

Dakota Territory Silhouette Championship 2016

Dakota Territory Championship 2016 Summary:

Landis Machine again made classic steel trophies and etched some bottles of medicinal grade, Tennessee cold filtered via oak charred barrels ethyl so that the top three places were duly rewarded and like 2015, Landis Machine also crafted steel trophies for each of the individual state champions in the four states. See notes at the end of the bulletin on the awards that are hand crafted for the Dakota Territory Silhouette Championships as well as the genesis for the concept in 2014.

In 2016, the four states that comprised the original Dakota Territory held their respective state silhouette championships on weekends through the summer. Those four State Silhouette Championships provided an opportunity to crown an overall Dakota Territory Silhouette Champion based on the cumulative scores of however many of those four State Championships a participant was able to attend. There are tables that provide the specifics but these tables only include participants who attended two or more state championships. High points of this third year of the Dakota Territory Championship include 20 participants being able to attend two or more of the four State Silhouette Championships and pretty decent weather at all the matches.

The first match was in Lander for the **WY Championship** over the weekend of June 11 and 12. Roger Sebesta, Tony and crew put on a fine match with accommodating weather as well for both shooting and camping. David Bonner was the overall champion with a score 241 out 320 critters, with Ryan Habeck second with 213 and Clint Habeck third at 207. David won three of the four rifle matches with Clint winning High Power Hunting Rifle. Match Director Sebesta, in years past had dubbed Ryan “the kid” and the moniker seemed appropriate given he is too young to vote but seemed to shoot offhand beyond his years and placed in most every class he fired in even if he didn’t overall in any gun.

Match Director Roger Sebesta (left) presenting Dakota Territory championship trophies to David Bonner for 2015 and 2016. Trophy creator Kelly Landis on right.

Match winner David Bonner (on left) won both rimfire rifles and high power rifle and Clint Habeck on right, with the high power hunting rifle trophy



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The second match was the **ND Championship** held August 6 & 7 with pleasant conditions. Ryan “the Kid” Habeck was the overall winner with 113 critters out of 160 while Clint Habeck and Scott Larson were tied for second with 91. The Kid was also the match winner in each gun, the first time in recent memory anyone could recall that happening at the ND match. He had a few close individual matches that he still won but his overall total score was nearly 15% better than the next closest total score, which also turned out to be the biggest winning margin of all the four state championship matches in 2016. It seems we need to import more shooting talent or distractions to make the Kid sweat a little, ‘cause the old timers aren’t cutting it.



Match Director Dave Tokach on the left, handing the North Dakota leg of Dakota Territory Championship Trophy to Ryan “the Kid” Habeck along with Trophy creator Kelly “RAMBO” Landis on the right.

For those that might be thinking about the ND championship matches, the range has a terrific grill and some really nice camping spots with a number of buildings that one can sleep in so no need to bring a tent or trailer unless you want to. There are plenty of other shooters camping as well so food and conversation after the matches is readily available. The SD contingent tends to get there Friday evening for practice and barbequing so make plans accordingly.

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The third match was the **SD Championship** held August 27 & 28 in SD at the Timber Lake and Trail City ranges. Some nice improvements have occurred at these ranges in recent years and they are of a size that easily accommodated the participants plus there is nice camping at the high power range. A bit of wind occurred during the high power match but with the recent range improvements it was nothing like unsubstantiated rumors you may have heard of in the past. The match winner was Scott Larson with 163 of 240 critters with Clint Habeck second at 157 and Kent Geffre third at 147. The Kid couldn't attend the SD match which likely materially shifted the standings for both that match and the overall standings of the 2016 Dakota Territory Championship. Pictures below shows Match Director Carl Winterberg, Scott Larson and Kelly Landis at the SD Big Bore Silhouette Range on the left while pic at right shows eventual Dakota Territory 2016 winner, Clint Habeck bringing the Kimber to bear on some turkeys at the Timber Lake smallbore range.



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The final leg of Dakota Territory run was the **MT Championship** at the Deep Creek range over the Labor Day weekend on September 3-4. There were refreshing temperatures at Missoula and as usual Mike and Monica ran a top notch event. Eric Boos was first overall with 204 of 240 critters, with Paul Davis second at 189 and the Kid was third at 182.



The winner of the Montana State Match and final leg of the Dakota Territory championship was Eric Boos holding the Landis Machine steel trophy awarded to the winner of each state championship.

The overall Dakota Territory Championship match winner was Clint Habeck with a score of 622 on the right side of the picture and next to him is second place winner Scott Larson at 607. Kent Geffre, on the left keeping his temples warm and protected from loud noises, was third with a score of 559.

