

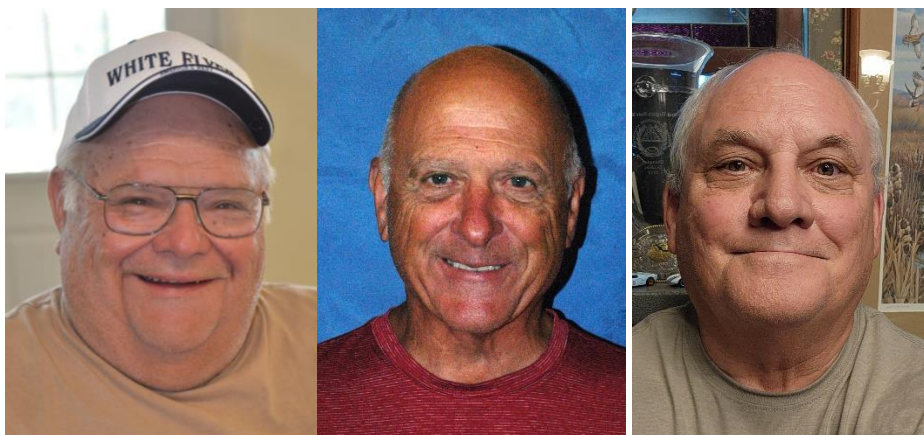


Sweeping All Five Championships at the 105th WV State Shoot. The Silver Haired Shooters “Got it Done.”

**Gary Gaither, WV Handicap Champion; Mark Isner, WV Doubles Champion
Robert Harden, WV Singles, HAA and HOA Champion.**

Shooters from thirteen states and the District of Columbia attended the 105th WV State Championships traveling from as far west as Utah; South from Florida, Alabama and Georgia; East from Maryland and as far North as Maine.

Two hundred and twenty-two shooters participated during the five-day tournament. Shooters shot at a total of 123,600 targets for a \$10,000.00 trophy package and over \$10,000.00 in Added Money donated by our generous donors, more about that later.



Gary Gaither
Handicap Champion

Mark Isner
Doubles Champion

Robert Harden
Singles, HAA, HOA Champion

After a brief shower during the morning, **Event #12- WV Handicap Championship** was held. WV Senior Veteran, Gary Gaither, broke a 92 from 20 yards to win his first WV Handicap Title. WV Veteran, Mark Isner, a seasoned veteran, having previously won two WV Singles Championships; two HAA Championships and now his Fourth WV Doubles title breaking a 94. WV Senior Veteran, Robert Harden, added to his tally with the other three WV Championships. Robert broke the lone high In-State score of 198 to win his second WV Singles crown. He carded a 376 to secure his sixth WV High All Around and a total score of 1,194 for a one bird lead over Mikel Boone to win his second WV High Over All Championship to go along with his three WV Doubles titles and a 1996 WV Handicap Championship.

Event #10-WV Singles Championship (142). A few birds back from Harden's 198, Todd Sauble, a three-time WV Singles Champion, broke a 192 for the runner-up spot. Class winners were: Class AA-Nicholas Harden, 186; Class A-Darrel Murray, 189; Class B-Rusty McHenry, 189; Class C-Pete Landfried, 184; Class D-Raymond Childers, 184. Categories winners were Jr-Ethan Ferris, 195; JrGold-Zane McHenry, 192; LDI-Lacy Hockman, 173; LDII-Darlene Raiford, 159; SubVet-Mikel Boone, 195; SrVet-Scott Ross, 194; Vet-Mark Isner, 189 and SubJr-Tyce Gallagher, 172. Tyce was thrilled with his win. Anonymous donor, Kaylynn Hamilton, donated two painted Walking Liberty American Eagle coins for the SubJr and Jr trophy winners. Tyce received one of the coins along with the SubJr trophy and was ecstatic to say the least. The most genuine joy I've seen in a long time. When his picture was taken, he said, "I want to show the coin in the picture." Kaylynn, thank you for making his day and sorry for identifying the anonymous donor. (She gave out more than the two but didn't want anyone to know)



