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Firearms Industry Super Shoot XXV

Kelbly's Rifle Range North Lawrence, Ohio



10.5 Pound 100 Yard Winners Smiley Hensley, Eunice Berger, Lowell Frei



10.5 Pound 200 Yard Winners Lester Bruno, Chuck Dalessandro, Lowell Frei



10.5 Pound Grand Aggregate Winners Eunice Berger, Lowell Frei, Skip Otto



13.5 Pound 100 Yard Winners Bill Forrester, Bart Sauter, Jack Sutton



13.5 Pound 200 Yard Winners Jeff Gottschall, Paul Wolfe, Dale Boop



13.5 Pound Grand Aggregate Winners Bill Forrester, Bart Sauter, Pat Byrne



Winners of the 4 <u>Person</u> Team Competition Larry Baggett, Ken Terrell, Cecil Tucker, & Brad Calhoun. Is that another Baggett dollar sticking out of Cecil's pocket?



Bruce Hodgdon Lifetime Achievement Award ceremony presented by Shooter's News. Left to right: Walt Berger, Don Creach, John Gammuto, Chris Hodgdon, and George Kelbly, Sr.



Lou Murdica's sustenance maintenance table in the loading barn. Lou, although a Californian, does not believe in health food. Notice there is not a single packet of trail mix, or a granola bar on the table.

Eunice Berger Wins F.I.S.S. XXV in Grand Style...

by John Gammuto

Everyone that knows me well knows how I feel about the Super Shoot. The annual event is steeped in benchrest tradition and attracts some of the most talented and amiable shooters in the world. It is nothing short of spectacular in my opinion.

Many competitors arrive a full week early to tune up their equipment and get a "read" on the Kelbly range... if that is at all possible. The range is honest in that it is constantly changing. I can't remember ever experiencing two days in a row where conditions remained the same and were easy to read. This was especially true at the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Super Shoot.

I consider Kelbly's my home away from home. Shooting there as often as I do, you might think I would have an advantage over many of my fellow competitors... not true. Kelbly's range is as predictable as the wind and challenges every competitor. In this regard, it is fair to everyone that rents a bench on the rotation. There's no "honey hole" or "safe zone" from bench 1 to 60. If you make a mental mistake you're going to pay the price



Left to right: Tony Boyer - 3rd place, Eunice Berger - 1st place, Don Creach - 2nd place.

and probably put yourself out of the prize money.

Eunice Berger came to the Super Shoot to win. Her serious approach to practice prior to the match, and unwavering resolve during the four days of shooting put her right were she wanted to be... at the top of the list. Eunice toppled the "best of the best" under difficult conditions. All of the name shooters in the sport were there, and were ready to compete. It was Eunice's week. There was no denying that.

Faye Boyer, a recent Benchrest Hall of Fame inductee, told me that she watched Eunice shoot all week long and that "she didn't miss a thing... she made no mistakes." The right decision was made in every doubt-filled, unsettling opportunity. This is high praise from an accomplished shooter like Faye Boyer.

When Eunice's name was called and she approached the awards platform everyone immediately rose to their feet and began applauding her accomplishment. The stage was



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flooded with distinguished shooters and well wishers. Eunice seemed overwhelmed by the attention. I watched as congratulations were offered in heartfelt muted tones. When I glanced over at Walt, I could see pride and delight in his eyes.

Winning the 2-Gun at the Super Shoot is a rare distinction granted to few. The award ceremony was something to witness and made me proud to be apart of this family of shooters.

Eunice is a relatively new shooter to the sport. If memory serves me correctly, she has fewer than seven years of experience under her belt, but they have been intense. Shooters with many more years of experience admire her ability to read conditions.

Eunice's success is partially due to the fact that she and Walt work as a team. They support and encourage each other in all that they do. It's nice to see this kind of devotion today, especially in a competitive environment such this. Walt and Eunice are serious competitors engaged in an activity that demands much from individuals. Having a support system such as they do is a big plus. The Berger's are an example to us all, especially to those just starting out in the sport.