Each of those place winners received an embellished bottle of medicinal grade Tennessee ethyl in the half gallon size. A new tradition ensued whereby the third place trophy of medicinal grade ethyl was opened for anyone feeling a bit under the weather – after the match was over of course. There were a few folks needing a pull . . . and some that didn't but couldn't resist.

The tables summarizing the results are on the next pages, so please keep reading as there is a new table - #3 that summaries the last three years of the Dakota Territory Championship.

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Table 1. Participants in the third annual Dakota Territory Silhouette Championship. Total score is comprised of the cumulative scores of the

Name	WY Match 320 possible					ND Match 160 possible					SD Match 240 possible					MT Match 240 possible					Total 960 possible				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
Georgette Bradley						7	8	5	8	28	18	18	12	8	56						25	26	17	16	84
Sheldon Bradley						19	14	14	15	62	33	34	18	17	102	40	29	17	20	106	92	77	49	52	270
Jim Budeau	44	38	20	37	139						32	35	22	20	109	39	32	23	25	119	115	105	65	82	367
Walt Fairbanks						4	10	4	7	25	15	13	6	11	45						19	23	10	18	70
Tim Frank						20	26	15	23	84	42	42	27	31	142	39	39	28	34	140	101	107	70	88	366
Kent Geffre	47	47	40	40	174	26	24	19	20	89	42	41	30	34	147	38	40	36	35	149	153	152	125	129	559
Clint Habeck	49	70	42	46	207	27	24	16	24	91	40	47	34	36	157	47	52	42	41	182	158	192	128	144	622
Ryan Habeck	52	64	44	53	213	27	34	24	28	113						47	52	42	41	182	126	150	110	122	508
Dennis Heskin						11	18	5	13	47	19	23	17	7	66						30	41	22	20	113
Robert Jeffrey											31	42	17	25	115	32	32	23	33	120	63	74	40	58	235
Doug Kitzan						15	16	7	10	48	4	8	5	6	23						19	24	12	16	71
Kelly Landis	58	56	35	55	204	23	25	19	20	87	6	7	8	6	27	42	39	32	34	147	129	127	94	115	465
Scott Larson	54	55	39	50	198	27	27	19	18	91	42	51	30	40	163	39	47	33	36	155	162	180	121	144	607
James Mehus						15	18	10	13	56	30	40	25	30	125						45	58	35	43	181
Collin Milliken						7	10	7	7	31	10	16	7	6	39						17	26	14	13	70
Joe Scherer						19	12	7	9	47	25	25	17	20	87						44	37	24	29	134
Roger Sebesta						16	14	9	14	53						34	30	22	23	109	50	44	31	37	162
Mark Sorenson	45	57	26	43	171	19	25	18	15	77	39	41	20	27	127	38	44	37	28	147	141	167	101	113	522
Dave Tokach	36	38	18	30	122	16	22	7	12	57											52	60	25	42	179
Carl Winterberg						15	17	12	9	53	15	20	16	18	69						30	37	28	27	122

4 state silhouette championships of WY, ND, SD and MT. Tables 1-4 includes only those who fired in 2 or more State silhouette championship matches.

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Table 2. Hit percentages per match and how it generally increased in succeeding matches - the fabled “benefits of practice”.

