2015 Territorial Report

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I remember the very first time I shot at a territorial. I was coming off my first season of primitive biathlons. I was lamenting to some of my new muzzleloading friends that I was going to miss shooting my muzzleloader. That's when Harland Blodgett invited me to the Vermont territorial. He did a really good job of selling it; little did I know this was his very first territorial. Had that first territorial experience not been so positive I probably never would have gone back. From that moment on I have enjoyed the camaraderie and competition of the territorials. With all things; some years I take it more seriously than others. I mean, life gets in the way. We get new jobs, head off for college, have children, pick up new hobbies or retire. All of these things impact how often we shoot and how prepared we are for the upcoming territorial season. As I have watched the participation numbers rise and fall over the years for the territorials, and wonder what can we do to get more people participating in these events or for that matter to continue participating in them.

I think there are several things we as NMLRA members need to do to ensure that this program continues into the future. First, if you have never attended a territorial competition, you should. I think you would really enjoy it. Second, for those veteran shooters, bring someone new to a territorial and show them what it's all about. I'm a prime example that it only takes one territorial to become hooked. Finally, I believe that we need to be ambassadors for our sport. When new people attend a territorial we need to be welcoming, good role models, and offer help when needed. If each one of us would try to do one of these things during the next territorial season I can guarantee we would see our numbers grow. So, to you dear reader, I issue this challenge: help make our sport grow in 2016.

By the Numbers

Despite the loss of the Colorado Territorial due to flooding caused by massive rainfall, the territorial program did well. The overall numbers were very similar to last year. The most popular aggregates continue to be the offhand, hunters, and flintlock aggregates. For the past five years these three aggregates have topped the list. The Midwestern states took top honors by selling the most aggregates. Nebraska sold 131 aggregates, Iowa 122, and Minnesota 111. This year New Hampshire had the most competitors with 47, Iowa drew 43 competitors, and Maine was close behind with 40. The three New England states hosting territorials attracted the most female shooters. Idaho, Iowa, and New Hampshire respectively brought in the most junior shooters.

Territorial Changes

There is only one major change to this year's territorial program. After seeing great success in the number of shooters taking advantage of the revolver aggregate, an additional target will be added. Including the international target to the aggregate will allow shooters the opportunity to be exposed to a target that they would be expected to shoot at the Nationals in Friendship. We are hoping this will allow shooters to feel more prepared when they attend a National shoot.

What's Does the Future Hold?

Over a year ago a group of active shooters approached me about eliminating the Territorial Championships from the Spring National Shoot at Friendship. In its place they proposed that the top three shooters in each aggregate from the top ten be awarded the plaques that would have been given in Friendship. They offered valid reasons for this change; which included that the territorial top ten drew from more shooters from around the country, that the scores shot at the territorials are higher than the scores shot in Friendship and that if the territorial program was meant to represent the best shooters in the country that using the top ten scores was a better way of doing this. I have spent the last year informally asking competitors and match directors what their feelings are about this suggestion. I would like to open this discussion up to a greater number of people. This year each match director will be receiving surveys about this proposed change. This is a decision that will not be made lightly, but will be made in the best interest of all competitors of the territorial program. I look forward to hearing from territorial competitors about this issue.

Territorial Thank You

Hosting a territorial is not easy; there is a lot of time and hard work in pulling one off successfully. Each year I ask the territorial match directors if there is anyone they wish to thank. These people help out in varying ways; from scoring targets to being range officers, from running the registration and target shack to making sure people are well fed. The NMLRA would like to thank all those people who help behind the scenes.

- Members of the Tygart Valley Muzzleloading Club of West Virginia
- The numerous helpers in California and Oregon
- Lydia Funneman, Leonard Sisil and Ron and Shirley Nowlin of Illinois
- Kim Sullivan, Carol and Dennis Winburn, Bob Woford, Charlie Burton, Walt Rybca, Randy Henderson and John and Jayne from Kentucky
- Herb and Wanda Nicholson, Tracey Pressley and Alan Sykes of Georgia
- Mike Willard, Dick King, Bill Bowling and Jordan Shackleford of North Carolina

Thank you to all of the people who make this program successful!

