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## College Championships Series

### USA Shooting to Host World Cup in Texas



KERRVILLE, Texas- The ISSF World Cup USA, scheduled for May 5-11, will bring more than 40 countries and 300 athletes and officials to Hill Country Shooting Sports Center (HCSSC) in Kerrville, Texas to contest the Olympic shotgun disciplines. USA Shooting, the National Governing Body for the Olympic Shooting Sports in the United States, will conduct this event as the official sponsor and host.

"As always, we are thrilled to be able to showcase and promote our sport within the U.S.," Bob Mitchell, CEO of USA Shooting said. "It is particularly exciting to be able to host this World Cup at the new Hill Country Shooting Sport Center given that during the competition the venue will be awarded status as an official Olympic Training Center for the shooting sports. We are honored to have the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) President Olegario Vázquez Raña present for the dedication, and look forward to this World Cup being the first of many international events conducted at the Kerrville complex."

The USA World Cup will not only provide athletes the opportunity to achieve their Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS), a necessity for

### *Army Team Wins 2006 National Collegiate Pistol Championships*

FORT BENNING, Ga. - The 2006 National Collegiate Pistol Championships finished up on March 19 at Fort Benning's Pistol Ranges, in Columbus, Ga., with the U.S. Military Academy (Army) winning the overall team title, and the U.S. Naval Academy (Navy) clinching the women's team championship.

Army took home the team title after winning the free and air pistol events and finishing with a three-gun total score of 6,358 points. The U.S. Naval Academy took second overall, finishing with a 6,299, while the Ohio State University (OSU) finished third with a 6,283. Navy won the women's championship with a 2,661 two-gun total, while OSU took second with a 2,652 total women's team score and the Army women's team finished third at 2,647.

In the individual free pistol event, the Navy's David Bennett shot a 530 qualifying and 90.7 final for a first-place finish of 620.7. Sean Ragay, of Golden West Community College, and the Army's Maxwell Pappas both finished with a 528 qualifying, a 91.4 final for a 619.4 total score, although Ragay was awarded the silver medal after the tie-breaking procedure.

Pappas led the individual standard pistol finishers, shooting a 555 for gold. In second place, Garrett College's Kristina Kask hit a 549, and Cody

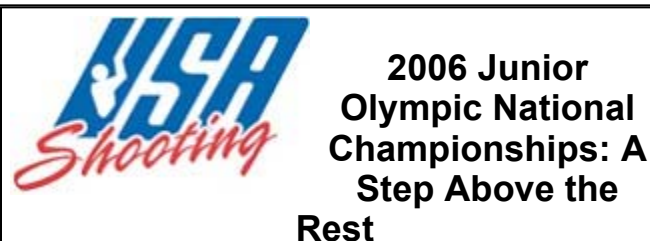
competitors who plan to attend the 2008 Olympic Games, but also gives the athlete an opportunity to qualify for country participation slots for the Olympic Games.

Among the top American athletes competing at this World Cup are three-time Olympian's Lance Bade (Colorado Springs, Colo.) and Connie Smotek (Lyons, Texas), two-time Olympian Glenn Eller (Katy, Texas), and USA Shooting Athletes of the Year Vincent Hancock (Eatonton, Ga.) and Haley Dunn (Eddyville, Iowa).

Some of the top foreign shooters that have also confirmed their attendance are Italy's skeet shooter Ennio Falco and trap shooter Giovanni Pelliolo, China's skeet shooter Hong Yan Shi and trap shooter Chen Li, and Australia's trap and double trap shooter Russell Mark.

The World Cup USA kicks off today with the opening ceremonies and official dedication of the HCSSC at 4 p.m., immediately followed by a barbecue put on for all the competitors and volunteers. On May 6-7, men's and women's skeet will be contested. The men's double trap event will follow on May 8, while the men's and women's trap event will round out the competition on May 10-11.

For more information on the 2006 USA World Cup, please contact USA Shooting's media department at 719-310-2606, or by email at [sara.john@usashooting.org](mailto:sara.john@usashooting.org). For complete results or to watch the competition as it happens, please log on to <http://www.issf.tv/>



Owsley, of Johnson County Community College, placed third with a 544. And, for the first-time ever, the Shootin' Utes, of the University of Utah, won a team event, shooting a 2,103 total team score in standard pistol.

