
NH STATE SHOOTS 1973~1977



The '73, '74,'75, '76 & '77 shoots at the MVSC saw +200 record crowds each year peaking at 260 in 1974 on a six field layout. Some new shooters in this time frame were Dave Biginatti, Roger Hamel and Mike Blaisdell. Non-residents Pete McCall and Ken Kerns shot perfect 200X200 singles in '74 and set the open high score record. Resident Forrest Cushing came right back in 1975 and set the resident record with a 200X200 score. Susan Ayles Wright took the Ladys Championship in '76 and visitor Kay Ohye of New Jersey shot a perfect 100 from the 27 yard line, his first. In 1977 Florence Garcia set a new record for the ladies firing a 195X200 from the 16.



Phil Wright Captures Three Championships As Record Crowd Shoots at New Hampshire

Phil Wright earned three New Hampshire men's titles for the fourth time in his career as a record field of 250 battled for championship trophies at the Merrimack Valley SC at Merrisack July 13-15. Wright was winning his fifth singles crown since 1965, plus his fourth consecutive doubles and all-around titles. He previously annexed three titles in '67, '70 and '71. Wright now holds 18 New Hampshire tournament crowns, having to his credit at least one championship win in all four major categories plus three in junior competition.

Ether Smith regained the women's title she relinquished last year, making this victory her fifth since 1967. Dave Rightmull joined the champions' ranks for the first time with his handicap win, and Steve Mollis claimed his initial New Hampshire junior trophy.

A total of 81,500 targets was thrown during the three days. Friday and Saturday were sunny and warm but marred by wind, and rain fell Sunday but essentially cleared for the final 10 handicap squads. Representatives from 10 states participated, with Massachusetts fielding 114 of the total 250 shooters.

On preliminary Frayn Wright hit 96 Modified Clay Pigeon targets for the top resident prize, and Alec Theodore claimed

runnerup honors with three less, finishing in the same position they did last year. Loland Smith won non-resident laurels with 84, and the runnerup trophy went to Frank Gates after he tied William Anzaldi Jr. at 92.

Arthur White Jr. ran 100 straight to pace the 16-yard event, and ending the handicap warm-up in 3-2 order were Massachusetts State singles champ Joe Robertson with 94 from 24 yards and Ted Philpbur with 93 from the 26. Ralph Herscov Jr. topped the prelin doubles with his 95, and Wright captured the runnerup trophy with 94 after defeating Robertson and Dennis DeVaux in carryover.

David Rose and John Fitzgerald ran 100 straight on the first half of the championship singles target Saturday to lead non-residents, while Wright missed his third bird set to pass in-staters with his 98. At the end of the second century, three had finished with 198. Wright's gave him the state title, while Rose had to defeat Ken Kerro 24 to 22 in carryover to Sunday's handicap to earn out-state laurels. Paul Horton's 193 annexed the state runner-up award. Claiming resident class prizes were: Ora Smith, AA, 186; Nelson Maine, A, 192; Peter Gallagher, B, 191; Tony Kinsless, C, 187; and Bighisani, D, 187. Ether Smith's 177 gained her a fifth

women's title, and Steve Mollis hit 161 for the junior crown. Peter Mellus led the under-15s on the first 100 with his 61.

A 197 by Ken Stewart gave him Class AA out-state honors, and runner up by John Fitzgerald was good for the B award. Robertson hit 191 to claim A, Robert Hawkes captured C with a 191, and the latter score by Bud Shetford was high in the D race. Sophia Mankas broke 173 to pace non-resident women, and Dennis DeVaux downed 190 for out-state junior laurels. Ether and Ora Smith compiled a 161400 total for the husband-and-wife trophy, while Bill and Dennis DeVaux broke 179 for the parent-and-child award.

Doubles Championship

Wright hit 92 Sunday to win the New Hampshire doubles crown, but leading the race with 96 was out-stater Ralph Herscov Jr. Trailing Herscov by two was non-resident runnerup Roger Dasthan, while taking the corresponding state honors was Fred Coates, 90. Maine captured Class A laurels with 89, and Frederick Donohoe's 87 led B. A shootoff was necessary to determine the C victor, where Alec Theodore hit 16 extra birds to John Sewerby's 14 to take the trophy after original 894. Alvin Smith paced D shooters with his 87.

