POR Beginning

By Serena Juchnowski (20)

Shooting my .32-20 during the June 2018 Buffalo Shoot.

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Clank! I watch with acute satisfaction as yet another metal silhouette swiftly falls toward the green grass. Feeling a small smile inch onto my face, I load another round into my .32-20. I shoulder my rifle, eyes focused in on the last chicken of the row. Holding my breath, I center the black shape on the crosshairs. In one fluid motion, I ease the hammer back and pull the trigger, hoping I did not jerk the front of the gun in the process. Almost immediately I hear the clank I had breathlessly waited for. Relief and excitement flow through me – offhand shots pose the greatest challenge – now on to the shooting sticks.

Tusco Rifle Club hosts monthly Buffalo Shoots from April to November every year. Attendees can shoot various rifles, but only cast bullets. The approximately 200-meter range is in reality a silhouette pistol range, a partner project between Tusco Rifle Club and the International Handgun Metallic Silhouette Association (IHMSA). IHMSA runs handgun matches throughout the year, while Tusco uses the range for other events such as the rifle Buffalo Shoot, an offshoot of a Cowboy Silhouette Shoot. True rifle silhouette ranges, like Ridgway Rifle Club in Pennsylvania, stretch much further. The buffalo target is usually placed at 1000 yards, hence the term "Buffalo Shoot". Crows, coyotes and other animals may appear as well, though the standard silhouettes are chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams.

Tusco Rifle Club's silhouette range features chicken, pig, turkey and ram silhouette targets at varying distances. Several relays are run over the course of a day. There are multiple banks of animals, each bank with a set of five chickens, five pigs, five turkeys and five rams. Each bank is for a different class or separate competition within the day's match. A class is determined by the distance, type of rifle one is shooting, and sights one is using. Classes include the short-range .22 (scope and iron sights), long-range .22, short-range pistol caliber, long-range pistol caliber, single-shot tang, and long-range lever gun. Since they are shot on pistol targets closer than the comparable rifle silhouette targets would be, these buffalo shoots are primarily for fun.

Each relay has 25 minutes to shoot 20 animal silhouettes plus sighters. Sighters are shots fired to confirm zeroes and do not count for score. There are five targets in each row of animals. So if one is shooting in the short-range .22 class, the course of fire is five chicken targets offhand at 25 yards, five pig targets off of shooting sticks at 50 yards, five turkey targets off of shooting sticks at 75 yards, and five ram targets off of shooting sticks at 100 yards. The short-range pistol caliber class at Tusco follows the same course of fire. Chickens are shot offhand at 50 yards instead of 25 yards in the long-range .22 class and the long-range pistol caliber class though the .22 silhouettes are much smaller than those used for the pistol class. For the long-range lever gun and single-shot tang classes, pigs, turkeys, rams and chickens are shot off of sticks at 100 yards, 150 yards, 200 yards and 200 meters respectively.

The silhouette discipline prohibits the use of slings, heavy shooting gloves and shooting coats. It is a relatively inexpensive discipline for shooters to get started in as you can start with just a rifle, ammunition, homemade shooting sticks, and ear and eye protection. Shooting chickens offhand is just that – shooting from the standing position without bracing off of anything. To shoot off of sticks, two pieces of wood are fastened together, one lays on the ground, typically on a mat, and places the barrel of the rifle on top of the sticks. The shooting sticks are adjustable so they can be raised and lowered for different shooters.

Silhouette is a great way to introduce someone to the shooting sports. When I was about 14, my dad's mentor Chuck Malone stopped by my house. He taught me how to properly shoulder a .22-caliber rifle and how to shoot offhand. I had never used one before, having only shot a BB gun years earlier at camp. My dad placed a tiny, white chicken silhouette approximately 25 yards away and instructed me to aim for it. I hit the chicken with my first shot. Looks of utter surprise greeted me as I turned around. "Try it again," my dad prompted me. Curious to see if I had only beginner's luck, I loaded a second bullet. My second attempt also struck the chicken. Impressed, Chuck showed me how to shoot off of sticks and read a Vernier scale Tang sight. He also invited my dad and me to a buffalo shoot at Tusco Rifle Club a few weeks later. Thus began my love affair with marksmanship.

