

Bullmasters Shooting Sports Stay Active Through Summer & Fall

The Bullmasters 4-H Shooting Sports program stayed active throughout the summer and fall in archery, shotgun, and small-bore rifle. The season began in June and concluded with three state matches in late September and early October.

Archery

Eight archers participated in the program, and five qualified for the State Archery Match through several qualifying events, including the Bullmasters' August match. The state match was held September 28 at THE Archery near Wakarusa.

The four bow types were Compound Bow Hunter, Compound Open, Recurve Barebow, and Recurve Olympic. William Beauchamp and Tucker Terry competed in Compound Bow Hunter and Compound Open; Roch Heinen and Keatyn Prentice competed in Recurve Barebow; and Layton Prentice and Keatyn Prentice competed in Recurve Olympic.

Archers competed in FITA and Trail events. The Trail score combined Field and 3D targets. Results were as follows:

Compound Bow Hunter

- **William Beauchamp (SR):** FITA—231, 2nd place; Trail—178, 8th place; aggregate—409, 4th place.
- **Tucker Terry (SR):** FITA—228, 7th place; Trail—177, 8th place; aggregate—405, 6th place.

Compound Open

- **William Beauchamp:** FITA—233, 4th place; Trail—175, 8th place; aggregate—408, 8th place.
- **Tucker Terry:** FITA—237, 1st place; Trail—172, 10th place; aggregate—409, 7th place.

Recurve Barebow

- **Roch Heinen (JR):** FITA—146, 16th place; Trail—104, 12th place; aggregate—250, 17th place.
- **Keatyn Prentice (SR):** FITA—172, 1st place; Trail—159, 1st place; aggregate—331, 1st place.

Recurve Olympic

- **Layton Prentice (JR):** FITA—130, 15th place; Trail—74, 15th place; aggregate—204, 15th place.
- **Keatyn Prentice:** FITA—142, 13th place; Trail—139, 7th place; aggregate—281, 10th place.

For the first time in Bullmasters history, the program fielded a team in each of the four bow types. Each two-archer team could include both junior (JR) and senior (SR) participants. Team scores combined both archers' 30-meter FITA and Trail totals. Team results were:

- Compound Bow Hunter: 587, 4th place
- Compound Open: 585, 4th place
- Recurve Barebow: 414, 3rd place
- Recurve Olympic: 367, 5th place

For the third consecutive year, a Bullmasters archer qualified for Team Kansas at the 4-H National Shooting Sports Competition in Grand Island, Nebraska. Congratulations to Keatyn Prentice on qualifying for Team Kansas' Recurve team!

Small-Bore Rifle

Three small-bore rifle shooters maintained a busy schedule and practiced most weeks. William Beauchamp qualified at the Bullmasters' August match for the State Small-Bore/Muzzleloading Match, held October 3 at Capital City Gun Club near Topeka.

William competed in 3-Position (3P) and silhouettes. The silhouette event included 10 metal targets each of chickens, pigs, turkeys, and rams, set at varying distances.

William shot a personal-best score of 232 in 3P, placing ninth. He hit 22 silhouette targets for a score of 220 and a fifth-place finish. His total aggregate score was 452, earning seventh place.

William and Aurora Hoffman of Jefferson County combined for a score of 910 and a second-place team finish.

Shotgun

The Bullmasters shotgun program again supported neighboring counties without shotgun instructors. This year's 13 shooters included nine from Jackson County, along with participants from Atchison, Brown, and Shawnee counties.

The season began in early June and ended with the State Shotgun Match near Wichita on October 10–11. Shooters competed in several August qualifying events, including the Bullmasters' match.

Shotgun events include Trap and Skeet, with Sporting Clays also offered at the state match. To contribute to a state team score, a shooter must compete in all three events. Of the 13 participants, 10 qualified in both Trap and Skeet, while two qualified in Skeet only.

State results were as follows:

- **Hoyt Deghand (JR):** Skeet—34, 19th place; Sporting Clays—55, 18th place.
- **Beau Barrow (Int.):** Trap—84, 47th place; Skeet—71, 44th place; Sporting Clays—74, 12th place; aggregate—229, 28th place.
- **Eva Shaw (Int.):** Trap—87, 34th place; Skeet—67, 53rd place; Sporting Clays—61, 55th place; aggregate—215, 44th place.
- **Mac Bowe (Int.):** Trap—82, 57th place; Skeet—65, 58th place; Sporting Clays—65, 41st place; aggregate—212, 48th place.
- **Luke Werner (Int.):** Trap—72, 100th place; Skeet—69, 49th place; Sporting Clays—65, 41st place; aggregate—206, 53rd place.
- **Bryson Phillipi (SN) (Int.):** Skeet—49, 78th place; Sporting Clays—59, 61st place.
- **Jace Doyle (SR):** Trap—95, 7th place; Skeet—93, 2nd place; Sporting Clays—82, 5th place; aggregate—270, 3rd place.
- **William Beauchamp (SR):** Trap—90, 33rd place; Skeet—77, 35th place; Sporting Clays—69; aggregate—236, 28th place.
- **Caleb Fuller (SR):** Trap—82, 63rd place; Skeet—60, 50th place; Sporting Clays—70; aggregate—212, 42nd place.
- **Abigail Milroy (SR):** Trap—88, 41st place; Skeet—59, 52nd place; Sporting Clays—61; aggregate—208, 43rd place.
- **Logan Ploeger (BR) (SR):** Trap—91, 26th place; Skeet—74, 49th place; Sporting Clays—74, 17th place; aggregate—239, 26th place.

Sporting Clays placements were not listed for all participants.

The Bullmasters again partnered with Jefferson County to form two Meadowlark District teams. MED Team 1 scored 1,186 and placed sixth, while MED Team 2 scored 838 and placed 15th.

Team 1 included Jace Doyle, William Beauchamp, Jayden Herrman (JF), Beau Barrow, and Eva Shaw. Team 2 included Mac Bowe, Caleb Fuller, Abigail Milroy, Luke Werner, and Cooper Smith (JF).

Looking Ahead

The Bullmasters are also proud of Jace Doyle, who is competing for Fort Hays State University and performing well in his freshman year.

The Bullmasters program continues to accomplish great things while teaching youth valuable life skills. New 4-H shooters interested in joining Meadowlark District Shooting Sports should attend the required class on November 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex.

To ask questions or register, email bullmastersshootingsports@yahoo.com. We look forward to another successful year in 2027!