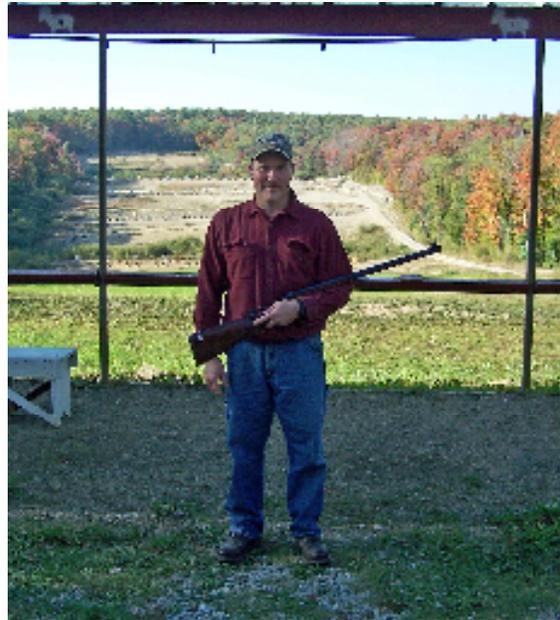
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BPCR SILHOUETTE SEPTEMBER 2009

DAVE HEETER EASTERN REGIONAL CHAMPION

Dave Heeter, of Emlenton, Pa., is now the 2009 BPCR Silhouette Eastern Regional Champion and Gold Medal winner after shooting an impressive total aggregate score of 66 out 80. Dave took the match in a final shoot-off with Brian Chilson of Nelson, Pa. who also finished with 66 out of 80. Even though plenty of rain was in the forecast for the weekend of September 26 & 27 in Ridgway, Pennsylvania, the two day Regional was very well attended with 60 shooters braving cool, wet conditions.



Dave Heeter Regional Champion

Brian Chilson, of Nelson, Pa., achieves a feat that has yet to be done in BPCR Silhouette shooting. In the Scope class, Brian shot down all 10 Chickens and then to top that off he cleaned all the other banks of animals to achieve a perfect 40 out of 40. I am sorry to say that I wasn't out there to see it



Brian Chilson Regional Scope

done, but I sure did hear the cheering from the other competitors when his last chicken fell. Can you imagine the pressure that this match presented him and Debbie, not only to have knocked down his 10th chicken but on his last bank of animals, pigs, and after knowing that 39 steel targets have fallen to his bullets, would that last one bite the dust also.

This was Brian's 5th Eastern Regional Scope Championship, and Gold Medal, with a National Record score of 73/80. As we all know this is a "team" sport as it takes more than the person behind the trigger to make each shot count and Debbie is one of the best spotters around. Together they make a formidable team who constantly communicate between each other to arrive at that one best setup for each and every shot fired down range. It is this dedication and perseverance for excellence that has helped achieve this National Record. Congratulations to both Brian and Debbie on achieving this milestone.

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We had ten States represented at this Eastern Championship, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Oregon, Michigan and North Carolina. We didn't see any sunshine and in fact over the two days we had about 50% rain coverage. Saturday the rain was light and sporadic throughout the day. Sunday was a different matter. The rain, hard at times started early and lasted until late morning with the black powder smoke hanging close to the ground making visibility difficult. Winds were quite light for both days making spotting a bit easier to contend with.

As we stated above Dave Heeter (66/80) was aggregate Match Winner for the Regional and he was also Match Winner for Saturday (32/40) and Second Open (34/40) on Sunday. Brian Chilson (66/80) was Second Open, Silver Medal winner, for the Regional, Third Open for Saturday (31/40) and Match Winner (35/40) for Sunday. Bob Bloyer, from Front Royal, Virginia, took Third Open and the Bronze Medal with an aggregate score of 61 out of 80. Bob also scored well on both days taking Second Open on Saturday and First Master Sunday with scores of 31 and 30 respectively.

First Master for the Regional event went to Ross Arnfield from Lisbon, Ohio, with a total two day score of 58 out of 80. Ross also took First Master for Saturday with a score of 30 out of 40. Second Master was garnered by John Whitcomb with an aggregate score of 58. John also took Third Master on Saturday with 29/40. Third Master for the championship was taken by Marshall Chase (57/80) and Marshall also took Third Master (30/40) on Sunday.

Jacob Bly of Stephens City, Virginia, took First AAA for the Regional Match with an aggregate score of 57 out of 80 and he won Third Open (31/40) on Sunday. Jacob also set two National Records for Intermediate Junior with his aggregate score of 58 and single day score of 31. Barry Harmon won Second AAA (55/80) and scored a 29/40 on Saturday for First AAA. Ernie Bennett took Third AAA for the Regional with an aggregate score of 54/80. Ernie also took Second AAA on Saturday with a 28/40.