If it was not for Chuck, I would not be shooting today. My dad is an avid outdoorsman, but it took someone outside my household to pique my interest in the shooting sports. I loved the competitive aspect of shooting and while I did not seem to fit in the traditional school team sports, I found myself wanting to improve my shooting abilities. Chuck, whom I consider my "adopted" grandfather, has encouraged me to improve and learn more. He has years of experience with firearms and started shooting cast-bullet silhouette at Ridgway in 1989. My parents and those around me have always been incredibly supportive as well.

As a combined birthday and Christmas present a few years ago, Mr. Malone built a custom .32-20 rifle, with some help from his friend Mr. Steve Santa, especially for me. He made certain that my dad understood that it belonged solely to me – my dad could store it, but not play with it. When spring rolled around and shooting season began, I excitedly prepared myself to try out my new gun. I competed in the pistol caliber class, knocking down 19 of the 20 score animals. Near the end of the match, everyone gathered for a three-way shootoff - Steve Mauer and Chuck Malone had also shot 19 animals. During the sudden death competition, each shooter selected a specific chicken target 50 yards away to aim at. I made my first shot, missed my second, and redeemed myself during the third. Overall, I came in second place, beating Mr. Malone with the gun he built! That shoot-off is one of my fondest memories of Tusco Rifle Club. Not only was it entertaining, but it really showed me how uniting the shooting sports are. Everyone may have different ideas and different backgrounds, but all share the same passion and support for the Second Amendment.

In recent years, I have shot more highpower service rifle than silhouette, but still try to come back to the range where I first began shooting. Just as I have learned, and am still learning from Chuck, my dad and I have brought some of my friends from South Cuyahoga Junior High power rifle team to shoot silhouette. Last year, we had four new shooters in one day: my junior friends Alex Mrosko and George Kerg along with their dads, Dave Mrosko and Dave Kerg. The moment my dad, Dave Juchnowski, Mr. Mrosko, and Mr. Kerg all realized they had the same first name was priceless!

Learning the ways of firearms has served invaluable to me. Without guns, I would never have met many wonderful people or filled the missing spot in my family tree. In addition, practicing marksmanship provides me with a relaxing and useful lifelong skill. I think of the range as a sort of second home and all of the people as an extended family. I will forever cherish my experiences and what I continue to learn at Tusco Rifle Club.



Only cast bullets are allowed at Tusco Rifle Club's Buffalo Shoot.

Chuck and I a few years ago, I was still in high school when this photo was taken.



Shooting my .22 Thompson Center contender offhand during a chilly November silhouette match as my dad watches my shots.



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Going prone with my .32-20. The basic set-up for a shooter and scorer – The shooter has a mat, shooting sticks, and book of sight settings. The spotter, the person watching the shots, has a spotting scope, pegboard, scoresheet, and chair to sit in.



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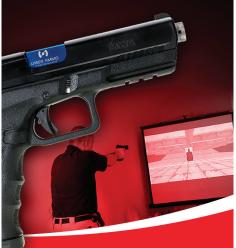
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Wyandotte County 4-H Edges Pierre Junior Shooters at the

By Lawrence Taylor

The Pierre Junior Shooters from Pierre, S.D., came into the 2018 Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match (Daisy Nationals) looking for a threepeat performance, and they almost got it. While they hadn't blown away the competition the last two years, they had shot well enough to win two Team Championships and an Individual Aggregate National Championship. Everyone knew they again were the team to beat, and in a nail-biter, the Wyandotte County 4-H BB Team out of Kansas City, Kan., did just that -- by a single point!

When the figurative smoke cleared, Wyandotte County 4-H scored 2,474.4, and the Pierre Junior Shooters sat at 2,473.4. The Gallatin Valley Sharp Shooters out of Bozeman, Mont., placed third with 2,472.3.

The Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match is a 5-meter, four position (standing, kneeling, sitting and prone) match held annually at the John Q. Hammons Convention Center in Rogers, Ark., and it brings together the best BB gun shooters ages 8-15. These 5-person teams must qualify for the event by coming in first, second or third in a state NRA-sanctioned match.

This year's Match, held June 30-July 3, brought approximately 2,000 shooters, former champions, coaches and parents to Northwest Arkansas. They came from as far as Georgia, Oregon, Virginia, Wisconsin and South Texas. Most teams are created through the 4-H Shooting Sports Program, but any community, religious or outdoors educational organization can form a team as long as it follows the curriculum outlined by Daisy.

