

ED ARRIGHI REPORTS ON THE WORLD HÉLICE CHAMPIONSHIP IN PORTUGAL

MEDALS AND TROPHY CUPS GALORE

Members of the US Hélice Association should be very proud of the way our shooters performed at the recent World Championship in Portugal. Many medals and Trophy Cups made their way back

to the US – and I believe the Europeans were impressed with the progress many of our shooters and teams are making.

As with most major shoots in Europe, competitors compete over five days, Wednesday through



Sunday. Typically, Wednesday and Thursday are stand-alone 'Cup' events with trophies and prizes offered for that day. The World Championship is shot over two days, Friday and Saturday, and on Sunday there is a final event which is basically a miss and out as it is a one zero (or miss) elimination. This enables travelers to make their way home after missing – and prevents trophy presentations from running late into Sunday night. Very smart idea.

A brief rundown of the event days and Team USA performances follows:

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22ND,
PROVAS EXTRA CUP**

Rick Mein 1st with 19/19
Larry Romine 4th with 17/18

**THURSDAY, JUNE 23RD,
TACA PRESIDENT'S CUP**

Mimi Wilfong 1st in Ladies
Rick Mein 9th with 15/16
T.J. Heller 10th with 15/16
Larry Romine 16th with 15/16

**ALSO THURSDAY, JUNE
23RD, OLIVIERI 1ST DE
ABONA**

Mimi Wilfong, 1st Ladies, 1st Jr., &
11th Overall
T.J. Heller, 2nd with 23/24
Rick Mein 9th with 17/18
Larry Romine 16th with 14/15

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE
24TH & 25TH, 2005 HÉLICE
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

Mimi Wilfong, Ladies Bronze Medal
T.J. Heller, Bronze Medal
Larry Romine 29th

**ALSO SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH,
THE MATCH OF NATIONS**

U.S. Women's Team, Silver Medal
U.S. Men's Team, Bronze Medal

**SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH,
ABONO FINALE**

Mimi Wilfong, 1st in Juniors & 2nd
in Ladies

Rick Mein, 2nd with 39/41
T.J. Heller, 7th with 25/26
Larry Romine, 9th with 21/22

In addition, T.J. Heller deserves special mention as he won the HOA (called the ABONO) for the best shooting over the entire week! A truly stellar accomplishment. Congratulations!

As you can see, Americans placed highly in every event against the world's best and most dedicated Hélice shooters.

Also present were Cyril S. Adams and Joe Panetta. Joe was very helpful in assisting us with some FITASC business and we appreciate his help. Cyril, as always, was helpful to everyone since he has by far the most experience shooting in Europe – not to mention having won the Silver medal himself in 1998. Chris Potter, the British Team Manager, was also helpful in assisting our shooters, and we greatly appreciate his efforts.

It is now up to us (meaning every USHA member) to build on the momentum brought home by our shooters. We all need to pitch in and help this great sport grow. Please encourage your shooting friends who have not shot Hélice to accompany you the next time you shoot practice.

Your Association is here to help all it's members. However, your Board of Directors cannot move mountains without a little help from our friends (the membership). If you love the sport and want to see it grow, please seek out an area where you can help.

Finally, be sure and congratulate our winners the next time you see them at a shoot. They all accomplished a great deal and we owe them our gratitude.

GO USA! ■

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