New shooter Dave Rightmull broke a 97 from 20½ yards in an early squeal, which held up throughout the event and gave him the handicap championship. Dasthan, a 25-yard gunner, and Robert Mankas, a 25-yarder, broke the same amount to deadlock for the non-resident's prize, with Dasthan taking the trophy 20 to 19 at the shootoff trap. Mankas settled for 24-25 out-state honors, and Tony Kinsless hit 95 from the 19 for state runnerup laurels. Resident yardage awards went to: Ivan Maine, 18-19, 92; Paul Horton, 20-21 (after a 43-42 shootoff victory over John Sewerby), 91; Julian Siskoons, 22-23, 92; Howard Page, 24-25, 75; and Wright, 26-27, 94. Charles Kenney hit 96 to win the out-stater 18-19 prize, and breaking 94s for the 20-21, 22-23 and 26-27 points, respectively, were Charles Wynneight, Robert Colton and Dave Rose. The open women and junior leaders were Sophia Mankas with 93 from 20½ yards and Gregg Racine with 86 from the 20.

Wright won the state all-around and open 31-G-A trophies with 3846400 and 6613100. His victory in the high-over-all was the fourth in a row. Paul Horton totaled 368 for resident all-around runner-up laurels, and Rose tallied a 363 for out-state honors (the same award Wright had claimed at Rose's Massachusetts State Shoot). Resident class prizes were awarded by: Fred Coates, A, 345; Roy Carroll, B, 366; John Sewerby, C, and open veterans,

1973

Alec Theodore won the state Class C doubles trophy, and Joe Robertson was the prelin handicap champion. Phil Wright added the singles, doubles and all-around titles, and Ralph Herscov Jr. (kneeling) captured laurels in two two-bird events.



Phil Wright Takes Two New Hampshire Titles, David Bighinatti Retains Handicap Crown

Phil Wright claimed the double and all-around crowns for the fifth consecutive year during New Hampshire State Shoot activities at the Merrimack Valley SC, July 12-14. David Bighinatti retained possession of the handicap title he gained last year, and Esther Smith was her eighth feminine championship in the last nine years of competition. Initial titles were claimed by Harold Casheng in men's singles and Rick Melten in junior rifle.

A second crowd assembled on the air-strap layout in warm and calm weather. Singles entries were up by 17, the handicap field increased 16 and the twin-bird event was an additional 11 less the last over '73's record attendance.

Massachusetts winner Pete McCall broke all the 16-year olds on the program, heading the preliminary singles event Friday and assuming the non-resident 16-year championship title on Saturday. But his 200 straight in the title race was not the only one entered as Ken Kerou duplicated that feat. This marked the first and record 200 straight to be broken in the history of the state's championship race. McCall won in carryover to Sunday's handicap race, where he continued straight on the first sub-event for the victory.

Following McCall's perfect carryover in Friday's preliminary singles was Bill

Borish '93, which secured runnerup laurels. Vincent Puzza, from the 22, and Frank Marita, 2199, lacked items in the handicap race with 976. Puzza was the eventual winner in carryover, 23 to 19. Twin-bird entrants were paced by Dennis DeVaan' 84, while Ty Sherrill secured runnerup honors with 28330 in carryover to Sunday's twin following his tie with Harold Casheng at 92.

Phil Wright led 97 to head the Modified Clay Pigeon race that day and claim resident honors for his efforts. Alec Thunders earned second-place silver with

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16-Year	
Harold Casheng, Derry	107,000
Handicap	
David Bighinatti, Hudson	97,000
Phil Wright, Boston	97,000
Women	
Esther Smith, Essex	104,000
Juniors	
Ken Kerou, Ellsworth	100,000
All-Around	
Phil Wright, Boston	279,000

two less. Non-resident laurels went to Roger Durbani for his 88, and Bill Anzaldi became runnerup there with 85.

Harold Casheng's 1376200 topped resident singles gunners at Saturday's championship race. Rick Melten secured his initial junior title with 185, and Esther Smith paced feminine entrants with 176 for her eighth victory, having lost only to Lillian Clark in '72 since she captured her first crown in '66.

Nelson Moore and Barrie took 198 to finish as men's runnerup and resident Class AA victor, respectively. Ora Smith and Richard Bates dominated 195 to claim state A and B prizes. Frank Victor was tops in C with 193, and Richard Jackson posted a 183 for D.