The Daisy curriculum features hours of classroom gun-safety and education work prior to the youth ever touching a gun. In fact, before the shooting starts at the Daisy Nationals, each competitor must take a test covering gun safety and match rules, and their score on that test makes up 20 percent of their final score. This year 19 competitors made a perfect score on the test. Youth and coaches alike look forward to the Daisy Nationals and make the event the centerpiece to a summer vacation, but it takes hard work

and determination from both kids and coaches to qualify. "We practice together as a team and the coaches polish us, call the shots and help us out any way they can," said Garret Dall, a member of the 2018 National Champion Wyandotte County 4-H Team. Dall, a well-seasoned shooter, placed second in the Individual Aggregate division in 2016.

In addition to the five team members, two alternates can attend to take over should a shooter not be able to compete, and if you shoot as a team member one year you must shoot in the Champions division the next. After shooting as a Champion, shooters are

Shooter and coach shooting from the sitting position

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2018 Daisy Nationals

Tony Stacy broke the national record.

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allowed to again compete as a regular team member. This brings new, fresh youth shooters into the program every year, and these Champions and Alternates compete for National Championships in their own divisions.

For 2018, 54 teams from across the nation competed for the National Championship. Many of the teams are regulars at the Daisy Nationals, like the Timber Beasts out of Oregon and the Awesome Possums hailing from Tennessee, and the local favorite O.Y.S.T (Ozark Youth Shooting Team) from Bentonville, Ark., who this year took on the moniker of Beni and the Bullseyes because the team consisted of one boy (Beni) and four girls.

That's another aspect of the Daisy Nationals that adds to its universal appeal – girls participate on the same playing field as boys, and often perform at a higher level. Many Individual Aggregate National Champions have been female. Former Olympic shooter Lydia Paterson won back in 2010, and this year Erica Berger from the Gallatin Valley Sharp Shooters took top individual honors.

For the youth shooters this event is the culmination of many hours of hard work, and the competition is at the highest level. To win the Individual Aggregate National Championship, Berger beat the second place finisher by just one-tenth of a point (this secondplace finisher was also a female).

"We practice 10 months out of the year, three or four nights a week, three hours a night," Berger said. "The best thing that my coach says to me is don't take bad shots – if it doesn't feel right, don't take the shot."

Berger's coach, Kevin Baisch, was honored for coaching youth BB gun shooters for 25 years this year and has attended the Daisy Nationals six times.

"Iam blown away every time I attend," he said. "The Southern hospitality is second-to-none, and the folks making this happen are always a class act."

Again this year the Daisy Nationals saw a National Record attempt. When a shooter shoots all 10s - a perfect score - he or she is allowed to shoot for a National Record. Tony Stacy, a member of the Walton County out of Monroe, Ga., already held a National Record, with five additional perfect shots over and above his perfect score. This year he shot eight perfect shots after his perfect 10 to break his own record. As always, the 53rd annual event featured plenty of fun, action

and emotion beyond the shooting competition. The Barter Bar, in which competitors bring items representing their states (which can include everything from homemade crafts and wildlife-related items to cans of "Potted Possum" meat and sports jerseys) and swap them with other competitors.

Other events include a Parade of Champions at the opening ceremonies in which many team wears costumes or custom T-shirts of their own design. This year, Academy Sports + Outdoors sponsored the costume/theme and T-shirt design side contests and presented the winners with \$500 gift cards.

During the Opening Ceremonies, teams are paraded through the massive ballroom, their names are announced and they take the stage for photographs. It's as festive a moment as many of the youth shooters have ever experienced and supports Daisy's position to make this event a highlight of the year for these kids. Their hard work, focus and determination are rewarded.

