

Bags Trap Shooting Trophies In Canadian and U.S. Matches

The recent feats of marksmanship of a Glen Williams man, Ron Scordo, are the subject of a lengthy article in the fall edition of AIM, the official publication of the Shooting Federation of Canada.

Says the story:

A calm, cool, confident, but modest Ron Scordo broke birds and bagged championship trophy honours during a recent three month 10,000-mile trap shooting tournament trail journey which took him across Canada and into the United States.

Scordo, 28, has been a trap shooter for the past five years. This was his second year in tournament competition and his triumphs surpassed his expectations.

His series of triumphs began with two wins in the Ontario championships at the Hamilton Gun Club at Vincemount.

Ron, a strong, husky, 215 pound, six footer took the Ontario high all round championship with a personal score of 385 out of a possible 400. His individual scores were: singles, 197; doubles, 92; and handicap 96.

His second Ontario victory came in the handicap championship with a score of 96 out of 100.

He was runner-up in the Ontario doubles.

Ron, a member of the Peel County Game and Fish Protective Association Peel Trap Club, hasn't travelled alone on his 30,000 mile journey to success. His wife Donna, and their three daughters, Karen 8, Lesia 6, and Janita 2, have been in dad's cheering section.

From June to August, the Scordos of Glen Williams, made the trap tournament circuit a camping trip vacation. The vacation included a visit to Banff National Park and salmon fishing on the Pacific.

Although Ron is a strong husky individual he doesn't stress his own power as a major asset to success.

"I have seen handicapped persons shoot, one arm shooters and others shooting from wheel chairs, even outstanding women shooters who can beat the men," he stated.

"Mental conditioning, the ability to concentrate on every bird, is the most important," Ron added.

In preparing for a tournament it is practice, practice, practice, two or three hours at least twice a week and the shooting of approximately 200 shells each night. Ron trains at Peel Game and Fish.

"Your best experience comes from competition. Pressure does not bother me, however, there is anticipation and excitement. Win or lose I enjoy tournaments," stated Ron.

For the tournament competitor every bird is worth money.

"Tournament competition requires more concentration when compared with your own club shooting," adds Ron.

Dominion championships in Vancouver brought more honours to Ron. He was Canadian high overall champion and took the AA class championship. He lost the shootoff to champion Jim Platz of Edmonton, Alberta.

Scordo, who was brought up with guns, started trap shooting because he wasn't accurate with his first shot gun.

"I wanted to find out the real secrets," he said.

His desire for more competition and more personal satisfaction started Ron entering tournaments.

In re-questioning Ron concerning pressure in Dominion competitions he replied, "No, I don't feel the pressure, but I do have to adjust to the different surroundings. At Hamilton, there was a clear sky and background. In Vancouver, there was a row of trees behind the traps, the sky was dark and it was quite cloudy. The ability to see the birds well is always a great advantage," he concluded.

Scordo has the following advice for novice shooters or persons thinking about taking up the sport of trap shooting.

Join an active club where there is lots of shooting.

Look out the side of expert shooters before selecting a gun.

Select a gun that suits your individual requirements.

Scar tissue on Ron's left cheek is evidence of early improper fit and recoil action.

The novice needs a gun that points best and feels best for the individual involved.

Scordo emphasizes safety first.



RON SCORDO OF GLEN WILLIAMS holds some of the silverware won during his three months trap shooting in competitions against Canada and the U.S.

"Remember a shot gun can make a big hole if not handled correctly," warns Ron.

New shooters have to have the desire to work out their own problems. Breaking birds isn't as easy as the experts make it look.

The trap shooter must like the sport. It can be expensive, that is if you become deeply involved.

Ron's three month tournament trail vacation came at his own expense.

After Vancouver, came the Montana State Shoot at Helena. Ron was high all-round Canadian at the Montana shoot.

The Scordos continued their vacation trip to Waukesha, Wisconsin, Shamokin, Pennsylvania and to Springfield, Ohio, before returning to Canada for the Quebec Provincial Trap Shooting Championships.

Ron went winless at Waukesha, Shamokin, and Springfield.

The trip back to Canada and Quebec renewed Ron's confidence. At the Montreal Hunters and Anglers Club at L'Acadie Village Ron recorded a double victory. A score of 195 out of 200 gave him the 16 yard class AA singles championship. He won the non-resident high overall award with a 377 out of 400 score.

Scordo's major '68 success was registered at the Grand American at Vandalia, Ohio. Of 3,100 competitors, Scordo was one of 11 tied for second in the handicap event with a score of 99 out of 100. Handicaps range from 18 to 27 yards. He won the 25 yard trophy in the Grand American with his 99 score and was runner-up in the class AA doubles. In the doubles he had a score of 98. His performance at the Grand American won him the Jimmy Robinson Trophy as high Canadian at the Grand American.

At Vandalia, 52 traps extend over a mile in length along the edge of an airfield. During the

Grand American all the traps compared quite favourably with those that he visited in the United States.

Ron renewed his acquaintance with Dick Johnston of Anchorage, Alaska, while at the Grand American. Johnston had clubs at Hamilton and Calgary competed with Ron in Vancouver.

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er, Calgary and Montana.

Stated Ron, "Johnston had a 200 straight in singles at the North American Clay Target Championships in Vandalia. Johnston was just one of many new friends acquired by Ron during his tournament travels.

Ron prefers doubles to singles and handicap shooting. Why? Two birds are released at the same time from the trap but always at fixed angles. In singles and handicap shooting birds are released with an oscillating movement.

Height of the birds and distance out are constant. The height ranges between eight and 12 feet while the distance out is between 48 and 52 yards.

Scordo uses a Winchester Model 12 for handicap shooting and a Franchi over and under 12 gauge for 16 yard singles and doubles. He has been using the Franchi for about one year.

New horizons for Ron include the seeking of Canadian Olympic team and World championship team berths. He missed the Olympic trials this year because the trial dates conflicted with his tournament schedule.

Watch for Ron at the Kentucky Flyers Shoot in October.

The Scordo family may become a double-barrel shooting combination in the near future. Ron's wife Donna, has been attracted to the trap shooting sport and hopes to be competing soon.

Witnesses Planning November Meeting Here in High School

Officials of Jehovah's Witnesses in Ontario Circuit 20 met in Guelph Monday evening in preparation for the three day meeting in mid-November at Georgetown District High School.

Harold McCallum, circuit supervisor in the Georgetown area directed the preliminary meeting attended by 10 department heads and their assistants. Mr. McCallum is chief organizer of the convention. Such organizational matters as equipment

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and trucking, accommodation and feeding arrangements, cleaning and even first aid services were discussed.

The entire assembly organization is operated by Jehovah's Witnesses who volunteer their own time and labours. It will accomplish on a local level what much larger international Watch Tower conventions have done in the past, advance the Bible's message that "God's government by the Kingdom of Jesus Christ is mankind's only hope for world peace."

Mr. MacCallum revealed that the theme around which the assembly program will revolve is "Sharing Fully in Preaching the Good News."

Delegates representing 15 congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses from Bramford to Georgetown have been invited. A peak attendance in excess of 1,000 is expected on the final day to hear the public address, "God's Way is Love," to be delivered by Ontario district supervisor, J. F. MacPherson of Toronto.



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