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# The Newcomers Guide to Junior Shooters

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# Notes from the Top

By: Andy Fink

**Junior Shooters** is for kids and their families. Its focus is about juniors in the shooting sports, all shooting sports, from shotgun competitions to hunting, from plinking to speed action pistol competitions, from cowboy action shooting to the Olympics. We will cover air guns, long-range, pistol competitions, shotguns, hunting, mounted competitions, probably even archery – just about every shooting sport that kids can become involved in. There will be coverage of shooting organizations and the programs they have for juniors. We will also include articles on how to get started, shooting tips specifically designed for juniors, as well as editorial coverage on those companies that sponsor juniors and provide products for junior shooters.

**Junior Shooters** is for everyone that goes shooting with a youngster or is thinking of getting their child into the shooting sports. There are even sections of the publication that should be of interest to those who don't shoot but want their children to become safety oriented with firearms.

First and foremost, this publication will be focused on the junior shooter with articles written by and about kids from the youngest age when they have their first BB gun to the 20-year-old that is on the college shooting team. Even the junior who starts out in the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) and moves on to shoot with the US Army Marksmanship Unit or represents the United States at the Olympic Games will be included. I intend to have 60 percent of the articles written by juniors. This may not happen right off the bat but it is what we are shooting for. Detailed articles reviewing products such as guns and associated gear will be covered by my staff as well as by juniors actually using the product.

We are working closely with many shooting organizations such as the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) and their Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) and the Step Outside program, the National Wild Turkey Foundation (NWTF) and their Families Afield program, the newly formed, Youth Shooting Sports Association (YSSA), USA Shooting (Olympics) the United States Practical Pistol Association (USPSA), and the National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA), National Rifle Association (NRA), and more.

I encourage everyone to visit [www.juniorshooters.net](http://www.juniorshooters.net). I intend that this site be a gateway to information on all the shooting sports that juniors can be involved in. If you want a link added, event listed, article included, or have comments, please contact [webmaster@juniorshooters.net](mailto:webmaster@juniorshooters.net).

If you have an article about a junior, or written by a junior, about a shooting event that covers juniors, or a portion of the event that is for juniors, shooting organizations and clubs, even local shooting clubs, on the different programs that are available for juniors, as well as by juniors that have participated in their programs, please send them in. Don't forget, we want lots and lots of photos! Also, if you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions on additional columns and on how to make **Junior Shooters** better, please let me know. You can contact me directly at (208) 368-9920 or email me at [editor@juniorshooters.net](mailto:editor@juniorshooters.net). ⊕

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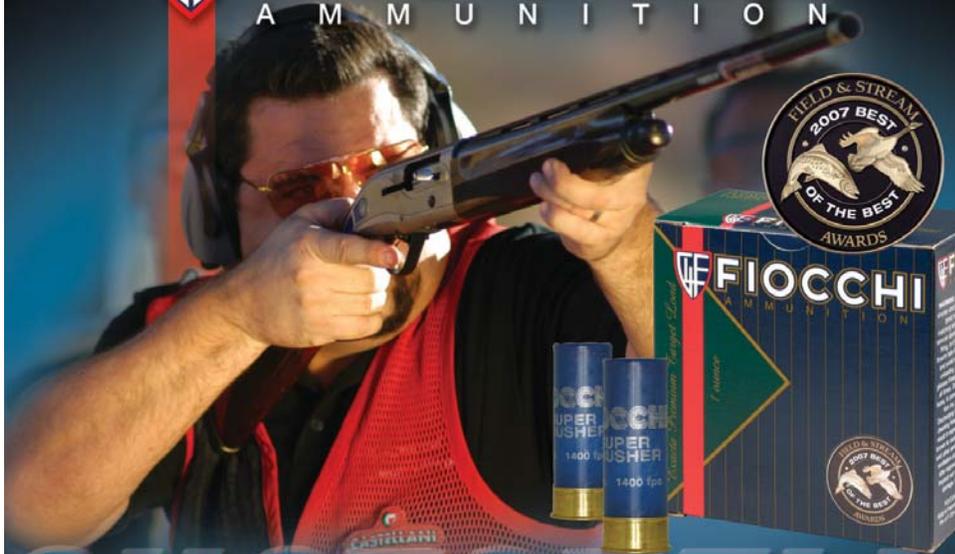
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# Mossberg & Generation Next: A PERFECT FIT

By: Bob Humphrey

**T**he future of hunting lies squarely on the shoulders of the next generation of hunters. However, it is the current generation's responsibility to make sure there is a next generation. We are challenged to do all we can to foster and encourage participation in our sport; including everything from creating opportunities to providing the right equipment. One company – Mossberg – has taken this challenge head on.

Perennial leaders in offering sporting arms of versatility and value, Mossberg has developed a full line of firearms specifically designed in both form and function for the next generation of hunters.

Fitting the shooter to the gun, or the gun to the shooter, is important for several reasons. If the gun doesn't fit properly, the shooter will have trouble mounting, holding, and moving it. This, in turn, can lead to poor mechanics, missed targets (and later on, missed game), enhanced recoil and resultant flinching. It could discourage a newcomer right out of the sport. Proper fit, on the other hand, not only eliminates these negatives, but instills a sense of confidence in the shooter. The end result is a more positive experience that will foster more interest in participating.

Unfortunately, most guns are designed to fit a right-handed adult male between 5'8" and 5'10" and weighing from 170 to 190 pounds. That just won't do for a young or small-framed shooter. The most obvious difference between an adult gun and a youth or "Bantam" gun is the size of the buttstock. The important measurement here is not the stock itself, but the length of pull (LOP) – the distance from the forward face of the trigger to the end of the butt plate or pad. LOP greatly affects how well you can hold a gun and shoot it comfortably. If it is too long, the gun will tend to rise upward and outward during recoil, which causes a right-hand shooter to shoot low and left. It also crates a less stable, less comfortable and unbalanced shooting posture, and is more difficult to mount.

A shorter LOP however, is not the only thing you need to properly fit a youth or smaller-framed adult. Smaller people may have shorter arms as well.

A forearm that is too far forward causes a less stable, front-heavy posture. In the case of a pump-action firearm, a forearm that is too far forward also makes the cycling operation more difficult. Similarly, a barrel that is too long will also lead to a less balanced, muzzle-heavy gun.

Yet, another consideration that's often overlooked when designing a gun for a smaller-framed person, is their smaller hands and shorter fingers. That's why it's also important to have a more tightly curved pistol grip, making it easier to reach the trigger.

## Mossberg – Leading the way

We've long known the importance of proper fit. Yet the firearms industry has largely overlooked the small-statured segment of the hunting-shooting population. Token efforts include designating a few select models as youth/ladies guns by merely cutting down the buttstock to reduce length of pull.

Something more needed to be done, and it's been Mossberg who has led the way. Long known as the industry leader in versatility and value, they've gone above and beyond in this case, offering not just a few models, but a specialized line of firearms dedicated specifically to this underserved market.

## The 500<sup>®</sup> Pump-Action Family

Heading up this clan of family-oriented firearms is the 500R Bantam™ Series. This versatile line offers numerous configurations in 20-gauge and 12-gauge, with each featuring Mossberg's EZ-Reach™ forearm, a shortened pistol grip, reduced LOP and shortened barrels, among many others; features that address all aspects of proper fit for young or smaller-framed hunters.

For more than a decade the Bantam line has provided hunters with a scaled-down version of dad's favorite shotgun. And mimicking the versatility of the original 500, models like the Bantam 20-gauge Field/Deer Combo include a 22" smoothbore and 24" Slugster® barrel, making it an ideal gun-for-all-seasons for the up and coming hunter.

