

## WISCONSIN'S OWN CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Trapshooter Robert James (R.J.) Gropp (14 years old) is the first Sub-Junior Trapshooter from Wisconsin to win the Champion of Champions event at the 2020 Grand American World Trapshooting Championship, which was held at the Missouri State Trapshooting Complex in Linn Creek, Missouri.

Trap & Field the official ATA (Amateur Trapshooting Association) magazine, notified Gropp their research of shooters records confirmed he is the only Sub-Junior Wisconsinite to win the Champion of Champions championship since its start in 1984

Only the most recent 2020 State Singles Championship Winners and Canadian Provinces Singles Championship winners can compete in the Champion of Champions Event. The Champion of Champions event started in 1923 and was for men only. Around 1976 women were allowed to enter the event. Then in 1984 other categories were added: Sub-Junior, Junior, Junior Gold, Lady 1, Lady 2, Sub-Veteran, Veteran and Senior Veteran.

R.J. got his chance to participate in The Champion of Champions Event by winning the 2020 Wisconsin State Shoot Sub-Junior singles category with a score of 195 of 200. The Wisconsin State Shoot takes place in July at the Wisconsin State Association WTA Shooting Complex and Learning Center in Rome, Wis. Where hundreds of trapshooters from Wisconsin and surrounding states participate. After winning the Wisc. State Shoot R.J. traveled to the 2020 Grand American World Trapshooting Championships held in Linn Creek, MO. for the Champion of Champions Event.

At the Event, R.J. shot a perfect 100, however, two other shooters also had scores of 100. The three way tie was carried over to the next day event, where R.J. shot another 100 of 100, and his opponents each shot 99's. There by giving R.J. the Champion of Champions Championship and Wisconsin it's first Sub-Junior Champion of Champions .

According to AIM (Academics, Integrity, Marksmanship) the official youth Program of the ATA (Amateur Trapshooting Association) R.J. is ranked number four in the nation, in the Sub-Junior Category(ages 12-14) in Singles with a 97.71 % and ranked sixth in the nation in Composite Scores(singles, doubles, handicap).

At the AIM Grand National singles Championship at the Grand American World Trapshooting Championship at Linn Creek, MO. he won the class AAA singles Championship with the score of 197 of 200, and has been named to the AIM 2021 ALL STAR TEAM - Sub- Junior Category and Captain of the Sub-Junior 2021 Wisconsin ALL STATE TEAM.

R.J. went on to win the 2020 Wisconsin State High School singles SCTP (Scholastic Clay Target Program) at the WTA Home grounds in Rome, Wisconsin with perfect 100 of 100 .

Trapshooting "a life time sport" is the fastest growing High School sport and enjoyed by hundreds of High School students (both boys and girls) across the USA.

R.J. is a freshman at Berlin High School and shoots in the Kettle Moraine Trapshooting Conference(Northern Division) and with the Berlin Target Terminators, a youth group sponsored by the Berlin Conservation Club and others.

R.J. lives with his parents Jeff and Kim Gropp in rural Berlin.

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## TRAP & FIELD® RECORD INFORMATION

### **Grand American List of Sub-Junior winners for Champion of Champions**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>State</b>
1984	Hank Brown	99	IA
1985	Doug Wituik	99	ONT
1986	Danny White	99	CA
1987	Danny White	100x100	CA
1988	Sam Chapple	100x100	CA
1989	Jason Booker	100x100	CO
1990	Bill Keever	100x100	AZ
1991	Brad Holmes	100x100	KY
1992	Matthew DePuydt	99	MI
1993	T. J. Arvas Jr.	100x100	NM
1994	Eric Weikum	100x100	IL
1995	Douglas Younger	98	MD
1996	Matt Busch	100x100	VA
1997	Joseph Hopkins	99	SC
1998	Brett Robinson	99	MO
1999	Tim Keller	100x100	NE
2000	Thomas Murphy III	99	NY
2001	Matthew Ford	100x100	VA
2002	Joshua Richmond	100x100	PA
2003	Bret Hamilton	100x100	MO
2004	Clayton Hagen	100x100	OR
2005	Matthew Bartholow	100x100	SD
2006	Collin Bigras	100x100	VT
2007	Nathan Hofer	100x100	SD
2008	Anthony Friesen	100x100	MN
2009	Jayton Bryant	100x100	OK
2010	Charles Bennett Jr.	100x100	PA
2011	Jacob Wieneke	100x100	IN
2012	Ian Recla	100x100	PA
2013	Hunter Thornton	100x100	IL

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2014	Alexander Raleigh	100x100	TX
2015	Luke Cowart	99	PA
2016	Ryan Bowen	100x100	AR
2017	Drew Wyatt	100x100	KY
2018	Hayden Miller	100x100	MO
2019	Logan Applegate	100x100	AR
2020	Robert Gropp	100x100	WI



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