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## CALLIE HELTON WINS BIG AT THE STATE BB-GUN MATCH

COOKEVILLE, TN – Callie Helton from Hilham was the winner of the Tennessee State BB-Gun Championship Match held recently at the Bend of the River. Helton had 477.3 which was 9.4 points ahead of second place. Emma Tinch from Cookeville had 467.9 in second place. Ryelee DeWeese had 461.3 for third. It was a close race throughout the match. Each position had a new leader. Each of these shooters had a 100 or better in at least one of the shooting positions. Callie Helton had a 101.5 sitting. Emma Tinch had a 100.2 in prone. And Ryelee DeWeese had a 100 kneeling.

The match had 4 shooting positions, prone, standing, sitting and kneeling. Each position had a possible 109 points which was coupled with a 100-point quiz over gunology for a total of 536 possible points for each shooter. The shooters were limited to between 8 and 15 years of age. They used the Avanti Champion BB-gun shooting at 5 meters. The bullseye of the target is about the size of an aspirin. It takes considerable skill to hit the bullseye every shot.

The prone position was led by Eli Fusion from Maryville at 98.8 Second place was held by Abigail Samples from Loudon at 96.5. Kylee Vickers from Cookeville held down third at 96.1.

Standing had some good scores. First place went to Jayden Grider from Baxter with an 86. Brady Plemons from Maryville was second only one point behind at 85. And Iain Morris from Hartsville at 84 came in third.

Gunny Helton from Hilham was first sitting by a narrow margin at 99.6. Abigail Samples was a close second at 99.4. And Claudia Gathings was third at 98.9.

Last of the shooting positions is kneeling. This was won by Hunter Violet from Cookeville at 93.6. Emily Gathings came in second with a 91.7. And sister Claudia Gathings was third at 91.6.

The test over gun handling and safety is the tie breaker for the teams. This match the first on the test was Iain Morris with 86. There was a tie for second at 84. Gunny Helton won the tie breaker over Natalie Tinsley from Cookeville to take third place.

There is a special trophy, the Daniel Shakleford Award, for the high shooting score without the test. This year Callie Helton won the Shackleford Award with a 385.2.

The team winners are invited to the Daisy National BB-G Championship Match in Rogers Arkansas in late June. The Awesome 'Possums from Bend of the River were first. The team members were Callie Helton, Emma Tinch, Ryelee DeWeese, Iain Morris and Jayden Grider

with the score of 2298.9. The Bullseye Bandits from Blount County 4-H were second at 2130.6. The Bandits were Brady Plemons, Abigail Samples, Pricilla Plemons, Devin Easterling and Jack Fuson. The third team was the Great 'Possums from Bend of the River and had Emily Gathings, Violet Hunter, Gunny Helton, Claudia Gathings and Kylee Vickers with 2117.9. Forth team was Josiah Fortunato, Natalie Tinsley, Jaylyn Grider Hannah Fortunato and Eli Fuson with 1983.0.

Lunch provided by Livingston Dairy Queen, door prizes, talent show, and presentation of the trophies rounded out the day. Much fun was had by all.

For more information on the BB-Gun program, contact your 4-H county agent or Charlie Pardue at the Bend of the River. Day Phone: 931-498-2829.

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22 winners



Winners of the Tennessee State BB-Gum Championship Match from left: Callie Helton first, Emma Tinch second and Ryelee DeWeese third.



1<sup>st</sup> team



Tennessee State 1<sup>st</sup> Place team from left Iain Morris, Jayden Grider, Emma Tinch, Ryelee DeWeese and Callie Helton.

second team



Tennessee State BB-Gun Second Team from left: Pricilla Plemons, Brady Plemons, Abigail Samples, Jack Fuson, Devin Easterling and Eli Plemons. Coaches in rear John, Scott, Chris.



3<sup>rd</sup> team



Tennessee State BB-Gun 3<sup>rd</sup> place team from left: Emily Gathings, Gunny Helton, Claudia Gathings, Kylee Vickers and Hunter Violet.



4<sup>th</sup> team



Tennessee State BB-Gun Forth Team from left: Natalie Tinsley, Josiah Fortunato, Hannah Fortunato and Eli Fuson.



Shackleford



Shackleford Award winner Callie Helton, 385.2



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Emma Tinch receives her Distinguished Expert rating for out stranding shooting from Thurston Banks.



sitting



Sitting: Gunny Helton 1<sup>st</sup>, Abigail Samples 2<sup>nd</sup> and Claudia Gathings 3<sup>rd</sup>

kneeling



Kneeling: Hunter Violet 1<sup>st</sup>, Emily Gathings 2<sup>nd</sup> and Claudia Gathings 3<sup>rd</sup>

standing



Standing: Jayden Grider 1<sup>st</sup>, Brady Plemons 2<sup>nd</sup> And Iain Morris 1<sup>st</sup>.

prone



Prone: Kylee Vickers 3<sup>rd</sup>, Abigail Samples 2<sup>nd</sup> and Eli Fuson 1<sup>st</sup>



test



Tennessee State BB-gun Test from left  
Iain Morris 1st, Devin Easterling 2<sup>nd</sup>  
and Gunny Helton 3rd

