

Local Team Wins Event

Five members of the Mason-Dixon Clay Buster's youth shotgun team recently participated in the 2014 Pennsylvania State Junior Olympic Trap Championship. The event was held from April 12 to 13 in Dalmatia at Keystone Shooting Park's bunker trap fields, the same type of facilities used in national, international and Olympic events.

Susquehannock High School senior Mark Beardsley took top honors, winning the gold medal by breaking 95 out of 125 targets. This is Beardsley's second consecutive year as Pennsylvania's top junior Olympic trap shooter.

The top three athletes received awards but also qualified to attend the National Junior Olympic Shotgun Championships in Colorado Springs from Sunday to Thursday, July 6 to 10. Athletes who qualify in Colorado Springs can then attempt to gain a spot on the national Junior Olympic team.

Held concurrently with the Pennsylvania Junior Olympic State Qualifier was the Pennsylvania Scholastic Clay Target Program's (SCTP) Olympic Trap Team Championship. The squad of Mark Beardsley, Donovan



Mason-Dixon Clay Busters members (fourth from left) Mark Beardsley, (continuing right) Ryan Hayes, Sam Toomey, Donovan Barry and Daniel Cook recently participated in the 2014 Pennsylvania State Junior Olympic Trap Championship. Participants from other shooting clubs included (from far left) Patrick Myers, Mick Wertz, Dylan Craft, Heidi Bechtold, Joseph Petree and Chase Gallagher.

Berry and Dan Cook from Mason-Dixon took home the gold medal in the open division.

Based in southcentral Pennsylvania, the Mason-Dixon Clay Busters is a youth clay target shotgun shooting sports team that participates in trap, skeet and sporting clays. The group's primary focus is firearm safety.

The program is open to sixth-

graders through college-age youths. Shooting experience is beneficial but not required. Along with regularly scheduled practices, team members have the opportunity to showcase their shooting skills in a number of local, state and national competitions. To learn more, readers may call 235-0743 or visit www.masondixonclaybusters.com.