They could have stopped there, but the Mossberg folks recognized that there was a segment of the marketplace that



Three pivotal members of the distinguished 500 family, perfect for the younger and smaller-framed shooters: (from top) the multi-season Bantam Field/Deer Combo in 20-gauge, the 505 Youth in 20-gauge for the beginner, and "The Gun That Grows With The Shooter" - the 500 Super Bantam Field/Deer Combo in 20-gauge with Mossberg's innovative adjustable stock that allows the length of pull to be changed from 12" to 13" as the shooter grows.

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was still not being properly addressed. Sort of a third generation, the 505 Youth™ was developed especially for beginners.

In addition to the beginner-friendly features of the 500 Bantams, it offers an even shorter stock LOP (12") as well as a shortened 20" barrel and magazine tube, resulting in a well-balanced, true-to-scale shotgun just for juniors. With more and more states abolishing minimum age restriction on hunters, this is a great introductory firearm for young ladies and smaller boys.

Alas, kids eventually grow up so the marketing folks at Mossberg decided those kids should be able to have a gun that grows with them. It's called the 500 Super Bantam™ and it begins life, like the 505, with a 12" LOP (one inch shorter than the standard Bantam). It also comes with an innovative one-inch stock spacer and second recoil pad that can be added when your youngster starts to sprout. Furthermore, if and when they're ready for a full-sized (14"-plus) length of pull, just turn in the certificate that comes with the box (12 and 20-gauge 500 Bantam and Super Bantam models only) for a 50 percent discount on the price of a full-sized stock – a very nice touch.

All 500 Bantam, Super Bantam, and 505 Youth models feature the same quality and dependability of their grown-up relatives. They also feature a convenient, ambidextrous thumb operated safety, removable magazine tube limiting plug, free gun lock, and a 10-year limited warranty.

All 12 and 20-gauge models are drilled and tapped for optics mounting and you'll find that all field models are fitted with dual bead sights – a brass mid-bead and white front bead. This configuration is particularly effective at enhancing barrel/eye alignment and target acquisition by both new and experienced shooters.

### A Touch of Class

Value is another of Mossberg's hallmarks. What Mossberg International set out to do with their Silver Reserve™ Series was to offer a high-quality over-and-under with the same classic lines, craftsmanship and reliability as the so-called "high-end" doubles, but at an affordable price. Having accomplished that, they then took the almost unprecedented step of building a youth/ladies version.

Like its full-sized counterpart, the Silver Reserve Bantam™ features an under-lock design box-lock action for superior strength and low profile, chrome-plated chambers and bores, a set of five interchangeable chokes, Turkish walnut stocks and an embellished receiver. The only difference is the shorter, 12-1/2" length of pull. Now you can pick up a pair of fine doubles in "his and hers" or "father and son" series.

### Plinkers

Mossberg recently expanded beyond shotguns and into rifles with the Mossberg International™ 702 Plinkster .22LR semi-automatic (actually it is more of a return as some of the company's first firearms were .22 calibers). In doing so, they brought along the same philosophy that one size doesn't fit all.

A first for rimfire fans, the Mossberg International™ 702 Plinkster® Series consists of nearly a dozen different models. You can choose among a variety of stock finishes; and there are two-scoped combos including the handy little Plinkster® Bantam™, with a shorter (12-1/4") LOP.

The new 802 Plinkster® Bolt-Action comes with adjustable sights or in a scoped Combo version, and the word on the street is that we should not be surprised to see a Bantam model coming soon.

## Serious Hunting

Last but by no means least are the 100 ATR™ Rifles – available in no fewer than 20 different configurations. A nonsense, centerfire bolt-action, the ATR features a free-floating, button-rifled barrel that provides exceptional out-of-the-box accuracy. Its two long-action calibers, .270 Winchester and .30-06 Springfield, and two short-action calibers, .243 Winchester and .308 Winchester offer an option for just about any North American big game animal.

And for the next generation rifle hunter, the ATR Super Bantam™ offers the same convertible synthetic stock design as the 500 Super Bantam, so the gun can grow with its owner.

I feel confident in saying this is surely a first in the rifle world and has got "home-run" written all over it. A 100 ATR Bantam™ (non-adjustable stock) is also new to the line, offered with a premium cut-checked American walnut stock.

Both new models feature the same "true Bantam" dimensions, with a shortened length of pull, scaled-down pistol grip, and reduced-length barrel. You'll find each model available in .243 Winchester and .308 Winchester calibers as well as the Super Bantam also being offered as a scoped combo with factory-mounted, bore-sighted 3-9x40mm variable scope. What a perfect package!

### Why Mossberg?

When considering all the variables, no other gun company offers as many choices for the young or small-framed shooter. Whether they're after elk in Montana, turkeys in the swamps of Georgia, or squirrels on an oak ridge in Ohio, Mossberg has a gun specifically suited to the application, and to the stature of the man, woman, boy, or girl behind it.

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The new 100 ATR Bantam features all the hallmarks of the Bantam Series, and sports a handsome cut-checkered walnut stock.



Like the 500 Super Bantam before it, the new ATR Super Bantam features Mossberg's innovative adjustable stock so that the rifle can "grow with the shooter."



For an added touch of class for the beginning uplander, Mossberg has added a Bantam model to the popular Mossberg International Silver Reserve Series. This 20-gauge shotgun features a Turkish walnut stock and fore end and an embellished receiver just like its full-sized predecessors.



For a fun-filled day of plinking or pursuit of small game, the Mossberg International 702 Plinkster Bantam can't be beat.

# GUNSMITHING

## HERE'S YOUR GUNSMITH!

BY: ROBERT KRONE

**H**ey there juniors (and your parents too!), my name is Robert Krone and I'm the owner of RK Gunsmithing in Nampa, Idaho. The fine folks at Junior Shooters asked me to put out some thoughts and ideas for you juniors on gunsmithing, sooooo... here goes.

First a bit on me, I have been professionally gunsmithing for six years now and part time for about 13. I spent over 20 years in Law Enforcement and have been shooting competitively for 14 years. After all that I figured having my own gunsmithing biz would be a great second career. It has. The best part is the opportunity to teach all aspects of the firearm culture.

As far as you "young guns" go, lets start with safety. Yeah, yeah, I know here's the speech again however, always try to follow the scout motto "Be Prepared"

- 1) All guns are always loaded.
- 2) Never point a gun at ANYTHING you don't want DESTROYED.
- 3) Keep your finger off the trigger until you are on target.
- 4) Know what you are shooting at, what's behind and in front of it.

Just a bit of common sense goes a long way.

Share these ideas with your folks as well cause "team" works better than "alone."

Know your gun. Know how it works backwards and forwards. Let me tell you, I have heard from plenty of adults who say "I've been around guns all my life", yeah, okay, right, most if not all of them couldn't operate, reload or clear a malfunctioning weapon if they had too. Take a minute and read that weird little book that came with your gun (the instruction manual). Yep, that's the one, the book Dad always says he doesn't need, yeah, that one.

Break your gun down with your parent, let me say right from the start this is a parent, junior thing, not a father son exclusive.

Look and see how the parts operate together and what makes what work. It's pretty cool actually, my wife won't let me take apart the toaster and reassemble it to do the same. Guns are great and nothing to be afraid of. They are tools, not porcelain toys to look at on a shelf.

As we go on in these articles I'll talk about cleaning and lubrication for your guns, basic tuning and repair, and what causes problems and about some of the great new things going on with the shooting sports and modern firearms which is my specialty.

