

2008 Territorial and Top Gun Report

by Rick Repovsch, NMLRA Territorial Coordinator

Once again, I was privileged to attend several Territorials in 2008 – seven, to be exact.

The year 2008 was the 75th Anniversary of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association. Each Territorial in 2008 offered to each competitor a special 75th Anniversary target to be shot for free. The top three targets from each Territorial were turned in to the NMLRA and scored at Friendship by the scoring department. Of those scored, the top three targets for all of the competitors at all of the Territorials in the United States were awarded a Special 75th Anniversary commemorative plaque for their accomplishment.

1st place went to John Bowman, who shot a score of 44 at the TN Territorial. Second place was awarded to Chad Cleland, who shot a 43-1X at the AK Territorial. Third place was awarded to Steven Hursey, who shot a 43 at the IN Territorial. Congratulations to all three. Thanks to all who participated in this match.

Let us not forget to mention some outstanding scores that were shot by the youth this past year. These fellow young shooters fired a couple of perfect scores: **Molly Simonds** shot a 100-7X in the sub-junior aggregate at the NH Territorial, and **Cate Mattox** shot a 100-6X in the sub-junior aggregate at the WV territorial. Mighty fine shooting in anyone's book! Congratulations to both Molly and Cate!

The year started with a journey to NE with a shooting partner. This was the first Territorial for NE since the late 1980's, and a first for the host club, the Fort Atkinson Muzzle Loaders. I must say that the old adage of 10% of the people doing 90% of the work needed to host a Territorial *did not apply* with this fine group of people.

Led by none other than Russ Dockweiler, Greta Schlabs, Dale Parker, and many others I cannot recall, this club really put on a first-rate shoot – a real class act! Better than 50% of the club's membership was there to help with the workload. It gave the opportunity for all to relax, compete, and make new friends. There was a total of fifty-three competitors in attendance, from MN, SD, IA, NE, and CO. This was a very organized group, and the meal that was offered to all on Saturday was superb.

Next up was a trip to NC – a trip that mixed both pleasure and business. The Crosse Creek Longrifles Club was the host once again. I was able to shoot only one

match at this Territorial, since Fort Bragg is only a few miles away and that was where my daughter was serving at the time. She came out to the Territorial, and I was occupied with working with her and a friend of hers. We now have a new member of the NMLRA; her friend is a combat wounded veteran who had to learn to shoot left handed because of injuries he suffered in combat. He had never shot a muzzleloader before, and was instantly hooked! He even wants to purchase his own now and become active in shooting muzzleloaders.

The next week I attended the Territorial in MO, and as usual it had one of the largest turnouts of all of the Territorials. The Fort Osage Muzzle Loaders certainly know how to run a Territorial, and have an excellent facility. Again, a feed on Saturday evening with friends makes this one worth the trip.

The next Territorial was a trip to VT. What a beautiful state it is! Again, I got to meet new people and sample some great food! Word had it that the weather was the best it had been in years, and the range layout was great. There is always a large turnout at this Territorial. The Match Director, Harland Blodgett, has a crew that runs a good shoot. The stew and social time on Saturday evening was a time to remember.

Over the Memorial Day weekend was a visit to my old friends the Beaver Creek Plainsmen Club in Collins, IA. Again, lots of competitors, friends, and good food to be had by all. I always seem to be able to find time for this one.

After the Spring shoot at Friendship, I attended the SD Territorial to rekindle some old friendships there as well. The Split Rock Muzzle Loaders and Match Director Larry Pedley host a small but very competitive group at this Territorial.

Finally, I had the pleasure of being the Match Director for the MN Territorial. Not as many competitors as some Territorials I attend, but always a treat to see friends and to visit and help shooters who are new to this type of competition.

For the year 2009 there will be a few changes in the program. The Junior and Intermediate aggregates have had the age grouping re-bracketed, and the Junior aggregate has changed in its composition. This is being done due in large part to the petitions and feedback I have received from many competitors from across the country. Additional aggregates for young shooters are also being considered, as well as additional pistol aggregates. There are a few other minor changes being implemented in the program. For details, do not hesitate to contact me, or the Match Director for the Territorial you wish to attend.

