



Barrels & Badges, 2020



Trap shooting is alive and well in New Hampshire. AIM4NH (Academics, Integrity & Marksmanship) - the junior arm of the New

Hampshire Trapshooting Association - had the pleasure of hosting a shoot-off “Badges and Barrels” between our youth and N.H. Fish and Game officers at the Ferry Brook range in Cheshire County on September 18, 2020. The concept was the brainchild of Hailey Riley, a Junior Gold shooter and newly promoted Junior Coach for the organization. COVID-19 made scheduling the event a challenge, but shooters and I’m officers worked together to make it happen.



Badges and Barrels raised over \$6000 to support both AIM4NH and Operation Game Thief (<https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/ogt/>), a program dedicated to promoting ethics and reporting poaching of game in New Hampshire. NH officers were gracious enough to accept the challenge and showed up with TWO teams - 10 officers strong to support the great cause(s). In fact, AIM4NH was able to field an additional team because the officers all wanted to be involved. AIM4NH

members range in age from 9 to 22, including our youngest members. If you think that 9 year-old doesn’t know shooting, just ask about his gun! The law enforcement officers were personable, fun and an absolute pleasure to have in our company for the day. New Hampshire is truly lucky to have such a phenomenal representation of law enforcement within the state. They showed outstanding sportsmanship as they suffered defeat at the guns of the youth shooters.





The event fostered camaraderie between kids and officers. No one wanted to leave as we played shooting games through the afternoon. Look for Badges

and Barrels in 2021 and beyond as it becomes an annual event.



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