Name	WY June 11 & 12 320 possible	ND August 6 & 7 160 possible	SD August 27 & 28 240 possible	MT Sept 3 & 4 240 possible	Total 960 possible
Clint Habeck	207 of 320 = 64.7%	91 of 160 = 56.9%	157 of 240 = 65.4%	167 of 240 = 69.6%	622 of 960 = 64.8%
Scott Larson	198 of 320 = 61.9%	91 of 160 = 56.9%	163 of 240 = 67.9%	155 of 240 = 64.6%	607 of 960 = 63.2%
Kent Geffre	174 of 320 = 54.4%	89 of 160 = 55.6%	147 of 240 = 61.3%	149 of 240 = 62.1%	559 of 960 = 58.2%
Mark Sorensen	171 of 320 = 53.4%	77 of 160 = 48.1%	127 of 240 = 52.9%	147 of 240 = 61.3%	522 of 960 = 54.4%
Ryan Habeck	213 of 320 = 66.6%	113 of 160 = 70.6%		182 of 240 = 75.8%	508 of 720 = 70.6%
Kelly Landis	204 of 320 = 63.8%	87 of 160 = 54.4%	27 of 80 = 33.8%	147 of 240 = 61.3%	465 of 800 = 58.1%
Jim Budeau	139 of 320 = 43.4%		109 of 240 = 45.4%	119 of 240 = 49.6%	367 of 800 = 45.9%
Tim Frank		84 of 160 = 52.5%	142 of 240 = 59.2%	140 of 240 = 58.3%	366 of 640 = 57.2%
Sheldon Bradley		62 of 160 = 38.8%	102 of 240 = 42.5%	106 of 240 = 44.5%	270 of 640 = 42.2%
Robert Jeffrey			115 of 240 = 47.9%	120 of 240 = 50.0%	235 of 480 = 49.0%
James Mehus		56 of 160 = 35.0%	125 of 240 = 52.1%		181 of 400 = 45.3%
Dave Tokach	122 of 320 = 38.1%	57 of 160 = 36.6%			179 of 480 = 37.3%
Roger Sebesta		53 of 160 = 33.1%		109 of 240 = 45.4%	162 of 400 = 40.5%
Joe Scherer		47 of 160 = 29.4%	87 of 240 = 36.3%		134 of 400 = 33.5%
Carl Winterberg		53 of 160 = 33.1%	69 of 160 = 43.1%		122 of 320 = 38.1%
Dennis Heskin		47 of 160 = 19.6%	66 of 240 = 27.5%		113 of 400 = 28.3%
Georgette Bradley		28 of 80 = 35.0%	56 of 160 = 35.0%		84 of 240 = 35.0%
Doug Kitzan		48 of 160 = 30.0%	23 of 80 = 28.9%		71 of 240 = 29.6%
Collin Milliken		31 of 80 = 38.8%	39 of 120 = 32.5%		70 of 200 = 35.0%
Walt Fairbanks		25 of 80 = 31.3%	45 of 160 = 28.1%		70 of 240 = 29.2%

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Table 3. Dakota Territory Championship participants through the first three years. Only participants who fired in two or more state championships in a year are included in this table. During the first three years there have been 30 competitors accomplish that.

Name	2014 960 possible	2015 960 possible	2016 960 possible	2017	Total 2880 possible
Scott Larson	599 of 960 = 62.4%	625 of 960 = 65.1%	607 of 960 = 63.2%		1831 of 2880 = 63.6%
Clint Habeck	392 of 640 = 61.3%	623 of 960 = 64.9%	622 of 960 = 64.8%		1637 of 2560 = 63.9%
Kelly Landis	585 of 960 = 60.9%	562 of 960 = 58.5%	465 of 800 = 58.1%		1612 of 2720 = 59.3%
Kent Geffre	475 of 960 = 49.5%	517 of 960 = 53.9%	559 of 960 = 58.2%		1551 of 2880 = 53.9%
Ryan Habeck	362 of 640 = 56.6%	669 of 960 = 69.7%	508 of 720 = 70.6%		1539 of 2320 = 66.3%
Mark Sorensen	342 of 720 = 47.5%	500 of 960 = 52.1%	522 of 960 = 54.4%		1364 of 2640 = 51.7%
Jim Budeau	291 of 720 = 40.4%	421 of 960 = 43.9%	367 of 800 = 45.9%		1079 of 2480 = 43.5%
Tim Frank	323 of 640 = 50.5%	347 of 640 = 54.2%	366 of 640 = 57.2%		1036 of 1920 = 54.0%
Carl Winterberg	194 of 400 = 48.5%	266 of 560 = 47.5%	122 of 320 = 38.1%		582 of 1280 = 45.5%
Sheldon Bradley		201 of 560 = 35.9%	270 of 640 = 42.2%		471 of 1200 = 39.3%
Dave Tokach	94 of 240 = 39.1%	145 of 400 = 36.3%	179 of 480 = 37.3%		418 of 1120 = 37.3%
Kirk Caldwell		361 of 640 = 56.4%			361 of 640 = 56.4%
Joe Scherer	114 of 400 = 28.5%	109 of 400 = 27.3%	134 of 400 = 33.5%		357 of 1200 = 29.8%
Eric Boos		356 of 480 = 74.2%			356 of 480 = 74.2%
Walt Fairbanks	86 of 280 = 30.7%	87 of 280 = 31.1%	70 of 240 = 29.2%		243 of 800 = 30.4%
Robert Jeffrey			235 of 480 = 49.0%		235 of 480 = 49.0%
Lee Widdel		225 of 320 = 70.3%			225 of 320 = 70.3%
Terry Kien		208 of 400 = 52.0%			208 of 400 = 52.0%
Georgette Bradley		120 of 360 = 33.3%	84 of 240 = 35.0%		204 of 600 = 34.0%
Lucas Henry	182 of 400 = 45.5%				182 of 400 = 45.5%
James Mehus			181 of 400 = 45.3%		181 of 400 = 45.3%
Doug Kitzan	24 of 80 = 30%	82 of 240 = 34.2%	71 of 240 = 29.6%		177 of 560 = 31.6%
Doug Keller	168 of 320 = 52.5%				168 of 320 = 52.5%
Roger Sebesta			162 of 400 = 40.5%		162 of 400 = 40.5%
Collin Milliken	78 of 240 = 32.5%		70 of 200 = 35.0%		148 of 440 = 33.6%
Tom Thompson	117 of 320 = 36.6%				117 of 320 = 36.6%
Dennis Heskin			113 of 400 = 28.3%		113 of 400 = 28.3%
Don Granlie	101 of 320 = 31.6%				101 of 320 = 31.6%
Sommer Bradley		85 of 240 = 35.4%			85 of 240 = 35.4%
Jim Koetter		69 of 280 = 24.6%			69 of 280 = 24.6%