In spite of the increased fuel costs over the last shooting season, the participation was up significantly over years past – a pleasant surprise, to say the least.

Also for 2009, please consider attending a Territorial in Kansas. This will be the first for them in many a moon. It will be hosted by the First Santa Fe Trails Plainsman Rifle and Pistol Club. The match Director is Cathy Hittle.

For more information about the NMLRA's Territorials, feel free to contact me (Rick Repovsch) at any time at: rrepovsch@msn.com; 612-865-4422. You may also contact Joyce Vogel at the NMLRA office at: fieldrep@seidata.com; phone toll-free: 800-745-1493.

Now for the top Gun report for 2008.

The overall **Top Gun for 2008 is Bill Rose** with 47 points. Once again, he has proved to be a tough competitor. He is also the Top Male Shooter of the year.



Nebraska Territorial competitors

The **Female Top Gun** once again goes to **Sharron Smith** with 24 points. Sharron is a good competitor, but as you read earlier, there are a couple of young women who shot perfect scores and who will be giving Sharron a run for her money in the coming years.

The **Top Youth Shooter** for the year was **Jason Myles** with 19 points. Congratulations, Jason.

I extend my personal thanks to each competitor at the 2008 Territorials. Bring a friend in 2009; let's make it bigger and better than ever before! Following is the Top Gun and top ten in each aggregate shot in 2008 at the Territorials:

AGGREGATE A- OFFHAND

NAME	STATE	SCORE
Todd Ware	WV	177-1X
Larry Hand	GA	176-2X
Bill Rose	MI	174-4X
J. Wesley Bahorik	WV	172-1X
Ed Dennis	OH	171-1X
Pat Reed	AK	170
John Monti	NH	170
Bruce Simonds Jr.	NH	169-1X
Rollo MacWilliams	ME	168-1X
Clint Richmond	AL	168
Bruce McKelvey	GA	167-2X

AGGREGATE B-FLINTLOCK

Ernie Clark	OH	178-1X
Troy Roope	WV	176-1X
Ed Dennis	TN	176
Chad Cleland	AK	173
Joe DeVault	WV	172
Carson Browning	GA	171-3X
Larry Hand	AL	170-2X
Clint Richmond	GA	170-2X
Anthony Capriglione	NY	170
James Fulmer	PA	169-3X
Dwayne Sumpter	MO	169

AGGREGATE C- BENCH

Troy Roope	WV	196-7X
Michael J. Wengert	PA	191-8X
Donald E. Blazier Jr.	PA	190-4X
Paul Hartranft	PA	190-2X
Ken Laverty	CA	189-3X
Emmett Burns	TN	187-6X
Don Wheatley	MN	187-1X
Raymond Scites	WV	187-1X
Roger McFall	OR	186-4X
Ted Sanders	TN	186-3X
Rick Repovsch	VT	186-3X
Wayne Courtney	TN	186-2X

AGGREGATE D - MUSKET

Bill Koppos	NY	260-1X
James Jaskoviak	NE	259
Frank Burke	OR	258-3X
Larry Hand	AL	256-3X
Donald Daugherty	WV	253-2X
Sandy MacWilliams	NH	251
Bill Rose	IN	247-1X
Errol McLean	NY	242
Clint Richmond	AL	240-2X
Jim Browning	GA	240

AGGREGATE E - ONE GUN

Bill Rose	MI	179
Troy Roope	WV	178-1X

Larry Hand	GA	175
Ed Dennis	OH	173-1X
John Hilworth	IN	173
Joe DeVault	WV	172-1X
Jerald Hartman	MO	169-2X
Anthony Capriglione	NY	169-2X
Steven McKenzie	WV	168
James Fulmer	PA	166-1X
Jim Lawrence	ID	166

AGGREGATE F - CROSS STICK

Dave Vanderbos	MO	190-2X
Mel Hartranft	PA	189-5X
Bob Bottoms	ID	189-4X
Rick Repovsch	NE	189-3X
Dale Evans	OR	186-7X
Bill Rose	IN	186-2X
Peter Sheets	MN	186-2X
Lloyd Church	NY	185-5X
Don Lemker	NE	185-2X
James McGhee	MN	184-1X
Tim Taylor	AL	183-6X