The AA Class wound up with a four way shoot off determining first, second and third. Arvid Englund (48/80) was our First AA winner and he also took Second AA (25/40) on Saturday. Ruth Kanzeg (48/80) wrapped up Second AA along with taking Third AA (24/40) on Saturday and Third AA (24/40) Sunday. Walter Smith (48/80) came in as Third AA for the championship and also scored Second AA (25/40) for Sunday. Albert Ogden (40/80) took First A for the aggregate and he also took First A (20/40) on Saturday and Second A (20/40) Sunday. John Estok (37/80) placed Second A for the aggregate and Third A (14/40) for Saturday and First A (23/40) Sunday. Rodney Barton (35/80) placed Third A for the championship and he also placed Second A (17/40) Saturday and Third A (18/40) Sunday.

As stated above Brian won the Gold Medal in the Scope Class. Bob Bloyer won the Silver Medal by placing Second in the championship with a score of 57 out of 80. Bob also won Second Scope (31/40) on Sunday. Ed Heeter took the Bronze Medal and Third Scope championship with a score of 53 out of 80 in a shoot off against Roger Tremba. Bob Bloyer (61) took High Senior Iron Sight and Ed Heeter (53) took High Senior Scope. Ruth Kanzeg (48) was our High Women and Jacob Bly (57) was the High Junior for the championship. High Team in Iron Sight competition was Brian Chilson, Ross Arnfield and Dave Heeter with a combined score of 190.

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High Team Scope was Brian Chilson, Ed Heeter and Roger Tremba with a combined score of 179.

A new class for the Championship was “Iron Man” consisting of competitors shooting both scope and iron sights in the same match. Gold Medal was taken by Brian Chilson with 66 in iron and 73 in scope for a grand total of 139. The Silver Medal was taken by Bob Bloyer with 61 in iron and 57 in scope for a grand total of 118. Bronze Medal was taken by John Haagen with 52 in iron and 49 in scope for a grand total of 101.



*Brian Chilson - Jacob Bly – Jodi Decker
National Records Achieved*

We had several new National Records shot at this Regional Championship. Jodi Decker shot a new women’s National Record in Scope with a 45 out of 80. Jacob Bly, who is 17 years old, shot a single day score of 31 on Sunday, beating his first National Record in Intermediate Junior Class of 27. Jacob’s combined two day score of 57 sets a new National Record beating his old record of 54. Brian Chilson achieved two individual records at this Eastern Regional Championship. Brian’s two day score of 75 Scope Competition beats his old record of 68. As stated above Brian’s perfect score of 40 is a new National Record for a single day Scope class beating his old record of 35.

Grand Slams for this match start with

Brian’s ten straight Chickens; Mike Shamonsky and Walter Smith ten straight in Turkeys, and for ten straight in pigs

we had Albert Ogden and Ernie Bennett.

The Ridgway Rifle Club and all attendees would like to congratulate all the winners and National Record holders in this 2009 Eastern Regional BPCR Silhouette Championship. Just an outstanding job done by all!

Like the State Championship this past June we had some wonderful prizes donated by many companies and individuals. The Ridgway Rifle Club would like to thank Starline Brass, Montana Vintage Arms, MidwayUSA, SPG, Inc., Kermit Hoke, Dixie Gun Works, Wolfe Publishing, Buffalo Arms, CH Tool & Die/4-D Custom Die Co., C. Sharps Arms Co., Inc., King Machine Service, Ltd., Log Cabin Shop, Powder, Inc., Puff-Lon, Redding Reloading Equipment, John Walters, and Shiloh Sharps for their fantastic donations. Their dedication and support to our shooting sport help make it that much more enjoyable for everyone.

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I would also like to thank all those that helped make this Championship run smoothly over the weekend. Debbie & Brian Chilson along with Al Ogden took care of painting and setting the targets up prior to the match. Brian & Deb also transported the Target Setters to and from the bunkers. Thanks to Elaine Haagen, Maureen Kemmett, Mike Shamonsky, and John Estok for calling the relays. Also Lester Henry, Roger Tremba, Lorren Brown and others who helped clean and pickup after the matches. Without all of your help it would be very difficult to run these matches.

Again I would like to congratulate all of the winners in the 2009 Eastern Regional BPCR Silhouette Championship and I hope you all had a wonderful time in Ridgway. Please remember we still have one more match this year on October 25th. 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