In air pistol, the University of California - Irvine's Kyle Nagao walked away with the individual title, shooting a 568 qualifying, a 96.1 final for a 664.1 total score. Owsley finished in second with a 656.4 (560 qualifying + 96.4 final), while the Army's Casey Miller grabbed bronze with 656.2 (561 + 95.2) and led his Army Team to a first-place.

Meyer was actually in second place after the qualifying rounds in the women's air pistol event, but shot a 97.1 in the final to wind up on top with a 461.1 total score. In second place, Army's Kimberly Schultz shot a 458.8 (366 + 92.8), while Kask finished in third 455.8 (360 + 95.8).

Kask also won the individual women's sport pistol event for Garrett College, shooting a 557 qualifying score, a 98.8 final for a 655.8 total score, over eight points above her next competitor, Diana Nee. Nee, of the Massachusetts Institute of Tech, finished with a 647.4 (553 + 94.4) for the silver, and led her MIT Team to their only championship title of the event with a 1,592 team score.

And, finally in the standard pistol ROTC team event, OSU took the top honors. Led by top ROTC standard pistol finisher Kyle Copeland, who shot a 511, the Ohio State Team won with a 1,818 team score. Tavis Browning shot a 467 for second and led the Jacksonville State University team to a bronze medal. Tristan Monroe, of the Ohio State University, finished third individually, shooting a 465.

*Beyerle Leads UAF to Eighth  
Championship Title*

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - With just under 300 competitors in attendance and the inclusion of the electronic target systems, the 2006 National Junior Olympic Rifle and Pistol Championships, held March 17-April 2 at the Olympic Shooting Complex, went over better than ever.

"It was a huge success," Mary Smith, USA Shooting's competitions manager said. "The electronic targets worked perfectly, and we were able to set up a display that let spectators watch the smallbore events from a lounge area downstairs. The electronic targets made the finals, for both smallbore and air, much more appealing, and the volunteers had it easier because they didn't have to score hardly any paper targets.

"In addition, we sent out CD's to all the participants that had both the results and photos from the events. We even put up additional pictures on an online photo album so that anyone can view them. We had a lot of positive feedback, and are excited to make it even more viewer friendly in 2007."

Another factor that contributed to the success of this Junior Olympics was the level of competition. The fact that the Junior Olympic Champions don't just go home with bragging rights, they also go home in a comfortable position to make the U.S. Junior Team that will be headed to the World Shooting Championships, in July, added to the juniors will to win. The World Championship junior team selections are made final at the USA Shooting Nationals in mid-June.

Click here for the [full story](#) from this year's Junior Olympic Championships, or log on to [www.usashooting.org](http://www.usashooting.org) for the full results. For pictures from this event, please click on the USA Shooting [Junior Olympic Photo Album](#).

### **USA Shooting Hosts World Championship Team Selections for Shotgun, Rifle and Pistol**

University of Alaska - Fairbanks (UAF) claimed its eighth National Championship title at the 2006 NCAA Men's and Women's Rifle Championships, held March 10-11, at the U.S. Olympic Shooting Complex in Colorado Springs, Colo. This is UAF's seventh National Title in the past eight years. Army won the title in 2005, while the Nanooks ended up placing fourth -- its lowest Championship finish since 1996.

Led by senior Jamie Beyerle who won the individual smallbore title and was runner-up in air, the Nanooks finished with a total of 4,682 total team points on its way to reclaim the NCAA Team Championship.

Beyerle concluded her collegiate career as the 2006 NCAA Smallbore champion on the first day of the NCAA Men's & Women's Rifle Championships. Beyerle set the bar high with an aggregate score 593 early in relay one and never looked back. In the finals round, Beyerle shot a 97.5 to win the championship with a total score of 690.5.

Mississippi's senior Shannon Wilson followed Beyerle with a final score of 688.5. Third place went to James Hall, from Jacksonville State with a score of 685.3; followed by Joseph Hall (Jacksonville) with 683.9. Fifth place went to Nebraska's Kristina Fehlings with 683.3, and in sixth place was Christopher Abalo, from Army, who finished with a 682.6.