McCall and Kerou finished as non-resident champ and Class AA victor following their 200 straight and carryover decimas. Alan Poor and Earl Johnson entered 1996 for victor A and B honors. Vincent Puzza posted a 193 for C, and Alfred Terrell topped D with 188. Non-

resident junior winner was Paul Warner with 196, and Joyce Boyd claimed three feminine honors with 185. Mike Lyett took 181 for the open under-15 trophy, while Sophia and Bob Mankin teamed up to win the husband-wife award with 581400. Dennis and Bill DeVaan earned the parent-child pair with 375.

Bighinatti captured last year's handicap crown for the initial time with 97 from 2014. This year he had moved to the 23, but still found 97 days in his sights to assume his second partridge title. Edwin Dugal, from 2014, led 96 for the resident runnerup prize. State yardage trophies went to Jean Moore, 18-19, 94; John Sowerby, 20-21, 94; Ray Goodie, 22-23, 93; Harold Casheng, 24-25, 91, and Fred Coates, 26-27, 92.

It took a 97 to earn the non-resident championship award as well, and William Lortie, from 2114, posted that score to win. Vining partridge honors went to Ralph Terrell, 18-19, 94; Anthony Puzza, 20-21, 98; Alan Poor, 22-23, 85; Robert Mangelöka, 24-25, 94, and Ralph Hirsman, 26-27, 94. Open Impairment and junior gunners were paced by Joyce Boyd, 1870, and Rick Melten, 25, with 95.

Wright headed the twin-bird field on Sunday with 97 to capture his fifth double crown. Barrie took 91 for the resident runnerup prize. Coates was high in Class A with 87, while Smith claimed B with 88. Thunders topped C with 89, and Jim Peliquin paced D with one less. Non-resident champ was Clayton Voucher, 95, and runnerup M. D. Clark broke 95.

Wright's 279400 earned the state all-around title, and Smith's 376 captured second-place honors. Barrie and Casheng completed 373 for state Class A and B awards. John Ramsey was high in C with 358, and young Melten paced state D and earned the open junior prize for his 356.

McCall's 384 secured the victor's all-around crown. Joyce Boyd totaled 370 for the open feminine win. Aubrey Hirsman was high veteran with 363, and Robert Cozzetti headed industry standings with 371.

David Bighinatti earned his second handicap 196. Alec Thunders captured two awards during the meet, while Phil Wright claimed his 10th consecutive double and all-around 1986. Harold Casheng won his initial singles crown, while Fred Coates and Edwin Dugal earned prizes during the handicap 186-185.



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WEST VIRGINIA STATE

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after being with 96 in Sunday's handicap championship. Rutherford led only two days ago by far the 1812, while Gentry missed another one for runnerup. Harry Dutton and James each downed 96 for 20-21 and 24-27 yardage honors, while Herbert Tustin hit one less for the 18-19 prize, and Ricardo Paster took 94 for the 22-23 award.

Bill Maroon from 2015 headed the victor's ranks with 87. Again Dorothy Norgren was tops in the feminine standings, this time with 91 from 1915. Jimmy Corvick, 18, and Percy Talkington, 22½, each caught 88 in their sights for junior and sub-junior prizes, respectively. Open yardage leaders were: James Miller, 18-19 yards, 82; John Mitchell, 20-21, 96; S. W. Sebbel, 22-23, 93, and William Young, 24-27, 94.

Dowler claimed the all-around title with 283400, and George Cornell received the industry prize there with 361. Last year Dowler trailed one behind the state high-over-all victor to claim the open award. This year the same margin separated the two positions, but Dowler was claiming the West Virginia top prize with 573600, over William Rutherford's 574, which awarded the open spot.

1975

Forrest Cushing's 200 Is First To Win New Hampshire State Singles Championship

Phil Wright captured his 21st and 22nd New Hampshire State titles by successfully defending his doubles and all-around crowns during state shoot action at the Merrimack Valley Sportsman's Club in Merrimack July 11-13. Forrest Cushing topped 200 straight for the singles championship, the first perfect score by a resident in the history of the shoot, and Esther Smith captured her sixth women's title. Ken Whitehouse became the new handicap champ, and Tim Swisher won his initial state title with a victory over the juniors.

Wright maintained his stranglehold on the doubles and all-around titles, running his possession of them to six consecutive years. He also held the 16-yard title in 1983 (while still a junior), 1987, 1970-71 and again in 1973. He was handicap and all-around champ in 1967, and he held the junior trophy for three straight years beginning in 1961.