The Match also includes a Painted Gun contest. Each competitor must shoot the Daisy 499B Champion BB Gun, the most-accurate 5-meter competition BB gun in the world, and may decorate it any way they choose within the





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parameters set forth by the NRA. Many guns look as sharp as sports cars or follow a particular theme. First, second and third place winners were awarded Academy Sports + Outdoors gift cards in the amount of \$300, \$200 and \$100 respectively. This year top honors in the painted gun contest was Jayson Kimberly from the Montgomery County Group Therapy team out of Conroe, Texas. It features a classic image of Red Ryder on a horse with vivid colors and a deep gloss. Each shooter shoots the Daisy Champion 499B, and it's is not the Red Ryder that so many of us used when we took our very first shots. It's a muzzle-loading lever action that shoots ragged holes at 5 meters. "These extra events, the painted gun contest and the costumes, are what separates the Daisy Nationals from other shooting competitions," said Daisy Public Relations Director Lawrence Taylor. "Attend the event one time and you'll see why

> For more information on Daisy and the Daisy Nationals, go to www. daisy.com. For a comprehensive listing of winners, as well as thousands of images and other information on the event, go to www. dnbbgcm.com.

this is the premier youth shooting event in the nation. It's way more than just a shooting competition, as evidenced by teams that have attended every year for more than 20 years.

"It's a National Championship match with a focus on just the kids and providing an event they can remember fondly for the rest of their lives."

Daisy also inducts a longtime leader in the BB gun shooting sports into its Hall of Fame. This year, James Eberwein, who has been a coach in Kansas for more than 30 years and is responsible for expanding and growing the program throughout the Sunflower State, was inducted into this exclusive club.

A final highlight of the event was an appropriate send off for a Daisy employee who has planned, organized and administered the event for the past 15 years, Denise Johnson. Known by competition BB gun shooters and coaches as the "BB Gun Lady," she's become a wellknown figure in the industry and is much-loved by that community. She retires after 39 years with Daisy.

"I started working with the Daisy Nationals in 1992," Johnson said. "The best match we ever had was the 50th anniversary. We brought back the team that won the first match back in 1966. We also let all of the kids build their own guns, and we engraved them with their names. When they were walking down the hallway holding their guns I thought 'Wow, that's a family heirloom they're going to pass down to their kids.' It was just awesome."

Anyone who becomes involved in competition BB gun shooting and attends the event is instantly hooked, as evidenced by the number of 20-, 25- and 30-year coaches. While the program instills responsibility, control and focus on the shooter (especially for youth who have focus or attention issues), and to reach the National Championship takes many hours of hard work, this final event pays off with four days that are just for the shooters. In addition to the cheers and tears of competition, the fun and comradery creates lifelong memories.

"Many people refer to Daisy as the gateway to the shooting sports," Taylor said, "and it really is. According to a study conducted a few years ago, 80 percent of those who described themselves as outdoorsmen took their first shots with a Daisy. Fewer people are aware of the Daisy Nationals, but it really is the foundation for a lifelong love of shooting and shooting competition."

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The National Shooting Sports Foundation® (NSSF®) is pleased to announce the launch of an all-new website, LetsGoShooting.org.

LetsGoShooting.org was created to be a go-to resource for all things target shooting and firearms safety. Those new to firearms and the shooting sports, especially those who haven't yet taken their first shots or purchased their first firearm, will find a wealth of information about the various target sports, firearms retailer listings and maps showing area ranges, shooting and safety tips and information on finding instruction. More experienced shooters will also find LetsGoShooting.org to be an invaluable tool, with a library of videos and articles, links to parent organizations for dozens of competitive shooting sports, and featured news about target shooting and firearms.

"Let's Go Shooting is a great resource for anyone interested in learning more about the shooting sports," said Laura Springer, NSSF Director, Web Strategy and Development. "Our goal is to provide everyone—from beginners to experienced competitors and everyone in between—with everything they need to get started, to invite someone new and to find the tools they need to make their next trip to the range the best experience it possibly can be."

By Jennifer L.S. Pearsall, NSSF Director, Public Relations



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Highlights

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•What to Expect at the Range—tips for shooters who have never been to a firearms range

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•**Resources**—Boy oh boy do we have shooting resources! Tap the menu bar in the upper left-hand corner and click on the "Resources" link that appears in the dropdown. There you'll find dozens of videos on everything from basic safety to handgun, rifle and shotgun skills tips and various shooting sports competitions in action. Each is tagged with an "experience level"—Novice, Intermediate or Advanced—so you can find the tips and subject best suited to your current shooting skill level and those beyond to give you something to work towards.

