

The 5th Annual Kolar/Newark Open – July 25–27, 2025

Newark Rod & Gun Club – Newark, N.Y.

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The 5th Annual Kolar/Newark Open was held July 25–27 at the Newark Rod & Gun Club in Newark, N.Y. With mostly favorable weather conditions, the weekend saw strong attendance, competitive shooting, and outstanding scores across all events.



Figure 1: Dan Morris

Friday's Doubles event kicked off the weekend with fierce competition, as Dan Morris claimed the championship with the lone 100 straight. Dess Ivanov followed as runner-up, with Craig Parsons finishing third.

Saturday morning's 12-gauge event saw Craig Parsons claim the championship through focused and skillful shooting. John Boone was runner-up, and Bob Patterson rounded out the podium in third.

The afternoon 20-gauge event brought more excellent scores. Michael Ferchaw captured the championship title, with Craig Parsons close behind as runner-up and Clay Tietjen in third.

Saturday evening's dinner, catered on-site just as the shoot-offs wrapped up, was once again a crowd favorite. Free lunches on both Saturday and Sunday were also appreciated by all.

Sunday's 28-gauge event brought another tightly contested field. Ed Smith took home top honors, with Steve "Woody" Wood as runner-up and Cameron Baker finishing in third.

In the .410 bore event, Woody continued his winning streak with another championship, followed by Dan Morris in second and Dess Ivanov in third.



Figure 2: Cam Baker, Ed Smith, Steve Wood

A popular addition in recent years, the Kolar HOA Handicap Bracket was once again closely followed. This year's champion was Jon Walker—a newer shooter who broke his first 25 straight on his way to capturing the Kolar HOA Handicap Championship.

In the race for High Overall (HOA), Dan Morris narrowly edged out the field with an impressive 397×400, just ahead of Steve Wood (396) and Craig Parsons (395). Morris also secured High All Around (HAA) with a commanding 497.

In other categories, Victoria Ferchaw earned Lady HOA Champion, while Trevor Gleockner was named Junior HOA Champion.

Congratulations to all the winners, and sincere thanks to every shooter who participated and made this year's shoot such a success. A very special thank you goes out to Kolar Arms for their continued support and sponsorship.



Figure 3: Jon Walker (CH), Dan Morris (RU)