This year's singles victory was Cushing's first since 1959, when he won the singles and all-around championships. Pete McCall and Ken Kerns both fired straight last year to record the first 200s in the history of the shoot, but neither were residents of the state. Esther Smith first won the women's title in 1966 and held it through '71. She relinquished it to Lillian Chick in '72 then regained it the next year, holding it since.

In Friday's preliminary 16s, Wright shattered 110 straight for the top trophy. There was a five-way tie of 98s for runner-up honors, with Cushing defeating Robert McCarthy, Pete McCall and Cal Silson 16 in the carryover to Saturday's title race. In the proim handicap, Bill Luzzanzenko fired 20 yards, Bob McCarthy from 28½, Charles Cambria from 22½ and Robert MacKnight from 22 knotted for high-gun honors with 95. Luzzanzenko hit an extra 25 in the overtime for the prize, and McCarthy's 24 secured runner-up spot. Bob Mankus broke 97 to beat

NEW HAMPSHIRE	
16-Yard	
Forrest Cushing, Jerry	200/200
Handicap	
Ken Whitehouse, Dave	77½/100
Doubles	
Phil Wright, Hubert	316/300
Women	
Esther Smith, Karen	144/200
Juniors	
Tim Swisher, David	144/200
All-Around	
Phil Wright, Hubert	204/400

runner-up Pete McCall by two in the warm-up doubles race.

Friday had been clear and warm, but Saturday's weather began rainy and remained cloudy all day during the 16-yard title race. In addition, the 204 competitors were forced to suspend shooting for an hour when the power went off after a transformer failure. Neither Cushing nor Pete McCall seemed daunted by the difficulties, however, as each responded with perfect scores, with McCall collecting the non-resident championship for his 200 for the second year in a row. Esther Smith honored her 1974 score by eight, earning this year's women's crown with 184, the same total that secured Tim Swisher's junior championship for him.

Among residents, Nelson Maine tallied a second-high 188 for runner-up-to-the-champ honors, one over Phil Wright and Pete Gallagher, who earned resident Class AA and B laurels, respectively. Dave Bighinatti had to fire an extra 50 straight before his 194 was good for the A win, and Ivan Maine outscored him by one for the C victory. Arthur Houghton was high in D with 195.

Trading McCall's 200 by one was Ty Sherrill, who collected the non-resident Class AA prize. Aubrey Worshean broke 196 for A honors, and a 188 by John Daoustie was good for the trophy in B. Keith Johnson hit 194 and another 24 for C honors, while John F. Hill equalled Johnson's original score for the win in D. Sophie Mankus was best among visiting women with her 190, and Vincent Pezza

Jr. got the nod among those juniors with 188. Marc Allaire paced those under age 13 in open competition with 180.

The open husband-wife trophy was won by Bob and Sophie Mankus with their total of 379/400, while Bill and Dennis DeVoux earned the parent-child award with 391.

The weather worsened for Sunday's doubles and handicap races, with thunderstorms and rains heavy enough to stop shooting completely on several occasions. However, 120 turned out for the doubles event. Phil Wright broke 93 of the twins for that year's title, four over runner-up Bill Bartch. Nelson Maine hit 88 for the resident Class A victory, and Elwin Wood fired a 90 to be high in B. Paul Horton was best in C with 83, while Alvin Smith was the top D entrant with 88.

Richard Jones and Bob McCarthy knotted with 86 for the two non-resident trophies, then they tied again in the first extra round with 18. They remained deadlocked with 20 each in the second go-round, then Jones settled it with 19 to McCarthy's 18 in the third at-10.

Handicap Championship

Weather closed slightly in the late afternoon during the handicap championship, when Ken Whitehouse fired a 97 from the 16-yard line for his first state title. Dave Bighinatti, the 1973 and 1974 handicap champ, settled for resident runner-up this year with a 95 from 24½ yards. Ivan Maine was one down from him for 18-19 yardage honors, and Fred Danchoe was high among 20-21 gunners with his 93. Herman Lottje was best in the 22-23 standing with 90, while 52s by Cushing and Wright gave them the 24-25 and 26-27 awards.

David Marcolini connected with 88 from 22½ yards to top the field of 232 and take home the non-resident championship. Gun tozo was 18-19 honors for his 93, one over Kay Whalen, who collected the 20-21 trophy for visitors. Ninty-sixes by Joe Datta and Wayne Paquin were good for the 22-23 and 24-25 wins, while Roger Dusham recorded a 91 for the 26-27 award. In open competition, Joyce Boyd bested women with 91 from the 20, and Vincent Pezza Jr. hit 78 then an extra 23 for the junior prize.