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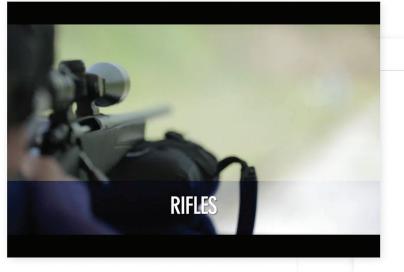
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Get Active

Perhaps the most important feature of the new LetsGoShooting.org is found under the "Get Active" tab at the upper right-hand corner of the home page. Click there and you'll find even more information about individual shooting sports, but here there's a strong focus on getting new shooters out to the range and learning about safety and all the fun the shooting sports have to offer. Things like information on NSSF's First Shots program, where small groups get individualized attention, get the low-down on firearms safety and shoot a rifle, pistol or shotgun for the very first time. Or the Rimfire Challenge, one of the best and budget-friendly ways to take part in competitive shooting for the first time. You'll find instant access to the sports you want to be involved intrap, action pistol, skeet, high power rifle and more-and experienced shooters will find an array of tips to help them introduce a friend or family member to the shooting sports for the first time.

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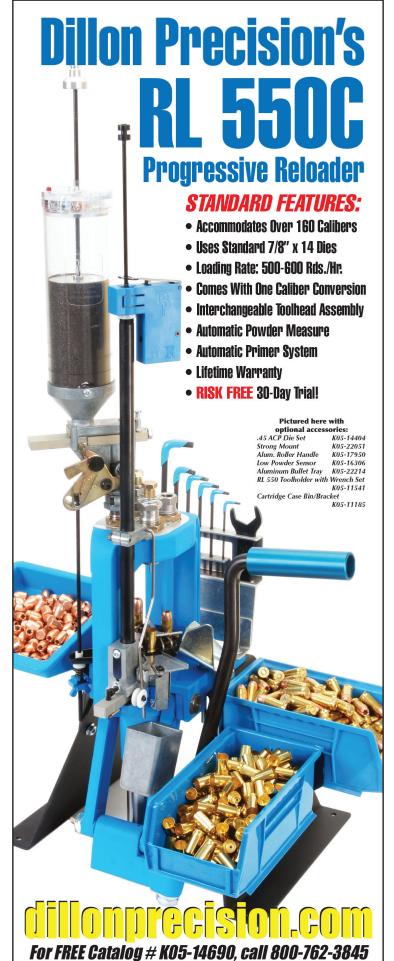
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Training during the winter months in Idaho becomes somewhat difficult so we train indoors a lot. When I saw that Pyramyd Air has the new MSR BB gun, the HELLBOY, available, I became excited, as this could be the key to semi-auto rifle training indoors during the winter.

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From left-to-right: Kayden, Caleb, and Riley. Caleb is hollding a Sig Sauer 1911 "We The People" BB gun (article coming in Winter 2018 issue.)

Hunter

Ever since I was little I have been shooting BB guns. But, I have never shot or tested a Hellboy BB gun rifle. It looks and feels like the real thing. The rifle was very comfortable in the hand and close to the weight of the actual gun.

The Hellboy BB gun rifle has only three plastic parts on it. The buttstock, the handguard, and the grip. It has two sling mounts, the one on the stock can be positioned on either side depending on how you like it. You can switch between semi auto and full auto, to safe. There is a removable handle sight with a flat top picatinny rail, so you can put a red dot or any other kind of sight you would like. If you would like you can replace the stock and handguard with any standard AR stuff.

This is a great BB gun and if you have the chance to get one you should. I would recommend it for both new and experienced shooters.

Brody

With this big boy weighing in at 5.2 lbs, the AR "Hellboy" CO2 BB tactical air rifle is great to practice with in the backyard.

This semi-automatic BB rifle mimics an actual AR (ArmaLite) rifle and is fun to shoot. During my testing with this firearm, I was able to get all shots in a one-hole group using factory sights at a 25 ft distance.

The stock length on this BB rifle is adjustable 30"-33.5" for anyone, young-toold, and adapts to different sized people. I had no problems loading the CO2 cartridge in the 18-round magazine before blasting the rounds down the range. What fun!

Hunter (below) and JD competing using the HELLBOY BB guns and Dust Devil BBs.

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Kaden

At one of our practices in July, I was given the opportunity to shoot a MSR (AR15) BB gun. This gun was fun to shoot because it looked like a AR15 which we use in the sport of 3-Gun. The BB gun worked really well at close range. The BBs that we shot were the Dust Devils. This AR15 BB gun was CO2 powered and the magazine held a lot of BBs and had a fast rate of fire. During the winter months we will be using them more with the Dust Devil BBs at our indoor range for 3-Gun practice and I can't wait.