Participant	PR	ST	SIT	KN	TST	AGG	SHOOT
Helton, Callie (119)	98.9	87.4	101.5	97.4	92	477.2	385.2
Tinch, Emma (114)	100.2	96.7	93.6	93.3	84	467.8	383.8
DeWeese, Ryelee (103)	94.9	92.7	93.7	100	80	461.3	381.3
Morris, Iain (113)	93.2	84	94.3	90.9	88	450.4	362.4
Plemons, Brady (205)	95	85	96.3	90.2	82	448.5	366.5
Grider, Jayden (108)	92.8	86	93.1	90.3	80	442.2	362.2
Samples, Abigail (207)	96.5	83.1	99.4	88.1	72	439.1	367.1
Plemons, Priscilla (206)	92.2	75.2	92.3	88.5	82	430.2	348.2
Gathings, Emily (107)	87	81.8	89	91.7	80	429.5	349.5
Violet, Hunter (118)	94.1	80.9	94.2	93.8	66	429	363
Helton, Gunny (111)	94.8	66.3	99.6	76.7	84	421.4	337.4
Easterling, Devin (202)	90.2	74.5	92.1	77.3	86	420.1	334.1
Gathings, Claudia (106)	70.4	78.2	98.9	91.6	80	419.1	339.1
Vickers, Kylee (117)	96.1	70	87.7	85.1	80	418.9	338.9
Fuson, Jack (204)	89.2	70.6	94.8	76.1	82	412.7	330.7
Fuson, Eli (203)	98.8	67.2	89.2	76.4	78	409.6	331.6
Fortunato, Josiah (105)	85.2	77.7	83.3	77.2	80	403.4	323.4
Natalie Tinsley (115)	79.8	65.1	86.7	85.3	84	400.9	316.9
Grider, Jaylyn (109)	90.1	74.7	88.7	68.6	66	388.1	322.1
Fortunato, Hannah (104)	89.5	65.6	74.9	73	78	381	303

Participant	Prone	Rank	Participant	Standing	Rank	Participant	sit
Tinch, Emma (114)	100.2	1	Tinch, Emma (114)	96.7	1	Helton, Callie (119)	101.5
Helton, Callie (119)	98.9	2	DeWeese, Ryelee (103)	92.7	2	Helton, Gunny (111)	99.6
Fuson, Eli (203)	98.8	3	Helton, Callie (119)	87.4	3	Samples, Abigail (207)	99.4
Samples, Abigail (207)	96.5	4	Grider, Jayden (108)	86	4	Gathings, Claudia (106)	98.9
Vickers, Kylee (117)	96.1	5	Plemons, Brady (205)	85	5	Plemons, Brady (205)	96.3
Plemons, Brady (205)	95	6	Morris, Iain (113)	84	6	Fuson, Jack (204)	94.8
DeWeese, Ryelee (103)	94.9	7	Samples, Abigail (207)	83.1	7	Morris, Iain (113)	94.3

Helton, Gunny (111)	94.8	8	Gathings, Emily (107)	81.8	8	Violet, Hunter (118)	94.2
Violet, Hunter (118)	94.1	9	Violet, Hunter (118)	80.9	9	DeWeese, Ryelee (103)	93.7
Morris, Iain (113)	93.2	10	Gathings, Claudia (106)	78.2	10	Tinch, Emma (114)	93.6
Grider, Jayden (108)	92.8	11	Fortunato, Josiah (105)	77.7	11	Grider, Jayden (108)	93.1
Plemons, Priscilla (206)	92.2	12	Plemons, Priscilla (206)	75.2	12	Plemons, Priscilla (206)	92.3
Easterling, Devin (202)	90.2	13	Grider, Jaylyn (109)	74.7	13	Easterling, Devin (202)	92.1
Grider, Jaylyn (109)	90.1	14	Easterling, Devin (202)	74.5	14	Fuson, Eli (203)	89.2
Fortunato, Hannah (104)	89.5	15	Fuson, Jack (204)	70.6	15	Gathings, Emily (107)	89
Fuson, Jack (204)	89.2	16	Vickers, Kylee (117)	70	16	Grider, Jaylyn (109)	88.7
Gathings, Emily (107)	87	17	Fuson, Eli (203)	67.2	17	Vickers, Kylee (117)	87.7
Fortunato, Josiah (105)	85.2	18	Helton, Gunny (111)	66.3	18	Natalie Tinsley (115)	86.7
Natalie Tinsley (115)	79.8	19	Fortunato, Hannah (104)	65.6	19	Fortunato, Josiah (105)	83.3
Gathings, Claudia (106)	70.4	20	Natalie Tinsley (115)	65.1	20	Fortunato, Hannah (104)	74.9

Participant	KN	Rank	Participant	Test
DeWeese, Ryelee (103)	100	1	Helton, Callie (119)	92
Helton, Callie (119)	97.4	2	Morris, Iain (113)	88
Violet, Hunter (118)	93.8	3	Easterling, Devin (202)	86
Tinch, Emma (114)	93.3	4	Helton, Gunny (111)	84
Gathings, Emily (107)	91.7	5	Tinch, Emma (114)	84
Gathings, Claudia (106)	91.6	6	Natalie Tinsley (115)	84
Morris, Iain (113)	90.9	7	Plemons, Brady (205)	82

Grider, Jayden (108)	90.3	8	Plemons, Priscilla (206)	82
Plemons, Brady (205)	90.2	9	Fuson, Jack (204)	82
Plemons, Priscilla (206)	88.5	10	Vickers, Kylee (117)	80
Samples, Abigail (207)	88.1	11	Gathings, Claudia (106)	80
Natalie Tinsley (115)	85.3	12	Gathings, Emily (107)	80
Vickers, Kylee (117)	85.1	13	Grider, Jayden (108)	80
Easterling, Devin (202)	77.3	14	Fortunato, Josiah (105)	80
Fortunato, Josiah (105)	77.2	15	DeWeese, Ryelee (103)	80
Helton, Gunny (111)	76.7	16	Fortunato, Hannah (104)	78
Fuson, Eli (203)	76.4	17	Fuson, Eli (203)	78
Fuson, Jack (204)	76.1	18	Samples, Abigail (207)	72
Fortunato, Hannah (104)	73	19	Grider, Jaylyn (109)	66
Grider, Jaylyn (109)	68.6	20	Violet, Hunter (118)	66