Any questions feel free to email me at [rkroner7514@aol.com](mailto:rkroner7514@aol.com) and oh yeah, call me DOC.

Two reasons for that, one, I like to fix stuff, and two, that was my dad's nickname and he was a gun guy, a good teacher, and an all around cool dude.

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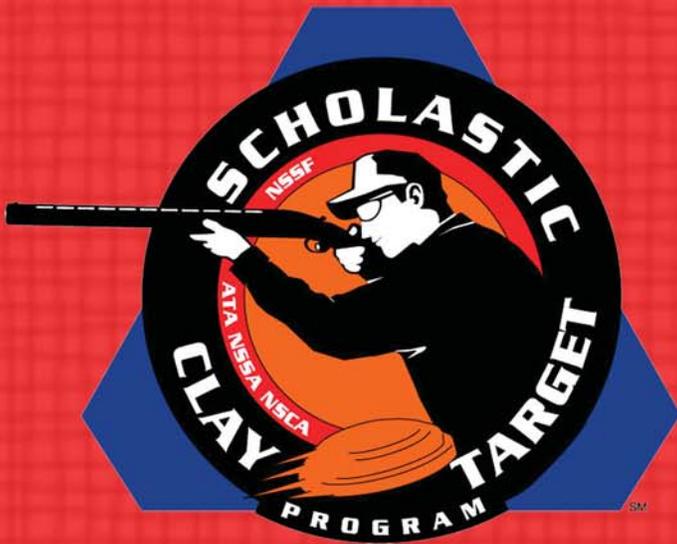
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# A LOOK BACK AT 2007

By: BILL DUNN - NSSF

## "Pull!"

It's a word more and more young Americans are saying each year - millions and millions of times, over and over again.

From coast to coast, thousands of young shotgunners came out in force in 2007 to take their best shots in the National Shooting Sports Foundation's (NSSF) Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP).

The popular team shotgun program allows youths in elementary school through high school to compete on the local, state, and national level in trap, skeet, sporting clays, and the international versions of skeet and bunker trap.

**KAYLE BROWNING OF WOOSTER,  
ARKANSAS, COMPETES AT THE  
OLYMPIC SHOOTING PARK AT FORT  
CARSON, COLORADO, AT THE 2007  
SCTP USA SHOOTING JUNIOR OLYMPIC  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.**



Commonly referred to as “the Little League of shooting sports,” SCTP has grown phenomenally since its launch in 2000. In 2007, nearly 10,000 students competed in SCTP state and national championship events, about 25 percent more than in 2006. Each year, the program continues to grow by leaps and bounds.

And it's not just for the boys, either. In fact, the number of young ladies taking part in SCTP has increased by more than 200 percent in the past four years as more and more girls discover the fun of competing with and against the boys.

“I've not observed any other shooting sports program that touches so many young people in this country,” said Lloyd Woodhouse, head coach of the U.S. Olympic shotgun team. “I don't know of anything that even comes close. It's just incredible. It's the greatest program that I can think of in the shooting world.”

SCTP is a program of the NSSF, managed in partnership with numerous sponsors, agencies and organizations, including each sport's national governing body: the Amateur Trapshooting Association, National Skeet Shooting Association, National Sports Clays Association, and USA Shooting.

“Thanks to the hard work and commitment of volunteers around the country, SCTP's success and popularity continue to skyrocket,” said NSSF's Zach Snow.

On the following pages are some highlights from the 2007 SCTP season.



## **A PACKED GRANDSTAND CHEERS DURING THE AWARDS CEREMONY AFTER THE FINAL DAY OF COMPETITION IN SPARTA.**



## The Main Event

More than 1,600 young trap shooters from around the country competed for national titles, trophies and scholarship awards at the SCTP National Trap Championships, held in August at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, Ill.

"These young shooters not only competed against SCTP teams from around the country, they battled through wind, heat, and nerves, and still put up impressive scores. In fact, over 300 shooters broke 190 or better out of 200 targets, and one shooter—Matt Bartholow of Rapid City, South Dakota—ran 200 straight," said Snow.

States represented at the event included teams from Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, and Wisconsin.

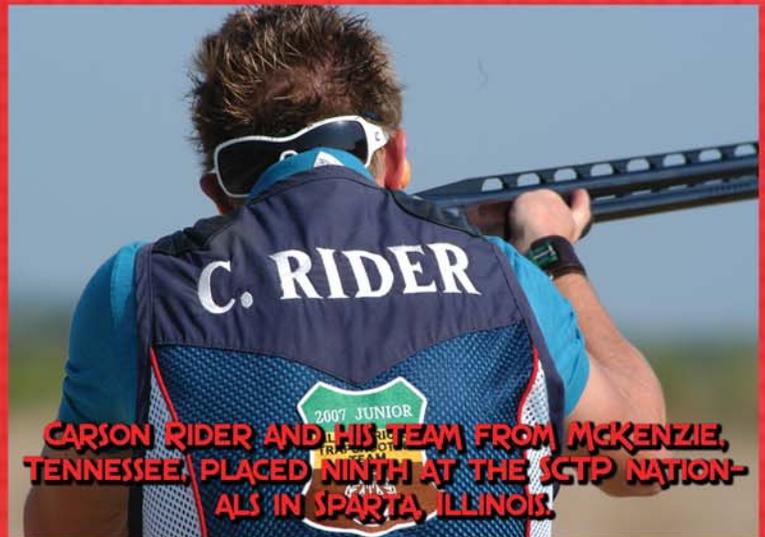
The multi-Grammy and Country Music Association award-winner Charlie Daniels Band performed a live show at the event saluting America's youth in the shooting sports. The concert was sponsored by Winchester, with support from *Trap & Field* magazine and the NSSF.

Top finishers included Missouri's Arnold Junior Trapshooters. The team hit 971 out of 1,000 targets to claim first place in the Varsity Division. Team members were John Battles of Hillsboro, Nicholas Edwards of Fenton, Benjamin Hutchings of Labadie, Kyle Kopsie of Imperial, and Jacob Wideman of Pevely.

Tennessee's Arlington Trappers came out on top in the Junior Varsity Division. They hit a combined 965 targets. The team included Cody Cochran of Arlington, Brandon Barker of Arlington, Taylor Garrison of Bartlett, Curtis Robinson of Arlington, and Keaton Irving of Arlington.

In the Intermediate Division, it was Ohio's Sportsman's Club Clay Crushers who came out on top with a 953 total score. Team members were Nathan Waldock of Attica, Matthew Ritz of Attica, Alisha Lutz of Attica, Joshua Reed of Willard, and Clay Mesnard of Bloomville.

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THE 2007 SCTP  
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NATIONAL CHAMPI-  
ONSHIPS.**



Tennessee's small but mighty Chester County Smokin' Eagles claimed first in the Rookie Division with a total score of 919. It was the second straight year a rookie team from Chester County took the top prize at nationals. Team members were Dalton Mitchell of Luray, Blake Carnell of Henderson, Cole Lawrence, Brandon Hughes of Reagan, and Jake Williams of Beech Bluff.

"Teams work hard all year to get to nationals. They practice, battle for state titles, hold fund-raisers to pay their expenses there. It's a chance to show the rest of the country what outstanding trap shooters they are," Snow said.

## Skeet, Sporting Clays Shooters Flock to San Antonio

SCTP skeet and sporting clays shooters from 19 states traveled to the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio in July to compete at the 2007 SCTP Skeet and Sporting Clays National Championships.

Scores by some of these young competitors were astounding. For example, in skeet, 15 competitors from seven different states shot championship rounds of 195 or better out of 200 targets.

