



Greetings from the Carpathia Jägergruppe!

Its fall once again, a very busy time for the Jäger. The Jäger return to the field, and it is really great to be back out in the woods. The falling leaves also show that it's time for the biggest shoot of the year, our annual King Shoot.



At this year's shoot we had beautiful weather. This was more important this year than most, as troubles with the trap, the machine that throws the targets, delayed the start of the competition for almost three hours. Eventually the problem was fixed (thanks Ed and Eric!), the targets started to fly, and the competition was on. After all the birds had flown we crowned a new first-time König, Bob Psocka, who won with an excellent score of 47 out of 50. First Ritter honors went to Ed Speckhardt, and Second Ritter went to Joe Traub. In addition to the King and his court, several trophies were awarded to other high shooters of the day – Eric Rausch won first trophy, Rob Seiberling took second trophy, and Tom Forest walked away with the third trophy.

Following the main competition we held our annual Past King's trophy shoot. This competition, only open to those Jäger who had been king in previous years, consists of one round shot from the 25 yard line. It was a close battle, but in the end the Past King's trophy was won by Eric Rausch.

Since this was the final shoot of the year, it was then possible to compute the standings for high overall, the highest total score for all the shoots of the year.

The winner was not a surprise. Joe Traub, who has won the trophy many, many times in the past few years, took high overall and high overall senior honors. Several people joked that we should change the rules for the senior trophy, defining "senior" as "one year older than Joe Traub!"



Bob, Ed, Joe, and all of the winners were honored at our annual Königsball der Jäger. Tony Brandelik, last year's king, received a leather jacket from the Jägermeister company, and passed his crown on to the new King. It was obvious that our Oberjäger, Steve Psocka, was proud to present the King's medal to his son, and Christel Psocka enjoyed her role as mother of the King. There was much applause when King Bob and his fiancée, Queen Carolyn, took the first dance. The food was delicious, the music was good, and Bob seemed especially happy to celebrate his first time as King.

Our Oberjäger Steve Psocka, and all the Jäger, would like to wish you all happy holidays and a safe and successful hunting season. We hope to see you all at our Wild Game banquet this spring.

Tom Forest
Jäger Secretary ❁



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