While there is no doubt that practice helps, it is also apparent that what your grade school teachers told you years ago about good attendance, is important as well.

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Table 4. Individual Participant Scores of the 2016 Dakota Territory Silhouette Championship

Clint Habeck	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship	9	16	6	10	41	12	17	13	11	53	12	18	11	11	52	16	19	12	14	61	49	70	42	46	207
ND Championship	5	5	2	6	18	7	4	3	6	20	6	8	6	7	27	9	7	5	5	26	27	24	16	24	91
SD Championship	5	8	4	7	24	3	4	4	3	14	14	20	13	14	61	18	15	13	12	58	40	47	34	36	157
MT Championship	9	11	7	6	33	9	12	7	8	36	14	14	9	13	50	10	14	13	11	48	42	51	36	38	167
Total	28	40	19	29	116	31	37	27	28	123	46	60	39	45	190	53	55	43	42	193	158	192	128	144	622
Possible Hits	55	55	55	55	220	55	55	55	55	220	65	65	65	65	260	65	65	65	65	260	240	240	240	240	960
Hit Percentages %	51%	73%	35%	53%	53%	56%	67%	49%	51%	56%	71%	92%	60%	69%	73%	82%	85%	66%	65%	74%	66%	80%	53%	60%	64.8%

Scott Larson	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship	9	12	10	14	45	12	12	6	10	40	16	16	12	11	55	17	15	11	15	58	54	55	39	50	198
ND Championship	7	7	4	5	23	4	4	3	2	13	7	8	7	6	28	9	8	5	5	27	27	27	19	18	91
SD Championship	6	9	3	7	25	4	5	3	5	17	19	19	13	15	66	13	18	11	13	55	42	51	30	40	163
MT Championship	8	14	11	8	41	7	11	6	8	32	12	13	8	11	44	12	9	8	9	38	39	47	33	36	155
Total	30	42	28	34	134	27	32	18	25	102	54	56	40	43	193	51	50	35	42	178	162	180	121	144	607
Possible Hits	55	55	55	55	220	55	55	55	55	220	65	65	65	65	260	65	65	65	65	260	240	240	240	240	960
Hit Percentages %	55%	76%	51%	62%	61%	49%	58%	33%	45%	46%	83%	86%	62%	66%	74%	78%	77%	52%	65%	68%	68%	75%	50%	60%	63.2%

Kent Geffre	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship	10	5	9	9	33	9	11	7	8	35	13	15	14	11	53	15	16	10	12	53	47	47	40	40	174
ND Championship	6	7	5	4	22	7	5	5	2	19	4	7	6	7	24	9	5	3	7	24	26	24	19	20	89
SD Championship	9	6	2	4	21	4	3	4	5	16	13	16	14	11	54	16	16	10	14	56	42	41	30	34	147
MT Championship	7	11	7	10	35	8	9	6	9	32	10	8	11	7	36	13	12	12	9	46	38	40	36	35	149
Total	32	29	23	27	111	28	28	22	24	102	40	46	45	36	167	53	49	35	42	179	153	152	125	129	559
Possible Hits	55	55	55	55	220	55	55	55	55	220	65	65	65	65	260	65	65	65	65	260	240	240	240	240	960
Hit Percentages %	58%	53%	42%	49%	54%	51%	51%	40%	44%	46%	62%	71%	69%	55%	64%	82%	75%	54%	65%	69%	64%	63%	52%	54%	58.2%

