

National Championships Sparta, Ill. July 17-21, 2012

The 2012 Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) National Championships were held from July 17-21, 2012 in Sparta, Illinois. The disciplines available were trap, skeet and sporting clays. The event attracted 1600 SCTP athletes from across the nation.

Arizona was well represented at the SCTP National Championships with 34 of our athletes vying for championships.

Those 34 athletes were from the **Ben Avery Clay Crushers**, **Brophy Broncos**, **Mohave Top Guns**, **Tucson Shooting Stars** and **White Mountain Clay Busters**. Every single athlete, parent and coach represented themselves and the state very well.



Both team and individual awards were given at this event. The Ben Avery Clay Crushers took home many awards including three National Championships during the week (photo above). They had three different squads spread amongst the Intermediate Entry, Junior Varsity and Varsity Division. All three of the squads placed in skeet and sporting clays and stood at podium during the awards ceremony to receive their prize.

Below is a list awards won by Ben Avery Clay Crushers by squad:

Intermediate Entry Division

Sporting Clays: 1st place

Skeet: 2nd place

Junior Varsity Division

Sporting Clays: 1st place

Skeet: 1st place

Varsity Division

Sporting Clays: 2nd place



Skeet: 2nd place

This year also marked the first year that an Arizona team has taken home a High School Division trophy. **Brophy College Preparatory Academy** (photo above and right) in Phoenix has introduced shotgun shooting as a sport at the school just like any other sport. These young men actually received a letter for being part of the varsity shotgun team. The Brophy Broncos shot all three disciplines very well and received 2nd place high-over-all for the High School Division.



We had many individual award winners including a third place finish out of the women in skeet for **Jillian Hawes** (photo above, far right) of the **Tucson Shooting Stars** .

Mohave Top Guns the Arizona Varsity state trap champions represented well, and had a team top score of 190 out of 200 by **Forest Keller** .

White Mountain Clay Busters shot all three disciplines and did well competing. **Nickol Moran** shot a team top score of 181 out of 200 in skeet.

The last award of the night was given to the single athlete who had the most targets broken after the 5-day, 3-discipline event ended. Out of 1600 shooters, amazingly, it was two Arizona shooters that had tied for the highest scores of the week. **Stephen Fuller** (photo on right) and **Colin Nielsen** of the **Ben Avery Clay Crushers** both shot **570 out of 600** . Stephen Fuller wound up winning the event based on long runs in trap.

These great scores do not happen by accident. These young athletes work very hard all year to reach this point. They can relax for a month or two and then it will be time to start preparing for the 2012-2013 season, which starts in October.

Congratulations to all those that competed in the 2012 SCTP Nationals, you did your club, the program, and Arizona proud. Keep up the good work.

For a complete listing of results from the 2012-13 SCTP National Championships, visit www.shooterpost.com .

For pictures taken at the event by the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation, check out their [Facebook page](#) .

Thanks,

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