

65th Ontario Provincial Championships

The 65th Ontario Skeet Championships were held at the Oshawa Skeet and Gun Club. This was one of the best attended championships in many years and it was encouraging to see a great many newer shooters competing.

Competition started on Friday with doubles, but prior to that we ran a 65-Bird Fun Shoot. Using a handicapped system (affectionately know as "Screw the AA Guys"), 17 participants shot a net score of 65 or better to get into the shoot-offs. Those of us not scoring well enough, referred to this event as practice. The eventual winner was Phil Finlay, followed by Keith Hutcheson, Steve Loveday and David Mylnikov. Many thanks to Beretta for providing the prizes.

Dan Morris won the doubles event with the sole 100. Charlie Peacock placed runner-up, with Classes AA to D won by Reg Hooper, Steve Loveday, Graham Kirby, Phil Finlay and Quebec resident Simon Richard. Lady champion was Joan Ego.

Peacock moved up a notch to capture the 12 gauge event after winning a five-way shoot-off of 100s over Reg Hooper (RU) and Brad McRae (AA1). Congratulations to Dave Troiani (B1) and Keith Hutcheson (C1) for their perfectos. It was Keith's first 100 in any gauge. He may still be seeking people to high five. He was one excited man! Rounding out the class winners were Leonard LePage and Jim Carter. Congratulation to Joan Ego for winning her 13th Ontario ladies' 12 gauge championship.

While Dan Morris and Brad McRae won the two-man championship, undoubtedly the shoot-off of the night was for the two-man runner-up. Reg Hooper and Steve Malcolm toyed with Peacock and Don Walton long enough to give them hope, but then slammed the door. There was serious concern that Charlie and Don might not be able to recover from the whooping they took.

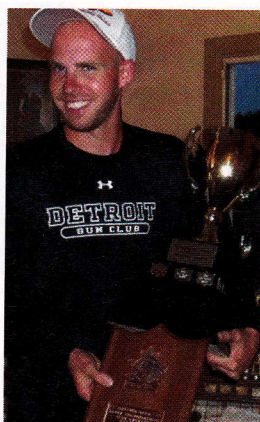
Saturday finished with the 28 gauge event. Steve Loveday and Steve Bound scored 100s and finished in that order. Peacock recovered well enough to win the shoot-off of 99s for AA1. LePage continued his strong day to capture A1 with another 99. Steve Malcolm's 99 took B1, Tom Marsh had a strong 98 to take C1 and new shooter

Jamie Cox had a 92 to garner D1. Joan Ego kept her winning streak going with her third ladies' championship of the weekend.

After some torrential downpours during the night, Sunday dawned overcast and windy. Not deterred by the wind, Hooper prevailed in the 20 gauge shoot-off of 100s over John Kapton to win the big prize. Classes winners were Loveday, Malcolm, John McGonegal, George Williamson and Victoria Hardin. Victoria also landed the ladies' championship.

The .410 was by necessity, windy. We even had a 45 minute delay due to lighting. However, scores were pretty good by all standards. Fearing another humiliating defeat in the two-man event, Peacock and Walton pulled out the championship and runner-up in that order. Charlie's 99 won outright, but Don was forced to shoot off with McRae with 98s. Classes leaders were McRae, Loveday, John Czuba, Al Morris and Tony Lamoureux. Ego eked out a fourth ladies' championship.

Charlie Peacock's consistent scores over the weekend captured the HOA championship, with a fine 397. Steve Love-



HOA CH Charlie Peacock



Keith Hutcheson shot his first-ever 100 straight.

day won the runner-up spot over Brad McRae (AA1) with a 395. Steve Malcolm, Kirk Simmens, Dan Tansley and George Williamson grabbed the remaining class championships. Not surprisingly, Joan Ego won yet another Ontario ladies' championship. Best of all, we are seeing more and more lady shooters in Ontario.

The Ontario Board of Directors would like to thank the Oshawa Skeet and Gun Club and especially Bob Cake for hosting our event. Jim Carter and his staff of referees kept things under control and special thanks to Tammie Eve on the registration and scoring desk.