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Mark Sorensen	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship	9	13	5	9	36	3	10	3	9	25	17	19	12	14	62	16	15	6	11	48	45	57	26	43	171
ND Championship	4	9	4	3	20	5	4	3	2	14	6	5	5	6	22	4	7	6	4	21	19	25	18	15	77
SD Championship	2	4	2	2	10	3	8	4	3	18	16	15	6	10	47	18	14	8	12	52	39	41	20	27	127
MT Championship	9	12	9	5	35	6	8	6	6	26	11	11	12	9	43	12	13	10	8	43	38	44	37	28	147
Total	24	38	20	19	101	17	30	16	20	83	50	50	35	39	174	50	49	30	35	163	141	167	101	113	522
Possible Hits	55	55	55	55	220	55	55	55	55	220	65	65	65	65	260	65	65	65	65	260	240	240	240	240	960
Hit Percentages %	44%	69%	36%	35%	46%	31%	55%	29%	36%	38%	77%	77%	54%	60%	67%	77%	75%	46%	54%	63%	59%	70%	42%	47%	54.4%

Ryan Habeck	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship	12	14	7	8	41	8	14	10	16	48	17	18	10	12	57	15	18	17	17	67	52	64	44	53	213
ND Championship	4	9	5	6	24	8	6	6	6	26	6	9	8	9	32	9	10	5	7	31	27	34	24	28	113
SD Championship																									
MT Championship	11	11	8	12	42	9	14	10	8	41	13	14	12	9	48	14	13	12	12	51	47	52	42	41	182
Total	27	34	20	26	107	25	34	26	30	115	36	41	30	30	137	38	41	34	36	149	126	150	110	122	508
Possible Hits	45	45	45	45	180	45	45	45	45	180	45	45	45	45	180	45	45	45	45	180	180	180	180	180	720
Hit Percentages %	60%	76%	44%	58%	59%	56%	76%	58%	67%	64%	80%	91%	67%	67%	76%	84%	91%	76%	80%	83%	70%	83%	61%	68%	70.5%

Kelly Landis	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship	12	10	4	15	41	15	13	10	13	51	15	16	11	13	55	16	17	10	14	57	58	56	35	55	204
ND Championship	6	6	2	6	20	5	3	5	4	17	6	8	6	4	24	6	8	6	6	26	23	25	19	20	87
SD Championship	3	4	4	1	12	3	3	4	5	15											6	7	8	6	27
MT Championship	9	6	8	8	31	9	9	8	6	32	10	12	7	10	39	14	12	9	10	45	42	39	32	34	147
Total	30	26	18	30	104	32	28	27	28	115	31	36	24	27	118	36	37	25	30	128	129	127	94	115	465
Possible Hits	55	55	55	55	220	55	55	55	55	220	45	45	45	45	180	45	45	45	45	180	200	200	200	200	800
Hit Percentages %	55%	48%	33%	55%	47%	58%	51%	49%	51%	52%	69%	80%	53%	60%	66%	80%	82%	56%	67%	71%	65%	64%	47%	58%	58.1%

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Jim Budeau	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship	11	9	5	7	32	10	10	4	7	31	12	8	5	8	33	11	11	6	15	43	44	38	20	37	139
ND Championship																									
SD Championship	3	5	2	1	11	1	3	1	4	9	10	14	9	6	39	18	13	10	9	50	32	35	22	20	109
MT Championship	8	6	3	5	22	10	6	9	4	29	10	10	6	8	34	11	10	5	8	34	39	32	23	25	119
Total	22	20	10	13	65	21	19	14	15	69	32	32	20	22	106	40	34	21	32	127	115	105	65	82	367
Possible Hits	45	45	45	45	180	45	45	45	45	180	55	55	55	55	220	55	55	55	55	220	200	200	200	200	800
Hit Percentages %	49%	44%	22%	29%	36%	47%	42%	31%	33%	38%	58%	58%	36%	40%	48%	73%	62%	38%	58%	58%	58%	53%	33%	41%	45.9%

Tim Frank	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship																									
ND Championship	3	5	1	6	15	8	6	3	5	22	1	6	3	7	17	8	9	8	5	30	20	26	15	23	84
SD Championship	5	5	2	4	16	5	5	3	5	18	14	15	10	11	50	18	17	12	11	58	42	42	27	31	142
MT Championship	8	5	8	6	27	9	13	7	6	35	12	10	6	12	40	10	11	7	10	38	39	39	28	34	140
Total	16	15	11	16	58	22	24	13	16	75	27	31	19	30	107	26	37	27	26	116	101	107	70	88	366
Possible Hits	35	35	35	35	140	35	35	35	35	140	45	45	45	45	180	45	45	45	45	180	160	160	160	160	640
Hit Percentages %	46%	43%	31%	46%	41%	63%	69%	37%	46%	54%	60%	69%	42%	67%	59%	58%	82%	60%	58%	64%	63%	67%	44%	55%	57.2%