Tyce Gallagher

Andrew Waddington broke his first 200 straight to win the Non-Resident Singles Championship. Leonidas Neifert just two back at 198 for Runner-up honors. Non-Resident class winners: Class AA-Randy Kelly Jr, 197; Class A-Aaron Bowersox, 197; Class B-Michael Benlock, 194; Class C-Clinton Dickens, 190; Class D-Richard Miller and Gordon Devese tied at 186 shot off with Devese procuring the win. Category winners as follows: Jr.-Tristan Shupe, 199; Jr.Gold-AJ Vanravensburg, 188; LDI-Taylor Zeigler, 191; LDII-Cassie Hammond, 197; SubVet-John Kirksey, Tip Wight and Clark Hamons all shot 197's and after the shoot off Kirksey claimed the win; SrVet-Richard Unruh, 193; Vet-Rick Diana over David Dulin, 195.

A brief shower during the **Event #11-WV Doubles Championship (107)** didn't dampen the shooters resolve. Vet, Mark Isner, secured his fourth WV Doubles Championship breaking 94 of the twin birds. Back just 1 pair was Runner-up JW Dowler at 92. Class winners were: Class A-Nicholas Harden, 90; Class B-Collin Hopkins, 89; Class C-Rusty McHenry, 84; Class D-Randy Raiford, 70. Category winners were: Jr.-Ethan Ferris, 81; Jr.Gold-Zane McHenry, 76; LDI-Lacy Hockman, 77; LDII-Darlene Raiford, 57; SubVet-Russell Lillard Jr., 88; SrVet.-Robert Harden, 91; Vet-Michael Wilder, 78.

Alec Sauble a former WV Doubles, High All Around Champion and resident broke 98 to capture the Non-Resident Doubles crown. Issac McCoy shot a 96 for Runner-up. Non-Resident class winners: Class AA-Bryan Davis, 93; Class A-Leonidas Neifert, 93; Class B-Aaron Bowersox and William Snyder were locked at 91 and the ensuing shoot off Bowersox collected the win; Class C-Nathan Dirks, 86; Class D-Pamela Meara, 84. Category winners as follows: Jr.-Tristan Shupe, 97; Jr.Gold-Morgan Farmer, 60; LDI-Bethany Breighner and Kelly Ramsey tangled at 84 with Breighner the winner when Ramsey forfeited; LDII-Cassie Hammond, 87; SubVet-Tip Wight, 97; SrVet-Richard Unruh, 90; Vet-William Natcher, 94 and SubJr-Dylan Zepp, 77.

Event #12-WV Handicap Championship (137) was won by Senior-Vet, Gary Gaither, breaking 92, it was Gary's first WV Handicap Championship. Collin Hopkins two targets back won a coin flip to secure the Runner-up spot and Thomas Miller 3rd. JW Dowler broke 89 for 4th place outright as did Pete Landfried securing 5th spot. 6th place was knotted a between Randy Jones, Darrel Murray and Robert Harden all breaking 87's. Jones was the victor after Murray and Harden failed to answer the call for the shoot off. Category winners as follows: Jr.-Ethan Ferris, 81; Jr.Gold-Zane McHenry, 84; LDII-Darlene Raiford, 79; SubVet-Mikel Boone, 84; SrVet-Bruce Jenkins over Scott Ross, 89, when Ross failed to answer the call; SubJr-Tyce Gallagher, 86.

Wes Santini broke a 94 to obtain the Non-Resident Handicap crest while runner-up David Stancavage was just one back. Aaron Bowersox, 92, 3rd; James Bechtel, 91, 4th; Donald Buck who shot on the 1st wave out waited patiently for hours to see if he would be in a shoot off and he was, breaking 90 along with Nathan Dirks and Alec Sauble. Sauble forfeited and, in the ensuing, shoot off Buck won receiving 5th place honors for his wait and Dirks took 6th place laurels. Category winners as follows: Jr.-Tristan Shupe, 88; Jr.Gold-Ryan Bucher, 81; LDI-Brandy Gibbons and Bethany Breighner knotted at 91 and went to the line after one round Breighner was the victor; LDII-Cassie Hammond, 92; SubVet-Joseph Santos, 92; SrVet-George Hafkemeyer, 93; Vet-Rick Diana, 88 and SubJr-Dylan Zepp, 80.

