

# 2025 WEST VIRGINIA STATE SHOOT

Michael Whitmore - Singles Champion

Mikel Boone - Handicap Champion

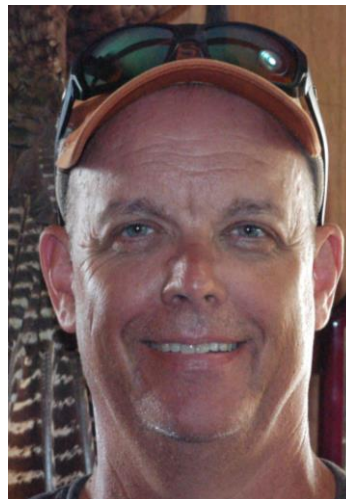
Ethan Ferris - Doubles Champion

Robert Harden - HAA Champion

Steven Sprout - HOA Champion



Ethan Ferris



Mikel Boone

Michael Whitmore became the latest “first-time” WV Singles Champion, the 2024 Class B winner, won the Championship with a score of 197. Singles Championship runner-up was won with a 196 by Nicholas Harden. Nick is a two time WV Singles Champion winning in 2016 and 2024.

## **Resident classes and categories are as follows:**

Class AA, Todd Sauble, 194; Class A, Michael Snyder, 192; Class B, Zachary Pethtel, 191; Class C, Pete Landfried, 184; Class D, Russell Lillard, 183; Sub Jr, Ethan Ferris, 191; Junior, Zane McHenry, 176; LDII, Darlene Raiford, 173, Sub-Vet, Steven Sprout, 195; Vet, Mark Isner, 185; Sr. Vet, Robert Harden, 192.

Isaac McCoy from North Carolina broke the lone 200 to secure the Non-Resident Championship. Runner-up 197's by James Bechtel and Rick Diana who decided to flip with Bechtel's side landing up; Rick fell back to AA; Daniel VanBeek won Class A with a 196; B Class shooter, Leon Neifert broke a 196 to win Class B outright; Taylor Marie Zeigler broke 196 for Class C honors; Class D Paul Latchford won his class with 182; Jr. Tristan Shupe shot 197 for Jr. laurels; Ethan Ledford and AJ Vanravensburg

knotted at 198. Jr Gold was decided by a two round shoot-off with AJ going straight; Lady I Sue Koons dropped just one target to win her Category; Cassie Hammond broke 187 for Lady II honors; David Zeigler shot a category high of 197 to win the Sub-Vet trophy; Sub-Jr, Quinlan Degraff posted a 190 for his category win; Sheldon Hostetter and Thomas Muddiman shot 197's with Muddiman the winner by forfeit; Veteran Raffaele Marasca posted a 199 to win his Category.

**See complete results here:**    [Singles Championship Results](#)  
   [Singles Championship Scores](#)

Three time All American, Sub Jr., Ethan Ferris, broke the top score in doubles to win his second consecutive WV Doubles Championship. Ethan's first win came in 2024 when he tied Mark Isner who is a three time WV Doubles Champion. Mark did not answer the call for the shoot off, no doubt by that time, Isner was already passing Morgantown.

Resident Doubles Runner was a tie between Russell Lillard and JW Dowler. Lillard decided to forfeit the shoot off and take the Class B win; Class A honors went to Michael Snyder posting an 89; Morgan Gump broke 87 to claim Class C; Zachary Pethtel shot a 79 for Class D; Category winners were Jeremiah Clark in Jr., 81; Darlene Raiford Lady II, 62; Steven Sprout Sub-Vet, 91; Sr.-Vet Robert Harden, 92 and Veteran Bill King, 93.

Non Resident Doubles Champion, Ethan Ledford, 98; Runner-up Alec Sauble, 95; Class AA, Fritz Carlsten, 94; Class A, Isaac McCoy, 93; Class B, Tip Wight, 93; Class C, Denton Browning, 90; Class D, John Watkins, 92; Jr. Tristan Shupe, 96; JR Gold, Joseph Breck IV, 94; Lady I, Bethany Breighner, 93; Lady II, Cassie Hammond, 92; SubVet, David Zeigler, 96; Sub-Jr, Quinlan Degraff, 90; Sr-Vet, Louis Goodwin, 96; Vet, John Patchell, 92.

**Complete results:**    [Doubles Championship Results](#)  
   [Doubles Championship Scores](#)

Championship Handicap was won by another "first-time" shooter, Mikel Boone. He broke a 95 on the first wave out. Mikel nervously waited on the rest of the field to claim his first major championship in his trapshooting career which began in 2020.

