

Champions Crowned at Mt. Rushmore Black Hills Gold Shoot

The Rapid City Trap Club held its annual Black Hills Gold shoot on September 15 and 16. This year's shoot was generously sponsored by the Mt. Rushmore Black Hills Gold Company. Trophies were Black Hills gold belt buckles awarded to the Champions and Class winners in the three events. The Junior, Veteran and Ladies special categories winners were presented with a Black Hills gold watch, bolo tie and bracelet. As with our last shoot, all of the shooters were able to win only one trophy for the entire shoot. The three events were named for last years champions.

Matt Bartholow of Rapid City was the High Over All Champion with a combined score of 577 of 600 targets. He shot 198 of 200 targets in the Singles competition, 190 of 200 twin birds in Doubles and 189 of 200 clays in the Handicap contest.

Over 70 shooters competed in the Singles competition on Saturday, and only one shooter ran all 200 of the 16 yard targets. Jim Butler of Gillette WY was victorious and earned the Singles Champion title for his feat.

The Doubles competition was divided between the two days, with 46 competitors shooting in the program. Gary Redden of Edgemont was declared the Champion after blasting 195 of the 200 double birds.

The Handicap event was won by Kimball Russell of Rapid City, whose score of 192 out of 200 birds shot from the 22 yard line bested the 58 other shooters in the contest.

The drawing for the Scholastic Clay Target Program raffle was held during Sunday's events as well. The winner of the custom Remington 700 / 30.06 rifle was Stan Allard of Rapid City. The second prize was a Benelli Nova shotgun and was won by Matt Brown of Custer. Third prize was a pheasant hunt donated by Casteel Game Ranch in Sturgis and was won by Robert Temme of Rapid City. Fourth prize was a handmade quilt donated and stitched by Vi Colombe and was won by Bill Reichert of Sturgis.

This was the last ATA registered shoot for the calendar year at the Rapid City Trap Club. We would like to thank Riddle's Jewelry and the Riddle family for their support of this shoot. The club would also like to thank all of the shooters and families that have come to Rapid City to shoot at the club this year.

The Rapid City Trap Club is open to the public, with practice open Tuesday and Thursday nights during league shooting. We are also open Sundays 1pm until 4pm, weather permitting. Next year's ATA shoots, news and league and open shooting times will be posted on our website: www.rapidcitytrapclub.com.

Mt. Rushmore Black Hills Gold Shoot results:

High Over All- Matt Bartholow, Rapid City SD 577 x 600

Lonnie Olson 16 Yard Singles: (200 targets)

Champion- Jim Butler, Gillette WY 200
Class AA- Greg Johnson, Rapid City 197
Class A- Jim Commet, Rapid City 198
Class B- Al Kant, Jr., New Underwood SD 189
Class C- David Johnson, Rapid City 190
Class D- Howard Craft, Gillette WY 185
Ladies- Kylie Kintigh, Rapid City 189
Junior- Colton Kant, New Underwood 198
Veteran- Marvin Cox, Mullen NE 197

Matt Bartholow Doubles: (200 targets)

Champion- Gary Redden, Edgemont SD 195
Class AA- Dennis Johnson, Rapid City 191
Class A- Wayne Hofer, Aberdeen SD 191
Class B- Terry Treinen, Rapid City 183
Class C- Floyd Stolz, Rapid City 169
Class D- Kurt Wolf, Selby SD 162

Matt Bartholow Handicap: (200 targets)

Champion- Kimball Russell, Rapid City (22 yd) 195
19-20 yd- Colton Mackey, Rapid City 189
21-22 yd- Jaime Lescarboursa, Hermosa SD 190
23-24 yd- Terry Treinen, Rapid City 191
25-26 yd- Scott Myren, Mound City SD 190
27 yd- Mark Policky, Rapid City 189