

Morris Dominates Canadian Skeet Championships

The 57th Canadian Skeet Championships were held near Brantford, Ontario, at the Waterford Gun Club during the weekend of July 6. Don Walton and his crew of volunteers from the Waterford organization did a wonderful job preparing the club for the biggest shoot in Canada. Sixty-eight shooters were favored with great weather, however, even ex-patriot Bill Sinnott, who now resides in Austin, Texas, found it "warm."

Friday morning featured the Federal Cartridge Doubles Event and the entire 12 gauge event. Jordy Ireland and Brad McRae shot off with 99s with Jordy triumphing as gun champ and taking home the commemorative engraved knife, as well as money and bragging rights. AA to D Class winners were Charlie Peacock, John Kapron, Colton Swance, Ross Manachino and Keith Hutcheson. Colton's 94 also garnered the junior championship. Lady champion was Marcia Postle.

Dan Morris captured the Lawry Shooting Sports 12 Gauge shoot-off of 100s with McRae as runner-up and Reg Hooper AA1.

Class winners included Mike Maddin, Willy Wong, Marcia Postle (with a stellar 99 in C Class) who was also lady champion, Larry Brookes with a personal best of 95, and Susan Patterson. Other notable scores were posted by sub-junior champion David Mylnikov (98) and, at the other end of the spectrum, senior vet champion Keith Stead (99).

Saturday saw the entire Beretta 20 Gauge Event, along with the first half of the 28 gauge. Surprisingly, top scores were 99s. Once again, Morris topped the heap with Charlie Peacock walking away as runner-up. Class champions were McRae, sub-junior Mylnikov, Saskatchewan shooter John Dong (99), Rod Postle



Steve Malcolm presents awards to HOA champ Dan Morris.

and William Wilson. Lindsay Coyle was lady champ.

With only one set of shoot-offs, we enjoyed the Cook Your Own steak dinner and presented the All-Canadian Team plaques along with commemorative plaques for Beretta, Federal and Irv's Shooting Supplies. All three of these organizations have been sponsors of the Canadian Championships for more than 20 years. Many thanks for their long and generous support.

It is fitting that Dan Morris shoots a Kolar Max Skeet, and obviously quite

well. He mopped up another victory in the Kolar Arms 28 Gauge Event. In a shoot-off for runner-up, Sinnott prevailed over Steve Loveday (AA1). Other classes were taken by Greg Meister, Wong, junior champ Colton Swance and sub-junior champ John More. Coyle was again lady champ.

Unfortunately for Morris, his winning streak was broken in the Uxbridge Shooting Sports .410 Event. Sinnott claimed the championship belt buckle from 19-year-old Nick Ciansiosi. Just as well, as we all know that 19-year-olds don't wear belts, and it would have been a waste anyway! Classes were won by McRae, Morris, Leonard LePage, Coyle, and Monachino.

Morris' scores of 396 and 492 sealed the Canadian Skeet Championships HOA and HAA (sponsored by canadianshootingsports.com). Sinnott was runner-up in the HOA, Brad McRae coming close in the HAA. Lady champion was Marcia Postle. All of the scores can be found on the NSSA website.

On behalf of the Canadian Championships Committee, which consists of Steve Loveday, Brad McRae and Steve Malcolm, many thanks to our referee crew headed by John Bratty, volunteers at Waterford Gun Club (of special note—Paul Poirier), our sponsors and all of the shooters.