Runner-up was 1996 Handicap Champion, now shooting in the Senior Veteran category, Robert Harden, breaking three less, perhaps a bit of the changing of the guard as it were.

Third place, Sham Sase, 91; fourth place, Collin Hopkins, 90; fifth place, JW Dowler, 90; sixth place, Michael Snyder, 90; Jr., Jeremiah Clark, 89; Lady II, Darlene Raiford, 92; Sub-Vet was knotted a 88 between Todd Sauble and Steven Sprout, choosing to flip Sauble got the nod: Sub Jr. Ethan Ferris, 84; Veteran Thomas Miller and Mark Isner tied with 90, Isner forfeiting.

Non-Res Handicap Champion, Fritz Carlsten lead all shooters with a 96; Three were knotted at 93 for Runner-Up after the ensuing shoot off, Osker Reynolds was runner-up, John Bechtel third and Issac McCoy fourth. Fifth went to Christina Wantje and sixth Bryan Davis. Jr., Tristan Shupe, 95; Jr Gold, Joseph Breck IV, 92, Lady I, Estella Williams, 95; Lady II, Cassie Hammond, 92; SubVet, Tip Wight, 91; Sub Jr., Dylan Zepp, 92; SrVet, John Watkins, 91; Vet., John Patchell and Dennis Cooperrider were locked at 94 with Patchell winning when Cooperrider forfeited.

**Complete results:**    [Handicap Championship Results](#)  
                                  [Handicap Championship Scores](#)

### **High All Around:**

WV HAA Champion was Robert Harden with a 376 making it his sixth WV HAA title. Junior Tristan Shupe's 388 secured the Non-Resident HAA title.

Open Category winners: Junior, Isaac McCoy, 386; Jr. Gold, Ethan Ledford, 387; Lady I, Estella Williams, 380; Lady II, Cassie Hammond, 371; SubVet, Daniel Vanbeek, 377; Sub Jr., Ethan Ferris, 371; Sr. Vet., Darrel Murray, 371, Veteran, Dennis Cooperrider, 374.

[High All Around Results](#)

[High All Around Scores](#)

### **High Over All:**

WV High Over All Champion was Steven Sprout with a 1208. Fritz Carlsten of Delaware headed all Non Resident shooters with a 1247.

Open Category winners: Junior, Isaac McCoy, 1231; Jr. Gold, Joseph Breck, 1209; Lady I, Bethany Breighner, 1209; Lady II, Cassie Hammond, 1191; SubVet, David Zeigler, 1205; Sub Jr., Ethan Ferris, 1204; Sr Vet., Robert Harden, 1207, Veteran, John Patchell, 1182.

[High Over All Results](#)

[High Over All Scores](#)

### **Preliminary Days Events:**

Wednesday's Events are named for shooters that have recently passed. Event I, named for Kenneth Lilley of Moundsville, Event II, named for Al Taylor and Event III. named for Kip Captor. Event trophies were donated by Dodd's Sporting Goods of Ellenboro, WV. Pete Landfried of Scorched Earth Gun Club donated 500.00 Added money to be split between Wednesday and Thursday's Handicap.

**Results can be found here:**    [Wednesday's Singles Scores](#)        [Results](#)  
  [Wednesday's Handicap Scores](#)        [Results](#)  
  [Wednesday's Doubles Scores](#)        [Results](#)

Thursday is Champions Day, Events are named for last years' WV Champions. Event IV, named for 2024 Singles Champion, Nicholas Harden, Event V, named for 2024 WV Handicap Champion, Darrel Murray and Event VI, named for 2024 WV Doubles Champion, Ethan Ferris

Results can be found here:    [Thursday's Singles](#)                [Results](#)  
  [Thursday's Handicap](#)                [Results](#)

Friday's Class Championships Trophies are provided by Precision Steel LLC, Cameron Bailey owner. Since 2019, Cameron has donated trophies for the WV State Shoot. Cameron's trophies are all original and highly sought after.

In 2019, the trophy was laser etched glass, 2020 no shoot was held. In 2021, he created stainless outlines of the Mountaineer for Singles, Coal Miner for Handicap and the outline representation of the State of West Virginia for Doubles. The 2022 trophy Cameron created, was an original sculpture mounted on locally sourced live edge cherry. The 2023 design plaques were made from locally sourced cherry heart wood with a laser etched design. The 2024 theme, was West Virginia "Monsters", The Mothman, Flatwoods Monster and the Grafton Monster.

