

Scholastic Clay Target Program Update

SCTP

profiles

Lucas Board

City & State: New Stanton, Pa.

School: Hempfield Area

Grade: 11th

Extracurricular activities/hobbies: motorcycles, rifle team, hunting, sporting clays

At what age did you start shooting? six

How did you get involved in shooting?

My family is big into hunting. My school also has a rifle team.

What club do you belong to, and where do you shoot? Youngwood, Greensburg, East Monongahela, Hempfield High School

What gun do you use? Winchester Select Energy

Parents' names: Tom and Toni

Do you have any friends/family who shoot? Dave McGrath, Brandon Teet, Adam Ligus, Nick Schmitt

What do you like most about shooting?

It is a fun sport that challenges the body physically and mentally. The main thing is that I'm good at it.

What is the hardest part of shooting?

It takes lots of concentration to succeed. Without it, you'll be hearing "lost" instead of seeing a shattered bird.

Corey Hay

City & State: Greensburg, Pa.

School: Greensburg Salem High School

Grade: 10th

Extracurricular activities/hobbies: hunting, fishing, governor's youth council

At what age did you start shooting? four

How did you get involved in shooting? through parents and family

What club do you belong to, and where do you shoot? Youngwood and Greensburg

What gun do you use? Beretta ES 100 12 gauge

Parents' names: Myron and Lori

Do you have any friends/family who shoot? David Rosetti and Lukas Sundry from school

What do you like most about shooting? being out with friends and trying to be the best

What is the hardest part of shooting? breathing control and holding still

What have you learned in shooting that you can apply to other areas of your life? giving respect and knowing how to interact with others

Matthew D. Smith

City & State: Irwin, Pa.

School: Penn-Trafford High School

Grade: 9th

Extracurricular activities/hobbies: hunting, fishing, church youth group, volunteering at church

At what age did you start shooting? nine

How did you get involved in shooting? family

What club do you belong to, and where do you shoot? Kiski SC, Youngwood (Youth Hunter Education Challenge), family hunting camp

What gun do you use? Browning Citori
Parents' names: David and Karen

Do you have any friends/family who shoot? friends Brandon Teet, Corey Hay and Chad Larkin; coaches Bob King and Jim Spelock; Dad, uncles and cousins

What do you like most about shooting? the challenge and beating my previous score

What is the hardest part of shooting? maintaining same shooting position

What have you learned about gun safety since being involved in SCTP? Always keep the muzzle pointing in a safe direction and the action open.

What have you learned in shooting that you can apply to other areas of your life? discipline and patience

Brandon Teet

City & State: Penn, Pa.

School: Penn-Trafford High School

Grade: 11th

Extracurricular activities/hobbies: hunting, fishing, camping, all shooting sports and competitions

At what age did you start shooting? six

How did you get involved in shooting? my father, with help from numerous shooting organizations

What club do you belong to, and where do you shoot? Youngwood, Greensburg, East Huntington

What gun do you use? Ruger Red Label

Parents' names: Donald and Debbie

Do you have any friends/family who shoot? father; friends Corey Hay, Lucas Board, Matt Smith, Josh Wilson and Neil Trout

What do you like most about shooting? hitting what I am aiming at more times than I miss

What is the hardest part of shooting? quitting

What have you learned about gun safety since being involved in SCTP? all gun safety rules needed to be safe at the range and hunting

What have you learned in shooting that you can apply to other areas of your life? I have learned self-discipline, patience and self-confidence.

Neil Trout

City & State: West Newton, Pa.

School: Young School District

Grade: 10th

Extracurricular activities/hobbies: hunting, golf and fly fishing

At what age did you start shooting? five

How did you get involved in shooting? My dad got me started at our local gun club.

What club do you belong to, and where do you shoot? Youngwood

What gun do you use? 12-ga. pump



Parents' names: Lewis and Kelly

Do you have any friends/family who shoot? Dad, uncle, many cousins, friends John and Sam

What do you like most about shooting? the challenge of shooting a variety of birds from different directions

What have you learned about gun safety since being involved in SCTP? Keep your muzzle pointed in a safe direction, treat every gun like a loaded gun, always be sure of your target.

What have you learned in shooting that you can apply to other areas of your life? skills for hunting pheasant, rabbit and squirrel

Josh Wilson

City & State: New Stanton, Pa.

School: West Hempfield Middle School

Grade: 8th

Extracurricular activities/hobbies: dirt bikes, hunting, archery, rifles, baseball, football, track, Youth Hunter Education Challenge

At what age did you start shooting? eight

How did you get involved in shooting? Dad and Grandpa both shoot. Dad got me a .22 for Christmas when I was eight.

What club do you belong to, and where do you shoot? Youngwood club and at home

What gun do you use? Stoeger O/U 12 gauge, Remington 870 pump 20 gauge

Parents' names: Matt and Tammy

Do you have any friends/family who shoot? Dad, grandfather Dave Wilson, friends Alex Trout and Josh Edwards, sister Dayna

What do you like most about shooting? It is relaxing and a lot of fun.

What is the hardest part of shooting? trying to shoot tighter groups

What have you learned about gun safety since being involved in SCTP? I have learned to always treat a gun like it is loaded and to take care and clean the guns after shooting them.

What have you learned in shooting that you can apply to other areas of your life? I have learned to treat guns with respect and to treat people with respect.

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