Wright totaled 384 on the 400 championship targets for his all-around crown, besting his winning tally last year by five. He also earned the high-over-all award with 672x700 for the entire three days. Cushing and Nelson Maine knotted with 373 each for resident runner-up laurels in the all-around, and Cushing took state with 40 in overtime. Maine settled for state Class A laurels for his 38. Pez

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Forrest Cushing fired the first 200 straight by a resident in the history of the shoot for the 16-yard crown, Phil Wright maintained his possession of the doubles and all-around titles, and Ken Whitehouse became the new handicap champion.



1973	PHIL WRIGHT	HUDSON, NH	198X200	16
1973	ESTER SMITH	KEENE, NH	177X200	16 LADY
1973	DAVE BIGHINATTI	NASHUA, NH	97X100	HDCP
1973	PHIL WRIGHT	HUDSON, NH	92X100	DBLS
1973	PHIL WRIGHT	HUDSON, NH	384X400	AA

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Gallagher headed B with 366, three over C victor Ivan Maine. Alan Belaire topped D entrants with 349.

McCall won the lone non-resident all-around trophy at stake with 383. Sophie Markos was tops among all the women with 349, and Kim Karczewich headed open junior competition with 326. Aubrey Wornham carried veteran honors with 374, and Art Wheaton paced industry reps with 386.

During the state association meeting, Phil Wright was elected ATA delegate, with Fred Costes chosen as alternate.

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1974	HAROLD CUSHING	SURRY, NH	197X200	16
1974	ESTER SMITH	KEENE, NH	176X200	16 LADY
1974	DAVE BIGHINATTI	NASHUA, NH	97X100	HDCP
1974	PHIL WRIGHT	HUDSON, NH	97X100	DBLS
1974	PHIL WRIGHT	HUDSON, NH	379X400	AA
1975	FORREST CUSHING	SURRY, NH	200X200	16
1975	ESTER SMITH	KEENE, NH	184X200	16 LADY
1975	KEN WHITEHOUSE	DOVER, NH	97X100	HDCP
1975	PHIL WRIGHT	HUDSON, NH	95X100	DBLS
1975	PHIL WRIGHT	HUDSON, NH	384X400	AA

1976

Phil Wright, Forrest Cushing Successfully Defend Titles at New Hampshire State Meet

Sunny and hot weather prevailed as spectators gathered in record-breaking numbers for the New Hampshire State Shootsly 9-11 at the Merrimack Valley Sportsman Club. John Handrville and R. Nutter made their first appearances on the state's 'top' lists, annexing handicap and junior crown, respectively. Old favorites Phil Wright and Forrest Cushing successfully defended their 1975 titles, as Wright paced all-around, doubles and over-all standings, while Cushing headed scoring in the main 4x. Susan (Ayles) Wright secured the women title. New Jersey's Kay Obye claimed 100 from the 27 during Sunday's handicap championship to earn top outside honors. The perfect score was Obye's first from the maximum, and he becomes the 12th ATA shooter to accomplish a 'grand slam'—200x200 in singles, 100 straight in doubles and 100 from the 27.

Preliminary events were held Thursday, then the 16-yard championship race started at the center Friday. A record 238 gunners were competing in the event, 34 more than last year, and 12 more than the previous high recorded two years ago. J. Wilkinson secured the non-resident award for an over-high 195, and Cushing earned his singles title with 198, two off his perfect scoring mark last year. Cushing's 200 in 1975 was the first such score ever to win a New Hampshire singles championship. In addition to that title, the eight-year shooter earned two state trophies during his second year of registered shooting, the singles and all-around in 1969.

Handrville missed just three to secure

Kay Obye plastered 100 handicap dyes from the 27 bonus, becoming the 25th ever to accomplish the feat. He earned top non-resident recognition.