Event #1-John Booth Singles (74) sponsored by River Wray Leather-Darlene Raiford, owner donated the High Gun Trophies for the day's event with Class Trophies donated by Hayes Electrical. Three shooters broke hundreds with Joseph O'Leary the eventual winner after carryover; James Bechtel fell back to claim Class A; Tip Wight falling back to claim Sub-Vet. Other Class Winners: Class AA-Fritz Carlsten, 98; Class B-Collin Hopkins, 97; Class C-Rusty McHenry, 92 and Class D-Barry Morgret, 95. Category winners were: Jr.-Andrew Waddington, 98; Jr.-Gold-Zane McHenry, 79; LDI-Bethany Breighner, 97; LDII-Cassie Hammond, 98; Sr-Vet-Robert Harden, 98; Vet-Rick Diana, 99.

Event #2-Donnie Lafollette Handicap (73)- Randy Jones posted a 95 to win the event by three birds and gained a yard in the process. Yard Group winners were: 19-21, Paul Garrett, 89; 22-23, Aaron Bowersox, 89; 24-25; JW Dowler, 87 and 26-27, James Bechtel, 88. Category winners as follows: Jr.-Issac McCoy, 87; Jr-Gold-Zane McHenry, 77; LDI-Bethany Breighner, 91; LDI-Cassie Hammond, 84; SubVet-Mikel Boone, 91; SrVet-Larry Steach, 90; Vet-Rick Diana, 92 and SubJr-Eric Lipps, 57.

Aaron Bowersox posted a 98 and a 46 in the next day's carryover to win top honors in **Event #3 Gary Griffith Doubles (53)**. Class Winners: Class AA-Mark Isner and squad mate Robert Harden knotted at 94, Isner getting the nod after a 48 to Harden's 44 in the carryover; Class A-Tip Wight tied with JW Dowler at 93 with Wight the victor after a 46 to JW's 44 carryover; Class B-Andrew Waddington, 94; Class C-Mikel Boone, 88 and Class D-Steve Ray Newton, 90. Category winners were: Jr.-Leonidas Neifert, 95; Jr.Gold-Ryan Bucher, 88; LDI-Bethany Breighner, 97; LDII-Cassie Hammond, 89; SubVet-Clark Hamons, 96; SrVet.-Sheldon Hostetter, 95; Vet-Rick Diana, 98.

Events #4, #5 & #6-Champions Day honoring the **2025 WV State Champions** is sponsored by Precision Steel, LLC, Cameron Bailey Owner, provided the days trophies. This year's Hi-Gun trophies were three 3-D printed images representing Mothman, Braxton County and Flatwoods Monsters sitting atop a Yeti beverage/ice bucket. Cameron's designs are unique and always with a WV theme.

Event #4-Michael Whitmore Singles (72) Cassie Hammond led all shooters with a 99. Class Winners: Class AA-James Bechtel, 98; Class A-Aaron Bowersox, 98, Class B-Randy Jones, 96; Class C-Pete Landfried, 90 and Class D-Donald Weinreich, 91. Category winners were: Jr.-Isaac McCoy and Andrew Waddington broke 96's and after

the carryover McCoy won 25 to 24; Jr.Gold-Zane McHenry, 98; LDI-Bethany Breighner, 94; LDII-Marcia Chocinsky, 91; SubVet-Todd Sauble, 98; SrVet.-Robert Chocinsky Sheldon Hostetter and Scott Ross were locked at 98 with Ross Claiming the victory after a 25 to 24's posted by Chocinsky and Hostetter's 24's; Vet-Rick Diana, 97; SubJr-Gunnar Rothwell, 91.

The Champion spot in **Event #5-Mikel Boone Handicap (61)** was deadlocked by four shooters who each broke 95's: Issac McCoy, James Bechtel, Rusty McHenry and Cassie Hammond. The first- round of the shoot-off saw Hammond and squad mate Bechtel emerge from the pack both carding 23's; in the second-round Bechtel bested Hammond for the crown. Rusty fell back to take his yardage group and Cassie to her LDII category. Isaac took his Jr. category earning his first trip to the back fence. WV Delegate, Robert Harden, presented McCoy a 27 yard pin. Taylor Zeigler broke 89 to claim 22-23 yard group. Donna Natcher shot 91 for 24-25 yard group laurels and Michael Benlock's 93 secured him the 26-27 yard group win. Category winners were: Jr.-Isaac McCoy, 95; Jr.Gold-Ryan Bucher, 90; LDI-Bethany Breighner, 92; LDII-Cassie Hammond, 95; SubVet-JJ Lubas, 91; SrVet.-Darrell Dowler, 92; Vet-Michael Wilder, 91; SubJr-Gunnar Rothwell, 76.