AGGREGATE G- LADIES

Sharron Smith	OH	184-4X
Amy Frank	WV	184-4X
Ann Reed	WV	176-1X
Neysa Bush	CA	173
Sue Connors	NY	170
Tara Manzer	NY	169-1X
Geri Nevil	TN	160-1X
Marika Nible	NE	158
Greta Schlabs	NE	157-1X
Mary McFall	ID	153
Joanne Pallas	ME	153
Charlotte Putman	WV	149-3X

AGGREGATE H - JUNIOR

Logan Brazzell	IA	176
Jason Myles	WV	174-1X
Nick Matto	WV	172-1X
Kadee Stephens	PA	170-4X
Will Haffner	TN	170
Shawn Kelly	AK	168-2X
Devin Budd	NH	157
Chelsea Hammond	NH	155
Guy Paul Smith	OH	152-1X
Devin Budd	ME	144

AGGREGATE I - SKEET

Jim Tucker	IN	72
Joe P Brown	AL	71
Gerald Bridges	AL	69
Sam Gladden	AL	69
Joe Ed McCray	AZ	68
Rady Dyer	AZ	66
Les Elliott	IN	65
Kenneth L. Reynolds	AL	64
FT Cammisar	AL	62
Larry J Marchesseau	AL	61
Steve Gerlt	MO	61
Don G Holley	AL	60
David G Jones	AL	60

AGGREGATE J - TRAP

Andy Larson	AZ	40
Robert A. Voegele	AZ	40
Pat Sting	MI	40
Aaron Hart	AZ	39
Max Horton	MI	38
Wayne Knop	MI	37
Jim English	MI	37
David Yeubanks	AL	36
Will Elliott	IN	35
Nick Mass	MO	35

Dan Nuttall	MI	34
Gene Reem	IN + IL	33
John Crawford	MI	33
Jan White	MI	32
Matthew Maness	MO	32
Dave McMurray	MI	30
Ron Fernwalt	MI	30
John Burrington	MO	30
Bob Bottoms	ID	29

AGGREGATE K - PISTOL

Mark Tompkins	NH	285-12X
Charles Garvey	TN	280-4X
Herm Davison	VT	277-6X
Joe Rhode	CA	277-2X
Eric Spivey	NH	276-2X
Mike Kelly	AK	275-6X
Kim Best	OH	274-4X
Richard Dagenais	PA	273-7X
Clint Richmond	AL	273-6X
Mike Garberich	MN	273-3X

AGGREGATE L - PRIMITIVE

Charlie Swindell	ID	168-1X
Rene Mazeau	NY	151
John Monti	NH	142
Bill Koppos	NY	141
Donna Bisges	MO	137
Rich Evans	OH	134
Mark Hoffman	PA	131
John Mosqueda	ID	128
Clifford Diffendaffer	ID	128
Charles Sumpter	PA	128
Harland Blogett	NH	120
Rob Root	OH	120
James Futral	NC	116

AGGREGATE M - SUB-JUNIOR

Molly Simonds	NH	100-7X
Cate Mattox	WV	100-6X
Will Haffner	TN	98-5X
Wayne Reynolds	VT	97-3X
Olivia Burke	OR	95-3X
Taylor Newsom	GA	95-2X
Steve Romero	AL	94-3X
Lilly Price	NH	94-3X
Josh Moore	NB	94-2X
Tyler Kelly	AK	94-1X
John M. Mosqueda	ID	93-2X

AGGREGATE N - HUNTERS

Bill Rose	IL	169-5X
Joe DeVault	WV	162-1X
Mark Hoffman	PA	162
Billy Townsend	GA	157-2X
Larry Hand	GA	156-1X
Bill Millican	AL	154-2X
Bruce Peglow	SD	153-2X
George MacDonald	GA	153-1X
Dennis Villwok	NE	151
Todd Ware	WV	151
Clint Richmond	AL	149-1X
Jim Jaskoviak	MN	149-1X

