

## Results of the 2002 Gary Anderson Invitational Tournament

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The Gary Anderson Invitational Tournament was held over 3 days, Nov 8, 9, and 16, at the LTC Tommy G. Pool Range at Ft. Benning, Ga. As with past years, this tournament generated a large participation by high school teams from around the southeast. One team came all the way from Ohio this year. The tournament encompasses multiple competitions: 3x20 3-Position Air Rifle, International Standing Air Rifle, 3x40 Smallbore Rifle and Air Pistol. The 3-Position Air Rifle and the Standing Air Rifle have team events for 4-person teams. For Air Rifle events, both sporter and precision class competitions are held.



Individual Position Air Rifle Precision Class winner in the Gary Anderson Invitational was Donovan Eason, a junior at Wilcox County High School in Rochelle, Georgia.

Following are the winners in each category.

### 3-Position Air Rifle Precision – Individual

		Grade	School	P1	P2	S1	S2	K1	K2	Qual	Final	Total	
<b>1st</b>	Eason	Donavan	11	Wilcox County High School	99	98	197	92	96	188	99	98	197 582 100.3 <b>682.3</b>
<b>2nd</b>	Green	Brandon	12	Bogalusa High School	98	99	197	93	96	189	99	96	195 581 100.9 <b>681.9</b>
<b>3rd</b>	Hall	Joseph	11	Wolf Creek Young Shooter	96	100	196	96	96	192	95	97	192 580 100.5 <b>680.5</b>
<b>4th</b>	Simoneau	Joseph	12	Woodward Academy	99	98	197	93	94	187	95	100	195 579 100.4 <b>679.4</b>
<b>5th</b>	Tucker	Andrew	12	Union Grove High School	98	97	195	95	96	191	96	95	191 577 98.6 <b>675.6</b>
<b>6th</b>	McClain	Jessica	12	Griffin High School	97	99	196	95	94	189	93	99	192 577 97.0 <b>674.0</b>
<b>7th</b>	Amiot	David	11	Montgomery Bell Academy	97	98	195	96	98	194	95	93	188 577 96.7 <b>673.7</b>
<b>8th</b>	Harrington	Kristie	9	Gateway 4H Jr. Rifle Team	100	98	198	95	93	188	98	95	193 579 94.7 <b>673.7</b>

### 3-Position Air Rifle Sporter – Individual

<b>1st</b>	Mercillott	Alex	11	Daleville High School	89	91	180	84	82	166	93	97	190 536 83.6 <b>619.6</b>
<b>2nd</b>	Cleland	Cody	11	Bogalusa High School	95	94	189	85	83	168	88	87	175 532 84.8 <b>616.8</b>
<b>3rd</b>	Phillips	Blake	9	Y Bogalusa High School	97	95	192	82	76	158	89	90	179 529 81.2 <b>610.2</b>
<b>4th</b>	Talbot	Judson	11	Winnsboro High School	95	97	192	82	73	155	84	89	173 520 87.4 <b>607.4</b>
<b>5th</b>	Surrett	Jordan	11	Clinton High School	92	89	181	78	86	164	82	91	173 518 83.5 <b>601.5</b>
<b>6th</b>	Wymer	Joseph	10	Clinton High School	87	90	177	83	76	159	91	91	182 518 78.9 <b>596.9</b>
<b>7th</b>	Smoak	Brandon	12	Pelion High School	88	93	181	81	76	157	88	86	174 512 79.2 <b>591.2</b>
<b>8th</b>	Haden	Daniel	10	Grissom High School	82	94	176	81	81	162	92	86	178 516 67.5 <b>583.5</b>

### 3 Position Air Rifle Precision Teams

1 <sup>st</sup>	Woodward Academy	2289
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Montgomery Bell Academy	2267
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Glynn Academy	2259
4 <sup>th</sup>	Griffin High School	2251
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bogalusa High School	2244

### 3 Position Air Rifle Sporter Teams

1 <sup>st</sup>	Winnsboro High School	2013
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Clinton High School	2004
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bogalusa High School	2004 Tie breaker based on Team Kneeling Score

- 4<sup>th</sup> Pelion High School 1979
- 5<sup>th</sup> Daleville High School 1946

In the 3-Position Air Rifle event, awards are given to the top 10 most improved shooters from the scores posted in the previous year's tournament.