The next day, Nebraska's junior shooter Kristina Fehlings won the individual air rifle title with a 692 total score, boosting the Cornhuskers to second place with a total 4,666 team points, their highest NCAA finish in history.

Beyerle followed Fehlings closely with a 690.4 total score for second place, while Alaska Fairbanks teammate Matt Rawlings finished third with a 690.2. Nebraska's Misty Chanek (689.8), UAF's Matthias Dierolf (689.6), Army's John Fiddes (687.6), Nevada's

USA Shooting held its World Championship Selection Matches this spring, for shotgun, rifle and pistol, allowing any competitor who shot good enough the opportunity to make the World Championship Team that will represent the U.S. in Zagreb, Croatia, July 22-Aug. 5, at the world's largest shooting event of the quadrennium.

The U.S. will take more than 80 athletes to the 49th International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Shooting Championships to compete in both individual and team events in both junior and open categories in all of the Olympic shooting disciplines. Drawing over 2,000 shooting-athletes from around the world, these Championships are highly anticipated by the shooting community because it allows countries to gauge the strength of their shooting programs, while also serving as a major source of Olympic quota spots.

"These Selection Matches are so important to USA Shooting because it is absolutely vital that we select the best possible team to compete at the World Championships, this summer" Wanda Jewell, USA Shooting's Director of Operations said. "The World Championships is an invaluable experience for our athletes and is an essential part of their preparation for the Olympic Games."

Click here for the [full story](#) from both the Shotgun Spring Selection Match and the Rifle/Pistol Spring Selection Match, or go to [www.usashooting.org](http://www.usashooting.org) for the complete results. For more information on the World Championships, please visit [www.issf-shooting.org](http://www.issf-shooting.org); For the rest of the rifle and pistol World Championship Team members, stay updated with all the news from USAS National Championships in June.

## Mary Smith Leaves USA Shooting

May 9th will have been my last day as the Competitions Manager for USA Shooting. I would like to take this opportunity to tell everyone

Sarah Smith (687.2) and Navy's Josh Albright (684.5) round out the rest of the finalists in air rifle.

### *Lindenwood University Repeats as Overall Champion at ACUI International Clay Target Championships*

SAN ANTONIO, Texas -- The Association of College Unions International (ACUI) 38th annual International Clay Target Championships was held at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio, TX, April 5-9. This year's event saw a 20% increase in participation, featuring 260 collegiate athletes from 29 colleges and universities.

The first event on the schedule was international trap where three shooters tied with scores of 120 after the final. Sheldon Benge, of Texas A&M University (TAMU), earned his first gold medal of the event, winning with the first shot of the three-way shoot-off with Jonathan Vaage, of the U.S. Air Force Academy, and William Gowin, of Lindenwood University (LU). Vaage took three shots in the next round to beat out Gowin for the silver medal. Gowin had already won a four way shoot-off just to get into the final.

In women's international trap, Misty Williams, of LU, took her place on the top of the medal stand with a one point victory over Mimi Wilfong, of TAMU. Williams finished with a 96 qualifying score and a 20 in the final. Lindsey Hollin, of the University of Missouri - Columbia (UMC), took the bronze with a four shot tie-breaker. TAMU beat Lindenwood by two to win the team event.

Women's international skeet was next and once again it saw Lindsey Hollin back on the podium, winning the gold with a score of 111. Hollin beat out Lindenwood's Ashley Hartley, who finished with a 107, and UMC teammate Haley Dunn, who shot a 103.

goodbye and let you know how much I have appreciated being able to work with you all. I have met many, many people in the 15+ years I have worked with the National Governing Body (NGB) for international shooting. When I began in 1990 the NRA was the NGB for shooting. As time passed, USA Shooting was formed and took on the role of NGB. I have been fortunate enough to meet hundreds of competitors, parents, coaches and volunteers over the years. I have met young competitors just starting out who now are married with children of their own. I have met, worked with, appreciated, and mourned the loss of, some of the best people I will ever know. I have learned a lot from all of you and will take many happy memories with me.

I now have the opportunity to take a position where I won't have to work any overtime and won't have to travel away from home. After over 15 years, I'm ready to have my weekends to myself. And while I do enjoy seeing the wonderful volunteers and competitors I really don't enjoy the warm, moist Georgia weather in June, or the large variety of insects found there.

