

# Moore-N-Moore Fun

**BRAD GLUSTOFF** REPORTS FROM THE PACIFIC SPORTING ARMS OPEN

Pacific Sporting Arms in Azusa, CA is well known for high-end shotguns – Beretta, Blaser, Kolar and even the \$80,000 Krieghoff American Eagle. This mid-April, while some people were still thinking about doing their taxes, these four gun makers teamed up with Pacific Sporting Arms to present the 2006 Pacific Sporting Arms Open. Held annually at Moore-N-Moore Sporting Clays in the verdant foothills of the Angeles National Forest, shooters enjoyed 100 targets, a great lunch prepared by local chef Mimmo Femino and a chance to win some sponsor-donated prizes.

The day started out under dark menacing skies. Competitors who braved the weather were rewarded with no rain and great targets. Pat Moore, owner and manager, always sets a fun and challenging course and this event was no exception. Even though he only

used 10 of their 12 stations, target presentations were varied and testing. With hills and valleys to work with, he challenged every competitor.

Station seven was particularly testy. The first target was a fast rising incoherer that started well below your feet and ended above your head – think low-house station eight in skeet, only much faster. The second was a left to right crosser that also started below your feet. The first target had so much speed that by the time you shot it, your gun was nearly vertical. When you finally found the second target, it was a fair distance out in the valley and curling away from you. This station was the tiebreaker. Scores here were all over the board – ranging from zero to nine. Nobody ran this station.

When the shooting portion of the day was over, competitors

gathered in the clubhouse to compare notes, talk about missed targets and enjoy a first class meal of tri-tip, potatoes and salad. During lunch, Moore proudly told me, “We’re honored to host this championship. Pacific Sporting Arms has a great reputation and we’re proud that they chose us to be part of their event.”

After a round of shoot-offs to resolve tied scores, John Herkowitz, owner of Pacific Sporting Arms, started the awards ceremony by thanking sponsors and shooters. Class winners were rewarded with uniquely designed plaques that featured embossed leather nameplates. Second in class received Krieghoff shooting bags and third place took home Beretta gun cases.

Tom John Jr. turned in a top score of 95 to capture HOA. Local hotshot, Chris Morton, was four birds behind for Runner-up. Bryan

Laws (89) took AA class and John Herkowitz (87) won A class. Honors also went to Tom John III (B - 85), Al Hughes (C - 83), Dennis Kunkel (D - 79) and local celebrity Hank Cook (64) took home the top prize in E class. In the concurrents, winners were Chris Campbell Jay (L - 69), Cory Pierce (SJ - 41), Eric Desatoff (J - 69), Bert Solomon (V - 82) and Don Criswell (SV - 84).

After the awards ceremony, it was time for the raffle. Up for grabs was a substantial amount of Beretta clothing, gun cases and shooting bags. When the raffle prizes were gone, Herkowitz generously tossed out Blaser hats to anyone who didn’t win something. When the Blaser hats were gone, Beretta shooting gloves went out to the crowd, followed by Beretta tee shirts. Everybody walked away with something!

At the day’s conclusion, shooters had a chance to shoot some high-end guns. You could shoot Berettas, a Blaser F3 or the Kolar – but not the Krieghoff. Herkowitz jokingly told me, “If you want to shoot the Krieghoff, give me your credit card and I’ll see what we can work out.” I think he was joking – either way, I politely declined. ■

*Moore-N-Moore Sporting Clays is open seven days a week and features a night lighted sporting clays course. If you’re in the Los Angeles area, give them a try ([www.moorenmoore.com](http://www.moorenmoore.com)). For more information on Pacific Sporting Arms, visit their website at [www.pacificsportingarms.com](http://www.pacificsportingarms.com)*