**Most Improved Precision Class Shooters**

- 1st Slaughter Sam Volunteer Rifle Team
- 2nd Davis Andrew Montgomery Bell Academy
- 3rd Jackson Sarah Aquinas High School
- 4th Arnold Gary Glyn n Academy
- 5th de Junco Pepy Woodward Academy
- 6th Olson Hunter Woodward Academy
- 7th Samples Jonathan Griffin High School
- 8th Keifer Zack Woodward Academy
- 9th Moore Ryan Aquinas High School
- 10th Doochin Jeremy Montgomery Bell Academy

**Most Improved Sporter Class Shooters**

- 1st Upson Sabrina Aiken High School
- 2nd Mercillott Alex Daleville High School
- 3rd Wymer Joseph Clinton High School
- 4th Cleland Cody Bogalusa High School

**Best New Shooter Precision Class**

- 1st Philen Dana Woodward Academy
- 2nd Carden Michael Griffin High School
- 3rd Schub Eric Woodward Academy
- 4th Trahan Samantha Griffin High School
- 5th Reid Paul
- 6th Hulon Justin Griffin High School
- 7th Shaffer Alexandra Gateway 4H Jr. Rifle Team
- 8th Fox Sarah Aquinas High School
- 9th Roberts Brian Woodward Academy
- 10th Stampiglia Nick Woodward Academy

**Best New Shooter Sporter Class**

- 1st Phillips Blake Bogalusa High School
- 2nd Canterbury Cory Rockcastle High School
- 3rd Carter Travis Winnsboro High School
- 4th Bryan Waytt Pelion High School
- 5th Dana Joey Pelion High School
- 6th Davis Lacy Winnsboro High School
- 7th Weaver Daniel Pelion High School
- 8th Stansell Troy Pelion High School
- 9th Baisa Ace Daleville High School
- 10th Pritchard Jordan Bogalusa High School



14-year-old Dana Philen, a Woodward Academy, Georgia, freshman, was the top Precision Class New Shooter. She fired a 555 three-position total after only two months of shooting.

Woodward Academy repeated as winner in the precision class team event. The Precision class winner receives a team trophy and the team name and score is inscribed on the permanent Gary Anderson Trophy which is housed at the CMP Headquarters at Camp Perry, Ohio.

The winner in the Sporter Category receives the Gary Anderson Prize which consists or a Feinwerkbau P-70 Junior air rifle donated by the CMP, and various accoutrements donated by supporting vendors – Champion’s Choice, CenterShot Sports, Pilkington Competitions and Creaestia Hall.

**Air Rifle Standing results:**

**Precision**

<b>1st</b>	Hall	Jonathan	Wolf Creek Young Shooters Grey	98	94	97	99	388	101.0	<b>489.0</b>
<b>2nd</b>	Tidmore	Beth	University of Memphis	96	96	99	92	383	101.2	<b>484.2</b>
<b>3rd</b>	Eason	Donavan	Wilcox County High School	93	96	95	99	383	100.4	<b>483.4</b>

**Sporter**

<b>1st</b>	Garner	Casey	Bogalusa High School S1	76	82	84	83	325	78.0	<b>403.0</b>
<b>2nd</b>	Cleland	Cody	Bogalusa High School S1	75	71	80	84	310	89.1	<b>399.1</b>
<b>3rd</b>	Moody	Trey	Bogalusa High School S1	68	81	80	88	317	79.9	<b>396.9</b>

**Precision Teams**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wolf Creek Young Shooters Timber Wolves	1509
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wolf Creek Young Shooters Grey Wolves	1499
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bogalusa High School	1476

**Sporter Teams**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bogalusa High School Team 1	1255
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bogalusa High School Team 2	1087
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aiken High School	826