Eunice placed 2nd in the 10.5 lb. Rifle Class Grand Aggregate with a .2597, 6th in the 13.5 lb. Rifle Class Grand Aggregate with a .2763, and won the 2-Gun with a .2680.

Vince Tunzi of Kaltron-Pettibone, the U.S. importers of VihtaVuori smokeless powders, was on hand to present Eunice with a check for \$2,500 for using their highly regarded benchrest powder, N-133. This added to Eunice's earned prize money and amounted to a pretty fair amount of "take home pay" for a week's work.

Approximately 350 registered shooters vied for cash, handsome trophies, and merchandise generously donated by industry sponsors. Everyone in attendance took an additional something home with them. Actions, barrels, target scopes, custom bullets, powder, barrel treatments, rifle stocks, gunsmithing services, and general merchandise were just some of the prizes distributed. The

merchandise drawing is a very popular Super Shoot event and much appreciated by everyone.

Several regional-flavored meals were prepared and served. Clay Spencer took the opportunity to share another one of his 100 year old family recipes - "Virginia Ham with everything imaginable on the side." It rained the night of Clay's dinner, hard straight down rain, but I suspect that most people have long forgotten that aspect of the evening meal. The deluge was only a minor distraction. Benchrest & Eating Hall of Famer, Ed Watson was on hand and came prepared to do battle. Someone said, although I didn't see it, he had a rubber survival raft tethered to the Spencer's motor home... just in case. Texas' "Big Jim" Foster served up some very tasty fajitas and followed up with "quick disappearing" dutch oven peach cobbler. Both of these guys are very popular with the crowd, especially on the day of their culinary presentations.

Arnold Jewell came to the Super Shoot this year, mainly I suspect to avail himself of the free food... "he didn't shoot worth a hoot." The meals this year could easily be "gummed and swollered." Arnold came, gummed his share of the vittles, laughed, told hundreds of slightly off color jokes, and left without insulting any of the womenfolk. My kinda guy.

Three shooters were inducted into the Benchrest Hall of Fame this year; Faye Boyer, Bill Forrester and Jim Borden. The ceremony was distinguished and inspiring.

Well, enough color commentary. Let's look at who did what, and to who. The following is an accounting of the scores and placements according to George Kelbly Jr's. measuring tool. Everyone's name who appears on a Top 20 list worked very hard to get there. It takes more than luck to place well in the kind of crowd this match attracts.

A great time was had by all, thanks to the Kelbly family & staff. A special thanks goes out to the hardworking target crew and kitchen staff. (Karen Kelbly is not really retiring... we hope!) Libby can't cook!

100 YAR	DS	200 YARDS			
NAME	SCORE	NAME	SCORE		
Smiley Hensley	.2580	Chuck Dalessand	ro.2363		
Eunice Berger	.2592	Lester Bruno	.2409		
Lowell Frei	.2604	Lowell Frei	.2475		
Larry Baggett	.2610	Eunice Berger	.2603		
Gary Ocock	.2724	Turk Takano	.2614		
Faye Boyer	.2770	Skip Otto	.2630		
Paulette Truax	.2786	Don Creach	.2632		
Pat Byrne	.2790	Gene Bukys	.2689		
Charles Yingst	.2804	Tom Libby	.2732		
Allen Arnette	.2804	Jeff Farrett	.2745		

10.5 Pound Class Rifle

NAME	SCORE
Lowell Frei	.2539
Eunice Berger	.2597
Skip Otto	.2742
Don Creach	.2824
Tom Libby	.2838
Tony Boyer	.2897
C. Dalessandro	.2969
Smiley Hensley	.2990
Gene Bukys	.2997
Dwight Scott	.3016
Ken Terrell	.3033
Cecil Tucker	.3056
Jeff Ferrett	.3090
Larry Baggett	.3090
Pat Hurley	.3118
Bob Dodd	.3119
Gary Ocock	.3123
Perry Morton	.3135
Bob White	.3163
Paul Wolfe	.3167

