



Some members of the Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team fired from the sitting position last Wednesday during their next-to-last practice before the State Championships in Alma. Pictured with coaches are, from left, head coach Cameron Archer, James Berry; coach Mike Campbell, Adson Day; coach Marty Harrington, Dillon Goss; coach Ted Hull, Gabriel Bird; coach Cole Archer, Lane Gruwell.

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# Norton County BB Gun team heads to state championship

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The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team will compete in the Kansas State BB Gun Championships on Saturday in Alma.

Norton BB gun teams have won 37 of 44 state championships during the program's existence. The Norton Jaycees were the original sponsors but the Rotary Club is in the sixth year of sponsorship since the Jaycees chapter in Norton disbanded.

BB gun teams consist of young girls and boys from 8 to 14 years of age.

The three top teams in each shoot qualify to compete in the Daisy/Jaycees International BB Gun Championships and Norton has won eight international championships, more than any other team in the world!

Three Norton teams will enter the state championships in Alma on Saturday and a top three finish would again guarantee Norton a spot in the internationals, which will be held in Rogers, Ark., the home of Daisy, on Saturday and Sunday, July 3-4.

This year's Yellow Team members are: Lane Archer, 14; Gabriel Bird, 14; Zachary Bird, 14; Erin Archer, 12 and James Berry, 11. Alternates are Miles Harrington, 9 and Lane Gruwell, 8.

Cameron Archer returns as the head coach of the Yellow Team.

Shooting for the Blue Team this year will be: Dalton Vanover, 12; Cameron Heikes, 12; Trenton Sprague, 11; Cody Campbell, 11 and Evan Chambers, 11.

Mike Campbell and Cole Archer are coaches of the Blue Team.

Members of the Red Team are Justis Posson, 10; Shane Cozad, 9; Dylan Goss, 9; Scott Sansom, 9 and Adson Day, 8.

Red Team coaches are Marty Harrington and Ted Hull.

Lane and Erin Archer both have previous international experience and Gabriel Bird has been an international alternate.

All members of the Yellow Team, except alternates, and all members of the Blue Team have

state shoot experience.

On Saturday, coach Archer will be assisted by Chandra McKenna, who is the classroom instructor. Chandra is a former outstanding member of the Norton BB Gun Team who continued shooting with a college scholarship after aging out of the BB Gun Program.

## State shoot schedule

This year's state shoot will be hosted by the Kansas State Rifle Association and will be held in the Wabaussee High School Gym in Alma.

Opening ceremonies will be at 9 a.m.

Competition will begin with the written test from 9:15 to 10 a.m. A coaches meeting will also be held during this time.

Shooting from the prone position will be held from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. Competition from the sitting position will be from 11:50 a.m. until 1:20 p.m. Kneeling position firing will be from 1:25 to 2:55 p.m. Shooting while standing will be from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Presentation of team and individual awards will be around 5 p.m.

There is no admission charge for the shoot.

## Practicing since October

Norton's preparation for the state shoot began in mid-October when the shooters entered the gun safety program, sponsored by Daisy and the National Rifle Association.

The first night was a tryout night for youngsters to explore their interest in shooting a BB gun in competition and a number of potential shooters were recruited that night.

After passing the gun safety course, the young girls and boys began practicing marksmanship in each of the four positions and studying for the written test. Practices are held every Wednesday evening in the back of the Norton Rotary BB Gun Museum on East U.S. 36 Highway in Norton. Shooters are also encouraged to practice at home.

"Many thanks to the Rotary

Club for their unwavering support of our program and team," said coach Archer.

"The museum building is really nice for a practice area and there's enough room to keep our targets set up all the time and a separate room for a classroom."

Coach Archer was asked how practices have been going for his young marksmen in preparation for the state shoot.

"We're ready for the shoot," he said. "We've been shooting very well and should be in contention to win it if we remain focused."

"We've had two regional 4-H shoots and done well in those, winning one and placing second in another. Hopefully, they helped us get rid of any jitters and get ready for the pressure in the state shoot."

"The important thing is our young people are learning gun safety for a lifetime."

"We are also proud of the sportsmanship shown by our shooters and the good behavior example that they set for other teams when they come to shoot."

The young marksmen's knowledge of gun safety is very important since the written test score is 20 percent of each shooter's final score.