**Smallbore Results**

Place	Last Name	First Name	FP	P1	P2	P3	P4	Prn	S1	S2	S3	S4	Std	K1	K2	K3	K4	Kn1	Qual	Final	Total
<b>1st</b>	Hall	Joseph	9	99	98	99	97	393	97	94	93	93	377	94	95	94	93	376	1146	94.9	<b>1240.9</b>
<b>2nd</b>	Tickle	Richard	17	100	98	98	97	393	91	89	92	92	364	97	93	93	97	380	1137	93.8	<b>1230.8</b>
<b>3rd</b>	Tidmore	Beth	19	92	95	95	96	378	91	89	88	93	361	91	94	85	93	363	1102	92.7	<b>1194.7</b>
<b>4th</b>	Hall	Jonathan	10	98	95	96	98	387	89	89	91	87	356	91	93	89	90	363	1106	87.5	<b>1193.5</b>
<b>5th</b>	Harrington	Katherine	23	97	97	95	97	386	83	87	92	85	347	92	90	92	95	369	1102	88.7	<b>1190.7</b>
<b>6th</b>	Simoneau	Joseph	12	98	97	97	96	388	86	89	88	84	347	92	88	92	85	357	1092	91.0	<b>1183.0</b>
<b>7th</b>	Harrington	Kristie	14	97	99	97	<b>100</b>	393	83	83	76	83	325	93	93	90	94	370	1088	86.8	<b>1174.8</b>
<b>8th</b>	Loyd	Stacy	11	93	96	94	95	378	89	89	90	77	345	92	87	90	91	360	1083	89.0	<b>1172.0</b>

**Air Pistol Results**

Place	Last Name	First Name	Relay	1	2	3	4Qual	Final	Total
<b>1st</b>	Cannon	Patrick	3	87	82	86	89	344	439.4
<b>2nd</b>	Loftis	Chris	3	86	83	87	83	339	419.4
<b>3rd</b>	Wolfe	Brian	1	78	68	75	71	292	373.1
	Smith	Laura	2	75	64	66	79	284	368.9

**Collegiate Air Pistol**

Place	Last Name	First Name	Relay	1	2	3	4Qual	Final	Total
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Not many were truly surprised at the strong showing by Woodward Academy's varsity team this year since the team vaulted from last year's win to finish with a 12-0 season and take the Georgia State High School Championship title in April 2002. However, the strength of the riflery program for both Woodward Academy and rival, Griffin High School, is in the number of medals taken by those two schools in the new shooter category. Of the 10 awards given, Woodward took four and Griffin three. They have successfully introduced many new athletes to the sport and trained them to a high level in just a few short months. All of these individuals began their competitive shooting training in September with the advent of the Georgia High School Association rifle season. While competitions begin in January, these two schools have been training daily since the first allowable day of practice. Both Woodward Academy and Griffin High School promise to be strong contenders for top honors in the Georgia High School competitions this season.

Part of the training regimen instituted by Woodward coach, Sidney Oliver, is to have regular practice matches once the new shooters have learned the basics of each position. This simulated match performance goes a long way towards preparing the new shooters for the mental stress of competition. While the GHSA matches are only 10 shots per position, the Gary Anderson match is 20 shots per position. There are certainly mental differences in how shooters prepare for the short match versus the longer match. The Woodward team had several 3x20 practice matches to help the team members make the mental adjustments to their shot pace and build their stamina for the longer match. The team also practiced getting into position on tables like those that were used at the range at Ft. Benning to help them understand the differences in positions, especially in prone where the table is narrower than the full width of the firing point. It also made them aware of the courtesy needed on the firing line when dismounting from tables so as not to disturb the shooters in the next lane.

Bogalusa High School has been a strong finisher in this match for many years, generally in the Sporter class. They were second in this class this year, but that was after three of the four members of last year's winning team had moved up to the Precision class where Bogalusa finished 5<sup>th</sup> and their top shooter, Brandon Green, took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the individual Precision competition. In fact, Bogalusa took more awards than any other school in the tournament, claiming two trophies in the Sporter class standing air rifle event,.

For me, personally, I attended the GHSA community coach's program to allow me to continue to work with the Woodward team even though my son has graduated and gone on to shoot for the Air Force Academy rifle team this year. I try to go to two practices each week and work with the new shooters on their basic skills, general technical rules, and shooting etiquette. I continue to work with and support the Wolf Creek Young Shooters program that was started with Gary Anderson's assistance at the Wolf Creek Olympic Range after the Atlanta Olympics in 1996. Many of the parents of shooters in this club are very involved with the programs of their children at the respective high schools, and WCYSA has produced many top-notch shooters who have gone on to success in the college ranks.