Arizona was the weekend's biggest winner with seven total medals including two national championships.

In skeet, the Hot Shots (Brisden Eaton of Sierra Vista, Brielle Eaton of Sierra Vista, Scott Usry of Hereford) were crowned junior varsity national champions after missing just 22 out of 600 targets over two days. The Ben Avery Clay Crushers (Payson Unger of Phoenix, Dylan Karvanek of Anthem, Casey Coleman of Goodyear) earned a sporting clays title in the rookie division with a team that's already accustomed to winning in spite of its young age.

California finished with three total medals, highlighted by its Ink Ballers team (Brian Foley of Bakersfield, Talia Borg of Salinas, Cole Rommel of Clovis) earning a national skeet title in the varsity division for a second straight year.

Georgia's two overall medals included one national title in intermediate division skeet. The champion Lake Oconee Shotgun Team included Troy Crisp of Buckhead, Rob Horton of Eatonton and Clay Porter of Madison.

North Carolina won a national title in rookie division skeet with its Target Terminators team (Archer Price of Gastonia, Steven Allen of Kings Mountain, T. Ross Harwell of Gastonia).

Florida won a national sporting clays title following a miss-and-out shootoff that brought some of the most intense competition of the championship. The Sarasota Trap, Skeet & Clays junior varsity team (Tom Larsen of Sarasota, Rob Bilian of Sarasota, Nick Dull of Sarasota) eventually persevered.

**KAYLE BROWNING OF WOOSTER, ARKANSAS, AND COURTNEY WELLS OF DYERSBURG, TENNESSEE, HAVE SOME FUN AT THE 2007 SCTP USA SHOOTING JUNIOR OLYMPIC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN COLORADO.**



## **START AN SCTP CLUB! HERE'S HOW!**

It's been called the Little League of clay target sports, and it is always ready to welcome more interested youths and coaches on board.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation's Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) provides youths around the country with the chance to compete as a team in the shotgun sports for state, regional and national championships.

Getting a team started in your area can be "as easy as one, two, three," says Zach Snow of NSSF.

"The first thing is to find a coach, whether it be tugging on a dad's shirt or finding someone at the local gun club or school interested in working with youths," Snow said.

"After that, find a local club, see if they're willing to support your team and encourage youngsters to come out. If everyone is interested, all it takes is visiting our website and downloading the necessary forms."

If youths or potential coaches would like to learn more about SCTP, they can request a free Information Packet at [www.nssf.org/sctp](http://www.nssf.org/sctp). Also, if anyone is looking to gain the support of a local school or club, a Presentation Packet includes two DVDs about the program that can help demonstrate what the program is all about.

Contacting your SCTP state director is another way to learn more. A list of state directors is available on the SCTP website.

"Once you've got a team together, start practicing," Snow said. "If you've got other clubs in the area with teams, set up a local inter-club match prior to the state championship. "After that, maybe we'll see you at nationals."

Visit SCTP online at [www.nssf.org/sctp](http://www.nssf.org/sctp).



**SKETE SHOOTER CAITLIN CONNOR OF JENA, LOUISIANA, COMPETES AS HER TEAMMATES LOOK ON AT NSSF'S 2007 SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET PROGRAM NATIONAL SKETE AND SPORTING CLAYS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SAN ANTONIO.**

Louisiana's Clay Wings team (Caitlin Connor of Jena, Ethan Hall of Jonesboro, Joseph Dulaney of Sikes) won a varsity division sporting clays championship with a team that finished third nationally in the 2006 competition.

South Carolina won an intermediate division sporting clays title with its TKA Lions team (Austin Mogy of Florence, Richmond Wilhoit of Florence, Nicholas Long of Florence).

### Olympic Hopefuls Take Best Shots

Thanks to a joint venture between SCTP and USA Shooting, more young shotgunners than ever before participated in junior Olympic shotgun matches in 2007. Fifteen states held junior Olympic qualifiers, up from just five the year before.

In October, SCTP and USA Shooting teamed up for the first ever SCTP USA Shooting Junior Olympic National Championships, held at the Olympic Shooting Park outside Colorado Springs, Colo. It was the largest national junior Olympic event ever.

The competition included team and individual matches in the international versions of skeet and trap shooting, which are shot in the Olympics and at other world events.

The top two male and female shooters in both events claimed a spot on the U.S. national development team. Tops in international skeet were Nick Kimbrough of Atlanta, Ga. (112 + 25=137) and Caitlin Connor of Jena, La. (106). In bunker trap, Matthew Gosset of Springville, Ala. (120 + 20=140) and Stacey Schroeder of Washington, Mo. (97) claimed top honors.

Finishing on top in the team competitions were Georgia's Range Masters in skeet, hitting 325 out of 375 targets. Team members were Thomas Coggins of Bogart, Nick Kimbrough of Atlanta, and Cody Reid of Acworth.

First place in bunker trap went to Alabama's Talladega Sharpshooters, who hit 320 out of 375 targets. The team included Michael French of Tallassee, Matthew Gossett of Springville, and Brandon Knight of Lineville.

In addition to teaming up for Olympic-style events, NSSF and USA Shooting also hold an annual Junior Olympic Development Camp for a select group of young SCTP talents and coaches.

"It's only a matter of time before we see an SCTP shooter on the Olympic medals stand representing our sport and our nation," said Snow.

Visit SCTP online at [www.nssf.org/sctp](http://www.nssf.org/sctp).



ABOVE: TWO FANS TRY TO GET SOME SHADE DURING A HOT DAY AT SCTP'S TRAP NATIONALS.

JOANNA RUFF OF MISSOURI'S GATEWAY CLAYBUSTERS SHARES A LAUGH WITH HER TEAMMATES IN SPARTA, ILLINOIS AT NSSF'S 2007 SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET PROGRAM NATIONAL TRAP-SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS. THE TWO-DAY EVENT WAS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GRAND AMERICAN AT THE WORLD SHOOTING AND RECREATIONAL COMPLEX.



BELOW: SPECTATORS ALWAYS ENJOY THE SHOOTING EXHIBITION AT NSSF'S SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET PROGRAM NATIONAL SKEET AND SPORTING CLAYS CHAMPIONSHIPS.



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# FIREARMS SAFETY AND YOU!!

BY: LARRY HALEY  
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Welcome to the second edition of **Junior Shooters**. Our first edition was full of articles on the joy of the shooting sports. But did you notice there was also a consistent theme of safety? Throughout the articles safety was included. Some examples:

- ✧ Always point the muzzle down range.
- ✧ Guns should always be treated like they are loaded.
- ✧ Dad took us to a shooting range to teach us gun safety.
- ✧ Activities are designed to incorporate two elements – safety and fun.
- ✧ Plinking can be a lot of fun if done safely.

As I'm sure you have heard, **Safety is No Accident**. This is a clever pun, but a simple, straight to the target statement.

This column will cover safety and firearms. Each issue we will discuss safety from different perspectives, providing examples of good safety practices and providing true stories of what happens when safety rules are not followed. Sometimes it is not absolutely clear as to what is a safe or unsafe action. In these cases a decision has to be made by the person responsible for the firearm. These situations are sometimes called dilemmas. We will provide some dilemmas that you can discuss and decide how you would handle them. We will also provide our perspective on how we would handle them.

To begin, there is a common set of rules on firearm safety. The wording may vary slightly from source to source, but in the end they are the same. They are sometimes called The Ten Commandments of Firearms Safety. The first four are:

1. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
2. Treat every gun as if it is loaded.
3. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.
4. Know what is beyond your target.