Scorch Earth Gun Range donated \$250.00 Added Money Split 50-30-20 Hi-Gun

Day two's **Event #6-Ethan Ferris Doubles (50)** Sheldon Hostetter's 97 led the field. Class Winners were: Class AA-Fritz Carlsten, 95; Class A-Evan O'Leary, 94-Class B, John Bechtel over Issac McCoy after a 39 to 38 carryover, 92; Class C-Mikel Boone, 91 and Class D-Rusty McHenry, 86. Category winners were: Jr.-Andrew Waddington, 94; Jr.Gold-Ryan Bucher, 88; LDI-Bethany Breighner, 93; LDII-Cassie Hammond over Kaylynn Hamilton after a 44 to Hamilton's 43 carryover, 89; SubVet-Tip Wight, 94; SrVet.-James Jones Jr, 95; Vet-John Patchell, 94.

Event #7 -WV Singles Class Championship (123) Resident Class winners were: Class AA-Robert Harden, 95; Class A-Darrel Murray, 98; Class B-JW Dowler, 96; Class C-Morgan Lough, 91; Class D-Bruce Jenkins, 93. Resident category winners were: Jr.-Ethan Ferris, 95; JrGold-Zane McHenry, 96; LDII-Darlene Raiford, 85; Subvet-Mikel Boone, 99; SrVet-Scott Ross, 99 and Vet-Mark Isner, 98.

Non-Resident Class AA shooter James Bechtel along with SubVet Wesley Santini and SrVet Alan Hemer posted 100's in the singles event. Class A was bound with 5 shooters, Andrew Waddington, Clark Hamons, Isaac McCoy, Douglas Howell and Robert Chocinsky all carding 97s and after Saturday's carry over Waddington broke 200 to claim the crown. Class B, JI Daesung had to break the last 50 to post a 96 to collect the Class B trophy and his 50 straight patch presented by WV Delegate Robert Harden. Classes C and D were won with 95's by Gary Olin and Kaylynn Hamilton respectively. Category winners were: Jr.-Leonidas Neifert, 98; Jr.Gold-Ryan Bucher, 89; LDI-Bethany Breighner, 96; LDII-Cassie Hammond, 99; SubVet-Wesley Santini, 100; SrVet.-Alan Hemer, 100; Vet-William Natcher, 99 and SubJr-Henry Evans,82.

Event #8 Preliminary Handicap (107) winner was James Bechtel with a 95; 2nd, Daniel Germanovich, 94; 3rd, Taite Fix, 94; 4th, John Toki, 93; 5th, Rusty McHenry, 93, 6th, Matthew Rebuck, 93. Category winners were: Jr.-Leonidas, 92; Jr.Gold-Zane McHenry, 93; LDI-Bethany Breighner, 89; LDII-Cassie Hammond, 92; SubVet-Todd Sauble, 93; SrVet.-Randy Krick, 94; Vet-Steve Martin, 90 and SubJr's Henry Evans and Dylan Zepp tied with 73's and shot off, after two-rounds Henry was the victor.

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Event # 9-WV Doubles Class Championship (89) Resident Class winners were: Class AA-Robert Harden, 87; Class A-JW Dowler, 96; Class B-Russell Lillard and Todd Sauble were bound at 86, and decided on Sunday

Doubles carryover in favor of Lillard; Class C-Collin Hopkins, 87; Class D-Rusty McHenry, 79. Resident category winners were: Jr.-Ethan Ferris, 85; JrGold-Zane McHenry, 73; LDII-Darlene Raiford, 54; Subvet-Mikel Boone and Matthew Hayes tangled at 89. After the carryover, Boone was the winner; SrVet-Darrel Murray, 95 and Vet-Mark Isner, 93.