Sheldon Bradley	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship																									
ND Championship	4	3	2	7	16	0	2	3	0	5	8	5	5	3	21	7	4	4	5	20	19	14	14	15	62
SD Championship	4	3	1	1	9	1	3	3	3	10	15	16	5	6	42	13	12	9	7	41	33	34	18	17	102
MT Championship	10	6	5	6	27	5	4	2	5	16	12	10	6	5	33	13	9	4	4	30	40	29	17	20	106
Total	18	12	8	14	52	6	9	8	8	31	35	31	16	14	96	33	25	17	16	91	92	77	49	52	270
Possible Hits	35	35	35	35	140	35	35	35	35	140	45	45	45	45	180	45	45	45	45	180	160	160	160	160	640
Hit Percentages %	51%	34%	23%	40%	37%	17%	26%	23%	23%	22%	77%	69%	35%	31%	53%	73%	56%	38%	36%	51%	58%	48%	31%	33%	42.2%

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Robert Jeffrey	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship																									
ND Championship																									
SD Championship	3	5	0	3	11	2	4	1	2	9	15	16	11	8	50	11	17	5	12	45	31	42	17	25	115
MT Championship	7	6	5	5	23	4	7	4	7	22	9	9	7	12	37	12	10	7	9	38	32	32	23	33	120
Total	10	11	5	8	34	6	11	5	9	31	24	25	18	20	87	23	27	12	21	83	63	74	40	58	235
Possible Hits	25	25	25	25	100	25	25	25	25	100	35	35	35	35	140	35	35	35	35	140	120	120	120	120	480
Hit Percentages %	40%	44%	20%	40%	34%	24%	44%	20%	36%	31%	69%	71%	51%	57%	62%	66%	77%	34%	60%	59%	53%	62%	33%	48%	49.00%

James Mehus	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship																									
ND Championship	4	2	3	0	9	3	5	4	3	15	2	6	1	5	14	6	5	2	5	18	15	18	10	13	56
SD Championship	1	6	5	4	16	2	5	2	6	15	16	16	9	8	49	11	13	9	12	45	30	40	25	30	125
MT Championship																									
Total	5	8	8	4	25	5	10	6	9	30	18	22	10	13	63	17	18	11	17	63	45	58	35	43	181
Possible Hits	20	20	20	20	80	20	20	20	20	80	30	30	30	30	120	30	30	30	30	120	100	100	100	100	400
Hit Percentages %	25%	40%	40%	20%	31%	25%	50%	30%	45%	38%	60%	73%	33%	43%	53%	57%	60%	37%	57%	53%	45%	58%	35%	43%	45.3%

Dave Tokach	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship	8	9	4	4	25	6	11	3	8	28	12	12	7	10	41	10	6	4	8	28	36	38	18	30	122
ND Championship	4	3	1	3	11	4	5	1	2	12	4	5	3	3	15	4	9	2	4	19	16	22	7	12	57
SD Championship																									
MT Championship																									
Total	12	12	5	7	36	10	16	4	10	40	16	17	10	13	56	14	15	6	12	47	52	60	25	42	179
Possible Hits	30	30	30	30	120	30	30	30	30	120	30	30	30	30	120	30	30	30	30	120	120	120	120	120	480
Hit Percentages %	40%	40%	17%	23%	36%	33%	53%	13%	33%	33%	53%	57%	33%	43%	47%	47%	50%	20%	40%	39%	43%	50%	21%	35%	37.3%

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Roger Sebesta	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship																									
ND Championship	1	2	2	3	8	5	1	0	1	7	3	7	2	6	18	7	4	5	4	20	16	14	9	14	53
SD Championship																									
MT Championship	9	6	6	4	25	7	2	6	5	20	9	12	9	8	38	9	10	1	6	26	34	30	22	23	109
Total	10	8	8	7	33	12	3	6	6	27	12	19	11	14	56	16	14	6	10	46	50	44	31	37	162
Possible Hits	25	25	25	25	100	25	25	25	25	100	25	25	25	25	100	25	25	25	25	100	100	100	100	100	400
Hit Percentages %	40%	32%	32%	28%	33%	48%	12%	24%	24%	27%	48%	76%	44%	56%	56%	64%	56%	24%	40%	46%	50%	44%	31%	37%	40.5%