Additional rules include:

5. Check your barrel for obstructions and that you have the right ammunition.
6. Unload firearms when not in use.
7. Only point a firearm at something you intend to shoot.
8. Don't run, jump or climb with a loaded firearm.
9. Store firearms and ammunition separately and safely.
10. Avoid alcohol and drugs before and during shooting.

Follow these rules and you will be a safe, respected shooter.

If you look at the details of most any accidental shooting, you will find that one or more of the above rules have been violated. In fact, I believe the term accidental shooting is an attempt to avoid responsibility for one's actions. If I act irresponsibly and do something that ends in a result I didn't want, I still did the action on purpose. If I shoot at a deer and miss, do I say it was an accident because I meant to hit it? If I point a gun at someone and pull the trigger thinking it is empty and shoot them, is it an accident because I didn't mean to shoot them? I don't think so, maybe stupidity. The exception here is in the case of children who gain access to unprotected firearms which results in a shooting – see rule 9.

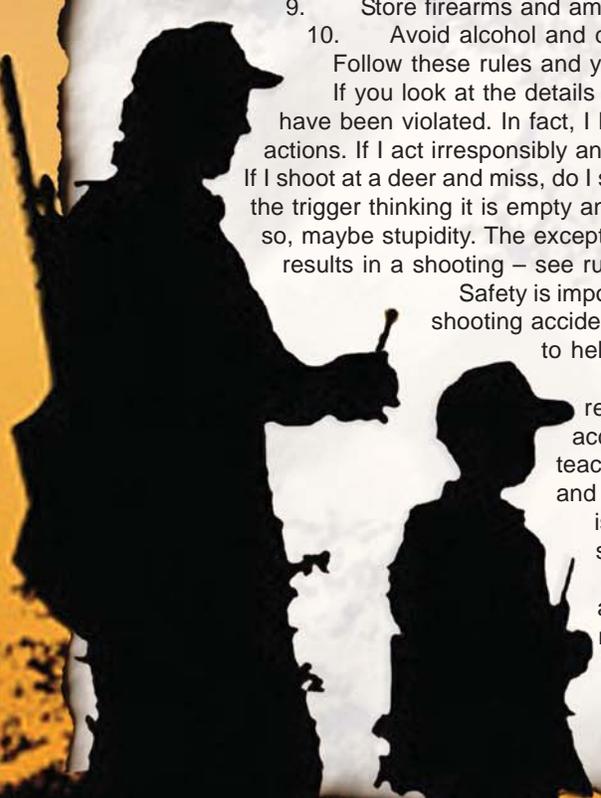
Safety is important for safety's sake, but it is also important for the future of gun ownership. Every shooting accident is one more reason for some to call for limiting firearm ownership. Do you want to help their cause?

The good news is that firearms accidents related to the shooting sports are relatively low. More accidents happen in the home. I'm guessing most of these accidents involve those who have not had the good fortune to have someone who can teach them firearm safety or are involved in a shooting sport where the members teach and practice firearms safety. If you want a class on firearm safety a good place to start is your state's hunter education program. Also check with your local gun stores and sporting goods shops for info on classes.

Your assignment until we talk again: practice rule 1 – Always point the muzzle in a safe direction. And remember, when a firearm is in your hands, you are the responsible person, no matter what anyone else tells you.

Shoot safe.

*Editor's Note: Larry has been a certified volunteer Hunter Education instructor with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game for 19 years.*



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# Families Afield

## YOUTH, HUNTING, & THE OUTDOORS

BY: BRIAN POWER AND THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE TURKEY FEDERATION

Like many grandfathers in Pennsylvania, Ron Fretts wasn't able to take his grandsons hunting because it was illegal.

Knowing there were others like him, Fretts, a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation's (NWTF) Board of Directors, decided to do something about it. And what started as a family affair ended up changing youth hunting legislation in the Keystone State.

After Pennsylvania Gov. Edward G. Rendell signed House Bill 1690 in 2005, the Pennsylvania Game Commission established a mentored youth hunting program.

"I have a number of grandsons who were under the legal age to hunt that I wanted to take to the field," Fretts said. "Before the legislation was passed, my grandsons could go along, but they couldn't shoot. It was like taking a kid to a little league game and telling him he couldn't play."

Fretts gathered 12 other concerned citizens from sportsmen's organizations across the state and formed the Mentored Youth Hunting Committee in 2004. The committee gained support from the NWTF, which has led the charge against youth hunting restrictions across the nation. Joining

the NWTF on the quest for the approval of a mentored youth hunting program were the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and the National Shooting Sports Foundation. The three organizations used data from the Youth Hunting Report to help begin removing youth hunting barriers across the nation.

"Allowing young people to safely experience hunting with a mentor is the best way to make them appreciative of the hunting tradition," said Rob Keck, NWTF CEO. "Getting them interested in hunting at an early age will not only prepare them for hunter education courses, but lays the foundation for being good conservationists."

The Youth Hunting Report, written by Silvertip Productions, USSA, and Southwick Associates Inc., found that some states experience better recruitment and retention of new hunters than others. They do so by permitting parents to decide when their sons and daughters are ready to hunt, and allowing potential hunters to try hunting under the watchful eye of a mentor before completing a hunter education course.

The Youth Hunting Report shows youth hunters are the safest hunters in the woods when accompanied by an adult.





The findings were peer reviewed for statistical validity by the Triad Research Group. For more information on hunting safety data and the Youth Hunting Report, go to [www.familiesafield.org](http://www.familiesafield.org)

To date, 22 states have approved Families Afield legislation and six of those states have already measured the program's performance and report significant increases in new hunters. Data available from Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi and Ohio reveals that apprentice hunting license programs brought nearly 34,000 new hunters to the field without a single hunting-related shooting incident.

The 22 states that have changed laws and regulations to create additional hunting opportunities for youth and novice hunters are: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Washington



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# Hunters Set Sales Record!

With more than 50 million Americans saying they've hunted in the past two years, it's not surprising that a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service report shows that U.S. hunters set a new record in hunting license, tag, and stamp sales in 2005.

The total sales for licenses, tags, and stamps in 2005 were more than \$723 million.

Through the efforts of Families Afield, more people have the opportunity to experience the hunting tradition, and therefore help with the conservation effort through the purchasing power of license, tags, equipment - everything needed for hunting.

"When you see numbers like these it's evident that conservation and hunting heritage efforts are making an impact," said Rob Keck, NWTf CEO. "It also emphasizes that we must continue these efforts, to ensure the future of hunting, and the wildlife and habitat that make our heritage so special to millions of Americans."

In addition to the Fish and Wildlife Service report, a survey commissioned by the National Shooting Sports Foundation and conducted by independent firm Responsive Management shows 19 percent of Americans-more than 50 million people-said they've hunted in the past two years.

Both sales and participation numbers have the chance to increase, with new hunters being introduced to the tradition through the work of Families Afield. Today's youth are tomorrow's conservationists and hooking them on hunting at an early age will make them appreciative of the hunting tradition. This will also increase hunter retention and ensure the future of conservation remains strong.



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## TIPS & HINTS FOR AIRGUN AND SMALLBORE COMPETITION

BY- BOB BENBOUGH - COACH BOB

Articles on Tips and Hints will appear in **Junior Shooters** on a regular basis. They will be devoted to passing on information that will be helpful in your quest for excellence while participating in competitive shooting. Of course, almost every one of the basics that apply to the airgun world, where I am going to start, also apply to the rest of the shooting sports (including archery), and, since our purpose in all this is to help you become a better shooter, we'll be dealing a lot with "basics." A little side story may help me make my point. A long time ago, back in the '80s, I was attending the annual National Coaches Conference at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs listening to one our U.S. Olympic shooting athletes give us some insight into how he and his teammates trained for the "Big Event."

