

BB gun shooters tie for first on written test

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Norton scored a 480 x 500 on the written test to tie for high with four other teams. All five Norton team members, Kyle Edgett, 13; Brock Lauer, 13; Kerby Brandyberry, 13; J.D. Gall, 12; and Katie Gall, 10, scored a 96 x 100 on the test. Each question counted for two points and each missed two different questions.

Lauer's gun problem from the kneeling position, the final of four shooting positions, is an example of how many points just one gun malfunction can cost a team. Norton was on its way to an outstanding score from the kneeling position when difficulties occurred and adjustments had to be made hurriedly since shooters are under a time limit. Lauer ended with a 72 score which, conservatively, was at least 20 points under what he would normally shoot. Twenty-one points more would have moved Norton up into the top 10 in the final standings.

"There are probably many places that we could have picked up 50 more points in shooting and that would have put us in contention for the championship," said Coach Lauer. "Some shoots just don't turn out the way you'd like but we have good young boys and girls in this program and they did their best and that's all you can ask. We are very proud of them."

Pierre, S.D., won the championship with a 2,354 x 58x overall shooting and written test score. Following in the top twenty were: Laurel, Md., 2,348 x 42x, second; Holt County, Neb., 2,334 x 45x, third; Bowling Green, Ky., 2,327 x 51x, fourth; Germantown, Md., 2,322 x 60x, fifth; Palmyra, Pa., 2,317 x 50x, sixth; Wichita, Kan., 2,312 x 42x, seventh; Buffalo, Minn., 2,311 x 56x, eighth; Bend of River, Tenn., 2,311 x 43x, ninth; Lumpkin, Ga., 2,307 x 54x, tenth; Appling, Ga., 2,301 x 57x, elev-

enth; Parkston, S.D., 2,299 x 49x, twelfth; Fort Bend, Texas, 2,293 x 61x, tie for thirteenth; Washington, Mo., 2,293 x 61x, tie for thirteenth; Tift County, Ga., 2,292 x 56x, fifteenth; Norton, 2,286 x 39x, sixteenth; Manhattan, Kan., 2,285 x 45x, seventeenth; Jefferson County, Kan., 4-H team, 2,284 x 38x, eighteenth; Coweta, Ga., 2,282 x 50x, nineteenth; Kirley, S.D., 2,280 x 61x, twentieth.

NORTON SHOOTERS

High individual scorers for Norton were Kyle Edgett and J.D. Gall. Edgett's scores were: 94, prone; 90, standing; 95, sitting; 95, kneeling; 374 shooting; 96, written test; 470 total. Gall's scores were: 96, prone; 91, standing; 92, sitting; 95, kneeling; 374 shooting; 96, written test; 470 total.

Third high scorer was Katie Gall. Her scores were: 91, prone; 85, standing; 95, sitting; 91, kneeling; 362 shooting; 96, written test; 458 total.

Next came Kerby with scores of: 93 prone; 86, standing; 87, sitting; 90, kneeling; 356 shooting; 96, written test; 452 total.

Brock Lauer's scores were: 95, prone; 84, standing; 89, sitting; 72, kneeling; 340 shooting; 96, written test; 436 total.

Competing as alternates for Norton were Brittany Boucher, 13 and Kylie Nuzum, 10. Nuzum was the fifth best shooter among all alternate competitors and Boucher was right behind her in sixth.

Nuzum's scores were: 96, prone; 93, standing; 94, sitting; 94, kneeling; 377 shooting; 94, written test; 471 total.

Boucher's scores were: 97, prone; 90, standing; 97, sitting; 92, kneeling; 376 shooting; 92, written test; 468 total.

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

The opening ceremonies were held Friday evening in Diddle Arena and all 38 teams and



Katie Gall (above right) was one of this year's shooters at the International BB Gun Shoot in Bowling Green, Ky. Norton's team took 16th overall and tied for first in the written contest.

coaches marched into the arena and were introduced prior to the program.

Sandy Jones, Mayor of Bowling Green, welcomed the shooters, coaches and parents. She said it had been six years since the international shoot was last held in Bowling Green.

Ray Hobbs, president and CEO of Daisy Products, also spoke. He presented a special BB gun to John

Ford, former Daisy official who has spent 30 years with the BB Gun Program.

Hobbs wished all shooters good luck the next two days.

The Awards Ceremony was held on Sunday evening in Diddle Arena. The top ten teams marched into the arena and were honored. The top three teams received special recognition. The champion

Pierre team received the large trav-

eling trophy. Each member of the top three teams received individual medals, along with the top three individual shooters and test scorers from the entire shoot.

The president-elect of the U.S. Jaycees congratulated all shooters, coaches and parents. "One of the most important things we do in Jaycees is sponsor the shooting teams," she said. "We've had a great partnership with Daisy.

"Every shooter is a winner. I learned patience and dedication when I was a shooter. As a former shooter, I respect the cooperation, teamwork, pursuit of dreams, goal setting and excellence in your field that make you all winners."

MANY THANKS

"We give a huge thank you to everyone in the Norton community for all their support," said Coach Lauer. "A special thank you goes to the parents and my wife, Teresa, who provides much assistance in addition to being the classroom instructor."

He also thanked his assistant coaches: John Gall, Tom Edgett, Steve Otter and Kirk Nuzum.

Attending the shoot from Norton were: Dan, Teresa, Joy and Brock Lauer; Steve, Penny and Alec Otter; Andrew and Brittany Boucher; Tom, Diane and Kyle Edgett; John, Patty, Katie and J.D. Gall; David and Kerby Brandyberry; Kirk, Misty, Brad and Kylie Nuzum; Mary Beth and Dick Boyd. Bev Parks, Kansas City, a sister of Diane Edgett, was also in attendance.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

The International BB Gun Championships are the highlight of the Jaycees Shooting Education Program and State Shootoffs. The program was designed to introduce young shooters to the basics of safe gun handling and marksmanship. An estimated 250,000 young people take part in the program each year.

The safety program is based on a format proposed by the late Norton Jaycees member, Duane Winder, which was adopted nationwide when Daisy and the U.S. Jaycees began the program.

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