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Kelly North-South Champion with 99x100

National Capital Wins Team Title; Shaughnessy Is .410 Victor

An estimated gallery of 1500 shooters and spectators witnessed a shoot-off exhibition of Skeet shooting skill that will go down in Skeet history as one of the most exciting ever held on the National Capital Skeet Club grounds at Washington, D. C. The two shooters involved in this thrilling climax were Frank R. Kelly of West Orange, N. J., and D. W. Leid of Denver, Penn. Each had scored 99 in the Annual North-South Classic. Leid, untested in big-time competition, was shooting against a man who has become famous for his shoot-off victories. Leid's chances of victory were considered very slim, only for that moment, however, since he equalled Kelly's 24 score in the extra round, forcing a second shoot-off which ended up with perfect scores for both contestants. In the third round, however, Leid dropped targets early in the round, while Frank Kelly continued straight to become undisputed All-gauge Champion of the North-South. Scores of 98 were turned in by Lou C. Delmonico of New Jersey and H. G. Walters of Washington. Tied for runner-up honors these two boys shot it off for second and third place, Delmonico scoring 23 in the extra round for second place, while Walters scored 19 and took third.

S. L. Hutcheson, New York State Skeet Champion. Dick Shaughnessy, National Champ and Cliff Green of Maryland, tied at 97 for fourth place, Hutcheson winning the shoot-off with a 23, while Shaughnessy and Green scored 22 and 21 in that order.

Team competition, shot concurrently with all-gauge individual attracted a new record entry for that event. National Capital Skeet Club Team of Washington, D. C., scored 478 to gain top honors, while Twin Pike Club of Philadelphia placed second with 469.

The Saturday program on the .410, 20-Gauge, Two-Man Team and Individual, Junior and Woman's Championships were featured by record scores. In the Junior Championship National Skeet Champ, Dick Shaughnessy, scored 50 straight, a record winning score for this event. Larry Williams, Jr., one of the country's outstanding Junior Skeet shooters, and who two years ago won the Delaware Open Skeet Championship with a 98 score, placed second with a 46; R. E. Stuart of Alexandria, Virginia, taking third place with a 45.

Dick Shaughnessy thrilled the large gallery once again when he scored a 96 in the North-South .410 Gauge Championship to beat out a veteran field of expert Small-gauge Skeet shooters and at the same time equal the world's record score at 100 targets with .410 Gauge gun and ½-oz. maximum load, which was held prior to this time by Frank Kelly of New Jersey. Runner-up honors in .410 Gauge Championship went to Dave Sklar of Brooklyn, New York with a score of 94. R. E. Stuart of Virginia and Dr. R. G. Vance of Massachusetts were deadlocked with 91 each for third place.

The women's championship attracted a record entry for this shoot with 13 competing for title honors. A thrilling race between Mrs. William C. Coe and Mrs. A. W. Walker of Washington, D. C. ended in a final score of 92 for Mrs. Coe and 91 for Mrs. Walker. Each had a score of 47 at the half-way mark but Mrs. Coe's 45 as against 44 for Mrs. Walker in the second half gave the Champion a one-target majority and the 1937 title; Mrs. M. L. Smythe of Aurora, Ohio, taking third place with an 84. In the handicap class Mrs. S. L. Hutcheson of New York won the first, while

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BOB STACK TAKES SO. CALIFORNIA CROWN WITH 99

A new champion was crowned at the Southern California Individual held May 15 and 16, at the Pastime Gun Club in San Diego. Good-looking, blonde Bobby Stack dropped one bird in the third frame to end up with 99 and the Allbore championship. Bob must be slipping to drop one bird. Last year he took the Western Open with 100. But even if he did slip, no one else could even tie him. Three men dropped the No. 1 outgoer in the last half to tie for runner-up. In the shoot-off Bob Wilfong's 24 earned him the R-U title, while Ken Fay and his 23 got first in A and Dick Bloomfield with his 22 was 2nd in A. Grant Ilseing held down third in A with no argument but with a 97 back of him.

B class was no easy spot this year, as H. R. Peterson had to shoot 96 to win. Mel Morgan, 1932 So. Cal. Champ., tied with R. E. Ludlum for second, but Mel's 25 in the shoot-off gave him 2nd spot. Nor was C class any cinch, as Carl Lutz got himself all tangled up in a mess of broken birds, to emerge with 97 and 1st. Lou Gravel and 92 got 2nd while Val Leach and R. D. Monroe tied for third, Val winning by one bird in the extra frame. Art Lenkeit went home with the high trophy in D after breaking 87. Slim Selfridge was one bird and one place behind while Don Alderman was third with 85.

Saturday was pretty much a Fleischmann day, with the big movie star (advt.) winning the .410 long with 50, the 20 ga. with 99 and tying for second in the .410 short with 47. After shooting Saturday, Harry flew back to Hollywood, worked until 5 a. m. Sunday for the moon pictures, then flew back to San Diego.

Bob Stack (that guy again) won the .410

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The beautiful four field Skeet layout of the Onondaga Skeet Club, Syracuse, New York, where the 1937 New York State Skeet championships were held on May 29, 30 and 31.