

Winter Haven Team Has Sights On Key Targets

By LEE LACOMBE

WINTER HAVEN — "It's going to take a lot of hard work and dedication, but we have terrific support from the department and the city."

So spoke Jerry High as he discussed the future of the Winter Haven Police Department Combat Pistol team and their participation in forthcoming regional and national competition.

The squad is a relatively young one in experience, with the exception of two of its members, but they are making up for it in enthusiasm.

PROBABLY THE best known member is Lucile Chambliss, who had already gained world wide fame for her exploits in competitive rifle and pistol shooting before winning three national women's titles in police combat pistol shooting.

She teamed with Leon McDaniel in the Two-Man Team competition at National Championships at Jackson, Miss., last year and the pair finished in sixth place in a field of more than 90 of the country's finest competitive shooters to give the department its best showing in national competition.

The team, captained by Leon Brown, is participating in the Florida Regional Police Combat Pistol Championships this

weekend at Winter Haven against a field of more than 130 entries from 11 states.

They will place two entries in the Four-Man team matches on Sunday.

"OUR NO. 1 team will be the top four finishers in the individual matches," Brown said, "and the remaining four will compose the second team."

Rounding out the squad are Dave Anglin, Joel Bennett, Darrell Kirkland and Tommy Ray.

High has competed in the nationals four times but the newest addition to the team is Kirkland, who has been competing for less than nine months.

The Winter Haven group represents the department in the Florida Police Combat Pistol League but only Lucy has managed to finish in the elite "Governor's Twenty."

But several members pointed out that Allyn Marler of the Polk County Sheriff's Department, finished third in the "Governor's Twenty" this year.

All members of the team were enthusiastic about the support that they have received from Chief Hamp Rogers and city officials.

"We want to do well in competition," Brown said, "because the city has really been behind us."



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... (L-R) Darrell Kirkland, Jerry High, Joel Bennett, Lucy Chambliss, David Anglin