

# Shooter wins top BB gun award

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Twelve-year-old Charli Lawson of Norton, a former Goodland resident, posted the No. 1 aggregate score during the 2003 International BB Gun Match Championship in Wilmington, N.C., last month.

BB gun shooters are judged in four categories, prone, sitting, kneeling and standing, plus a written test.

This is Charli's first year shooting BB guns in the international competition. She finished third overall in the standing position, and second overall in the prone position, where she shot a perfect 100 target. Her combined score in shooting and written tests was 485 points out of a possible 500.

She was the first Norton shooter to compete at the international level in her first year and win a top award. She was the first to win a place on Norton's yellow team her first year in the last 32 years. The Norton BB Gun team finished in second place overall in the world standings during the competition.

Charli, daughter of Norton residents Rob and Debbie Lawson, is the granddaughter of Goodland residents Bob and Elaine Lawson and Bob and Dorothy Beckner. She will begin seventh grade at Norton Junior High starting next month. She attended school in Goodland until a year and a half ago, then moved to Norton.

"I'm really excited for Charli," her mother said. "Being a first-year shooter, this is something you hardly ever hear of. It takes a lot of time and practice, but we all think it was well worth it."

Her grandparents are just as proud. "Charli called me after winning," Mrs. Beckner said, "and I told her I knew she would beat those boys. Then Charli said, 'Yeah, grandma, girl power it really is amazing.' She has done so well so quickly, both her grandpa and I are really proud."

"Charli pretty much has it in her genes, coming from a family of award-winning shooters from her great grandmother Grace to her Grandpa Lawson," Mrs. Lawson said.

"A BB gun is far harder to excel in and a whole lot harder to hit the bullseye," her grandfather Lawson

said.

Charli said she was overwhelmed with happiness.

"It was very exciting when they called my name," she said. "My parents were so happy for me and I was really proud I accomplished my goal."

When she got home from the competition, Charli said, she realized just what she had done, "how nice it was to beat the boys and other girls, with practice really helping."

She said her favorite gun to shoot is a .22 caliber rifle, which helps with accuracy, breathing and timing. She said she is grateful for the help of her coaches, Dan and Teresa Lauer, along with her family's support.

Charli said her future goals include continuing to do her best and getting better, and she said she would like to remain an international champion.



Charli Lawson of Norton (above) flashed a victory smile on the Awards Stand after being honored as the No. 1 Aggregate Shooting and Written Test Marksman in the world. She was also honored for her No. 3 score from the standing position. Lawson (below) was No. 2 in the world from the prone position, shooting a perfect 100 with three bull's eyes.



# K-18 at 22-5 after seven straight wins

Goodland's K-18 baseball team chalked up two home wins due to a forfeit by Atwood last week, and a three-game match in St. Francis July 1 adding three more wins.

The Atwood games were to have been played Monday, June 30.

In St. Francis, the first game was an 9-5 win. Brandon Zelfer pitched four innings, with two walks and eight strike outs.

Derek Fenner hitting a home run to bring in three runs for Goodland in the first. Brett Lalicker stole second and third base in the second inning, with four runs coming in. Torrey Elder, Dustin Zelfer and Fenner also swiped bases.

The second game was a 5-0 victory for Goodland. Brandon Hatfield pitched, getting six strike outs and giving up three walks. Fenner was hit by a pitch in the first, then stole second. He got a double in the fourth inning and stole third.

The third game brought Andrew Pettibone to the mound for a four-inning game. He had three strike-outs and five walks. Goodland fell behind 3-2 in the first and stayed there until the third, where they got five hits, including singles by Tadd Taylor, Hatfield and Lalicker and doubles by Elder and Pettibone to manage a come behind win 7-4.

In Colby, the team played a

double header July 7 with Goodland winning both games. In the first game, Zelfer was the starting pitcher, giving up 10 walks and four runs while getting two strikeouts.

