

Vancura Wins Three-I

By Bud Shipp

The 69th Annual Three-I was contested May 17-19 at the Peoria Skeet and Trap Club in East Peoria, IL. Joe Vancura won the 410 Gun Championship on his way to taking the HOA by two birds with a 397. Joe grinned and commented, "Yeah, I'm a twenty year overnight success." Joe has been always been a good shooter competing in local shoots near his home and the Illinois State shoot. Joe has started to expand his range and is making a bigger name for himself in the process. He is quick to thank Robert Zeek for the coaching he has gotten over the last year and half. Joe is a quiet, modest guy that keeps showing up at the top of the event lists wherever he goes.

DOUBLES



L-Dave Scott Dbs RU, 410 RU, HOA 3rd, HAA RU
C-Mike Schmidt Dbs CH, 20 CH, HAA CH
R-Keith Brace Dbs 3rd

Friday, shooters began the weekend with Doubles. The top scores reported to field 5 and the fun began. Mike Schmidt Jr. outlasted everyone to take CH with Dave Scott RU, and Keith Brace-3rd. Class champs were: AA-1 Chuck Isaac, A-1 Rob Gyngard, B-1 Steve Timmons, C-1 Mike Walker, D-1 Garry Bennett.

12 GAUGE



L-Steve Timmons 12 Ga. CH
C-Artie Tessman 12 Ga. RU
R-Chuck Isaac 12 Ga. 3rd, HAA 3rd

The 12 and 20 were shot on Saturday. Fifteen 100's shot off for the 12 ga. title. Steve Timmons placed CH while Artie Tessman won RU, and Chuck Isaac took third. Class champs included: AA-1 Schmidt Jr., A-1 Joe Vancura, B-1 Hank Pollard, C-1 David Sutton, D-1 Steve Schmidgall, and E-1 Bill Ziebell.

20 GAUGE



L-Bud Shipp 20 Ga. RU
R-Bill Spurlock 20 Ga. 3rd

The 20 ga. was shootoff next. Ten straights vied for the top three places. Most shooters dropped out early leaving Schmidt, Bud Shipp, and Bill Spurlock to finish CH, RU, and Third in that order. Class champs were: AA-1 Bob Zeek, A-1 Vic Voltz, B-1 Jim Burrows, C-1 Ron Blalock, D-1 Andy Korando. After the shoot offs grilled pork chop sandwiches were served along with all of the fixin's.

28 GAUGE



L-Bob Zeek Jr. 28 Ga. CH
C-Mike Jones 28 Ga. RU
R-James Barnard III 28 Ga. 3rd

Sunday was fairly typical for Peoria and the little guns. The wind definitely factored in the posted scores. Five 100's and a potfull of 99's were shot in the 28 ga. When all was said and done, Bob Zeek won CH, Mike Jones RU, and James Barnard III took third. Class champs included: AA-1 Tessman, A-1 Dave Schiebel, B-1 Lynn Snow, C-1 David Fansher, D-1 Ben Schroeder.

410 GAUGE

Two lonely 99's shot off for CH and RU in the 410. Vancura won and Dave Scott took the RU place. Junior shooter, Phil Poston put a whuppin' on the rest of the 97's to take third. Class champ were: AA-1 Zeek, A-1 Jeff Moecher, B-1 Mike Skratsky, C-1 Steve Hogan, D-1 Andy Korando.



L-Joe Vancura 410 CH, HOA CH
R-Phil Poston 410 3rd, HOA RU

HOA

Vancura was the top of the HOA heap with a 397 while Poston and Scott broke 395's and placed RU and third respectively. Class champs included: AA-1 Isaac, A-1 Spurlock, B-1 Noah Brennan, C-1 Steve Hogan, D-1 John Fennell. Scott was HAA CH, Schmidt RU, Isaac third. Class champs were: AA-1 Zeek, A-1 Moecher, B-1 Brennan, C-1 Mike Walker, D-1 John Fennell. Breaking with past practice, Becky McCumber got out from behind the computer and shot the program. She decided that she needed all of the practice she could get since changing to a new stock and shooting two-eyed and with no tape. She won all of the Lady Concurrent events while working the shoot.

THANKS !

Good shoots take a lot of planning and preparation. Becky has trained us well and keeps us honest. Thanks go to the following folks: Shoot management Jack and Ed Dean, Barry Hall, and Becky McCumber; Chief Ref John Kuljowski and his crew; Trap mechanic Jim McQuinn; Lunch kitchen help John and Kim Dooley, Hannan and Connie Martin; Saturday night dinner help Linda Dean; Paul and Louie Dean wings and meatballs; Chop cooks Greg Hufnagel, Steve Schmidgall, Kent Koshkarian, Dave McMillen, Jack Hill; Lunch cooks, Mike Dennis, Ken and Gerry Franklin; Club Manager

John Chance; Club Officers and Board. Please mark you calendars for the weekend prior to Memorial Day weekend and come see us at Peoria Skeet and Trap Club for next year's Three-I.