

Rapid City Shooters Win at World Trap Championships

Foster and Matt Bartholow of Rapid City were individual winners at the 2007 Grand American World Trap Championships held August 6-18 at Sparta, Illinois. Matt won a total of ten trophies and Foster returned to SD with three national trophies.

Matt was crowned the Junior winner in Event #1 the South Dakota Straight Shooters Singles. He shot a perfect 100 x 100 to win the event named for his 2006 National Champion SCTP team from Rapid City. Matt then won the Junior runner up trophy for Preliminary Event #7-the Leo Harrison III Doubles with a score of 96 x 100 twin birds. He won the Junior runner up trophy in Preliminary Event # 12- Enhancing Today Handicap with a score of 96 .x 100, and was the Junior runner up in Event # 14 the NRA Singles with a perfect score of 200 x 200. Matt went on to win Junior runner up in Preliminary Event # 17 the WSRC Doubles with a near perfect score of 99 x 100.

In the Grand American main days events, Matt won Junior 3rd place after shooting off in Event # 21- the ATA Clay Target Championship with 200 x 200, and won Junior runner up in Event #23 the Remington Nitro 27 Handicap with his score of 95 x 100 from the 27 yard line. Event # 25 was the Doubles Championship in which Matt earned another 3rd place trophy in the Junior division with a score of 96 x 100 twin birds shot.

Matt won the Junior High All Around title with his combined scores of 389 x 400 in the three Championship events of the competition.

Foster was the Class AAA winner in Preliminary Event # 3- The Ohio Sportsman's Club Singles with a perfect score of 100 x 100, and also won the AAA trophy for Event # 18- the Singles Class Championship event with another 100 x 100 score. He won the title over 2300 shooters in the event after shooting another 450 additional targets in the tie breaker shoot off.

Foster and Matt paired up to win the Brother/Brother race in the Singles Class Championship event. Their combined score was 396 x 400 dead birds. This was the second year straight that they won the national sibling title. Matt shot 196 x 200 in the event and Foster shot a perfect 200 x 200 birds.

Two Rapid City Scholastic Clay Target teams also competed at the national competition in Sparta Illinois. Both teams were crowned SD State champions in July in Mitchell. The Intermediate team, which consists of Kylie Kintigh, Melissa Johnson, Colton Mackey and Justin Brooks, all of Rapid City and David Jacquot of Gillette, WY, tied for 18th place of 78 teams in the national competition. The Senior Varsity team placed 14th of 68 teams and consisted of Matt Bartholow, Ben Gust, Wes Kintigh, and Matt Jones of Rapid City and Adam Girtz of Black Hawk.

Matt Bartholow was the only shooter out of the 1600 youth from 29 states to shoot a perfect 200 x 200 clay targets in the competition.