"Under Chandra's guidance, our youngsters have been studying possible written test questions and seem to be doing pretty well," said coach Archer.

## Second-generation shooters

As in the past, Norton has been involved in the BB gun program long enough that several shooters are second-generation marksmen.

Cameron Archer was a shooter so Lane and Erin and assistant coach and former shooter Cole are second generation.

Angie Bird, mother of Gabriel and Zachary, was also a marksman for the Norton BB Gun Team.

Dalton Vanover's mother, Keri, was also a shooter for the Norton squad.

Former Norton shooter Kim Hull is Miles Harrington's mother.

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## STARDUST LEAGUE

**Results of October 26**

Team Standings	Won	Lost
FSBT 1	30.5	5.5
Front Range Auto	22.5	13.5
First State Bank JR	17.5	18.5
First State Bank SR	17	19
FSBT 2	13.5	22.5

**HIGH LINE**

Janet Manning	169
Bev Miller	169
Jane Engelhardt	159
FSBT 1	321
FSBT 2	299
Front Range Auto	274

**HIGH SERIES**

Bev Miller	484
Becky Williams	451
Janet Manning	443
FSBT 1	927
FSBT 2	870
Front Range Auto	793

**HIGH LINE HANDICAP**

Janet Manning	220
Nikki Graham	218
Jane Engelhardt	215
FSBT 1	404
First State Bank JR	390
FSBT 2	389

**HIGH SERIES HANDICAP**

Nikki Graham	620
Jane Engelhardt	608
Janet Manning	596
FSBT 1	1176
FSBT 2	1140
First State Bank JR	1136

**Results of November 2**

Team Standings	Won	Lost
FSBT 1	33.5	6.5
Front Range Auto	23.5	16.5
First State Bank JR	20.5	19.5
First State Bank SR	18	22
FSBT 2	16.5	23.5

**HIGH LINE**

Cindy Linner	179
Bev Miller	175
Peggy Sevier	172
FSBT 1	329
FSBT 2	320
Front Range Auto	317

**HIGH SERIES**

Bev Miller	504
Peggy Sevier	457
Becky Williams	443
FSBT 1	943
Front Range Auto	875
FSBT 2	851

**HIGH LINE HANDICAP**

Cindy Linner	224
Peggy Sevier	222
Janet Manning	219
FSBT 1	412
Front Range Auto	412
FSBT 2	411

**HIGH SERIES HANDICAP**

Peggy Sevier	607
Bev Miller	600
Janet Manning	592
FSBT 1	1192
Front Range Auto	1160
FSBT 2	1124

**Results of November 9**

Team Standings	Won	Lost
FSBT 1	37.5	6.5
Front Range Auto	25	19
First State Bank JR	22.5	21.5
First State Bank SR	20.5	23.5
FSBT 2	18.5	25.5

**HIGH LINE**

Peggy Sevier	191
Janet Manning	190
Becky Williams	175
FSBT 2	341
FSBT 1	333
Front Range Auto	327

**HIGH SERIES**

Peggy Sevier	533
Janet Manning	484
Bev Miller	473
FSBT 1	957
Front Range Auto	930
FSBT 2	890

**HIGH LINE HANDICAP**

Janet Manning	241
Peggy Sevier	240
Barb Goeken	231
First State Bank SR	434
FSBT 2	432
Front Range Auto	421

**HIGH SERIES HANDICAP**

Peggy Sevier	680
Janet Manning	637
Barb Goeken	634
First State Bank SR	1222
Front Range Auto	1212
FSBT 1	1206

**Results of November 16**

Team Standings	Won	Lost
FSBT 1	40.5	7.5
Front Range Auto	28	20
First State Bank JR	23.5	24.5
First State Bank SR	21.5	26.5
FSBT 2	21.5	26.5

**HIGH LINE**

Peggy Sevier	200
Becky Williams	197
Cindy Linner	185
Front Range Auto	385
FSBT 2	353
FSBT 1	322

**HIGH SERIES**

Becky Williams	507
Bev Miller	501
Cindy Linner	488
FSBT 2	958
Front Range Auto	932
FSBT 1	927

**HIGH LINE HANDICAP**

Peggy Sevier	246
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Becky Williams	242
Cindy Linner	231
Front Range Auto	477
FSBT 2	443
First State Bank SR	406