Riley

The Hellboy BB gun was really nice to shoot and of high quality. It felt good in my hands. The stock on the rifle was adjustable which makes it work for different sizes. It will make a good practice rifle for this winter.

The trigger felt great. The sights were fair. It was fun to shoot because it felt like the real thing, and I think that will be good for practice this winter.

Caleb

The AR15 model BB gun is a fun gun to shot. I enjoyed the fact that I could practice with it just like my match AR15. Great accuracy out of the box and perfect for beginner or advanced shooters.



Brody got the smallest group with all of the BBs in one hole and right over the black dot that was his aiming point!

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Caleb shooting his 9mm Ruger American

Caleb running around the berm continuing the stage. 1

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The Seekins High Desert 3-Gun match is at the top of my list for fun and complicated 3-Gun matches that I've been to. They made it difficult for right-handed shooters as there was a ton of turns and a lot of places you had to be aware of or you would break the 180-degree safety zone and be disqualified. There were 10 stages that my dad and I helped set up. So much goes into getting ready for such a match. We prepped bays and built walls for the stages and set up targets. It took a lot of people to pull this together. When it came time to shooting the match, my dad, Ben Moody, and I walked through each stage working through how we were going to handle each stage the fastest and safest way. There were multiple bonus targets set up throughout the rifle, shotgun and pistol stages. There was one bonus target where you had to shoot the clay in the air with one shot from your pistol. There was another bonus rifle shot that was an exploding target. I was able to hit that one and it was my favorite. After three days of setup and

three days of shooting the match, it was our turn to be range officers for a stage for the next three days. The stage was called "The Pits" and it was a two-bay setup. You started with the rifle, moved to the shotgun, and then you had to run with the shotgun to the trenches, then finish with the pistol. This was a fun, but difficult stage to shoot and RO. Keeping an eye on the safety of the shooters at the same time as making sure they shot the correct targets kept us busy. Once all the shooters were finished, we worked hard with great people to take everything down fast so they could present the awards and go home. This was an exciting and unforgettable experience, and I can't wait to do it all over again. I would like to also add a big Thank You to Aaron Goodfellow and Odin Works for this opportunity.



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My name is Carly Thompson, AKĂ Blue Fire. I'm 16 years old and I have participated in Cowboy Action Shooting for four years now but have been competitively shooting for less than a year. July 5th-8th, my dad, Johnny Patriot, and I competed in our first ever Cowboy Action State Shoot. For four days, the SASS 2018 Idaho State Championship Renegade Shootout was a gunpowder filled, action packed, and Wild West show weekend. As a member of the Oregon Trail Rough Riders, we hosted the shootout at the Blacks Creek Gun Range in Kuna, Idaho. Cowboys and cowgirls traveled from all over the state and even parts of the Pacific Northwest to join in on the festivities.



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By Carly Thompson, AKA Blue Fire (16) Photos provided by Angela Green Opening Day, Thursday, July 5th, we started off the weekend with a patriotic salute to the flag and a safety briefing to keep everyone safe while having fun. We divided up in our posses and were assigned a stage to start. We had four warm-up stages to check equipment and become prepared for the next few days.

The warm-up match was followed by a hearty cowboy lunch. Lunchtime is a great way for everyone to meet new shooters who travel from out of state and out of the area, and welcome them to our range. Everyone was friendly and enjoyed listening to each other's stories of where they came from, how they got into the sport, and how long they'd been shooting.

After lunch, there were numerous side matches including speed rifle, speed pistol, precision rifle, precision pistol, speed .22 pistol, and speed .22 rifle. The Wild Bunch group also had their stages and competition which was open for everyone to participate in if they had the equipment to do so. After a long day at the range, everyone left to get some rest for the days ahead.

The next day, Friday, July 6th, the morning began with some announcements and an additional safety briefing because the next few days were going to be extremely hot. Our range officials made it clear as to who had first-aid kits with them, who was CPR certified, and who had medical training, to ensure that in the event of someone not feeling well, they would be in good hands.