Handrville missed just three to secure

NEW HAMPSHIRE		
Forrest Cushing, Berry	Handicap	100x200
John Handrville, Berry	Handicap	94x100
Phil Wright, Manchester	Doubles	96x100
Susan Wright, Manchester	Women	100x200
R. Nutter	Junior	100x200
John Swartz, Dover	Senior	100x200
Phil Wright, Manchester	All-Around	387x400

Bighianti topped Class AA and A, respectively with 196. W. Moten was high in B with 194, Alvin Smith matched that score to win C honors, and James Cullen led D winners with 181. Phil's wife Susan, eight-time Rhode Island State title, added another trophy to their household collection, as she captured the women title with 188. Former state president, secretary and treasurer John Sowashy claimed the veteran crown with the same score, giving him a total of eight state trophies since his first one in 1954. R. Nutter annexed junior honors with 190.

In out-state competition Pete McCall bagged the Class AA prize with 198. Dave Hillard headed A standings with 197, and Tom Apanowich downed 195 plus 23 in overtime to annex the B award. Stag Grant and Marc Bingham posted 193, with Grant taking C laurels and Bingham collecting both the D and under-18 prizes. Sophia Mankus led the women with her 181, and Charles foundation was high among vets with his 189.

The Wrights totaled 384x400 singles to Phil Wright won his 22nd and 34th state titles by leading doubles and all-around standings. He was also successful in defending the high-over-all trophy.



but those entered in the special husband-wife event, while the Massachusetts team captured the New England Cup.

On Sunday morning 233 gunners were entered in the handicap title 101, surpassing the previous 1974 record attendance by 11. Shooters were faced with a harsh terrain which brought police and firemen to the grounds, but the score didn't interfere with Obye's shooting, as he blasted his perfect 100 from the back fence for #1 honors among visitors. Handrville was just four under that to annex his state handicap crown. Leroy Mosher headed 18-19 entrants with 88, while Howard Page and R. McKnight totaled 94s for 20-21 and 22-23 honors, respectively. Bighianti took the 24-25 trophy with 90, and Wright secured 26-27 honors with five more. Arthur Nelson claimed 18-19 out-state honors with 92, and Wayne Anastro turned in a 93 for the 22-23 award. Henry Ellis and Jim Reardon won 20-21 and 24-25 honors, respectively, for their 93s. William DeVasa nailed down the 26-27 trophy with 98. In open competition Sophia Mankus led women with 92, and Michael Lipetz topped juniors with two more.

Wright and out-stater Bill Anzaldi needed high 96s in the twin-bird championship field of 148—a new state record. Wright claimed his seventh straight doubles crown, and Anzaldi finished with the top non-resident trophy. Ray Carroll ended an 88 for the second-place in-state award, while Nelson Miles, Harold Cushing (Forrest's brother) and George Bailey connected with 87 for Class A, B and D honors, respectively. Bighianti hit 82 to collect the C prize, and Roger Danksen broke 83 for non-resident ratertrap laurels.

Obye paced gunners in all-around standings, taking the #1 out-state trophy for his 195x400. Wright tallied 387 for his eighth New Hampshire all-around award, and McKnight was runner-up with 372. Carroll nailed down the Class A award with 371, Howard Page totaled 362 for B laurels, and Alvin Smith was the C victor with 161. James Cullen put his scores together for a 323, good for D recognition. Flo Gracia won the open female award. Bingham led juniors with 362, and Red Shermans outscored industry men with his 370.

Wright annexed 681x700 for high-over-all honors.

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1977

Phil Wright Wins Three New Hampshire Titles, John Hondrellis Captures Handicap Crown

Phil Wright collected his 25th, 26th and 27th New Hampshire titles by earning the singles crown after a two-round shootout and adding his eighth doubles and all-around championships in a row, during state shoot action July 8-10 at Merrimack Valley Sportsman Club. Defending handicap champion John Hondrellis returned to that winners' circle this year, but he had to fire four extra rounds to do it. Florence Gracia, a Massachusetts transplant who held four women's titles there, earned the female thra with 195, the highest tally ever scored for the New Hampshire women's crown. Junior Ronald Richards, sub-junior Matt Pittman and veteran Ivan Maine captured their initial ATA awards during the singles competition.

Gunsners competed in rain on Friday, but the weather was hot and sunny over the weekend, with winds of 10- to 15-mph. There were 226 gunners from 11 states who shot throughout the program.