Joe Scherer	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship																									
ND Championship	8	5	3	4	20	5	2	0	0	7	5	2	1	3	11	1	3	3	2	9	19	12	7	9	47
SD Championship	1	3	2	1	7	2	3	0	4	9	9	7	6	8	30	13	12	9	7	41	25	25	17	20	87
MT Championship																									
Total	9	8	5	5	27	7	5	0	4	16	14	9	7	11	41	14	15	12	9	50	44	37	24	29	134
Possible Hits	20	20	20	20	80	20	20	20	20	80	30	30	30	30	120	30	30	30	30	120	100	100	100	100	400
Hit Percentages %	45%	40%	25%	25%	34%	35%	25%	0%	20%	20%	47%	30%	23%	37%	34%	47%	50%	40%	30%	42%	44%	37%	24%	29%	33.5%

Carl Winterberg	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship																									
ND Championship	4	1	2	1	8	3	4	2	2	11	3	4	6	3	16	5	8	2	3	18	15	17	12	9	53
SD Championship	1	4	1	2	8	0	2	2	5	9						14	14	13	11	52	15	20	16	18	69
MT Championship																									
Total	5	5	3	3	16	3	6	4	7	20	3	4	6	3	16	19	22	15	14	70	30	37	28	27	122
Possible Hits	20	20	20	20	80	20	20	20	20	80	10	10	10	10	40	30	30	30	30	120	80	80	80	80	320
Hit Percentages %	25%	25%	15%	15%	20%	15%	30%	20%	35%	25%	30%	40%	60%	30%	40%	63%	73%	50%	47%	58%	38%	46%	35%	34%	38.1%

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Dennis Heskin	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship																									
ND Championship	3	4	1	3	11	1	6	0	4	11	2	4	2	3	11	5	4	2	3	14	11	18	5	13	47
SD Championship	3	1	2	1	7	1	0	0	0	1	7	12	6	2	27	8	10	9	4	31	19	23	17	7	66
MT Championship																									
Total	6	5	3	4	18	2	6	0	4	12	9	16	8	5	38	13	14	11	7	45	30	41	22	20	113
Possible Hits	20	20	20	20	80	20	20	20	20	80	30	30	30	30	120	30	30	30	30	120	100	100	100	100	400
Hit Percentages %	30%	25%	15%	20%	23%	10%	30%	0%	20%	15%	30%	53%	27%	17%	32%	43%	47%	37%	23%	38%	30%	41%	22%	20%	28.3%

Georgette Bradley	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship																									
ND Championship											3	2	3	2	10	4	6	2	6	18	7	8	5	8	28
SD Championship											8	8	6	2	24	10	10	6	6	32	18	18	12	8	56
MT Championship																									
Total											11	10	9	4	34	14	16	8	12	50	25	26	17	16	84
Possible Hits											30	30	30	30	120	30	30	30	30	120	60	60	60	60	240
Hit Percentages %											37%	33%	30%	13%	28%	47%	53%	27%	40%	42%	42%	43%	28%	27%	35.0%

Doug Kitzan	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship																									
ND Championship	6	3	3	1	13	3	3	0	4	10	3	4	3	3	13	3	6	1	2	12	15	16	7	10	48
SD Championship	2	5	2	3	12	2	3	3	3	11											4	8	5	6	23
MT Championship																									
Total	8	8	5	4	25	5	6	3	7	21	3	4	3	3	13	3	6	1	2	12	19	24	12	16	71
Possible Hits	20	20	20	20	80	20	20	20	20	80	10	10	10	10	40	10	10	10	10	40	60	60	60	60	240
Hit Percentages %	40%	40%	25%	20%	31%	25%	30%	15%	35%	26%	30%	40%	30%	3%	33%	30%	60%	10%	20%	30%	32%	40%	20%	27%	29.6%

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Colin Milliken	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship																									
ND Championship	2	4	4	2	12						5	6	3	5	19						7	10	7	7	31
SD Championship	0	1	1	1	3						10	15	6	5	36						10	16	7	6	39
MT Championship																									
Total	2	5	5	3	15						15	21	9	10	55						17	26	14	13	70
Possible Hits	20	20	20	20	80						30	30	30	30	120						50	50	50	50	200
Hit Percentages %	10%	25%	25%	15%	19%						50%	70%	30%	33%	46%						34%	52%	28%	26%	35.0%