Despite some horrible weather at many territorials, the 2015 territorial season was a success. Anytime one can get out and have a little friendly black powder competition it has to be deemed a success and good time had by all. I hope some of you will accept my challenge to come to your first territorial or bring a new shooter with you. I look forward to the 2016 NMLRA territorial season, I have a feeling it's going to be one of the best yet.

Top Winners	
Men	
Clint Richmond	67 points
Larry Hand	47 points
Jim Jaskoviak	29 points
Ladies	
Neysa Bush	36 points
Janine Beaver	18 points
Meg Millican	18 points
Juniors	
Robert Pollock III	20 points
Dalton Crockett	19 points
Joshua Bostic	18 points

Top Gun	State
Clint Richmond	Alabama
Ken Laverty	California
Larry Hand	Georgia
Ray Gooding	Idaho
Guido Guinart	Illinois
Bob Howard	Iowa
Ed Dennis	Kentucky
Lynn Hertzke	Maine
Leo Holmes	Michigan
Jim Jaskoviak	Minnesota
Park Wood	Missouri
John Monti	New Hampshire
Tom Wilkins	North Carolina
Neysa Bush	Oregon
Jeff McCullough	Pennsylvania
Lloyd Church	Vermont
Denver Ware	West Virginia

50 patch winners

Competitor	Target	Score
Bredberg, Dan	C9	50-4X
Scites, Ray	C11	50-4X
Thorn, Dick	F20	50-4X
Taylor, Tim	F20	50-3X
Arbogast, Kevin	F20	50-3X
Carroll, Dan	F20	50-3X
Church, Lloyd	F20	50-1X
Wheelock, Bob	F20	50-1X
Hartranft, Melvin	F20	50-1X
Sheets, Peter	F20	50
Sheets, Peter	F21	50-2X
Thorn, Dick	F21	50-2X
Smith, Ron	F21	50-1X
Maher, Ryan	H28	50-4X
Daniel, Jadon	H28	50-3X
Shoop, Hunter	H28	50-3X
Maher, Emily	H31	50-5X
Shoop, Hunter	H31	50-4X
Maher, Ryan	H31	50-4X
Daniel, Jadon	H31	50-3X
Snyder, Ryan	M44	50-2X
Pollock, Robert III	M45	50
Millican, Bill	N46	50-2X
Ware, Denver	N46	50-1X
Millican, Bill	N48	50-2X
Brimm, Rod	P54	50-1X

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2015 NMLRA Territorial Top Ten

Offhand Championship

1. Clint Richmond	175-1X	GA
2. Steve McKenzie	174-2X	PA
3. Haskel Richmond	173-3X	GA
4. Rod Brimm	171-2X	MO
5. Leo Holmes	171	MI
6. Terry Mulligan	170-2X	WV
7. Robert Pollock Jr.	169-1X	PA
8. Bob Howard	169	IO
9. Todd Ware	168-1X	WV
10. Gary Holt	167	AL

Flintlock Championship

1. Larry Hand	177	GA
2. Clint Richmond	171-3X	AL
3. Robert Pollock Jr.	170	PA
4. Guido Guinart	165-1X	IL
5. Haskel Richmond	163-2X	AL
Warren Howard	163-2X	GA
6. Ed Dennis	163	KY
7. Leo Holmes	159-2X	WV
8. Randy Henderson	157	KY
Tony Lewtas	157	ME
9. Richard Vandevord	156	MO
10. Rusty McGhee	154	CA
Lynn Hertzke	154	ME

Bench Championship

1. Ray Scites	195-5X	KY
2. Michael Wengert	194-6X	PA
3. Dick Thorn	192-4X	KY
4. Stephanie Harding	192-3X	PA
5. Dan Bredberg	191-5X	IO
6. Ken Laverty	190-5X	CA
7. Bob Wheelock	190-3X	KY
8. Rick Repovsch	188-8X	MN
9. Ira Thumma	187-1X	MI
10. Tim Taylor	187	AL

