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ARCHERY: Local athletes excel at state meet

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Gillingham Charter's Jacinda Webber won the girls' high school title at the National Archery in the Schools Program. Standing with her coach, Leonard Martin, Athletic Director at Gillingham Charter School.

STATE COLLEGE — Area teams brought home a whole lot of hardware from the National Archery in the Schools Program Pennsylvania Championships held this past weekend at Penn State.

In the high school divisions, Gillingham Charter sophomore Jacinda Webber captured the girls' championship and Upper Dauphin freshman Dakota Shaffer won the boys' gold.

Team-wise, Upper Dauphin earned the boys' state championship with 3,333 points. Williams Valley took second with 3,313. Pine Grove (3,270) placed eighth, and Tri-Valley (3,228) finished 12th in the 14-team field.

Williams Valley's archery team also received the sportsmanship award.

Webber topped a field of 163 girls' archers with a score of 293. Riverside's Lily Scott also finished with 293 points, but Webber had more 10s (24-23) to take the top spot. Webber has been part of the archery team since seventh grade. During the season, she shot an average score of 286 out of 300, with a high score of 290 that qualified her for the NASP State Championships. At states, Webber's 293 was a career high as she became the first state champion in Gillingham history. She qualified for the National Archery Tournament to be held in May in Louisville, Kentucky.

Upper Dauphin's Grace Tomlinson finished eighth with 285 points.

Other local shooters in the top 20: Williams Valley's Mia Clough (12th), Williams Valley's Madison Shutt (16th), Tri-Valley's Emma Shadle (17th) and Pine Grove's Allison Kelley (18th).

On the boys' side, Shaffer earned the gold medal with 291 points in a field of 209 shooters. He had 22 10s. Millersburg's Grant Schlegel (289) finished second, with Line Mountain's Trent Zartman (288) taking third. Pine Grove's Seth Schnoke (287) finished seventh.

Other local shooters in the top 20: Upper Dauphin's Nathaniel Baker (11th), Upper Dauphin's Koen Deibert (13th), Upper Dauphin's Lennon Beck (16th) and Williams Valley's Dakota Walls (20th).

In the Middle School Division, Upper Dauphin finished second with 3,202 points, behind champion Montrose (3,213). Pine Grove finished sixth, and Tri-Valley took 12th in the 14-team field.

Individually, Upper Dauphin's Austin Heim won the Boys' Division with 288 points, with Pine Grove's Kaiden Echternach finishing second with 287. Pine Grove's Jacob Hatter (279) placed fifth.

In the Girls' Division, Upper Dauphin's Lydia Engle placed 10th with 270 points. Halifax's Addisyn Gruzlewski took the title with 282.