

a record that will be tough to break in the future!

The men didn't show any slack either. They were pushing it to the limit as well, with each one gunning for that 10-second point, and a shot at setting a new world record—and winning a new Colt Peacemaker revolver! The current record on the Double Run-down for the men was 10.790 held by Matt Sronce. This cowboy had been holding this record since he took it in the 2005 Western U.S. Championship. Interestingly, this was the last Eliminator record that was not held by Chad Little, but things were about to change at this record-smashing shoot. Due to arena size and other issues, this young man had missed the opportunity to run this pattern in a certified setting, but at the Behlen, he finally had a shot at the time. I can tell you he didn't leave anything on the clock. Chad and Ricochet pealed .065 off the record! I gotta tell you, it's the way to end a Saturday Night Showcase of Champions with two new Colt Eliminator Champions and two new World Records!



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THE DOMINANCE CONTINUES

Once again, the Wrangler-Pro Class was dominated by the two hottest shooters in the nation, Kenda Lenseigne and Chad Little--both of which came to Oklahoma to win! Boy, did they ever win too. Chad captured the Wrangler Pro at the Behlen Classic by holding off fellow young gun, Steve Wilson of Ohio, who ran very close



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behind--like just .122 seconds! Folks, that's close!

Kenda had more room to spare, with a dominate performance of 17.327, .867-second faster than the defending World Champion, Melissa Dragoo, and setting the stage for some awesome times all weekend long.

Running for a shot at the Double E Ranch's Rifle Championship and the opportunity to make the Showcase of Champions, some of the fastest rifle competitors in the nation jumped in to try their hand at the long gun. After two hotly contested stages, Theresa Cox was the only lady that made the Top Ten for the Showcase. The Seniors made a great showing with Wayne Scheppert and Gary Meckfessel both making the rifle finals in the seven and ten spots respectively.

Little did we know on Thursday morning when Chad Little won the Double E Ranch Rifle Championship that a trend was beginning for the event, but trend it was! Chad's dominance in both preliminary stages set the pace for a long weekend of chasing this red hot young cowboy. Winning both preliminary stages and edging in as the number two qualifier, was Steve Wilson, by 1.287 seconds. Extremely fast, accurate shooting was evident in this challenging competition.

The Cavalry class also had its share of upsets and close competitions. For a more detailed report on this see the separate article on the Behlen Cavalry Class in this issue. Suffice it to say that John Krantz III, dressed as a trooper of the Tennessee Confederate cavalry, galloped hard to take his third Cavalry title by beating out 1874-era U.S. Cavalry General Jim Rodgers by just .205-second.

Overall, the Behlen Country Classic was an unusual match in many ways. During this championship shoot, record-breaking times were the norm, rather than the exception, and just when you thought you'd figured out who would be wearing the buckles, someone else would gallop in and take it away. In spite of all the fiery competition, the CMSA family of friends shot it out in the arena and enjoyed good fellowship in the RV Park, around the stalls, at an inspirational cowboy church and anywhere else they gathered during this Oklahoma match. If you missed this one, I'm sure you'll be hearing about it for a long time to come. As we say in Tennessee, "it was a good'n!"

Class Winners at the Behlen Country Classic



Bennie Duch - Men's Class 1



Chad Reynolds - Men's Class 2



Lisa Vahle - Ladies Class 1



Diane Lipham - Ladies Class 2



Bruce Cheever - Men's Senior Class 1



James Duke - Men's Senior Class 2



Becky Ford - Ladies Senior Class 1



Shannon Males - Ladies Senior Class 2



Amanda Cook - Junior Limited



Cody Clark - Junior Express