AGGREGATE O - SIGHTED

SMOOTHBORE

Bob Engelbach	AK	166-1X
James Jaskoviak	IA	163-2X
Arnold Burr	ID	159
Edward Dennis	TN	157-1X
Roger Schaefer	ID	155-1X
Michael Blazier	PA	155-1X
Sandy MacWilliams	ME	153-1X
Jack Patton	NE + MN	153
Mike Penz	CO	148

James Tucker	TN	147-1X
Richard Dagenais	PA	146-2X

**AGGREGATE P - UNLIMITED
LONGHUNTER**

Ernie M Clark	IN	179-1X
Bill Rose	OH	175
Clint Richmond	GA	167-1X
Dean Good	OH	164
Don Ouellette Jr.	NY	159-1X
Rollo MacWilliams	NY	156
Michael Blazier	PA	155-1X
Anthony Capriglione	NY	149-1X
Larry Hand	AL	149
Roger Buechler	SD	148-1X

AGGREGATE Q - LADIES OFFHAND

Tonya Mouzon	NC	174-3X
Marika Nible	NE	173-1X
Sarah Lotts	WV	170-1X
Shannon Boyce	NY	170
Sharron Smith	OH	169
Neysa Bush	CA	165
Julie Cate	VT	162-1X
Gerry Rubbo	PA	161-3X
Donna Bisges	MO	160-1X
Tara Manzer	NY	160

AGGREGATE R - SMOOTHBORE

Donald Daugherty	WV	176
Fred Lotts	WV	161
James Jaskoviak	MN	155-2X
Stan Reed	WV	148
Dwayne Sumpter	MO	147-1X
Bob Patterson	NY	145
John Mouzon	NC	143-1X
Robert Campbell	IA	137

John Richardson	NH	137
Dave Pike	VT	135

AGGREGATE S - LADIES TRAP

Harland Blodgett	NH	132-1X
Kathy Elliott	IN	38
Terri Townsend	IN	37
Ardith Knop	AZ	32
Bonnie Fernwalt	MI	29
JoAnn Reem	IN	28
Pat King	MI	28
Shandi Phillips	MO	20
Myrna Holloway	AZ	19
Linda Yeubanks	MO	9
Loretta Cruz	VT	4

AGGREGATE T - INTERMEDIATE

Jason Myles	WV	156
Mary Amelia Taylor	AL	135
Tony Salisbury	OH	130-1X
Zach McGhee	IA	123
Logan Brazzell	IA	113
Adam Jallo	MN	102
Guy Paul Smith	OH	102
Cole Karickhoff	WV	100
Kelley Bilbrey	IA	96
David Amico	PA	87
Elizabeth Douville	VT	80

AGGREGATE U - LADIES HUNTER

Gerry Rubbo	PA	167-1X
Neysa Bush	CA	162
Sharron Smith	OH	151-3X
Margaret Millican	TN	151-1X
Julie Cate	VT	143
Ann Reed	WV	142
Sarah Lotts	WV	141

Rebecca D. Henderson	AL	136
Bonnie Serrett	WV	135

AGGREGATE V - CARTRIDGE

Wendy Butler	NH	134-1X
Arnold Burr	ID	323-6X
Bruce Peglow	MN	307-1X
Joe Rhode	CA	305-3X
Bob Englebach	AK	304-3X
Jim Dibble	NY	300-2X
Dennis McCarthy	CA	300
Peter Tho Seeth	NC	296-3X
Bruce Potter	VT	288-1X
Terry Kamstra	IA	287-2X
Ken Wisler	CA	281

AGGREGATE W - LIGHT BENCH

Don Lemker	NE	187-3X
Rick Repovsch	VT	186-4X
Pat Reed	AK	186-1X
Rodney Ingram	NC	186
Nelson Simonds	NH	183-1X
Amy Frank	WV	182-1X
Roger McFall	ID	182
Tim Taylor	AL	181-1X
Bruce Potter	NY	180-1X
Ken Laverty	CA	180



At right: Nebraska Territorial Youth Shooters.



Minnesota Territorial competitors.



Vermont Territorial competitors.

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