



## HIGGINS BRANCHINI SHOOTING FOUNDATION

### PRESS RELEASE

DALLAS, Texas, May 23, 2017 - Higgins Branchini Shooting Foundation (HBSF) is now in its sixth year of operation. In that time, the Foundation has provided over \$125,000 of support to more than 100 individual collegiate shotgun competitors across the country.

In February, 2017, the Foundation awarded 18 grants to collegiate shotgun competitors totaling \$21,000. At the 2017 ACUI Collegiate National Shotgun Championships in April, HBSF grant recipients won multiple awards, including...

- #1 Women's American Skeet
- #1 Women's American Trap
- #1 Men's International Skeet
- #1 Women's 5-Stand Sporting Clay
- #1 Men's Combined Trap
- #1 & 2 Women's High Over All

In the fall of 2016, HBSF developed a relationship with Brownells of Grinnell, Iowa, and they have become our newest Foundation sponsor. Brownells is one of the largest suppliers of shooting equipment and accessories in the Country. This relationship led to a three-day clinic for Iowa collegiate shotgun shooters co-sponsored by HBSF and Brownells, held on the weekend of May 6-7, 2017, in Grinnell. The event boasted HBSF Advisory Committee members Travis Mears (10-time All American Sporting Clay Team), Sean McLelland (2008 Olympic Skeet Team), and Richard Whaley (Chief Instructor at the Dallas Gun Club/Caesar Guerini Pro Staff).

On Saturday the 6th, Travis conducted two "trick shooting" exhibitions at the Brownell Headquarters for their customers and staff. Among the most stunning tricks were Travis shooting skeet while jumping on a trampoline and while hanging upside down on an inversion deck. The crowds were astounded and enthusiastic.

On Sunday morning and again in the afternoon, Travis, Sean, and Richard conducted three one-hour clinics in trap, skeet, and 5-stand sporting clay, respectively. Between the morning and afternoon sessions, twenty Iowa collegiate shotgun competitors received personal instruction in each of the disciplines from our world-class instructors. All the participants and their coaches were very appreciative of the guidance and pointers they received. One collegiate competitor said, "I've been shooting six years and learned more today than in all six years combined."

Higgins Branchini Shooting Foundation ([www.HBShootingFoundation.org](http://www.HBShootingFoundation.org)) is proud to provide support to deserving collegiate shotgun competitors.

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*HBSF is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization with the mission of providing financial support to individual collegiate clay target competitors so they can have greater opportunities to hone their skills and compete in tournaments that might otherwise be beyond their reach.*