Cameron doesn't usually deliver his trophies until the day before or the day of the event to increase suspense; this year was no different. Several months ago Cameron embarked on a skill, "Pin Striping". Cameron has always been very creative and the art of pin striping takes many years to master. Undaunted, Cameron embarked on the quest to locate and learn from the "old masters" of hot rod painting and pin striping. He has met and studied with several legends. I had the pleasure of meeting one of his teachers, the famous Von Dago, whose was highly sought after in his craft back in the 70's.

If you know Cameron very well, you know he is a quick study. His ability to quickly acquire serious skills with the assistance of the pin striping masters is no different. He unveiled three original designed panels for the WV High Gun in each discipline. Below are the pictures. The trophies for the 2025 State Shoot Classes and Categories were again West Virginia themed trophies. For Singles Cameron created a 3-D seated coal miner. Handicap featured a standing Coal Miner with pick axe; The Doubles trophy was a 3-D outline of the State of West Virginia with a Coal Miner inset.







The WVATA is grateful that Cameron puts so much thought into his creations honoring West Virginia, its industry and heritage. Thanks Cameron.

Results can be found here: [Friday's Singles](#) [Results](#)  
[Friday's Handicap](#) [Results](#)  
[Friday's Doubles](#) [Results](#)

During the annual meeting the WV State Team members were presented with embroidered pullovers and certificates. The team members are:

### 2025 WV STATE TEAM FIRST TEAM

1	Capt. Mark Isner	0.9223
2	Scott Ross	0.8909
3	Michael Snyder	0.8783
4	Russell Lillard	0.8780
5	Mikel Boone	0.8658
SubJr.	Ethan Ferris	0.9040
	Junior Marshall Supanik	0.8782
	Sub Vet Steven Sprout	0.9134
	Veteran Fred Dague	0.9160
	Sr. Vet Robert Harden	0.9126

### SECOND TEAM

1	Capt. Morgan Gump	0.8596
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2	Donald Lafollette	0.8594
3	Zachary Pethtel	0.8590
4	Michael Wilder	0.8572
5	Charles Jackson	0.8530
SubJr.	Zane McHenry	0.7854
Sub Vet	Todd Sauble	0.8772
Veteran	Bill King	0.8840
Sr. Vet	Darrel Murray	0.9113

### **Special Thanks To:**

**Hayes Electrical & Superior Industrial Laundry  
for their Support of Awards for the  
West Virginia State Team**

With the rising costs associated with shooting today our sponsors determine the quality of trophies and the price of the targets. The WVATA is indebted to all our sponsors for making our trophy package, especially for our non-resident shooters, second to none. We want to thank them for their continued support they are:

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### **2025 ATA All American Team Members**

Veteran - Mark Isner Sub Jr - Ethan Ferris  
Sr. Vet - Darrel Murray, Sr. Vet - Robert Harden

During the WVATA General Business Meeting elections were held and the following officers were elected by acclamation.

President Matthew Hayes  
Vice President Mikel Boone  
Secretary Brandy Hayes  
Treasurer Rusty McHenry

WV ATA Delegate Robert Harden  
WV Alt. Delegate Nicholas Harden  
WV 1ST Alt Delegate Darrell Dowler

Pete Landfried of **Scorched Earth Gun Range** donated a Stalker Sport 2 radar gun to the Association. The receipt of the radar gun, provides a much needed back-up. Many thanks to Pete and Scorched Earth Gun Range. They throw more targets than any other club in the state. You will not regret visiting the "Biggest Small Trap Range" in West Virginia.

### **James A Schad Memorial Fund**

Shelia Schad established the James A Schad Memorial Fund to assist the WV Youth Shooting Program. Jim had a passion to increase youth shooting in WV. Since 2021 she has made a yearly donation of \$2500.00 in Jim's memory. The WVATA thanks her for her continued support of Youth Trapshooting.

### **Steve Sprout**

After 18 years of service to the WVATA, Steven E. Sprout retired as the association treasurer. Steve passed the job into the capable hands of Rusty McHenry. Rusty joined the ATA in 2019, along with his son, Zane, who immediately jumped in to help run the cashiering program used for both the VA and WV State Shoots and have been invaluable

Sprout was a formidable negotiator when it came to contracts for the WV State Shoot. He saved the association costs while making sure both parties made a profit. Steve was also instrumental in bring in Dodd's Sporting Goods of Ellenboro as a trophy sponsor for the added first day of the shoot.

We wish Steve well in his retirement the word is, it involves water and fishing.

Thanks Steve and good luck!