

# 2024 WESTERN CHALLENGE

## ROUNDUP

AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>-25<sup>TH</sup>



Thanks for attending the **2024 Western Challenge**.

**Every dollar you spend at Gallatin Sporting Clays is paid out in prize money or invested into our facility.**

**Zach Keinbaum** won the main event with a score of 191 and **Mike Wilgus** won FITASC with a 98 and 5- Stand with a 48. **Desi Edmunds** won high lady in both the main event and FITASC, resulting in an impressive sweep by Team Winchester. Congratulations to **Team Winchester** on their performance.

Meanwhile, in local news, GSC's **Justin Elias** and **Lance Barney** had an epic battle in E class with Justin winning honors in the main event and Lance clinching the prelim. Eleven-year-old **Hays Darr** dominated the SXS Sub Junior event. Check out all scores and winners on [Scorechaser.com](https://www.scorechaser.com).

As many of you noticed, we are **constructing two new courses** at the club. Sub gauge and Super Sporting will be moved to a new 12 station course, and we are adding a sexy new 15 station course east of the current main event course. In all, we will have **3 full sporting clays courses** for you to enjoy at the 2025 Western Challenge.



### Highlights



- In total we hosted 180 shooters, hailing from 23 states (with 6 Cannucks). We had fantastic weather and lots of joy was sent down range!
- The targets set by **Rick Hemmingway** and his team were fantastic, especially the **FITASC** parcours. Shooters described the targets as creative, challenging, shootable, and fun. Rick has committed to set targets for the **2025 Western Challenge** and MT State Championship, and with two new courses and lots of new terrain, his target setting skills will be on full display.
- GSC paid out **\$32,854** back to shooters.
- The hospitality tent was sponsored by **Scorechaser** and stocked by Abbie Richards. Thanks to Casey and Abbie for your generosity. And ice cream, so on point!
- We remain grateful to **Casey Chase** and her Scorechaser team as the stalwarts of organization, efficiency and professionalism.



## BIG THANK YOU!

A **heartfelt thanks to the volunteers**, we estimate it takes 270 volunteer hours to pull off the event. Gallatin Sporting Clays recognizes the following individuals for their hard work and dedication. And **you** are the reason we can *sustain low target costs* throughout the year.



**Volunteers don't necessarily have the *time*, they just have the *heart*!**

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| <p>Bill Hendricks<br/>Pete Sesselman<br/>Dennis Dixon<br/>William Sheehan<br/>Robin Sheehan<br/>Steve Marti<br/>Randy Geiger</p> | <p>Lance Barney<br/>Abbie Richards<br/>Justin Elias<br/>Russ McElyea<br/>Lance Barney<br/>Stan Everett<br/>David DeLange<br/>Whitney Tilt</p> | <p>Ty Hotchkiss<br/>Donald Hatton<br/>Ron Adlington<br/>Chip Bales<br/>Gary Smith<br/>Gary Henninger<br/>Greg Claeys</p> | <p><b>Ed Seth (superstar)</b><br/>Ed worked tirelessly all summer long to make improvements to the range and keep things running smoothly.<br/><b>Gallatin Sporting Clays has never looked better!</b></p> | <p>Very special thanks to <b>Dan Lewis</b> who stepped up in the 11<sup>th</sup> hour as shoot chairman! And <b>Susanna Darr</b> for her organization and keeping us liquid!</p> |
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## SAVE THE DATE!

**2025 Western Challenge is 8/21-8/24\***

We are *tentatively* scheduled to host the Western Challenge and MT State Championships one week prior to the Western Regionals in Idaho. Come out West, Stay out West!

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