One of the attendees asked which aspects of marksmanship they focused on before the competition. Of course, we were all sitting on the edge of our chairs expecting to be told the great secrets of attaining Olympic excellence, and most of us were really surprised by his answer. He said very simply, "the basics." We do spend time on a number of fine points in this game, but we need to remember that these fine points don't do us a bit of good if we ignore any of the basics. And I really have learned over a whole lot of years that it's very easy to let a basic concept get away from you without even realizing it.

A good steady shooting position, proper sight alignment, sight picture, breath control, trigger control, and perfect follow through are essential to putting the shot where you want it. In future issues we will be covering a number of questions and issues that pertain to becoming the best shot that you can be. Some that come to mind include; the importance of eye dominance, proper rest, exercise, diet (chocolate before a match is a definite no-no), and of course, equipment. In closing, I encourage anyone who has a particular subject that they would like to see discussed in this column to contact me here at **Junior Shooters** and we will work it in as soon as possible. And don't let anyone give you a bad time about airguns being kids toys! Those of us who have been in this game for any length of time at all know that nothing could be further from the truth.

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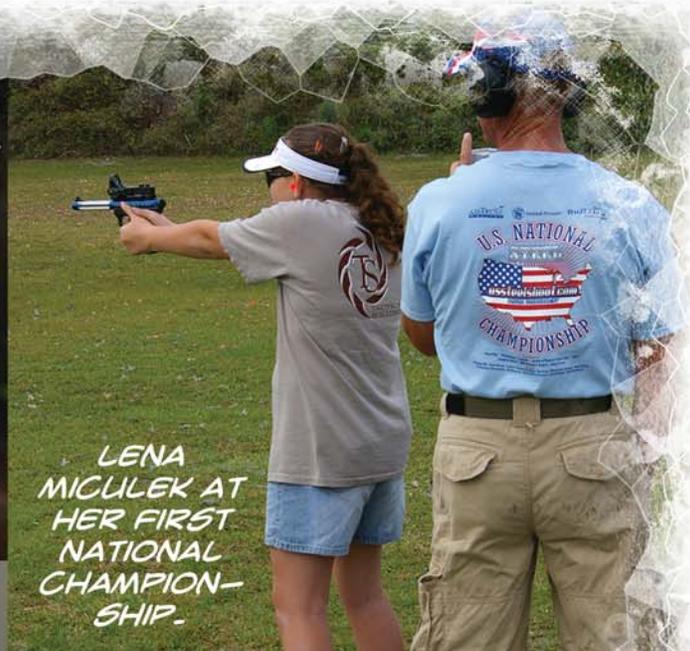
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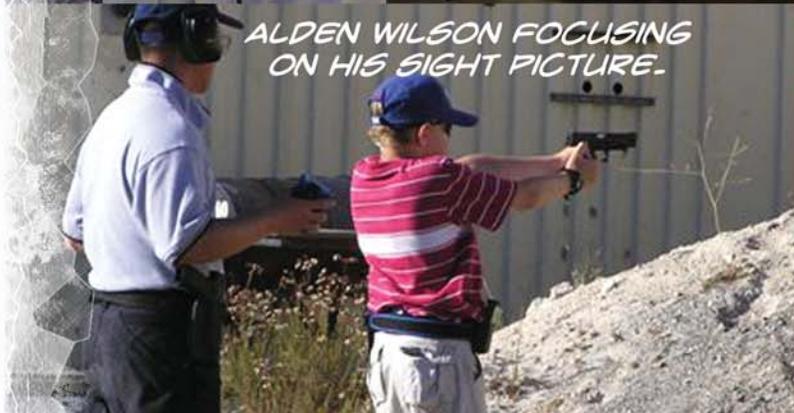
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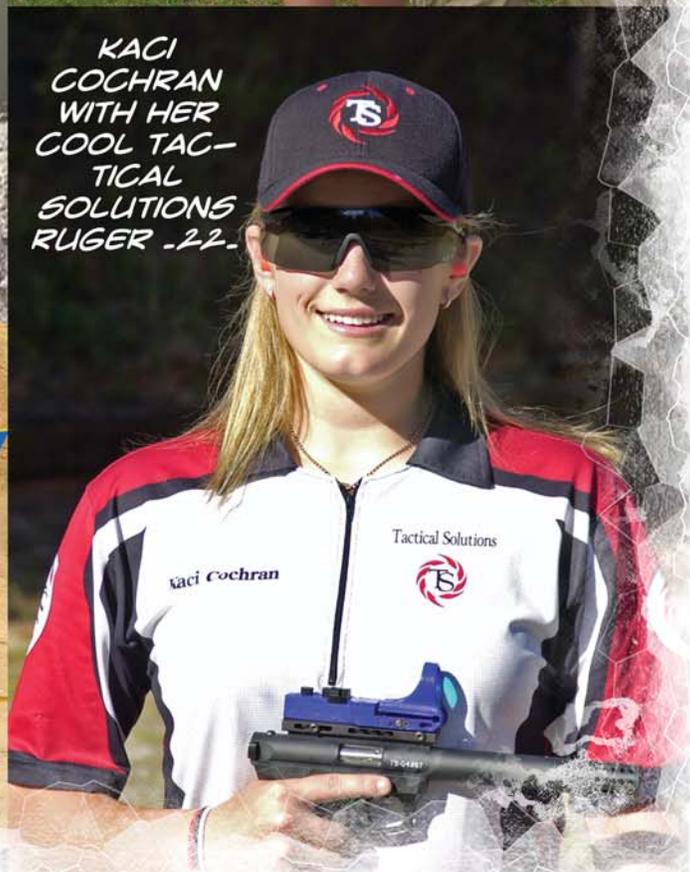
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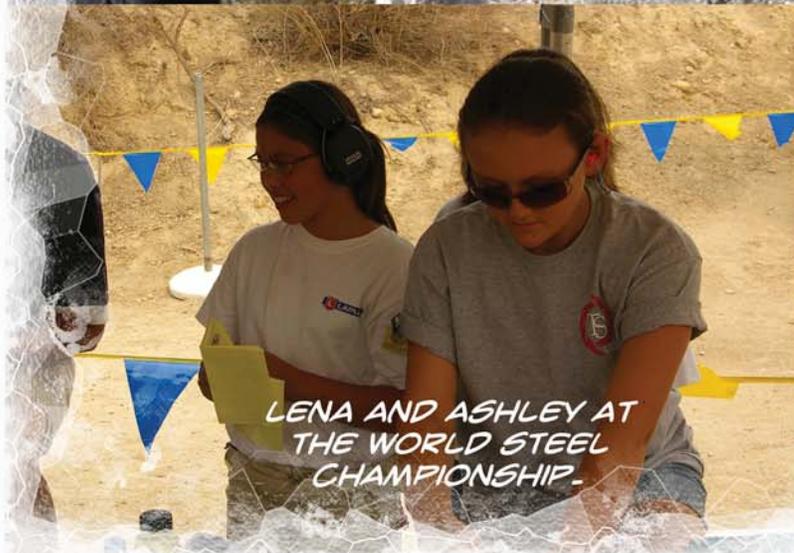
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# TACTICAL SOLUTIONS



BY: ANDY FINK

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**I**t is not only shooting organizations that sponsor youth programs and junior shooters but many companies put in time, effort, products, and money to encourage young shooters. This column will focus on one such company each issue and talk about what they are doing, their programs, and thank them for their support. Tactical Solutions will be the subject of the first column.