In the meantime, Lindsay Brooke, the former USAS coaches assistant will be working as the interim Competitions Director. As with most of the positions at USAS, there is large learning curve with this job, and I hope you will all be patient as she dives into her new role as the manager of the competitions department.

If you want to keep in touch, you can reach me by email at [maryusas1@juno.com](mailto:maryusas1@juno.com).

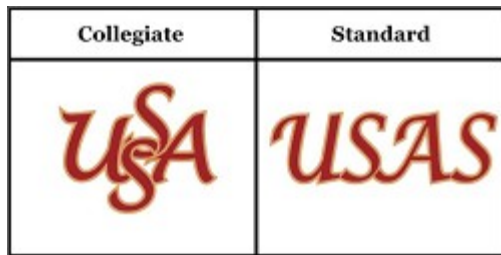
Charlie Zeigler, from the Pennsylvania College of Technology, ran an impressive 25-straight in the final to finish with a total of 115 for the win in men's international skeet. Teammates Derrick Mein (LU) and Mark Schutzius (LU) both finished with a 114 total score and took second and third, respectively, in this event. This time Lindenwood beat Texas A&M by six points to win the team event, while UMC came in third, finishing eight points behind TAMU.

The ACUI also includes American trap and skeet as well as a five stand sporting clays event. The trap gold went to Joshua White, who led his LU team to another team victory with his 99 individual score. Hollin, again won the women's American trap event, finishing with a 98, and leading her UMC team to a second place finish in this event.

In American skeet, Ryan Caferelli (LU) took six targets to break a four-way tie at 100. Ryan DaRosa, of Purdue University, finished in second, while Brazos Lackey, of TAMU, shot his way out of two rounds of tie-breakers for third. Ashley Hartley (LU) won the women's event with a 99. Teammate Misty Williams finished just one point behind for second. Lindenwood University easily won the skeet team event, finishing five points above Texas A & M.

Five Stand gold medals went to Cole Geisler and Misty Williams and the team from LU where both are students. On the women's side, Haley Dunn and Mimi Wilfong (TAMU) finished second and third, respectively. Dunn helped boost her team to a second place finish in this event.

Awards are also given for high overall, combining results from both trap and both skeet events. The overall team award went to the Lindenwood Shotgun Team under coach Joe Steenbergen, which shot a total of 1,546 out of 1,600 targets. The Texas A&M Team, under coach Steve Musser, finished in second with a 1,528. In third, the University of



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Missouri - Columbia Team, under coach Eric Berg, shot a 1,505.

Individual overall gold medals were awarded to Sheldon Benge from the men's side and Misty Williams from the women's. Benge finished with a total 383 out of a total 400 targets. Mark Schutzius (LU) followed closely with a total score of 382, while Brazos Lackey (TAMU) took third overall with 379. Williams shot a 361 for first, while Lindsey Hollin came in second with a 353 and Mimi Wilfong took third overall with a 352.



## NEW PROGRAMS INTRODUCED TO SUPPORT TEAM

### *USA Shooting Introduces Planned Giving Program*

Planned Giving has become a popular form of donating to charitable organizations over the past decade. Through most planned giving programs, the donor is not required to pay or donate anything up front; rather, the donation is made to the charity at the conclusion of the agreement. The donor is rewarded for the gift with tax benefits that may include a reduction in estate taxes, capital gains taxes or income tax. Further, planned giving programs are easy to initiate and they require little if any servicing during the tenure of the agreement. Programs can be tailored to fit an individual's financial goals and their objectives in giving.

USA Shooting has launched a new planned giving program targeting long-term gifts that benefit both USAS and the donor or the donor's estate. Through this program, participants select from: gifts of cash, appreciated securities, life insurance, personal property, real estate, retirement assets, or bequests to meet their objectives and goals in long-term financial planning. In most cases, USAS receives some portion of liquid assets or property at the conclusion of the arrangement. In return for the generous donation, the donor or the donor's estate receives some form of tax benefit, while also providing for the shooting sports and shooting athletes in the future.

For more information or to request program materials, please contact [kim.miller@usashooting.org](mailto:kim.miller@usashooting.org) or call 719-866-4616.

