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Eagle man high overall in state trap shoot

Dempsey also second in singles

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PEWAUKEE - Shannon Dempsey, a 39-year-old Eagle resident, won the overall championship at the Wisconsin State Trap Shoot at the Waukesha Gun Club on Sunday.

Dempsey won with a 954 score. He was also runner-up in the singles championship shootoff (after breaking 200 of 200 birds) and all-around (389x400) and was first in the 26-27 yard handicap event (96x100).

"I'm fairly happy with my performance," Dempsey said in a phone interview with The Freeman on Sunday. "I would have liked to have won the singles championship, but Tim Asp was tough. He deserved to win."

Dempsey, who has participated in the State Shoot since 1998, considers himself one of a handful of good trap shooters.

"There's some good shooters here every year," he said. "I don't look at myself as one of the best. There are guys who have been doing it longer."

Although there was solid competition for Dempsey, he tries not to think about the rest of the field. For him, his approach is broken down into a simple science - the shooter and the target.

"It's 90 percent mental and 10 percent physical," Dempsey said. "Make sure you get your gun down and mount the gun correctly. I realize it's human nature to worry about how you will stack up with the rest. I just try to block it all out."

Asp, of Reedsburg, won the state resident singles championship, Harlan Campbell Jr. of Tribune, Kansas, was the non-resident overall champion with victories in the singles and all-around, Don Kozlowski of Two Rivers won the state handicap title and Mike May of Abrams won the state all-around crown.

Other local county results at the State Shoot were: Karen Stingl of Waukesha (singles lady champ), Brent Strem of Muskego (singles sub-junior champion), Francis Smith of Menomonee Falls (singles senior veteran

champion), John Atkielski of Waukesha (third in AAA singles), Wendell August of Waukesha (third in AA singles), Michael Monahan of Hartland (second in A singles), David Lehtola of Sussex (B singles champion), Daniel Bendorf of Palmyra (second in B

singles), Gerald Patterson of Brookfield (third in C singles), Craig Lentz of Oconomowoc (third in 19-21 handicap), Richard Kruck of Eagle (senior veteran champion in all-around and runner-up in handicap), Michael Thomas of New Berlin (second in AAA all-around) and Steve Ebsen of Brookfield (second in A all-around).

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