Res Husband & Wife Randy & Darlene Raiford

Res Parent & Child Robert & Nicholas Harden

Non Res Husband & Wife William & Donna Natcher

Non Res Parent & Child Todd & Alec Sauble

Complete scores are on ShootScoreboard.com

Shooters were entered into a daily drawing for one of five (5) flats of **RIO** shells donated by **CAC Associates Inc. Bill Natcher**.

Each WV resident who qualified for HAA and was not a ATA Life Member, was enter into a drawing for a **ATA Lifetime Membership Donated by Pete Landfried of Scorched Earth Gun Range**. Randy Jones was the recipient of the life membership.

During WV Hall of Fame shoot which will be held at the Marshall County Hunting and Fishing Club - September 29th & 20th in Moundsville, WV one (1) additional **ATA Life Membership will be awarded by Pete Lanfried of Scorched Earth**

Matt Hayes, WVATA President, recognized the WV 2026 State Team Member's with Certificates and Pull Overs embroidered with the WV State Logo and member's name.

2026 WV STATE TEAM – FIRST TEAM

1 Capt. Robert Harden	0.9138
2 Jonathan Dowler	0.8984
3 Michael Snyder	0.8965
4 Mikel Boone	0.8881
5 Morgan Gump	0.8765
Lady II Darlene Raiford	0.7824
Sub Jr. Ethan Ferris	0.9074
Junior Zane McHenry	0.8419
Sub Vet Steven Sprout	0.9073
Veteran Mark Isner	0.9117
Sr. Vet Darrel Murray	0.9090

2026 WV STATE - SECOND TEAM

1 Capt. Michael Wilder	0.8515
2 Russell Lillard	0.8512
3 Rusty McHenry	0.8471
4 Matthew Landfried	0.8452
5 Collin Hopkins	0.8432
Sub Vet Todd Sauble	0.8959
Veteran Bill King.....	0.8765
Sr. Vet Fred Dague	0.8938



2026 WV State Team

2026 ATA All American Team:

Ethan Ferris - Junior

Mark Isner-Veteran

Darrel Murray-Senior Vet

Robert Harden-Senior Vet

The 2026 Members of the **ATA All American Team** were recognized and presented a 3-D Target.

WVATA Delegate, Robert Harden, recognized the following supporters of the WVATA:

2026 WV ATA Shoot Sponsors

Anonymous Donor - Spring Championships

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Scorched Earth Gun Range/Pete Landfried was recognized for throwing the most registered targets for the current target year than any other West Virginia Gun Club.

Darrel & LuAnn Murray were recognized for their generous support of Youth Shooting and their donation to the James A. Schad Memorial Fund.

Jim Schad Memorial Fund
WVATA Youth Trapshooting Ambassador Award:

Jim's legacy will live on through the first two recipients of the **Ambassador Award**:

Ethan Ferris, an accomplished academic, began shooting registered targets in 2020. Accomplishments of over 75,000 registered targets; four ATA Sub Jr All American team placements are just a few of the highlights of his shooting career to date.

Ethan will be attending Alabama University this year at the age of 16. He is one of the few young shooters, and possibly the only Sub Jr, to win a WV State Championship. As well as the only shooter of his age to win back-to-back WV Doubles Championships.

Zane McHenry began registering targets in 2021. Having not only an accomplished trapshooting career, Zane has and is serving the WV Association in many capacities as Gun Club Director, cashier, squadding and line worker. His work ethic and friendly personality are well known within the trapshooting community.

Ethan and Zane were presented with an ATA Life Membership and a monetary award.

The Association is pleased to present these fine young men with this award and we are confident Jim's Family are proud that Jim's legacy and love of the sport will continue through Ethan and Zane.

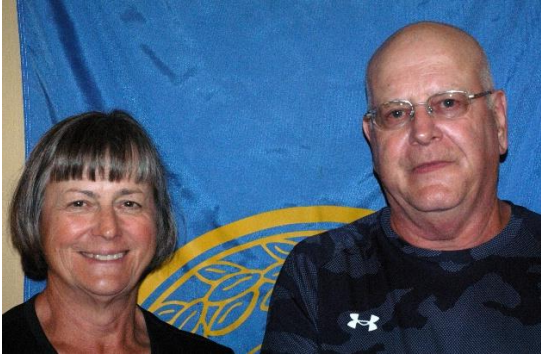
WV ATA ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:

A proposed slate of officers was presented to those in attendance and Association elections were held. The results are listed below.

OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Matt Hayes, President
Mikel Boone, Vice President
Rusty McHenry, Treasurer
Brandy Hayes, Secretary
Nicholas Harden, 1st Alt Delegate
Darrell Dowler, 2nd Alt Delegate
Cameron Bailey, Eastern Director at Large
Randy Jones, Western Director at Large.

Darrel Murray, Delegate



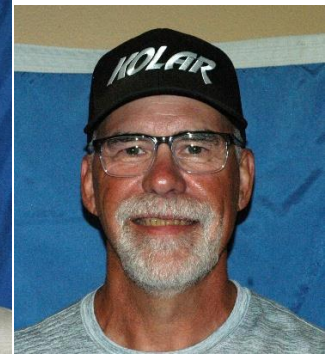
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Tyce Gallagher



Tristan Shupe



Todd Sauble



Taylor Zeigler



Sheldon Hostetter



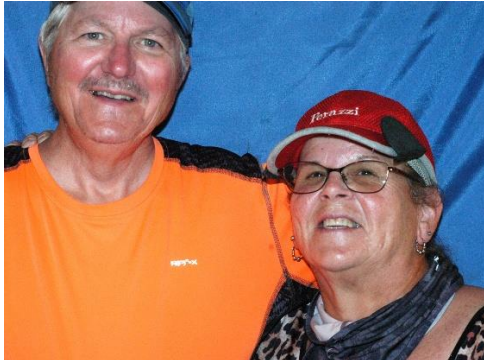
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Randy Jones



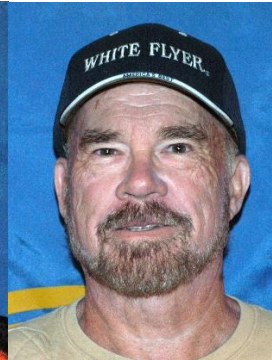
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Randy & Darlene Raiford



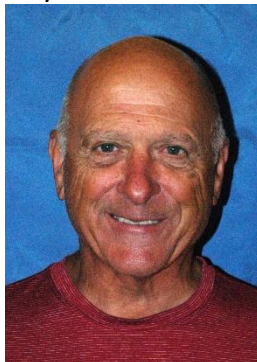
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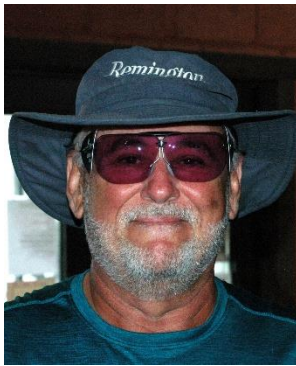
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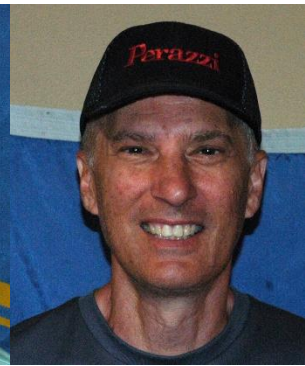
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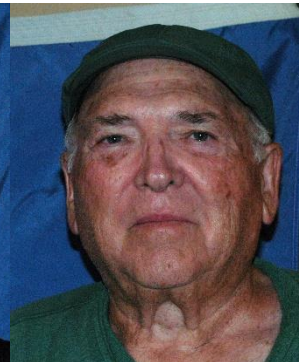
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Ethan Ferris



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Donald Buck



Darrel Murray



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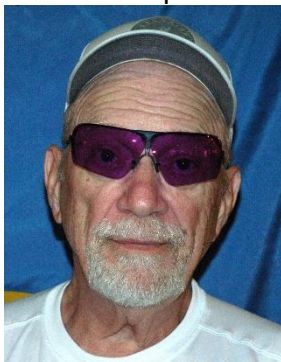
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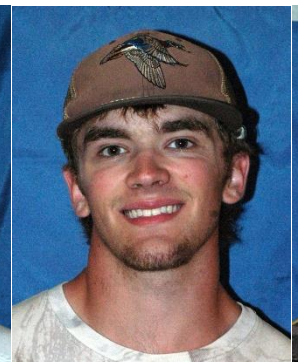
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