### *USAS Targets Shooting Sports Industry with Supporting Partner Program*

In an effort to involve more of the shooting sports industry in supporting the USA

Shooting Team, the Marketing Department is now offering the Supporting Partner Program. This program was developed as an alternative to the commitment required in traditional corporate sponsorships. In the past, USA Shooting was unable to realize the full potential of partnerships within our industry due to the associated costs of the exclusivity desired within a sponsorship agreement. Because the Supporting Partner Program does not have exclusive categories and the associated financial commitment, the Supporting Partner Program will open up opportunities for a broader support base within the shooting sports industry.

The Supporting Partner Program offers tiered contribution levels with corresponding partner benefits for each level. All of the Supporting Partner Program levels-Gold, Silver and Bronze-offer the following similar benefits:

- Plaque at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado recognizing the applicable Supporting Partner level
- Usage of the applicable Supporting Partner level logo on your website and marketing material (as approved by USAS)
- Invitation(s) to the Weekend of Champions
- Complimentary advertising space in USA Shooting News Magazine
- Discounts on additional advertising space in USA Shooting News Magazine
- Recognition in the E-Newsletter
- Website presence and linkage
- Discounts on USAS merchandise
- Subscription(s) to USA Shooting News Magazine
- Individual recognition plaque for display at Supporting Partner's business/organizational headquarters
- Recognition in USA Shooting News Magazine

Supporting Partner packages start at \$2,500 for the Bronze level with Silver and Gold levels at \$5,000 and \$10,000 respectively. By combining value-in-kind (VIK) with cash contributions, companies are able to select a partner level that fits well within their available resources.

This program has the potential to increase Team support within the shooting industry, as the success of the Team benefits shooting sports and the shooting industry by bringing both awareness and new athletes to the sport. Given the flexibility provided within the Supporting Partner Program, more opportunities are available for industry members to participate in a mutually beneficial partnership.

For more information about the Supporting Partner program, please contact [marketing@usashooting.org](mailto:marketing@usashooting.org) or 719-866-4880.



### USA Shooting's Schedule of Upcoming Activities

**May 5 - 11** - USA Shooting hosts the *ISSF World Cup USA* in Kerrville, Texas. Over 300 athletes from 40 nations will compete for the Olympic Quota spots and medals available at this event.

**May 12** - *USAS Spring Board of Directors Meeting* in Kerrville, Texas.

**May 14** - *Mother's Day!* Don't forget to buy something special for your mom from [USA Shooting's Online Merchandise!](#) (Place your order this weekend, so it gets there in time!)

**May 15-20** - *USAS National and National Development Pistol Team Camp* in Fort Benning, Ga.

**May 16-17** - *USAS National and National Development Pistol Team Media and Public Relations Training* in Fort Benning, Ga.

**May 16-25** - *ISSF World Cup in Cairo, Egypt* for shotgun.

**May 18-21** - USAS sends representatives to the *National Rifle Association (NRA) Convention* in Milwaukee, Wis.

**May 22-29** - *ISSF World Cup in Munich, Germany* for rifle and pistol.

**May 29-June 5** - *ISSF World Cup Milan, Italy* for rifle and pistol.

**June 6 - 15** - *ISSF World Cup in Suhl, Germany* for shotgun.

**June 11-18** - *USAS National Championships in rifle and pistol* at Fort Benning, Ga. This competition will serve as the final selection process for the Pistol World Championship Team, as well as the Junior Rifle World Championship Team.

**June 20-30** - *41st CISM World Championships* in Rena, Norway.

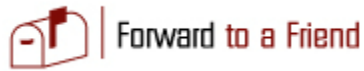
**June 24- July 2** - *USAS National Championships in shotgun* at Fort Carson, Colo.

**June 24 - 28** - *4H National Shooting Championships* in Rapid City, SD. (This event is

by invitation only.)

**July 2-5 -- *The Daisy Progressive Position Air Pistol and Three-Position Air Rifle Championships*** in Bowling Green, Ky. (This event is by invitation only - visit [www.usashooting.org](http://www.usashooting.org) for more information.)

**July 2-6 - *The North American Indigenous Games*** in Colorado Springs, Colo.



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