



Conference News

This section of the website contains current Conference news and announcements from Chuck Kopocis. Check back to get the latest updates and information.

- **April 28, 2008:** The 2008 Annual Results Book is available for viewing and download from this website. Go to the home page and click on "2008 Conference Book."
- **April 27, 2008:** Congratulations to all class winners of the 2008 Gayle Hanshaw All-Conference Shoot held at Lincoln Trap & Skeet on April 26, 2008. Also congratulations to Clayton Lewis (Falls City) for winning the shooters gun and Dennis Chandler (Falls City) for winning the coaches gun. Guns sponsored by Guns Unlimited.
- **April 17, 2008:** Reminder that next week will be sign up for the 2008 Gayle Hanshaw All-Conference Shoot. Coaches will be e-mailed information regarding the shoot on Thursday, April 17th and additional information is available on the Conference website. Eligible shooters will be posted on the website on Sunday after Week 6 competitions.
- **April 17, 2008:** As determined at the annual Board of Directors' Meeting the 2008 Annual Results Book will be available for download from the Conference website shortly after completion of the 2008 season. No paper copies will be distributed by the Conference in 2008. The book will be expanded this year to include additional information. In previous years the book has only included conference rankings. This year, in addition to the over-all Conference rankings for shooters there will be new sections ranking shooters by Divisional standings.
- **March 18, 2008:** I am pleased to announce that **Guns Unlimited** of Omaha will once again be the corporate sponsor for the 2008 Gayle Hanshaw All-Conference Shoot.
- **March 17, 2008:** The North Division Shoot held at Bellevue on March 15, 2008 was the largest Divisional Shoot in Conference history. 107 junior and 311 senior shooters for a total of 418 shooters participated. While there was some larger combined shoots a few years ago, this sets a new Conference record for any single divisional shoot.
- **March 17, 2008:** *Where are my Division's Weekly Scores?* I receive inquiries why some of the weekly divisional scores are posted on the website prior to others. I process all scores, prepare weekly results sheets, and update the annual average sheet as soon as possible after receiving raw scores from each of the shoot directors. Simply stated, if your division is not posted yet, it is most likely because I have not yet received shoot data from that shoot director.

- **March 14, 2008:** While past experiences shows that we will most likely continue to add shooters in the upcoming weeks, it appears that overall participation in the Conference for 2008 will be similar to last year. As the season starts, there are 1,170 shooters registered with the Conference in 2008. This compares to 1,226 at the end of 2007. The North Division numbers are up with 505 shooters, the South Division remains about the same as last year with 274 shooters and the Central Division is down somewhat from last year with 391 shooters.
- **March 14, 2008:** The Conference has added a new team in the South Division in 2008. The Spring Creek 4-H shooters are coached by Linda Kuhlmann. Due to school reorganizations in the South Division, there are team name changes. Nemaha Valley and Tecumseh no longer exist and have been replaced by Johnson County Central and Johnson Brock. Les Hlavac remains coach for these teams.
- **January 30, 2008:** I made comments within the “2008 Welcome from the President” letter regarding the National Shoot held in Doniphan pertaining to shooters being required to attend the same school. As a point of clarification, it is true that when competing for team awards that all shooters must attend the same school. However, this is not the case for the separate 4-H and Gun Club awards. When competing for the 4-H or Gun Club awards (not the team awards) the shooters must all be members of the same club, but do not have to all attend the same school.

In 2007, the rule read as follows:

The 4-H division allows for the formation of teams from rural areas where school populations are too small to field their own teams. To be designated as a 4-H squad, all shooters must be members of a 4-H shooting club from the same county. Members of 4-H clubs other than shooting clubs may not declare 4-H eligibility. If a 4-H team is comprised of shooters from the same school and are all members of the same 4-H shooting club, then they are eligible for all team and individual awards presented in the program.

The 2008 rules have not been released at this time. Please review the 2008 National Shoot rules regarding school, 4-H and gun club awards when they are available.

- **January 29, 2008:** Reminder: All completed eligibility rosters are due to the Conference on or before March 1, 2008. All forms, rules, etc. for the 2008 season are posted on the website.