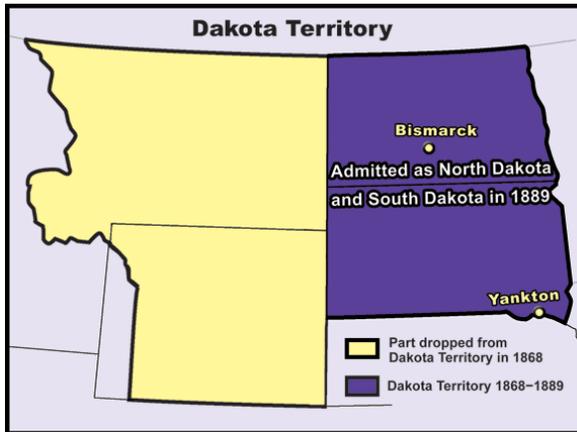
Walt Fairbanks	High Power Silhouette					High Power Hunting					Small-bore Silhouette					Small-bore Hunter					Total				
	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ	C	P	T	R	Σ
WY Championship																									
ND Championship											3	6	2	4	15	1	4	2	3	10	4	10	4	7	25
SD Championship											5	7	2	7	21	10	6	4	4	24	15	13	6	11	45
MT Championship																									
Total											8	13	4	11	36	11	10	6	7	34	19	23	10	18	70
Possible Hits											30	30	30	30	120	30	30	30	30	120	60	60	60	60	240
Hit Percentages %											27%	43%	13%	37%	30%	37%	33%	20%	23%	28%	32%	38%	17%	30%	29.2%

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Dakota Territory Championship Concept Inception June 2014

Silhouette Enthusiasts

Bear with us while we tell a story and present an idea. Dakota Territory was formally designated in 1861 and comprised both Dakotas and most of Montana and Wyoming (see map). Dakota Territory was carved out of portions of Minnesota and Nebraska Territories. Typical of those times, the shape of the Territories changed regularly and Dakota was no different. By 1868, MT and WY had been cleaved off from Dakota Territory and by statehood in 1889; Dakota was further split north and south leaving the former Dakota Territory of 1861 to form the core of four new States.



A few of us from the Dakotas have attended the Montana Ironmen Silhouette Matches in early June the last couple years. It has been much fun visiting a quality range with great folks/weather conditions and got us to thinking about traveling to other nearby matches. Turns out in 2014, the stars have aligned such that the former Dakota Territory states of Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming are having their respective State Silhouette Championships on different weekends but all within a 30 day period from mid-August to early September 2014.

Ironman Epiphany

On our ride back to South Dakota a few weeks ago from the 2014 MT Ironman, it struck us that, in addition to middle aged men having a bladder the size of a thimble, the four State Silhouette Championships provide an opportunity to crown an overall Dakota Territory/Quad State Silhouette Champion. It would be based on the cumulative scores of however many of those four silhouette State Championships a participant was able to attend. It might be calm at some matches or perhaps an occasionally wisp of breeze in the Dakotas but overall the more matches one could attend the better your chances and it could generate some additional mixing of participants between State Championships. Landis Machine has agreed to make appropriate trophies that would be presented for the Dakota Territory Match Winners at the end of the final State Championship Match in Montana.

So the question is – would anybody care if some of the Dakota shooters made trophies and presented such items at the end of the four State Championship run so that there is an overall winner comprised of the highest cumulative scores from the four state silhouette championships that make up the former Dakota Territory? Sincerely, Scott Larson, Kelly Landis, Kent Geffre and Kirk Caldwell.

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A note about the Dakota Territory Silhouette Awards

Landis Machine of Trail City makes the awards for the Dakota Territory match. These are classic steel trophies (what other materials could there be for a silhouette championship) as well as etched bottles of medicinal grade, Tennessee cold filtered via oak charred barrels ethyl in the half gallon size - because a pint just wouldn't cut it for such a marvelous chunk of country. The steel trophies and elixir are substantial in both size and heft and unique from most anything you'll come across. In 2014, Landis Machine provided these awards for the three highest combined overall scores of the Dakota Territory Championship.



In 2015, Landis Machine provided an award for each of the individual state champions (see pic of the MT high overall award winner Paul Davis below) as well as three highest combined overall scores across all four championships. Incidentally, the brains and brawn of Landis Machine is in the red *coca cola* shirt on the left camouflaging his trademark *carhartt* bib overalls while the second pic shows him handing a



third place award to Ryan “the kid” Habeck.