Elder, the relief pitcher, gave up three runs and five walks along with one strikeout. Bobby Miller came in as the closing pitcher and had two strikeouts. The majority of runs came in the fifth inning, with Taylor starting off the inning with a walk and stealing third. Zelfer got a base hit to then stole second. Goodland came out on top

with a 8-7 win. The second game of the double header brought a 5-0 win and Hatfield pitching a no hitter with one strikeout and only giving up one walk.

Goodland was to play Hoxie on Wednesday. The team's overall record is 22-5. They will be the No. 1 seed at the sub-regional tournament in Colby Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Goodland will host the regional tournament starting Friday, July 18, with five teams advancing from the Colby tournament along with seven teams from eastern divisions.

# Summer sports schedules

## Goodland Sports This Week:

Friday, Saturday and Sunday Regionals in Colby

### K-18 Mens Softball

Tuesday, Northeast field, B&K Pumping vs. Bud Light 6:30 p.m., Century Feeders/Frontier Equity vs. Northern Sun 7:30 p.m., Wane's Carpet vs. Lonny's Quality Auto Body 8:30 p.m., Century Feeders/Frontier Equity vs. Tex Mex/Eldorado/Reynaldo's 9:30 p.m.  
Southeast field, Lonny's Quality Auto Body vs. Northern Sun 6:30 p.m., Bud Light vs. Tex Mex/Eldorado/Reynaldo's 7:30 p.m., B&K Pumping vs. First National Bank 8:30 p.m., Wane's Carpet vs. First National 9:30 p.m.

### Co-ed Softball

Wednesday, Northeast field, Kears Party Mix/Miller's Home Center vs. Hitchcock 6:30 p.m., Garcia's Home Furnishing vs. First National 7:30 p.m., Mangus Irrigation vs. Poling Chiropractic 8:30 p.m., Garcia's Home Furnishing vs. Bowladium 9:30 p.m.  
Southeast field, Poling Chiropractic vs. First National 6:30 p.m., Hitchcock vs. Bowladium Lanes 7:30 p.m., Kears Party Mix/Miller's Home Center vs. ADM-Collinwood Grain 8:30 p.m., Mangus Irrigation vs. ADM-Collinwood Grain 9:30 p.m.

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# Legion picks up two wins in Wray

Goodland's American Legion team played a double header in Wray last Wednesday, winning both games

Pitching for Goodland in the first game was Landon West, who struck out 12. He gave up four walks and five hits. Matt Kuhlman pitched the second game with 10 strike-outs, four walks and five hits.

In the first game, Jake Alexander hit a home run in the second after Aaron Gittinger tripled. Later in the second, West was hit by a pitch, then stole second. Dautel hit a single to bring in West, giving Goodland three runs in the inning.

In the fifth, Brock Lohr singled and Jacob Johnson walked. Gittinger singled, to bring in Lohr and Johnson for two RBIs. Jacob Alander singled, but that was all the scoring in the fifth.

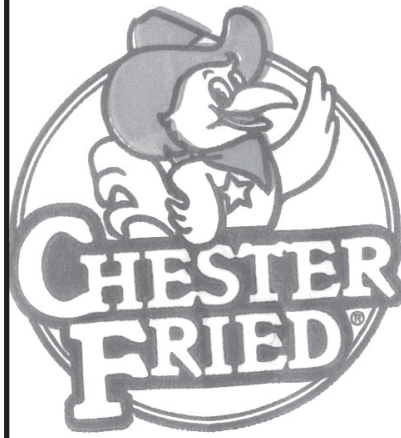
The sixth inning brought in the last two runs for Goodland. West tripled, Kuhlman tripled and then was put out coming home. Dautel got on with a single and later



scored, making it an 8-6 win. bringing up Kuhlman, who hit a home run for two RBIs.

In the second game, Goodland scored one run in the first when Alander hit a single, then was brought in by Kuhlman's single. The team as then held scoreless until the sixth. West hit a double, Later in the sixth, Jared Doke got on with a walk, bringing up Lohr, who doubled to score another run. That finished the scoring with a 4-2 win.

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