The rest of the day consisted of six stages of the main match, lunch, and awards from the side matches and Wild Bunch competition from the previous day. The Oregon Trail Rough Riders put together fun stages for the main match that were both challenging and entertaining to shoot. Some of the stages included shooting through a stagecoach, bank, saloon, jailhouse, mercantile, and land office. The range itself was very well decorated to provide that Wild West feel, almost as if you went back through time. As a new shooter, I was quick to observe the comradery amongst the competitors as they helped each other out. With the next generation joining in on all the fun, the experienced and older competitors were eager to give guidance, help, and most importantly, support to the inexperienced shooters. As a new competitor in this sport having only been competing for less than a year, I was pretty nervous in my first state shoot. But, I immediately became reassured by many other shooters that this is all just for fun and no one is competing against you besides yourself.

After having completed the first six stages of the main match, we sat down and relaxed for another fulfilling lunch. After lunch, the side match and the Wild Bunch awards were announced. In the Junior Girls category which I participated in, I received First Place in speed pistol, speed rifle, precision pistol, precision rifle, .22 pistol, and .22 rifle! That was something I didn't expect! After lunch and awards, we had a quick briefing on the itinerary for the following day and what to expect.

First thing in the morning, Saturday, July 7th, we gathered at the range and shot six more stages which were set up differently than the previous ones. After everyone finished shooting, it was time to clean up in our cowboy and cowgirl best and head to the banquet later that evening. The banquet was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Boise, Idaho. Following a delicious dinner, the awards ceremony began. Categories included best overall shooters and best costumes for each age group. There was even a raffle and giveaways from various leather and firearm companies. I was excited and honored to receive Second Place overall for the Junior Girls category and also receive First Place in Costuming for the Junior Girls category. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the banquet and award ceremony!

The next morning on Sunday, July 8th, we had the Top Gun Shoot Off for the top shooters in each category. I participated in the Women and Junior categories. It was such an exhilarating experience to go head-to-head with fellow shooters. Shooting side-by-side is different than shooting alone. My adrenaline was really pumping!

The SASS 2018 Idaho State Championship Renegade Shootout was definitely an experience I will never forget. The comradery of this sport is incomparable to anything I've ever participated in or witnessed before. The participants and non-participants really enjoyed competing at our range and meeting new people. Cowboy Action Shooting is one of those few sports where everyone of all ages, backgrounds, genders, and good-hearted nature, can share a passion for the Wild West and the sport. Thank you to the Oregon Trail Rough Riders for hosting an amazing Idaho State Shoot! If you're in the area, check out our range in Kuna, Idaho. For more information on our club you can visit idahocowboyaction.org.





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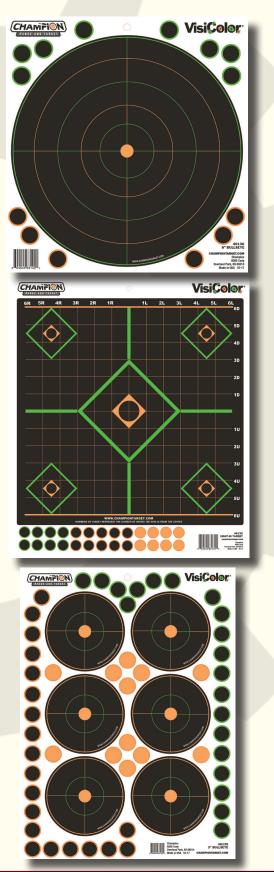
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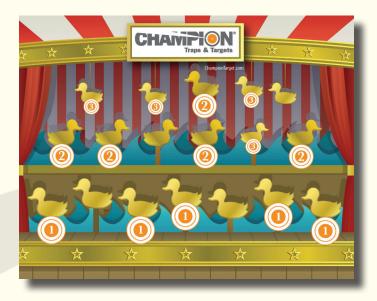
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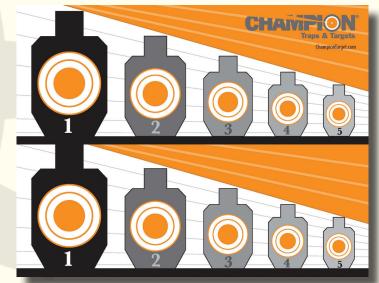
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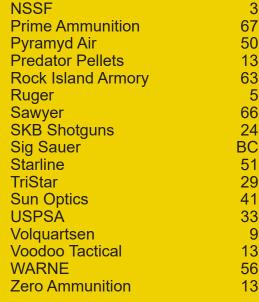
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