

AL HAGUE HIGHLIGHTS THE AA-E CLASS AND CONCURRENT WINNERS AT THE 2010 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

More than 1600 shooters competed in The 2010 National Sporting Clays Championships at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio, Texas. The majority of participants came from the class ranks and without their participation and steadfast loyalty, the sport could not exist.

Much is always written about the top shots and National Champions, so it's appropriate we recognize the AA-E class and concurrent winners, who through hard work, practice and a love of the sport, excelled in the Nationals Main Event. For some, this was their biggest win in their shooting careers. For others, it's their first win ever.



LEE DELAUNE

CLASS AA1 SCORE 236

Hometown: Orange Grove (TX)

Age: 47

Profession: Oilfield Service Co

Gun: Beretta Gold 682

Ammunition: Win AA Sporting 2³/₄ 1¹/₈ 7¹/₂S

Is this your biggest win? Yes it certainly is

Your opinion of the targets?

Very neat. No duplicate presentations – I had to concentrate on the birds I knew I could hit. Very tough rabbits

How often do you practice? I try to at least once a week with a bit more when I get close to events. I shoot at the Corpus Christi Club and Furman sets tough targets so I get to practice on tough ones

Coach today or in the past? No coach for me – self taught

Plan to be at Nationals next year? Yes I do, looking forward to it.



A WINNING
FROM AA-E CLASS AND CONCURRENT COMPETITORS
PERFORMANCE



BUTCH ROBERTSON

CLASS A1 SCORE 222

Hometown: San Antonio (TX)

Age: 63

Profession: R&R Trap Sales and Service

Gun: CZ O/U

Ammunition: Win AA

Is this your biggest win? My first at Nationals. Several years ago I was R/U in AA. I have shot every Nationals since they began

Your opinion of the targets? I loved them. Maybe a bit tough looking, but not necessarily tough to hit

How often do you practice? I don't really. Only at tournaments

Coach today or in the past? I have never taken a lesson

Plan to be at Nationals next year? Of course.

TRACE DUHON

CLASS B1 SCORE 224



Hometown: New Roads (LA)

Age: 17

Profession: Sr High School

Gun: Beretta AL 391 Technys

Ammunition: Rio

Is this your biggest win?

Definitely

Your opinion of the targets?

I liked them a lot. They were unusual and a lot of fun

How often do you practice?

I try to at least once a week on Thursdays and sometimes I can get there two or three times in a week, but that's not often

Coach today or in the past?

Yes, I came up through the AIM program and Anthony Matarese is my only instructor

Plan to be at Nationals next year? Oh yes... you bet.

SHAWN LOVELADY

CLASS C1 SCORE 217



Hometown: Abilene (TX)

Age: 27

Profession: American Electrical Power

Gun: Beretta 391 Eureka

Ammunition: Win AA 1oz #8s

Is this your biggest win? Yes it is. I just started shooting in May of 2010 and this was my fourth event

Your opinion of the targets?

Very challenging. I thought the Green course was the toughest with the distance shots and the wind

How often do you practice? I try to every other week - at least once. It is tough with work and family to do more

Coach today or in the past? No coaches. I am self taught, mostly by watching the good shooters at Abilene Clay Sports

Plan to be at Nationals next year? Oh Yes! I already have it on my calendar.

DWAYNE KELLY

CLASS D1 SCORE 206



Hometown:

Greenwood (MS)

Age: 46

Profession: Owner Auto Glass Co.

Gun:

Browning 525

Ammunition:

Rio 1 oz 7¹/₂

Is this your biggest win?

Yes it is, since it's only my third registered shoot. I have only shot about 20 rounds of clays in the last 5 years. I have been volunteering as a FITASC referee. Was certified last spring and I get to watch a lot of top shooters

How often do you practice?

Very seldom. I shot Saturday before the Nationals in a 5-Stand event. That's about it

Coach today or in the past?

Never had a coach. Just my brother once in a while, but I do get a lot out of watching the best when I referee FITASC

Plan to be at Nationals next year? I would like to, but unsure with the timing at this point.

DIANA VASQUEZ

CLASS E1 SCORE 177

Hometown: Morengo (OH)

Age: 23

Profession: Marketing

Gun: Blaser F3



Ammunition: Remington

Is this your biggest win? Without a doubt. Previously I only shot collegiate at Kansas State University

Your opinion of the targets? I really enjoyed them and they were certainly National level. Each course was different

How often do you practice? In the summer about three times a week. Pretty seasonal though, so not much this time of year

Coach today or in the past? I had my first instruction while home from school on breaks with Jay Bracinni at the Dan Carlisle Academy in CA

Plan to be at Nationals next year? Yes and I have been moved to D class.