In the singles championship, Phil Wright and Robert MacKnight matched 1976 to lead state gunners and face each other in a two-round overtime, where Wright was victorious, 24-25 to 24-22, settling MacKnight into runnerup position. Phil, a 15-year gunner, had led the state in singles shooting five times before, with his first such title achieved in his third year of registering, when he claimed both the men's and junior ATA trophies. He also earned the 15-17 award in his first two years of competing. Other slauges accomplishments to his credit are the Zone Champion of Champions crown at last year's Grand with 200x200, the Dayton Homecoming runnerup trophy after 200 and 448x550 in shootoff and carryover during the same week, and fifth place in AA of the Class Singles race after 200 and 145x120 in overtime and carryover.

Robert MacKnight lost a shootoff for the singles crown but ended with runnerup honors. Ron Richards scored the junior 16-round title, Florence Gracia scored the women's singles thra, and Phil Wright captured the 18-yard, doubles and all-around championships.



Wright broke all 600 in the '76 Grand 200-bird race, a feat accomplished that year by just one other person, Len Harrison III. Wright was third in Class AA during the Clay Target Championship at the 1975 Grand, and the year before placed third in the CutC.

Florence Gracia claimed her fifth women's title but first one in this state, with 195, the highest score on the New Hampshire trophy list for a women's singles champ. Her score also led the in-state B events. A shooter since 1966, Florence earned the Massachusetts female trophy in 1969, '71, '72 and '73, but never with a score above 184. She has also won open female awards at the Florida and Vermont shoots.

Ronald Richards led the junior ranks with 182 to claim his first ATA title, while veteran Ivan Maine shot down just one less to lead gunners in the veteran division and head Class D competition. Matt Pittman paced sub-junior scoring on half of the race for his initial ATA win, with 81x100.

Ray Carroll and John Hondrellis hit 196 apiece to slip into the resident Class AA and A spots, and Alvin Smith clipped off 187 to top C gunners.

That score of 197 was also tops in out-of-state action, and Robert McCarthy and Calvin Stinson Jr. met in a one-round overtime, where McCarthy advanced the championship trophy after a perfect extra session and Stinson settled for the Class A prize when he missed one clay. John Parks triumphed in Class AA with 196 and 48x50 in shootoff, and E. Johnson and F. Jordan claimed the B and C awards with 195. Johnson after hitting 48x50 in shootoff and Jordan with an uncompleted main-event score. David Tharrin led visiting D and junior gunners with 191.

while veteran Charles Jourdain outlasted his age-group colleagues with that same tally. Jayne Boyd topped non-resident female participants with 188. Massachusetts gunner Mike Falk regained his 23,000th singles target during the race.

Sue and Phil Wright swayed up the open husband-wife award with 385x400 on their combined singles totals.

Phil continued to be the state's doubles champion for the eighth consecutive year when his 95 was unchallenged among the New Hampshire entrants. In 1970, the first year he claimed the state award, he led twin-bird gunners at the Eastern Zone tournament with 99, seven birds over his state tally, and in 1975 he again prevailed that zone honor with another near-perfect score. At the 1975 Grand, he placed second in Class AA during the Double Championship.

Forrest Cushing, last year's singles champ who has a total of three 16s and one all-around title to his credit, sealed the twin-bird clamp by six birds but was still the state's runnerup after a tie with resident Class A victor William Barada. Nelson Maine outlived B entrants with his 81. James Shaffer headed C participants with 84, and Michael Blaisdell trailed Shaffer by one for the D prize.

Kay Obye, 21-time New Jersey title, led the entire field and secured the non-resident twin-bird award with 96. College trapshooting champ Dennis DeVaux placed second there with 93.

John Hondrellis had to work hard to retain his grasp on the handicap championship, as Alvin Smith forced him into a four-round shootoff after they matched 92s for the state trophy. After keeping pace with each other for three rounds, Smith backed off and the championship went to Hondrellis, 90 to 91. Hondrellis, a ham radio operator who began shooting trap in 1970 as therapy for a serious back problem, got his first 100 straight in 1972, but his shooting activities were curtailed by a coronary attack in May, 1975. After his recovery, he fired his first 200 rounds in last year's state meet, and his 197 was good far runnerup singles

NEW HAMPSHIRE

16-Yard	
Phil Wright, Manchester	187x200
Handicap	
John Hondrellis, Berry	93x188
Doubles	
Phil Wright, Manchester	93x188
Women	
Florence Gracia, Woburn	195x199
Junior	
Ronald Richards, Marlborough	182x200
Veteran	
Ivan Maine, Manchester	182x200
Sub-Junior	
Matt Pittman, S. Dartmouth	81x100
All-Around	
Phil Wright, Manchester	385x400