It was very evident that Chet Alvord of Tactical Solutions is extremely enthusiastic about our youth. He says, "You don't have to be a top shooter to get our support." Though he wants to see more and more youth shooters get into the shooting sports and just enjoy the fun, he is also concerned about protecting our right to own firearms. "The shooting industry is being attacked on all fronts by people wanting to see guns and ammunition outlawed in the United States. One of the best ways to keep our rights is our right to vote. We feel that it is imperative to increase the number of shooting voters to keep our shooting sports alive. Obviously we feel that our shooting future lies in the hands of future junior shooters."

Tactical Solutions kept these thoughts in mind as they looked at the products they wanted to produce and the markets they were interested in. They took a look at three specific firearms, two pistols and one rifle, with which many young people start shooting, the Ruger & Browning .22 caliber Long Rifle (LR) semi-automatic pistols and the Ruger 10/22 semi-automatic rifle.

These products are very good entry level firearms because they are inexpensive, durable, function well, and are great for plinking, learning basic shooting techniques, and having fun. However, they are heavy for the very young shooters and only reasonably accurate when looking at using them for competitive shooting sports. Chet says, "If a new shooter on his/ her initial experience in shooting a firearm has a successful and enjoyable experience we have a better chance to have a life long supporter of the industry. Likewise, if the pistol or rifle that is being used is too heavy, or out of balance, or not accurate enough for the use it is being put to (and the experience is not positive), we lose the potential shooter to video games and will not have another chance to get them back."

Tactical Solutions aftermarket products have some significant benefits to the new youth shooter:

- Increased accuracy – concentricity and machining tolerances.

- Improved Balance – the weight distribution is back in the hand not at the muzzle end and is thus steadier and not muzzle heavy for a younger shooter.

- Weight of firearm reduced dramatically.

- Attractive and custom firearm.

Their idea is simple: "Make their first shooting experience fun and successful and we have a chance for a new lifetime shooter!"

We promote our products to new shooters but we are also selling our products to some of the accomplished shooters in

the country. These men, women, and junior shooters are using and winning National and World competitions with our barrels in rimfire competitions."

Since Tactical Solutions opened in 2003, they have sponsored many local, regional, and national junior shooting competitions. At the 2007 National Steel Championships, Tactical Solutions requested and then sponsored a National Junior Division. They usually provide several thousand dollars worth of pistols, rifles, and barrels for prize tables while specifying they have to be for junior competitors. Their sponsored kids may receive pistols, hats, ammunition, free modifications and upgrades to their guns including customizing work. They also work with clubs around the country and build custom guns for Junior Olympic competition training. They have helped numerous junior shooters, some of whom have become nationally recognized competitors such as Daniel Horner who is a current member of the United States Army Marksmanship Unit.

Chet says, "Not every sponsored junior shooter is a future top caliber competitor. We often time sponsor young girl and boy shooters who shoot that always seem to have a smile on their face. They represent their sport well and will share their knowledge and firearm with others. In short, they love shooting sports and their love is reflected in their smiles and willingness to help others."

Some of the juniors Tactical Solutions is currently supporting include: Kaci Cochran, Ashley Bolda, Lena Micalik, and Alden Wilson. Kaci has this to say about her sponsor: "The people at Tactical Solutions are great! They take very good care of me. I feel very blessed to have this opportunity to work with them. To me they are more than sponsors, they are family!"

With their help, the goal of becoming the best shooter that I can be is coming true. It is infinitely more productive to train with the best and most reliable equipment, and that is what you get with Tactical Solutions. With Tactical Solutions' support I will continue to grow and improve as a well rounded shooter. I also hope to use this opportunity to inspire other junior shooters to come out and participate in the various shooting sports that I enjoy with my family and friends!"

I am very proud to wear The Tactical Solutions Team shirt, and hope to be an Ambassador for their company in the shooting sports for a long time to come!"

You don't have to be a champion shooter to get support.

If you need sponsor support for juniors give Chet at Tactical Solutions a call.

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# Meet Deleana Saylor

## An 11-Year-Old Steel

### Challenge Champion ... Seriously

BY: BOB SAYLOR



DELEANA HANDLING THE RECOIL OF HER .9MM 1911 SINGLE-STACK CASPIAN/COLT SLIDE AND RECEIVER BUILT BY WIL O'HARA GUNSMITHING IN CORONA, CALIFORNIA.



The tension was high and electricity seemed to flow through the crowd as the young 11-year old took her place at the shooting line. The young girl had a jam on her last stage but she held her composure, cleared it, and finished her stage safely and accurately. She appeared calm standing there ready to shoot with her ponytail floating behind her and you could see that she had put the fact that her gun had jammed on the last stage behind her. This was it, if she could finish this stage, the Smoke n' Hope stage, which was the final stage of this two-day event by hitting all five targets with a fast time she could win it! The timer went off and she moved quickly and smoothly, her focus on the dot on her C-more scope and the target in front of her. Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang - five shots rang out with her last one stopping the clock. Her completed time was 3.75 seconds. She was now the pre-teen Steel Challenge champion for 2007 just like her brother was in 2006! It was amazing to see how well this young girl handled a 1911-style semi-auto pistol in 9mm. She was safe, had full control, and was both fast and accurate.

Deleana Alexandra Saylor, "DAS", came into the world on March 14, 1996. She was greeted by Mom, Alicia, Dad, Bob, Brother, R. Chris, and their faithful dog, Zeus, which pretty much completed the alphabet (ABCD-Z); how cool was that. Deleana's Dad had always been very active in sports, music, chess, western arts and crafts, and had a great love for the outdoors. Bob had a lot of energy and could not wait to share that with his kids. Since the early '80s he has been teaching other parents kids how to swim, play tennis, basketball, and shoot.

Now it was the pride of knowing that this time he was teaching and guiding his own kids. Chris became a very gifted athlete in youth sports while Deleana pursued modeling, acting, as well as singing the National Anthem at schools sporting events, and God Bless the USA at special events, including for her many sponsors.

Both Deleana and her older brother Chris were introduced to shooting sports at an early age. Both children, along with their mother Alicia (also a very good shot), would travel throughout the Western United States, for various major shooting events, i.e. Steel Challenge, Police Olympics, U.S. Nationals, Area as well as State and local club matches to support dad. Deleana's dad has worked in Law Enforcement for over 20 years, a Master Class IPSC shooter and an N.R.A. Certified firearms instructor. He has volunteered his time teaching law enforcement, Military, security personnel, and junior shooters for over 25 years.

Bob's family would usually stay a few minutes to half an hour after a club match to help new shooters with techniques or shooting related products he represents or is sponsored by. Dad says that public relations is important to the shooting sports and to our sponsors, which includes, but not limited to, one of the largest Unions in the Nation, CCPOA. How you conduct yourself, on or off the range, can greatly affect how the public perceives the company, their products, and the sponsors you represent or support you.

Deleana's inspiration for shooting guns came from her older brother Chris, whose inspiration came from his dad, whose inspiration came from his Grandfather Claude Saylor, a Washington State tennis doubles champion, an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing, marksmanship, but above all, he was a hard working farmer from Rupert, Idaho. Even though Grampa Claude has passed on, his legacy lives on. In Bob, he instilled reverence, perseverance, hard work, respect, and to know and always value the importance of your family.