AMY RULE

LADY WINNER - 234

Hometown: San Jose (CA)

Age: 38



Profession: Networking Company

Gun: Beretta 391

Ammunition: Gamebore

Is this your biggest win?

Absolutely. I reached Master class in four years and this is certainly my biggest win

Your opinion of the targets? All fair but very challenging. They seemed tougher than previous years. This is my sixth year - in my first year I was in D class

How often do you practice? I shoot a lot of tournaments and

when I'm home I practice twice a week at Coyote Valley Sporting Clays in Morgan Hill.

Coach today or in the past?

Whenever possible I shoot with Ben Hustwaite and he has really helped me

Plan to be at Nationals next year? Oh yes, I sure will.

WESLEY BORIE

JUNIOR WINNER – 258



Hometown: Phoenix (AZ)

Age: 17

Profession: High School student

Gun: Krieghoff

Ammunition: Fiocchi

Is this your biggest win? So far, yes

Your opinion of the targets?

Very good. Some say too hard, but I thought they were fun. Similar to what I practice on at Ben Avery

How often do you practice?

Once a week on average. I started in 2004 at age 10

Coach today or in the past? Dan Twitchell at the Ben Avery Center for the past three years

Plan to be at Nationals next year? I sure do!

WILL HINTON

SUB JUNIOR WINNER – 252

Hometown: Dacula (GA)

Age: 14

Profession: 9th grade

Gun: Browning 425 at Nationals (recently signed to shoot Krieghoff)



Ammunition: Gamebore and Win AA

Is this your biggest win? Yes!

Your opinions of the targets?

Fun but challenging – yet fair for me to test myself

How often do you practice?

Typically twice a month on weekends. I also enjoy hunting and fishing

Coach today or in the past? No professional coach. My Dad taught me. I did attend a Bruce

Thompson Champions Camp at the Beaumont Ranch in June of 2009. I made Master at age 14

Plan to be at Nationals next year? I sure plan on it.

GARY GREENWAY

VETERAN WINNER – 250



Hometown: Dublin (TX)

Age: 62

Profession: Retired / Chief Instructor NSCA

Gun: Beretta 302

Ammunition: Win AA

Is this your biggest win? I have won the same before

Your opinion of the targets?

Really liked the Red and Yellow courses. The Green was a bit tricked up. The Orange course had many targets that were difficult to see. Not a lot of fun. I believe in customer service and you want to make every effort to have your customers want to return. Not sure that was accomplished on the Orange in particular

How often do you practice? Not much at all. I shoot a lot of events, about 6-7000 registered targets a year

Plan to be at Nationals next year? Good Lord willin!

VANCE BARNES

SUPER VETERAN WINNER – 239

Hometown: Hondo (TX)

Age: 66

Profession: Shooting Instructor

Gun: Blaser F3

Ammunition: Federal Gold Medal

Is this your biggest win? Not really but they are all nice. I won the National Championship (Veterans) in 2005 and the Texas State and Nationals in Super Veterans before

Your opinion of the targets?

Two courses (Green and Orange) a bit over the top – tricky. Rest were certainly challenging but fair and seemed to have something for everyone

How often do you practice? I get to really practice about once every two weeks. I spend most of my time teaching

Coach today or in the past?

Over the years I've worked with John Higgins, Steve Schultz and Gary Greenway

Plan to be at Nationals next year? Oh Yes... already booked.

J. W. PULLIAM

SENIOR SUPER VETERAN WINNER – 220



Hometown: Galatia (IL)

Age: 80

Profession: Retired High School Teacher

Gun: Beretta 391 – I had carpal tunnel and had to switch to a semi auto

Ammunition: Remington, Win AAA, Federal – pretty much whatever is available

Is this your biggest win? Yes. Never won before at Nationals. I was punched to Master for the first time at age 80

Your opinion of the targets? I liked them. Had some wind to make them tougher but they were fair. Set tough though – as they should be

How often do you practice?

About once a week. I start training in April. I also teach shooting

Coach today or in the past? Yes, John Higgins and also my son Alan Pulliam who was a 5-time All-American

Plan to be at Nationals next year? Yes I do, if my health holds up. ■