Musket Championship

1. Clint Richmond	263-7X	AL
2. Darrell Vigue	256-1X	VT
3. Larry Hand	255-3X	GA
4. Bob Howard	247-2X	IO
5. Jim Jaskoviak	246-2X	MO
6. Clint Nible	243	NE
7. Sandy MacWilliams	238	VT
8. Warren Howard	235	GA
9. Mike Compton	228-3X	MO
10. Allen Fusare	226-2X	OR

One Gun Championship

1. Ed Dennis	177	KY
Richard Vandevord	177	MO
2. Clint Richmond	176-1X	GA
3. Richard Weber	173-1X	ME
4. Denver Ware	172-3X	WV
5. Jeff McCullough	171-1X	PA
6. Steven McKenzie	170-3X	WV
7. Douglas Rexroad	168-3X	WV
8. Pat Reed	168-1X	AK
Jim Lawrence	168-1X	ID
Dan Hartman	168-1X	MO
9. Alan Ross	166-2X	OR
10. Clint Nible	165-3X	NE

Cross Sticks Championship

1. Dan Carroll	191-1X	OR
2. Russ Anderson	190-3X	MI
3. Melvin Hartranft	187-3X	PA
4. Peter Sheets	184-5X	IO
5. Tim Taylor	184-3X	AL
6. Ron Smith	184-2X	CA
7. Douglas Rexroad	181-5X	WV
8. Robert Wheelock	181-2X	KY
9. Dick Thorn	180-6X	KY
10. Kevin Arbogast	179-3X	WV

Ladies Championship

1. Mary Amelia Taylor	185-5X	AL
2. Neysa Bush	177-1X	CA
3. Carolyn Orr	170	OR
4. Marika Nible	164	NE
5. Janine Beaver	158-1X	MO
6. Sharon Hartman	153-1X	MO
7. Loretta Cruz	153	VT
8. Debbie Futral	152	NC
9. Anne Wood	148	PA
10. Kim Burton	144	KY

Junior Championship

1. Jadon Daniel	189-7X	AL
2. Kevin Lutz	183-2X	ID
3. Joshua Bostic	182-2X	WV
4. Hunter Shoop	181-8X	PA
5. Robert Pollock III	179-3X	PA
6. Matthew Kemper	174-1X	ID
7. Danika Vanden Aller	171-1X	ID
8. Emily Maher	166-7X	PA
9. Robby Ritchie	166-1X	GA
10. Matthew Gamble	160-1X	ID

Skeet Championship

1. Jim Tucker	76.21	CO
2. Richard Dale	73.15	MO
3. Joe Brown	71.49	AL
4. Sam Gladden	68.2	MO
5. Larry Cunningham	68	MI
6. David Yeubanks	67.19	IL
7. Rady Dyer	64.25	CO
8. Mike Franklin	60	MI
9. Sommer Tucker	59.05	IL
10. Viv Garvin	16	VT

Trap Championship

1. Andy Larson	39.35	CO
2. David Yeubanks	38.31	MO
3. Will Elliott	37.27	CO
4. Steve Case	36.11	MO
5. Bob Bottoms	34.07	ID
6. Ken Bowman	32.13	ID
7. Pat Sting	32	MI
8. Richard Wadsworth	30	MI
9. Jeffery Latz	28.06	MO
10. Jim Lawrence	28.03	ID

Pistol Championship

1. Mark Tompkins	280-3X	NH
2. Alan Ross	276-5X	CA
3. Clint Richmond	276-4X	AL
4. Russ Anderson	275-4X	MI
5. Brian Rowell	271-4X	NH
6. Eric Spivey	269-5X	NH
7. Neysa Bush	269-2X	CA
8. John Mouzon	267-4X	GA
9. Mike Garberich	264-2X	MN
10. Guido Guinart	263-4X	IL

Primitive Championship

1. John Monti	153	ME
2. Kelly Buxbaum	138	ID
3. Jim Jaskoviak	135	MO
4. Lou Stangasser	129	NC
5. Tim Ulrich	124	PA
6. Park A. Wood	114	MO