Deleana's early introduction to shooting began between two to three years of age. She and mom were in the car watching dad and Chris practicing at the range, so she wanted to try it. The number one rule that goes along with safety first, is that eye and ear protection will be worn at all times, whether shooting or watching someone shoot. She agreed, and this became her introduction to shooting a small caliber handgun. Because Deleana was right handed and a first time shooter, Dad stood to her left side, cupping and supporting the bottom of the trigger guard in the valley between his left thumb and fingers, at the same time covering opposite sides of the trigger, forcing her index finger to point down range. Deleana's father has been using this

technique for over 25 years, although he has never seen anyone else use it, he does not feel he originated the idea. He values the technique because it helps him maintain a visual on the shooter, control the sweep of the muzzle, and allow the young student to focus more on safety and the target in front them rather than the weight of the pistol.

Once Deleana understood dad's instruction, He chambered the only round from the magazine, slipped his left hand to the base of the grip, brought the pistol to Deleana's shoulder level, allowed her to re-grip the pistol, and then when she was ready, dad allowed her to insert her finger inside the trigger guard and slowly squeeze the trigger.

Needless to say, happier moments were never had as father and daughter bonded for the second time, as well as a third time, when Deleana had asked dad if she could shoot some more.

By the time Deleana was six years old, she was safely and proficiently shooting pistols like the CZ-83 & 75, Sig 230, 1911 STI 38 super high-capacity limited pistol and a Caspian single stack "Open Steel-Gun." On weekends, she would help dad and Chris by helping new shooters overcoming their fear of firearms, or just watch her dad train and prepare people for Military or Police work.

The Saylor family would also prepare students for competitive shooting as well as introducing and allowing students and Law Enforcement Officers, a chance to test and evaluate new shooting related products received from their sponsors from around the U.S. as well as Finland. The private property and non-profit shooting range and sponsor donated material used to train students from within and out of the area, is located just outside of Crescent City, California, in beautiful Del Norte County.

In 2005, Bob, Chris, and Deleana, were invited to train approximately 35 Naval Sea Cadets from Southern Oregon, and Northern California, in firearms safety and familiarization. The Cadets ages range from 13 to 18 years old, some with no formal firearms training. The Cadets were provided with two pistols and two black military rifles, one of which had a Leupold CQ/Tmk4 scope provided by Leupold, for testing and evaluation. Other sponsors like Lapua provide ammo, Slip-2000 donated gun care products, and Pro-Ears donated a set of competition electronic hearing protection, for the class. Deleana conducted a



*DELEANA WITH HER 3RD PLACE PRE-TEEN TROPHY AND HER PROUD DAD, BOB, AT HER FIRST STEEL CHALLENGE IN 2006.*



*DELEANA'S BROTHER CHRIS AS HE FOCUSES ON HIS TARGET.*

demonstration with a rimfire pistol, while Dad explained and briefed the class. The Saylor family received commendation from Naval Cadets and their Commanding Officers as well as a letter of appreciation and commendation from former United States President, Gerald Ford.

In July 2005 at age nine, Deleana passed her hunter safety, and was invited by local Game Warden Dan Beck, to participate in the November junior pheasant hunt, he even provided her the use of his own mother's Remington Model 870 20-gauge shotgun because Deleana does not have or own . She let the first two roosters fly for the sake of being safe, but she brought down the next two with one shot each. She rode home that day happy with her accomplishment, while her very proud dad looked at the little person seated next to him and smiled at his very own accomplishment.

In December of 2005, Deleana went into dad's reloading room and asked when she could start shooting competitively, and have sponsors like her older brother Chris.

Dad sat her down on his lap and asked how bad do you want to shoot? She replied, "Dad I'm willing to give up all of my Barbie Dolls."

When dad started training Deleana for her first match in January 2006, he went from standing at her left side, to standing behind her, looking directly down over her head so he could see which side of her face the scope was lined up with. When the scope was lined up on the left side of her face, dad would instruct her, "Alright punkin, move the gun to the right side." In less than two months she went from left eye dominant to being right eye and shooting with both eyes open. It also didn't hurt that older brother Chris was there to lend her words of encouragement during her training. Shortly after her first IPSC match in Roseburgh, Oregon,

Dad and Chris began training, as well as preparing, "DAS" for her second match, the 2006 Steel Challenge. Deleana's 2006 and the 2007 Steel Challenge gun she used to win the Pre-teen event, is built on the 1911 single stack Caspian/Colt slide and receiver. It was rebuilt by Wil O'hara Gunsmithing in Corona, California. The existing internal and external parts, are from Cylinder and Slide, STI, EGW, Allchin, Grams Engineering, Gunsite low mount thumb safety, Aftac extractor, Hogue Grips, and C-More sights. The 9mm match grade, ramped barrel from Bar-sto Precision is attached to Wil O'hara's dual port cone compensator. Her match ammo consists of once fired cases, pro-rolled brass, VihtaVuori N320 powder, 115 X-treme plated bullets, Winchester small pistol primers, loaded on a Dillon 550B by her dad. Her ear and eye protection are from Pro-ears/Ridgeline Inc., her 012 holster and competition gear are from Safariland, and her timer and range bag are from Competitive Edge Dynamics. She wears 511 shooting pants for competition, she carries a Cold Steel knife that she treasures which was one of her prizes from 2006 Steel Challenge, and she uses Slip-2000 gun care products to keep her firearms in working order.

On weekends when not participating in intramural sports, Deleana and her brother travel to Oregon and Northern California to compete in Steel or IPSC matches.

Earlier this summer, Deleana and her Dad worked with their sponsors and corporate shooting members at the First-Shot program in Corona, California. She introduced over 800 first time shooters to the sport

Deleana has become very competitive, and has been winning the clubs Ladies Division and graciously taking second behind the overall match winner, her brother Chris.

The Saylor family would like to express their sincere appreciation to SHOOT MAGAZINE and **Junior Shooters**, for all of their interest.

Good Luck

Alicica-Bob-Chris and Deleana Saylor



*DELEANA ON HER FIRST PHEASANT HUNT WITH THE TWO PHEASANTS SHE SHOT AND THE BIG 20-GAUGE SHOTGUN SHE BORROWED.*



# KIDS GEAR

BY: RAY WALTERS

## Fiocchi Trainer Lite 20-Gauge Shotshells

Designed specifically for junior shooters and many lady shooters is the new Trainer Lite 20 shotshells from Fiocchi. With a velocity of 1,075 feet-per-second (fps) and a very shooter friendly  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounce shot charge, the Fiocchi Trainer is a light recoil load perfect for sporting clays as well as trap and skeet applications.

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## Youth Shooting Glasses by Beretta USA

Want to look really cool on the firing line as well as protect your eyes to the m a x ?

Addressing the specific needs of young shooters, Beretta USA has developed their Youth Shooting Glasses to fit the smaller faces of many junior shooters. With all the fit, style, and protection of their adult Shields the Beretta Youth glasses are constructed using the finest polycarbonate lenses with the highest quality ophthalmic components. Providing the same impact, UV, and IR, protection of their adult glasses the youth model is available in five colors plus clear and come in a zippered hard case. For more information about Beretta Youth Shooting Glasses and other Beretta safety products go online to [www.shopberetta.com](http://www.shopberetta.com), or see your local sporting and shooting equipment dealer.



## Supreme Pro Earmuffs from Keltron Outdoors

As we all know, eye and ear protection are two of the most important safety issues in shooting; just ask any of us deaf, old guys who didn't think so when we started shooting. To the rescue comes the Supreme Pro earmuff system which is the most technologically advanced ear protection available on the market. This electronic earmuff utilizes New Compression Technology that eliminates clipping, and amplifies natural sounds by four times the natural level. For more information about the ultimate in hearing protection, visit their website at [www.sordinearmuffs.com](http://www.sordinearmuffs.com).



## Snap n Pull Quick Barrel Cleaning System by Gunslick

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