

3F Summer Classic

Charlie Peacock's 398 and 3 Gun Champs Beats the Heat

Lewiston, NY

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The 3F Club in Lewiston NY hosted its 14th 3F Summer Classic on July 11-13th. The 3F continues to host one of the top money shoots in New York with over \$3000 added money and is a top 100 shoot. The shoot had 56 participants, up 15% from 2024 with 2 squads from our Canadian colleagues, including previous NSSA President Steve Malcolm. The weather for the weekend was HOT and steamy with 95 degrees plus temperatures. I would like to highlight again a great accomplishment I hope we all can achieve. My hats off to Al Morris from Cambridge Ontario who has been coming to the 3F shoots for the past 42 years. He will turn 89 in a couple weeks and is still competing. Congratulations Al, keep breaking them and enjoy.

Friday's doubles event resulted in a lone and 1st 100 straight by Clay Tietjen, (congratulations Clay) along with a lone 99 by Charlie Peacock for RU. Class winners were AA1 Craig Parsons, A1 Chad Seelbinder, B1 Jonathon Walton Ball, C1 Mike Monin and D1 Scott Korzenski.

Saturday's morning 12-ga event posted four 100 straights by Mat Kelley, Charlie Peacock, Steve Macolm and Clay Tietjen. When the smoke cleared team USA Matt Kelley and Clay Tietjen emerged CH and RU respectively. AA1 was Steve Malcolm, A1 Marc Mastriano, B1 Fritz Ochab, C1 Charlie Lombardo, D1 Paul Barnas and E1 Scott Korzenski.

After the lunch break sponsored by Buck's Pizza shooters took to the fields to start the 28-ga event. The heat didn't slow Dave Cooley down posting the lone 100 to take the championship with Hugo Sousa posting the only 99 for the RU spot. Class winners were AA1 Clay Tietjen, A1 Kyle Byshhke, B1 Owen Cooley, C1 Jonathon Walton-Ball and D1 Joe Runick.

Saturday night shooters and guests were treated to cocktails, hors d'oeuvre, shrimp, pulled pork, and chicken dinner, fruit trays, and a desert table along with all the fixings.

I would like to thank our key sponsors this year. We were able to keep our traditional added money payouts in these uncertain times. Sponsors included Duane Manth and Family, Dawson Enterprises (Ammo and Reloading Supplies Massillon OH), Cambria Game Farms, Joedentz Paintless Dent Removal, Lawrey Targets and BECC Electric.

Sunday had ideal weather conditions for most of the day. Three 100's were posted in the 20ga by Charlie Peacock, Steve Wood and Clay Tietjen with Charlie taking the Championship and Steve RU. Class winners were AA1 Clay Tietjen, A1 Hugo Sousa, B1 Rob Ludwig, C1 Bob Nicholas, and D1 Scott Macintosh.

The 410 event uncharacteristically had light winds and blue sky. Charlier Peacock posted the lone 100 taking the championship leaving Dave Cooley and John Boone shooting off for the RU spot where John bested Dave for RU. Class winers were AA1 Steve Wood, A1 Dave Cooley, B1 Dave Sobiegray C1 Mike Kinsella and D1 Scott Korzenski.



Dave Cooley and Charlie Peacock

The HOA crown came down to the wire with Peacock, Cooley and Tietjen tied with 298's going into the event. Peacock sealed the title with the 100 (398) and Cooley RU with a fine 98 (396) with Clay finishing 3rd with a 395. Great Shooting guys! Class winners were AA1 Clay Tiejien, A1 Matt Kelley, B1 Hugo Sousa, C1 Mike Haff, D1 Scott Korzenski and E1 Dan Traber.

A special thank you to all of our dedicated sponsors, without them the shoot would not happen. Also, thanks to our referee's who did an excellent job and displayed the stamina to hang in there in the heat, and to all our volunteers who made this shoot possible. Thanks to the 3F board of directors for making the investment in skeet, Mike Clarke, Dave Sobiegray, Jeff Ventry, Matt Kelley, Aaron Burnett, Kody Hoth, Dave and Owen Cooley, Jeff Ventry Jr. and Paul Barnas. Jackie Ventry and Lisa Kelley for running the shoot and dinner table.

Thank you to all the shooters for making our event a growing success. Please join us again next year and bring along your new shooting friends.