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Season final for Aggie shooters; “Bacon Match” Dec. 3

Grand Island, Neb. – Shooting sports competitors with the NCTA Aggies finished their fall season at Grand Island over the weekend in matches for collegiate rankings.

The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture team placed ninth among 14 teams which competed at Heartland Shooting Park in the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Clay Target Championships.

“For student who only shot trap during their high school years it has been a steep learning curve now shooting skeet and sporting clays at the collegiate level,” said Coach Alan Taylor. ““However, we had more personal bests as the team continues to improve. “

High point individuals for the NCTA Aggies were: Trap, Trevor Kuhn, Omaha, Aggie club vice president; Skeet and Sporting Clays, Alan Rooney, Brewster, Neb., who also was overall high point Aggie athlete; and club president Rilee Vandonge of Holton, Kan., was high point Aggie female.

The ACUI match was the fall finale for collegiate contests. The Aggie Shooting Sports team resumes the spring season in Lincoln on March 11-12 with a match hosted by Midland University for an “Ice Out” contest.

Meanwhile, the Aggie team will continue practicing and on Dec. 3 they will host a local fun shoot for students, the community, area sportsmen.

“I am very pleased with the students’ commitment to the Aggie Shooting team,” said Taylor. “They each put in many hours in both practice and competitions.

“Shotgun sports require a substantial amount of time and money,” he added. “The students provide all their own ammunition which amounts to thousands of dollars during the school year. Students with the Aggie club love their sport and all the work they do is very much appreciated.”

“Bring Home the Bacon Trap and 5-Stand Shoot” will help defray team expenses for the next season and stimulate interest in the sport. The fun shoot is Dec. 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Curtis Gun Club, east Highway 23.

Additional information on the NCTA Aggie Shooting Sports program is available at ncta.unl.edu or by calling Coach Alan Taylor at 1-800-3-CURTIS or 308 530-9889.

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NCTA Aggie Shooting Sports Team members competed in the fall finale Nov. 5-6 in Grand Island led by Coach Alan Taylor (at left). The team will host a "Bacon Shoot" at Curtis on Dec. 3. (Courtesy photo)