

Dear Vicki and Chris Gebhard:

My name is Logan King. I was honoured to win the Damian Gebhard 2016 Provincial Award this year.

I have been competing in trapshooting for three years. This sport is not like any other sport that I have been involved in.

I was introduced to the sport through the Estevan Wildlife Youth camp. This camp is put on by very dedicated volunteers who take time out of their lives to give the Estevan youth a chance to experience many different things from shooting pistols, mussel loaders, shotguns, trapshooting, archery, water sports and many other activities. This camp allowed me to try trapshooting and I soon became hooked.

I have never been involved in any sport where so many people are so friendly, eager to share their knowledge, quick to congratulate one's accomplishments, give a friendly hint or two, socialize as they are awaiting their turn to be on the line and show genuine sportsmanship.

From the time I started at our local club, my parents and I soon learned how friendly everyone would be and as I attended my first shoot in Regina at the encouragement of my parents, I realized that the trapshooting community was full of the nicest, sincere, friendly people you could ever be involved with in a sport.

This year I was invited to be a counsellor at the Estevan Wildlife Youth camp and I had to decide between a registered shoot in Swift Current or be a counsellor. Although I was trying to shoot enough targets to be eligible to apply for a spot on the All Star Team, I knew that I wanted to give back to the camp that got me started in trapshooting even though there was a possibility I wouldn't have enough eligible targets to apply. My parents have instilled in me that you have to give back to the community. Being a counsellor gave me the opportunity to show my enthusiasm for the sport to a number of junior and sub-juniors and I had a lot of fun doing it.

I had a very successful year shooting this season. I have improved my average every year. Not only was I the winner of your award, but I was also the Provincial Handicap Champion this year. I was also honoured to make the All Star Team.

The support the trap shooting community gives to youth is amazing and I was very grateful to win your award. I hope that I honour Damian's memory by being an ambassador to the sport and that I can continue to shoot for many years. It also has been a lot of fun shooting with my Dad and I think in years to come I will look back on those memories with a great deal of gratitude at having that opportunity.

Thank you for your generous award.

Sincerely Logan King