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100 YARI	OS	200 YARDS			
NAME	SCORE	NAME	SCORE		
Bart Sauter	.1968	Jeff Gottschall	.2162		
Bill Forrester	.2038	Paul Wolfe	.2342		
Jack Sutton	.2352	Dale Boop	.2387		
Jef Fowler	.2366	Sid Goodling	.2449		
Tony Szmduch	.2416	Brad Calhoun	.2463		
Smiley Hensley	.2468	Rod Morton	.2480		
Jerry Meisner	.2482	Dale Spoelstra	.2561		
Norm Dixon	.2576	Tony Boyer	.2592		
Jack Jackson	.2620	Tony Margelwicz	.2658		
Tracy Thompson	.2622	Pat Byrne	.2673		

13.5 Pound Class Rifle

GRAND AGG. NAME SCORE Bart Sauter .2531 Bill Forrester .2583 Pat Byrne .2702 Jack Sutton .2703 Sid Goodling .2761 Eunice Berger .2763 Brad Calhoun .2766 Gary Ocock .2785 Don Creach .2840 Larry Baggett .2851 Ken Pritt .2929 T. Thompson .2936 Rod Morton .2946 L. Hottenstein .2950 **Tony Boyer** .2959 Smiley Hensley .2969 Ed Hartman .2986 Fred Hasecuster.2997 Bret Hail .3021 Dale Boop .3029

SS XXV 2-Gun Top 20



Eunice Berger	.2680
Don Creach	.2832
Tony Boyer	.2928
Pat Byrne	.2935
Bill Forrester	.2947
Gary Ocock	.2954
Larry Baggett	.2970
Smiley Hensley	.2979
Jack Sutton	.3017
Skip Otto	.3018
Lowell Frei	.3030
Bart Sauter	.3061
Rod Morton	.3081
Ken Terrell	.3106
Chuck Dalessandro	.3108
Dwight Scott	.3114
Cecil Tucker	.3129
Tom Libby	.3159
Pat Hurley	.3160
Tony Margelwicz	.3176

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L. Frei	6mm	Farley	Leupold	Shilen	Freibert	Freibert	Lapua	H322	Frei 68	Federal
E. Berger	6mm	Stolle	Weaver	Hart	Berger	Ocock	Lapua	V133	Berger 68M	Federal
S. Otto	6mm	Stolle	Leu/Ack/Tuc	Lilja	Otto	Otto	Lapua	V133	Otto 68	Federal
D. Creach	6mm	Stolle	Leupold	Shilen	Hubbard	TM	Lapua	V133	Creach 62	Federal
T. Libby	6mm	Stolle	Weaver	Hart	Spencer	Spencer	Lapua	T8208	Berger 65M	Federal
T. Boyer	6mm	Farley	Leupold	Shilen	Spencer	Boyer	Lapua	V133	Euber 68	Federal
C. Dalessandro	6mm	Stolle	Leupold	Hart	Dalesandro	Dalessandro	Lapua	V133	Estes 68	Federal
S. Hensley	6mm	Stolle	Leupold	Hart	Hammond	Dalesandro	Lapua	V133	Pagliai 68	Federal
G. Bukys	6mm	Stolle	Leupold	Hart	Kelbly	Bukys	Lapua	V133	Euber 68	Federal
D. Scott	6mm	Hall	Leupold	MacClenn.	Scott	TM	Lapua	V133	Scott 65	Federal
K. Terrell	6mm	Stolle	Leupold	Chanlyn	Baggett	S&YG	Lapua	V133	Fowler 63	Federal
C. Tucker	6mm	Stolle	Leupold	Turbo	Tucker	Tucker	Lapua	V133	Tucker 68	Federal
J. Ferrett	6mm	Stolle	Leupold	Hart	Kelbly	Kelbly	Lapua	V133	Brawand 63	Federal
L. Baggett	6mm	Stolle	Leupold	Kreiger	Baggett	Baggett	Lapua	T8208	Baggett 66	Federal
P. Hurley	6mm	Stolle	Leupold	Shilen	Hammond	Hammond	Lapua	V133	Gentner 65	Federal
B. Dodd	6mm	RFD	Leupold	Broughton	Dodd	Dodd	Lapua	V133	Euber 68	Federal
G. Ocock	6mm	Farley	Leupold	Chanlyn	Ocock	Ocock	Lapua	V133	Ocock 65	Federal
P. Morton	6mm	Stolle	Weaver	Krieger	Scott	S&YG	Lapua	V133	Watson 68	Federal
3. White	6mm	CPS	B&L	Blackstar	White	White	Lapua	V133	Euber 68	Federal
. Wolfe	6mm	Stolle	Weaver	Shilen	Hammond	Hammond	Lapua	V133	Watson 68	Federal

