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Hillsdale College Halter Center Hosts USA Shooting Shotgun National Championships

HILLSDALE, Mich. — The Hillsdale College John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center hosted the USA Shooting Skeet and Trap National Championships. The skeet competition took place from May 17-22; the trap competition took place from May 23-28. These championships selected the 2023 World Championship Team and Pan American Team. It was also the first part of the Olympic Trials for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

"We saw some of the best shooters in the world at this event," said Caitlin Connor Royer, assistant program development and competition manager at the Halter Center. "The Hillsdale College Halter Center is proud to serve our national team as they prepare for the Paris Olympics next summer."

Skeet Results for Women:

Gold: Austen Smith Silver: Dania Vizzi Bronze: Samantha Simonton

Skeet Results for Men:

Gold: Vincent Hancock Silver: Conner Prince Bronze: Hayden Stewart

Trap Results for Women:

Gold: Ashley Carroll Silver: Rachel Tozier Bronze: Ryann Phillips

Trap Results for Men:

Gold: Derrick Mein Silver: Seth Inman Bronze: Derek Haldeman During the competition, the 2023 Pan American Games team, 2023 World Championships team, and 2023 Junior World Championships team were named.

Pan American Games Team:

Skeet Team: Vincent Hancock, Austen Smith, Dustan Taylor, and Dania Vizzi Trap Team: Alicia Gough, William Hinton, Derrick Mein, and Rachel Tozier

2023 World Championships Team:

Skeet Team: Vincent Hancock, Christian Elliot, Samantha Simonton, Austen Smith, Dustan Taylor, and Dania Vizzi

2023 Junior World Championships Team:

Skeet Team: Aidin Burns, Joshua Corbin, Madeline Corbin, Kyle Fleck, Jessi Griffin, Benjamin Keller, Alishia "Fayth" Layne, Julia "Lia" Nelson, Karsyn Ross, and Jordan Sapp Trap Team: Owen Bin, Ramsey Bodeen, William Browning, Kaleigh Castillo, Caleb Cutler, Taylor Dale, Ava Downs, Carey Garrison, Matthew Kutz, and Ryann Phillips

For photos from the event, click here.

For a high-resolution copy of the Hillsdale College clocktower logo, click here.

About the John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center

The Halter Center is a state-of-the-art shooting facility located five miles from the Hillsdale College campus. Opened in 2008, the Center aims to introduce individuals to shooting sports and encourage interest across all levels of experience. The Halter Center also serves an educational purpose by promoting the principles of the Constitution and teaching beginner and experienced shooters in various classes. Home to Hillsdale College's collegiate shooting teams and the USA national team, the Halter Center is also a resource for the public through camps, conferences, and other programming. For more information, visit <u>shootingsports.hillsdale.edu</u>.

Hillsdale College has been the home of the USA Shooting National Team since 2019 and has hosted USA Shooting Junior Olympic Trap and Skeet development camps and championships. The Center boasts 113 range acres, four international skeet fields, a 22-station sporting clays course, five international bunkers, a small arms range, an action shooting range, a five-stand range, an international archery range, nine American Trap fields, and an AcuSport lodge and grill.

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