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New Jersey Youth Trapshooting Teams Crowned SCTP State Champions

NEWTOWN, Conn.—Three New Jersey youth trapshooting teams were crowned state champions June 4 at the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) New Jersey Trapshooting Championships held in Indian Mills. Teams competed in the Senior, Junior and Rookie divisions of SCTP.

Winning the state title in the Senior Novice Division were the Ground Swipers (Team 1) with a total score of 881 out of 1,000. The team includes Gene Moir and Daniel Mease of Oceangate, Robert Gray and Ken Hoffman of Forked River, and Jesse Gargani of Beachwood. Mease led the team, breaking 197 of 200 targets. The Ground Swipers are coached by David Liming of Manahawkin.

In the Junior Novice Division, the Ground Swipers (Team 3) also claimed the state title. Everett Giberson of Warren Grove, Chris Hoffman of Forked River, John Hyers of Toms River, and Chad Anthony and Andrew Clayton of Beachwood broke 810 of 1,000 targets. Leading the way was Anthony with a score of 184.

The North Jersey Clay Breakers rookie squad took first place in the Rookie Division, breaking 159 of 500 targets. The team includes Ashley Mickel of Lake Hopatcong, Adam Angerer of West Caldwell, John-Peter Albrecht of Waldwick, Bryan Weathers of Montville and Rebecca Koehler of North Bergen.

Final Results:

Senior Experienced Division

1st - Ground Swipers (Team 1), 881. Team includes Gene Moir and Daniel Mease of Oceangate, Robert Gray and Ken Hoffman of Forked River, and Jesse Gargani of Beachwood.

2nd - North Jersey Seniors, 820. Team includes John and Brian Noon of Sussex, and Ben Martin, Austin Peter and Andrew White, all of Wantage.

3rd - Ground Swipers (Team 2), 719. Team includes Ricky Rivas of West Creek, Nick Azaceta of Bayville, and Mark Rutkowski, Erik Dollman and Kyle Bird, all of Beachwood.

Junior Novice Division

1st - Ground Swipers (Team 3), 810. Team includes Everett Giberson of Warren Grove, Chris Hoffman of Forked River, John Hyers of Toms River, and Chad Anthony and Andrew Clayton of Beachwood.

2nd - Ground Swipers (Team 4), 709. Team includes Chad Rivas of West Creek, Ricky

Lagraveuis of Bayville, and Ricky Rutkowski, James Merrell and James Rupinski, all of Beachwood

3rd - North Jersey Clay Breakers, 473. Team includes Eric Greendyk of Pompton Plains, William Mattero of Caldwell, Benjamin Koehler of North Bergen, and Daniel Mickel and Kyle Stiemann of Lake Hopatcong.

Rookie Division

1st - North Jersey Clay Breakers, 159. Ashley Mickel of Lake Hopatcong, Adam Angerer of West Caldwell, John-Peter Albrecht of Waldwick, Bryan Weathers of Montville and Rebecca Koehler of North Bergen.

SCTP was developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) and offers young men and women in grades 12 and under the opportunity to compete as a team in trap, skeet and sporting clays for state and national championships as well as college scholarship money. The program is designed to instill in participants safe firearms handling, commitment, responsibility, leadership and teamwork. Nearly 40 states and 4,000 youths take part in SCTP.

SCTP teams from around the nation will compete Aug. 9 at the 2005 SCTP National Trapshooting Championships, which will be held in conjunction with the Grand American World Trapshooting Championships in Vandalia, Ohio. Last year, more than 200 teams and 1,100 youths from 31 states competed at the event.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation, formed in 1961, is a non-profit trade association. NSSF directs a variety of outreach programs to promote greater participation and a better understanding of the shooting sports, emphasizing safe and responsible ownership of firearms. For further information, please visit www.nssf.org.

A video introducing the media to SCTP can be viewed online at www.nssf.org/SCTP/news. [Click here to see the video.](#)

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