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Clatsop Claybusters shooting sports team brings home ribbons from state

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After practicing since October, the Clatsop County 4-H shooting sports team, Clatsop Claybusters, participated for the first time in the 2016 4-H competition at the Albany Rifle and Pistol Club June 20-22.

All youth who participated in the mail-in-tournament January through March qualified to compete at the state competition, which included shooting one round of trap from 16 yards, and one round of five stand. The team had competitors in all age divisions.

On June 20, senior division members Andrew and Aaron Hollenbeck competed. Aaron received a blue ribbon in trap by breaking 23 of 25 targets and a red ribbon in five stand. Andrew received a red ribbon in trap and white ribbon in five stand.

The largest group, the intermediates, competed June 21. Alyssa Hollenbeck received white ribbons in both trap and

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Open Division Gross

1, Jeff Canessa, 74-72—146
2, Pat Wood, 79-71—150

Open Division Net

1, Dennis Sturgell, 70-71—141
2, Jimmy Cartwright, 73-71—144
3, Matt Chappell, 75-70—145
4, Christiaan Thorne, 70-76—

Senior Division Gross

1, James Ihander, 78-73—151
2, Barry Greenberg, 79-77—156

Senior Division Net

1, Walter Yeaw, 66-72—138
T2, Chris Hayward, 70-72—142
T2, B.K. Srinivasan, 65-77—142
4, Ron Williams, 72-71—143

Super Senior Gross

1, Larry Allen, 74-79—153
2, John Garbutt, 79-77—156
T3, Mike Graham, 78-80—158
T3, Russ Taggard, 75-83—158

Super Senior Net

1, Roy Latham, 65-64—128
T2, Bill Brooks, 64-74—138
T2, Larry Perkins, 71-67—138
T4, Jim McNeeley, 71-69—140
T4, Bill Weed, 73-67—140

five stand; Kory Constantine received red ribbons in both trap and five stand; and Andrew Pedersen received a red ribbon in trap and a white ribbon in five stand.

To top the day off, Michael Williams received blue ribbons in both trap and five stand, breaking 23 out of 25 targets in trap. He earned Overall Champion, High Point and a Sportsmanship

Award, and was appointed to the state team to compete in the 4-H national competition in June 2017 in Grand Island, Nebraska.

The junior division took to the field June 22, and both Alex Bond and Isaiah Rodriguez received white ribbons in trap and five stand. Charlie Williams broke 23 of 25 targets and received a blue ribbon in trap, a red ribbon in five stand, and was Overall Champion and High Point in trap.

Among those supporting the team are the Oregon Hunters Association, Clatsop County Chapter, BKS Sportsmen Club, Alan Johnson, Allan Schumacher and John and Kristen Webb.

Clatsop Claybusters is always interested in new members, and the 4-H year starts in October. Those interested in learning responsible gun handling and firearm safety, while having fun shooting shot-gun or rifles, should contact the 4-H extension office at 503-325-8573.

US swimmers use therapy dogs at trials

By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP National Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Kacey Oberlander is missing her dogs back home, and she's more than a little stressed competing in the high-pressure environment at the U.S. Olympic swimming trials.

That's where Holly comes in.

The adorable, 4-year-old Havanese is available for petting and furry hugs.

"It just calms me down a lot," said Oberlander, who swims for York YMCA in Pennsylvania and will be attending the University of Alabama in the fall. "It's nice to see the happy puppy dogs running around when everything is so intense and everyone's so serious. The dogs are very happy all the time. It makes me calm."

Yep, these Olympic trials have gone to the dogs — and the athletes are loving it.

USA Swimming, in an effort to ease some of the anxiety accompanying such a major meet, has partnered with Domesti-PUPS — a nonprofit organization based in Lincoln, Nebraska, that is providing four-legged companions for the athletes lounge at CenturyLink Center.

In a section of the arena that is generally off-limits to everyone except the swimmers, dogs such as Holly and Larry, a Goldendoodle who will readily pose for a picture or pause for a pat on the head, have been welcomed with open arms.

If anyone doubts their purpose, each pooch wears a collar that says, "Please ask to pet me. I'm friendly."

"There's a lot of pressure," said Leah Braswell, a teammate of Oberlander's. "Having the dogs here is a great distraction, a way to take a break from all of that. They're happy all the time. It just makes you happier. You can forget about whatever race you just had."

Given their gentle, soothing nature, "therapy dogs" have become more and more familiar around hospitals, retirement homes, hospice centers and disaster areas. They've provided comfort to veterans and those suffering from autism. They've even done time in prisons, nudging inmates along the road to rehabilitation.

There's no judgment from these animals. Fido merely wants to love and be loved. For someone in pain or anguish, they can be an invaluable companion.

At the Olympic trials, their role is a bit different.

But it's really in keeping with the extensive training that Domesti-PUPS puts its animals through before sending them out into the world.

"Anywhere there's an elevated level of stress, we can take our dogs and try to de-stress them," said Sandy Ludwig, who works with the organization. "These dogs are just lying there, waiting to have their bellies rubbed or their ears scratched."

That's what Morgan Weinberg had in mind for the trials, an all-or-nothing meet that not only determines the powerful American team for the Rio Games, but also serves as a chance for many up-and-coming athletes to get their taste of a big-league atmosphere.

There are more than 1,700 swimmers in Omaha, most of whom have no chance of qualifying for the Olympics.

Yet the burden of competing weighs on all of them to some degree.

"This is the first time we've ever done it," said Weinberg, the program and services manager for USA Swimming. "I'm an animal lover myself, and I was trying to think of different ways in the athlete lounge that they would calm down and kind of just relax and have fun. I like dogs, I thought about dogs, and it just kind of evolved into therapy dogs."



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