## Eagle Cap Shooters hit bullseye at Spring Fling

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n Saturday, June 15, the Eagle Cap Shooters Association held their opening event of the year, the Spring Fling. First event of the day was the National Rifle Association 3GE (Three Gun Experience) competition, which gave each participant the opportunity to shoot a shotgun, a .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol and a .22 caliber semi-automatic rifle; each from a different shooting bay with different targets and scenarios. The 3GE competition is a recreational shooting program designed to introduce shooters to the world of shooting competition.

Participants were grouped by age: Youth: 8-12; Junior: 13-17; and Adult:18 and up.

According to ECSA secretary, John Straughn, overall winners of the NRA 3GE event included:

Adult – TJ Miller with a final time of 95.07

Junior – Ruben Hunt with a final time of 78.76

Youth – Mitchell Fewell with a final time of 198.75

Gary Bethscheider, owner of the Stubborn Mule in Joseph, provided a catered BBQ lunch, which included hamburgers, hot dogs, tri-tip sandwiches and soda.

Several events followed lunch including a 100-yard steel target .22 caliber semi-automatic rifle competition, a Texas Hold 'Em poker shoot and an impressive black powder muzzleloader exhibit and demonstration by Ivan Judd of Wallowa. Judd answered questions and gave spectators the opportunity to shoot his black powder rifle.

Lane Tanzey and Ruben Hunt, both members of the Wallowa High School Trap Team offered a demonstration of professional-level shotgun trap shooting to attendees, who were then given



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It's a great day for trap shooting — (L to R) Doug Wickre, president of the Eagle Cap Shooters Associationv and range safety officer watches over an unidentified competitor in a shotgun competition (center) as ECSA member and range officer, John Wright (right) looks on.

the opportunity to participate in a trap shooting contest. Once again, the kids proved to be eagle-eyed shooters!

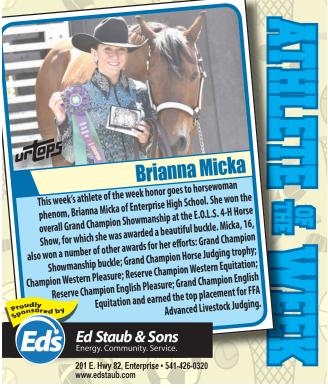
Straughn said the ECSA's primary focus is safety and education. A number of NRA-Certified Range Safety Officers stood close by each shooter to ensure safety and provide education for new shooters. He added that the ECSA

awarded a number of additional prizes, including ice cream cones donated by the Little Bear Drive-In in Wallowa; 1-ounce pure silver coins donated by Norton Welding in Lostine and a bronze rabbit donated by Tim Parks of TW Bronze in Enterprise. The free gun raffle prize, a Heritage .22 caliber revolver donated by the Sports Corral in Joseph,

was won by Tim Cudmore's son. In compliance with gun regulations, the firearm was actually awarded to Tim.

The association offered thanks to all of the donors and the people behind the scenes who volunteered their time and worked hard to make the season opener event so much fun and a resounding success!





## Radford-Wecks wants to 'Can Cancer'

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Recent Enterprise High School graduate, Jalyn Radford-Wecks, plans to raise cancer awareness of attendees at the Mountain High Broncs and Bulls rodeo to know that cancer can strike anywhere, any time. He calls it a "Can Cancer" campaign.

Radford-Wecks started treatment at Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland about a year ago for a rare and aggressive form of testicular cancer while still an EHS student.

The sport of rodeo is well-known for its support for breast cancer with its 'Tough Enough to Wear Pink" campaigns that are virtually a



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Jalyn Radford-Wecks intends to raise awareness of the many forms of cancer at the Mountain High Broncs and Bulls rodeo in Enterprise on Saturday, June 22.

part of every PRCA rodeo.

The Brones and Bulls drill team will do a tribute to Radford-Weeks at the rodeo by wearing orchid-colored shirts, the color for testicu-

lar cancer. Radford-Wecks will come into the arena at that point.

The team will sell bracelets featuring all the different cancer colors. Members will see which color is associated with each cancer. Team members will also carry different-colored cancer flags to indicate which cancer has affected team members themselves.

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After the team posts up, rodeo announcer, Lee Daggett, will have time set aside so that anyone who purchased bracelets can raise their hand in order to show their bracelets so attendees can see which cancers have touched people.

Radford-Wecks will dedicate the money from the rodeo to Wallowa Memorial Hospital for all cancer screenings because so many cancers affect so many people.

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