

Top Woman Shooter

Synopsis:

Top Woman Shooter examines the unexpected success of Vera Koo, a petite, 58-year old, Chinese-American wife and grandmother, who holds titles as World Champion and National Champion woman pistol shooter.

Film maker Bryant Wang weaves together observational footage as well as interviews with Vera, her friends, family and shooting colleagues, including many of the world's top competitive hand gun shooters, to offer insights into both the motivation and success in her shooting career. Wang offers an artful glimpse into the grit, determination and personal crises that marked Koo's path from her first firearm safety class at 41, to her world and national titles.

Director's Biography

Bryant Wang has had a multi-disciplinary artistic career in media including print, award-winning illustration, web design and most recently documentary film making. Top Woman Shooter is a documentary short that illuminates the dichotomies of a tradition-bound, 58 year-old Chinese immigrant who has won top woman titles in national and international shooting competitions. The production began in 2003 as a thesis project in the MFA program at Parsons School of Design in New York.

A native of California, Bryant completed his BS degree in graphic design from San Jose State University. Later he worked in illustration and multimedia design before pursuing film making in New York City where he currently resides.

Cast

Vera Koo
Jim O'Young
Carlos Koo
Mickey Fowler
Doug Koenig
Frank Glenn
Austin Koo
Sonia Wang
David Wang

Crew

Director/Camera/Editor - Bryant Wang
Additional Camera – Kathryn MacMillan
Music – Paris Mavroidis

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Filmmakers Headshot

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Still Photos

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Film Details

Original format miniDV
Screening format BETA SP others available
TRT: 22 minutes

Festival History

2004 5th DC Asian Pacific American Film Festival
October 7-16, 2004

2005 23rd NAATA San Francisco International Film Festival
March 10-20, 2005