



Selley Takes HOA and HAA at 71st Annual Three-I

By Bud Shipp

Tom Selley dominated the 71st Annual Three-I held at the Peoria Skeet and Trap Club in E. Peoria, IL. The weather man predicted gloom and doom for the entire weekend with severe weather predicted for Sunday. The weather man lied. There were some breezy conditions from time to time, but the rain only showed up for a few minutes and was a poor excuse for a drizzle.



The shoot commenced with the Doubles on Friday. No 100's were posted and a lone 99 by Junior shooter Ben Schroeder won the event. A bunch of 98's slugged it out for RU, 3rd, and class places. Becky McCumber took RU, Tom Selley took 3rd. Class winners included; AA-1 Robert Zeek, A-1 Tommy Moore, B-1 Bill Spurlock, C-1 Charles Rapp, and D-1 Helena Fazzino. Finger food and an open bar was enjoyed after the shootoffs.



Saturday was cloudy with light breezes. The 12 ga. event was contested with five straights being posted. When the chips settled, James Barnard III was CH, David Fanser RU, and Ed Dean 3rd. Class winners were AA-1 Bruce Christian, A-1 Bill Spurlock, B-1 Vernon Shedd, C-1 Russell Shimp, D-1 Andy Kordick, E-1 Jim Morris.



The 20 ga. followed in the afternoon. Only three posted perfect scores with Quinten Smith CH, Phil Plesetz RU, and J. B. Barnard 3rd. Class champs included: AA-1 Robert Zeek, A-1 Dan Adam, B-1 Vernon Shedd, C-1 John Wachter, and D-1 Heidi Korando. Chops were grilled during the 20 event and served with great sides at the conclusion of the shootoffs.



Sunday was “interesting.” The wind howled, but no severe weather came close. Sunny conditions were the order of the day. Two shooters put together 100’s in the 28 ga. event. Junior shooter Bryce Baker CH out lasted Jeff Moecher RU. Becky McCumber and James Barnard III went three boxes before Becky took 3rd. Class champs were: AA-1 James Barnard III, A-1 Troy Gordon, B-1 Mitchell Chang, C-1 John Wachter, and D-1 Charles Rapp. The 410 event began very windy and settled down to stout breezes for the last two flights. Two shooters scored 98’s to slug it out for CH and RU. Quinten Smith took CH and Tom Selley RU. James Barnard III won the battle of 97’s for 3rd place. Class winners were: AA-1 Phillip Poston, A-1 Phil Plesetz, B-1 Ben Schroeder, C-1 Mark Shelton, and D-1 Henry Schwenk.

The HOA CH was won outright by Tom Selley with a 394. Quinten Smith and J. B. Barnard finished RU and 3rd with 393’s. Class HOA champs included: AA-1 James Barnard III, A-1 Ben Schroeder, B-1 Vernon Shedd, C-1 Bill Ziebell, and D-1 Charles Rapp. Becky McCumber won all Ladies concurrents. Tom Selley won HAA with a 492. Ben Schroeder was RU with 490. Class winners were: AA-1 James Barnard III, A-1 Bill Spurlock, B-1 Vernon Shedd, C-1 John Wachter, and D-1 Charles Rapp. A good shoot take lots of people to make it so. Thanks go to Chief Ref John Bratty and his crew; Shoot Management Jack Dean, Ed Dean, and Becky McCumber; Trap Mechanic Jim McQuinn; Club Manager Danika Jones; Officers and Board of Peoria Skeet and Trap Club; Lunch help and cooks Laura Murphy, John Clark, Mike Walker, Aaron Dennis, Ken and Jenny Franklin, Daryl and Gerry Franklin, Dennis Kerns, and Cindy Horrie; Chop cooks: Jack and Faye Hill, Steve Schmidgall, Dave McMillen, Kent Koshkarian, and Greg Hufnagel; Saturday evening dinner Hostesses: Linda Dean and Pat McMillen. Thanks to all of the shooters at this year’s Three-I and Peoria Skeet and Trap Club is looking forward to seeing you for the 72nd Three-I in May of 2016.

Good shooting this season.