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ISSF Junior World Cup closes: Sdruccioli sets new record on his home turf

Porpetto (ITA), 21 August 2017 - 220 athletes coming from 33 nations competed in the 2017 ISSF Junior World Cup Shotgun - held from the 15th through the 21st of August in Porpetto, Italy - which was officially closed by the member of the ISSF Executive Committee Kevin Kilty this afternoon.

Junior athletes from all over the world competed in Trap, Double Trap and Skeet events, as well as in a test match of the new Trap Mixed Team event that has been recently approved by the ISSF and the IOC for inclusion in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Program.

Today, 19-year old Elia Sdruccioli, at his second participation in an ISSF Junior World Cup, claimed the skeet men junior brightest medal on his home turf with 57 hits out of 60 targets, turning out to be unreachable as he set a new junior world record.

Sdruccioli shattered the previous record of 55 hits, established by Johan Birklykke of Denmark at the European Championship in Baku, on the 1st of August 2017.

Sdruccioli said:

“It has been a difficult competition, due to the weather conditions. It has been quite hot down here in Porpetto, and yesterday - during the first competition day - the wind kicked-in and disturbed us during the match.”

“Today, I started-off the final with a lot of emotions,” he continued, “I was a bit stressed. But then I zeroes in, and I finally calmed down as I saw the other finalists missing some clays, and therefore my lead increasing series after series.”

“I am now preparing for the ISSF World Championship in Moscow. In ten days I will fly to Russia, and that’s my next goal to accomplish. Then, of course, I am looking forward to the next two years. To participate in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics is a dream.”

USA's Christian Elliott, 19, currently ranked 63rd in the world as he competed in a seniors' world cup in Larnaka (CYP) earlier this year, finished in second place with 55 hits, clinching his first international medal ever.

Elliott left in third place the second Italian finalist, Matteo Chiti, 19, who pocketed today's bronze medal with 44 hits.

The Italian team dominated this last Junior World Cup of the season, finishing atop of the medals standings with a total of 6 medals (2 Gold, 2 Silver, 2 Bronze).

The United States shotgun junior team, accompanied here in Porpetto by the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Champion Vincent Hancock, finished in second with 1 Gold and 1 Silver, while Spain and Great Britain tied in third place with 1 Gold medal each.

Four new junior world records were set during the event. Adria Martinez Torres won Spain the Trap Men Junior gold medal with a new record of 46 hits. USA's Katharina Monika Jacob scored 47 targets to set the new junior world record at the Skeet Women event, while Italy's Elia Sdrucchioli hit 57 clays establishing a new junior record at today's Skeet Men event. Great Britain's James Dedman also scored a new junior world record, with 57 hits in the Double Trap event, yesterday.

Junior shotgun shooters will soon meet again, at the 2017 ISSF World Championship to be held in Moscow, where separate junior events will be held between the 30th of August and the 11th of September.

Notes for the editors:

The International Shooting Sport Federation is the governing body of the Olympic Shooting events, and it has over 160 affiliated National Federations worldwide. Shooting is an Olympic sport since the very first edition of the modern Olympic Games, Athens 1896. Find out more about the International Shooting Sport Federation at www.issf-sports.org.

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