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B. Sauter	6mm	Hall	Leupold	Shilen	Stevens	Stevens	Lapua	V133	Knight 68	Win.
B. Forrester	.22 cal	Stolle	Leupold	Shilen	Hasecuster	Forrester	Sako	V133	Forrester 52	Federal
P. Byrne	6mm	Stolle	Leu/Tucker	Hart	Henderson	Dalessandro	Lapua	V133	Fowler 66	Federal
J. Sutton	6mm	Stolle	Weaver	Hart	Hart Rifle Bbl	Hart Rifle Bbl	Lapua	H322	Rubright 65	Federal
S. Goodling	6mm	Stolle	Leupold	Hart	Goodling	Goodling	Lapua	H322	Euber 68	Federal
E. Berger	6mm	Stolle	Weaver	Hart	Berger	Ocock	Lapua	V133	Berg. 68NDM	Federal
B. Calhoun	6mm	Stolle	Leu/Tucker	Turbo	Tucker	Calhoun	Lapua	V133	Tucker 68	Federal
G. Ocock	6mm	Farley	Leupold	Chanlyn	Ocock	Ocock	Lapua	V133	Ocock 65	Federal
D. Creach	6mm	Stolle	Leupold	Shilen	Hubbard	TM	Lapua	V133	Creach 62	Federal
L. Baggett	6mm	Stolle	Leupold	Krieger	Baggett	Baggett	Norma	T8208	Baggett 66	Federal
K. Pritt	6mm	Stolle	Leupold	Douglas	Gough	Dalessandro	Lapua	V133	Euber 68	Federal
T. Thompson	6mm				Did not comp	lete equipment lis	st form			
R. Morton	6mm	Hall	Leupold	Shilen	Morton	TM	Sako	V135	Fowler 66	Federal
L. Hottenstein	6mm	Stolle	B&L	Shilen	Scott	TM	Lapua	H4895	Hottenstn 68	Federal
T. Boyer	6mm	Farley	Leupold	Shilen	Spencer	Boyer	Lapua	V133	Euber 68	Federal
S. Hensley	6mm	Stolle	Leupold	Hart	Hammond	Dalessandro	Lapua	V133	Pagliai 68	Federal
E. Hartman	6mm	Hall	Weaver/Sieb	Shilen	Hammond	Hammond	Lapua	V133	Fowler 66	Federal
F. Hasecuster	6mm	Stolle	Leu/Pre/Tuc	Shilen	Hasecuster	Hail	Rem.	V133	Hasecust 62	Federal
B. Hail	6mm	Stolle	Leupold	Shilen	Hasecuster	Hail	Lapua	AA2015	Estes 68	Federal
D. Boop	6mm	Hall	Leupold	Shilen	Weider	Truit	Lapua	H322	Gentner 65	Federal

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