7. Bob Howard	112	MO
8. Brock Jones	110	NC
Harland Blodgett	110	VT
Dale Brown	110	GA
9. Keith Bayha	109-1X	AK
10. Bob Wilson	105	GA

Sub Junior Championship

1. Ryan Synder	99-3X	WV
2. Robert Pollock III	99	PA
3. Caleb Bostic	94-3X	WV
4. Kyle Cimbura	94-2X	NC
Brenner Gallagher	94-2X	IO
5. Sarah Glines	92-2X	NH
6. Kate Glines	91-2X	NH
7. Ben Otis	91-1X	MI
8. Quinn Smith	88-1X	VT
Braden Gallagher	88-1X	IO
9. Emily Nible	83	IO
10. Jordan Falk	81-3X	GA

Hunters Championship

1. Larry Hand	169-2X	AL
2. Warren Howard	161-1X	GA
3. Clint Richmond	157-4X	GA
4. Bill Millican	156-4X	AL
5. Leo Holmes	155	MI
Terry Mulligan	155	WV
6. Jack Patton	153-2X	IO
7. Jeff McCullough	152-1X	WV
8. Sheldon Mork	151-1X	IO
Tony Lewtas	151-1X	NH
9. Terry Kamstra	147	IO
10. Mike Compton	144-1X	MO

Sighted Smoothbore Championship

1. Ed Dennis	168-2X	KY
Rollo MacWilliams	168-2X	NH
2. Leo Holmes	168	MI
3. Jack Patton	160	NE
4. Bob Campbell	158-3X	MN
5. Ralph Cook	158-2X	NH
6. Darrell Vigue	157-1X	NC
7. Mike Compton	151-2X	NE
8. Sheldon Mork	151-1X	IO
9. Roger McFall	148	ID
Roger Schaefer	148	ID
10. Terry Kamstra	147	IO

Unlimited Longhunters Championship

1. Larry Hand	171-2X	AL
2. Jeff McCullough	168	PA
3. Clint Richmond	160-2X	AL
4. Terry Mulligan	158	WV
5. Darrell Vigue	157-1X	NC
6. Clint Nible	155	NE
7. Denver Ware	152	WV
8. Mike Compton	151	MO
9. Douglas Rexroad	149-2X	WV
10. Ed Dennis	147	KY
John Arrowood	147	PA

Ladies Offhand Championship

1. Meg Millican	175-1X	GA
2. Janine Beaver	173-3X	MO
3. Gerry Rubbo	170-1X	NH
4. Neysa Bush	169-2X	CA
5. Marika Nible	163-1X	NE
6. Mary Amelia Taylor	161-2X	AL
7. Norma Degreenia	157	ME
8. Kim Burton	155	KY
9. Julie Livermore	151-6X	NE
10. Gayle Noakes	151	MN

Smoothbore Championship

1. John Mouzon	147	GA
2. Sandy MacWilliams	143-2X	NH
3. Carl Meisenhiemer	143	MO
4. Jim Jaskoviak	141	MN
5. Ralph Cook	138-1X	ME
6. Bob Rubbo	136-3X	NH
7. Peter Miner	136	NH
8. Dwayne Sumpter	133	MO
9. Alan Smith	132	VT
Lynn Hertzke	132	ME
Denver Ware	132	WV
10. George Sutton	131	ME

Ladies Trap Championship

1. Terri Townsend	31.11	IN
2. Linda Yeubanks	30.17	CO
3. Bonnie Fernwalt	30	MI
4. Tina Hitchner	27.05	IN
Kristi Vivitoe	27.05	IN
5. Knight, Yvonne	25.12	AL
6. Sommer Tucker	25.07	IL
7. Jeanie Trantham	20	MI
8. Misty Hamilton	5.02	IN