**HIGH SERIES HANDICAP**

Becky Williams	642
Cindy Linner	626
Barb Goeken	614
FSBT 2	1228
Front Range Auto	1208
FSBT 1	1170

**Results of November 23**

Team Standings	Won	Lost
FSBT 1	41.5	10.5
Front Range Auto	31	21
First State Bank JR	25.5	26.5
FSBT 2	25.5	26.5
First State Bank SR	23.5	28.5

**HIGH LINE**

Becky Williams	172
Cindy Linner	167
Bev Miller	166
Front Range Auto	327
FSBT 2	326
FSBT 1	308

**HIGH SERIES**

Becky Williams	508
Cindy Linner	479
Bev Miller	469
FSBT 2	904
Front Range Auto	888
FSBT 1	882

**HIGH LINE HANDICAP**

Becky Williams	216
Barb Goeken	215
Cindy Linner	212
First State Bank SR	425
Front Range Auto	418
FSBT 2	415

**HIGH SERIES HANDICAP**

Becky Williams	640
Barb Goeken	619
Cindy Linner	614
First State Bank SR	1199
FSBT 2	1171
Front Range Auto	1161

**Results of November 30**

Team Standings	Won	Lost
FSBT 1	45.5	10.5
Front Range Auto	34	22
First State Bank JR	27.5	28.5
FSBT 2	26.5	29.5
First State Bank SR	25.5	30.5

**HIGH LINE**

Peggy Sevier	189
Bev Miller	183
Becky Williams	180
FSBT 1	348
Front Range Auto	343
FSBT 2	329

**HIGH SERIES**

Becky Williams	478
Bev Miller	471
Cindy Linner	468
Front Range Auto	932
FSBT 2	931
FSBT 1	925

**HIGH LINE HANDICAP**

Peggy Sevier	235
Nikki Graham	222
Becky Williams	222
Front Range Auto	433
FSBT 1	429
FSBT 2	416

**HIGH SERIES HANDICAP**

Nikki Graham	624
Becky Williams	604
Peggy Sevier	602
Front Range Auto	1202
FSBT 2	1192
First State Bank JR	1182

**Results of December 7**

Team Standings	Won	Lost
FSBT 1	48.5	11.5
Front Range Auto	35	25
First State Bank JR	30.5	29.5
First State Bank SR	28.5	31.5
FSBT 2	27.5	32.5

**HIGH LINE**

Cindy Linner	199
Janet Manning	186
Bev Miller	157
FSBT 1	343
Front Range Auto	343
First State Bank JR	288

**HIGH SERIES**

Cindy Linner	491
Janet Manning	472
Bev Miller	446
FSBT 1	918
Front Range Auto	910
FSBT 2	833

**HIGH LINE HANDICAP**

Cindy Linner	243
Janet Manning	235
Brandi Keith	228
First State Bank JR	443
Front Range Auto	433
FSBT 1	425

**HIGH SERIES HANDICAP**

Cindy Linner	623
Janet Manning	619
Nikki Graham	608
First State Bank JR	1212
Front Range Auto	1180
FSBT 1	1164

**Results of December 14**

Team Standings	Won	Lost
FSBT 1	27	5
Front Range Auto	22	10
First State Bank JR	14	18
First State Bank SR	13	19
FSBT 2	13	19

**HIGH LINE**

Cindy Linner	174
Peggy Sevier	174
Janice Russell	168

Front Range Auto	348
FSBT 1	317
FSBT 2	303

**HIGH SERIES**

Cindy Linner	456
Janice Russell	455
Peggy Sevier	453
Front Range Auto	909
FSBT 1	884
FSBT 2	845

**HIGH LINE HANDICAP**

Peggy Sevier	220
Cindy Linner	217
Janice Russell	214
Front Range Auto	437
FSBT 1	399
First State Bank SR	395

**HIGH SERIES HANDICAP**

Janice Russell	593
Peggy Sevier	591
Cindy Linner	585
Front Range Auto	1176
FSBT 1	1130
First State Bank SR	1112

**1st HALF STANDINGS**

FSBT 1	51.5	12.5
Front Range Auto	38	26
First State Bank JR	31.5	32.5
First State Bank SR	30.5	33.5
FSBT 2	29.5	34

**FIRST HALF HIGH SCORES**

**HIGH LINE**

Cindy Linner	204
Peggy Sevier	200
Becky Williams	197
Front Range Auto	385
FSBT 2	3