Intermediate Championship

1. Dalton Crockett	138	KY
2. Joshua Bostic	133	WV
3. Feby Riddle	124	KY
4. Sarah Phillips	122	MO
5. Robert Pollock III	116	PA
6. Lilli Price	112	ME
7. Kalib Dunlap	108	AK
8. Britton Gallagher	104-1X	NE
9. JT Rice	102	KY
10. Justin Kinberg	100	MI

Ladies Hunter Championship

1. Neysa Bush	163-2X	OR
2. Sharron Smith	146-2X	MI
3. Meg Millican	144-2X	GA
4. Bonnie Serrett	143	WV
5. Sandra Thomas	137	AK
6. Janice Pollock	134	PA
7. Donna Bisgues	131	MO
8. Janine Beaver	122-1X	MO
9. Regina Synder	122	WV
10. Norma Degreenia	119	NH

Cartridge Championship

1. Mike Davis	281-7X	NH
2. Larry Hand	281-5X	GA
3. Jim Jaskoviak	276-3X	MN
4. Tim Lanini	274-7X	NH
5. Terry Kamstra	270-5X	MN
6. Dale Brown	270-4X	GA
Bruce Peglow	270-4X	MN
7. John Ferguson	267-6X	NC
8. Pat Reed	264-3X	AK
9. Chris Clark	257-3X	ME
10. Bill Bowling	256.4	NC

Light Bench Championship

1. Richard Brinkman	189-5X	MO
2. Alan Ross	187-2X	OR
3. Russ Anderson	187-1X	MI
4. Dan Carroll	185-5X	ID
5. Rick Repovsch	184	MN
6. Tim Brazzell	183-4X	MO
7. Kevin Arbogast	183-3X	WV
8. Tim Taylor	183-1X	AL
9. Ray Scites	182-2X	WV
10. Barry Strickland	181-3X	AL

Ladies Pistol Championship

1. Neysa Bush	268-3X	OR
2. Leslie Nugent	215-4X	OR
3. Kim Burton	169	KY
4. Rebecca Thomas	166	AK
5. Sandra Thomas	164-2X	AK
6. Betty Branning	139	AL
7. Carrie McGhee	85	MN
8. Regina Synder	63	WV

Youth Unlimited Longhunters Championship

1. Dalton Crockett	117	KY
2. Rebecca Reader	115-1X	PA
3. Emily Maher	114	PA
4. JT Rice	110	KY
5. Feby Riddle	108	KY
6. Ryan Maher	107	PA
7. Thomas Gibson	105	KY
8. Justin Kinberg	103.1	MI
9. Lilli Price	93-2X	NH
10. Jadon Daniel	92	AL
Joshua Bostic	92	WV

Ladies Skeet Championship

1. Sommer Tucker	14.08	IL
2. Linda Yeubanks	11.06	IL
3. Jeannine Marchesseau	8.03	AL
4. Joyce Gladden	8.02	MO

Flintlock Trap Championship

1. Andy Larson	23.08	IN
2. David Hitchner	23	IN
3. Stephen Case	20.07	AL
4. Jim Tucker	17.05	IL
5. Ed Hanson	17	MI
6. Estill Ator	14.06	CO
7. Jeannine Marchesseau	13.04	AL
8. Barry Steele	11.03	MO

Flintlock Skeet Championship

1. Joe Brown	14.09	MO
2. Tim Brazzell	13.09	MO
3. Jim Tucker	13.05	AL
4. Ed Hanson	11	MI
5. Richard Dale	10.04	MO
6. Stephen Case	8.05	AL
7. Mike Franklin	8	MI
8. Steve Rairden	5.02	IL
9. Estill Ator	4.02	CO
10. Sam Gladden	3.03	CO

Revolver Championship

1. John Bauer	279-5X	NC
2. Eric Spivey	276-7X	NH
3. Mark Tompkins	273-7X	ME
4. Alan Ross	267-4X	CA
5. Lyle McGregor	266-3X	MI
6. Clint Richmond	265-3X	AL
7. Russ Anderson	259-4X	MI
8. Mike Gaiberich	252-2X	MN
Peter Miner	252-2X	NH
9. John Tallin	248	ID
10. Les Whiteside	247-2X	MO