



CMP State Directors

Barbara & Nelson Shew

Hometown: Lebanon, Oregon

2004-Present

Barbara Shew

I am the Shooting Commissioner for the State Games of Oregon currently working on the Pistol, Shotgun, 50 Yard Prone .22 and 50 Yard, 100 Yard, 50 Meter .22 events for 2012 at 3 locations – Estacada Rod and Gun Club, Albany Rifle and Pistol Club and Josephine County Sportsmen Assoc.

I am a Level 1 USA Shooting Official, a NRA Level 3 Coach and a Junior Director at my club – the Albany Rifle and Pistol Club (ARPC for short). There are 18 juniors aged 7 to 15 belonging to the ARPC Rifle Team. We practice/compete year-round in smallbore and air rifle. These juniors have set Individual and Team NRA National Records. I have 3 Dads working on becoming a Level 1 Coach and together we will help grow the program at ARPC.

I am the shooting coach for the American Legion Post 10 in nearby Albany.

I currently reside in the country in Lebanon, Oregon with my husband Nelson, 2 golden retrievers Sugar and Spice and Sammy a pygmy goat. Over the years we have been adopted by 4 cats and have recently acquired 11 chicks to keep Sammy company. I have all appendages crossed that they grow up to be hens so I may continue to live here.

Nelson Shew

I became interested in shooting at an early age but did not start to compete until I was in Air Force ROTC at the University of Oregon. I enlisted in the Oregon Army National Guard in 1963 and served until 2001.

I organized rifle teams in all units that I served in and began shooting highpower in 1967. By 1969 I was invited to try out for the All Guard Rifle Team and stayed on the team until I retired. For the last 25 years I was the NCOIC of the Oregon National Guard Rifle team, conducting matches and training sessions as well as serving as shooter, coach, and helped select Oregon teams for advanced competition. I competed with the All Guard Team from 1970-2001 at the National Matches at Camp Perry Ohio.

Notable accomplishments include: winning the President's Match, being a firing member of the National winning team in the National Trophy Team match, the Infantry Trophy Team match, the Service rifle 1000 yard team match, and the Any Rifle 1000 yard team match.

I've coached about 16 junior teams that have won the national title, and worked with the first civilian who has won the National Service Rifle Championship. I have set over 50 national records with air rifle, smallbore rifle and service rifle at distances from 10 meters to 1000 yards. I am a level 2 rifle coach and have been selected as a national coach trainer. A native Oregonian I, Nelson Shew, currently live within 40 miles of where my grandmother, father, mother and I were born.

State Director Biography:

1. **Name:** Barbara Shew

2. **State Affiliation:** Oregon

3. **Background/resume in the sport of shooting/marksmanship:**

- Have competed in .22, highpower, pistol and trap
- NRA Level 3 Rifle coach, USAS Level 1 official, ARPC Jr. Director
- Reinstated shooting sports with state games of Oregon
- Reinstated shooting sports with Portland Rose Festival
- Reinstated the Governor Hatfield Trophy with then Senator Hatfield
- Assistant highpower director at Douglas Ridge Rifle Club, approx. 5-6 years
- PIC of Cascade Highpower League for 3-4 years
- 1998 World Masters Games commissioner when held in Oregon
- Ran air rifle booth for 5 years at state fair
- Past secretary of Oregon State Shooting Association
- Past Highpower Director of Oregon State Shooting Association

4. **Awards or Accolades:**

I have received compliments and success stories from numerous juniors and teams in the form of letters, emails, etc. – doesn't get any better!

5. **Personal Information (married, children, hobbies, interests):**

I am married to my husband, Nelson, and have grown children and now grandchildren. My hobbies and interests, aside from shooting and kids, include working in my yard, my animals and home.

6. Reasons for Becoming a State Director:

My husband talked me into it 😊

7. Goals/Hopes for the Future of Junior Shooting in your State:

My goal is to grow. Prices go up on just about everything – it is really hard now on parents. Please, all governing bodies, keep in mind the end result of rule changes and their affect on our sport. People are in our sport because they want to be. Expensive rule changes have consequences, especially when not necessary at the lower level of shooting. Air rifle is a great way to go – sporter – it is inexpensive, and kids have a goal: Nationals! Other clubs are going more in the sporter directions – it keeps the kids shooting.

CMP – you are most appreciated!

State Director Biography:

1. **Name:** Nelson Shew

2. **State Affiliation:** Oregon

3. **Background/resume in the sport of shooting/marksmanship:**

- Started Shooting smallbore in 1959 at the Univ. of Oregon and still competing
- Participated in air rifle, air pistol, smallbore rifle, highpower, long range and 300 meter
- Member of the All Guard service rifle team, 31 years
- NCOIC of Oregon National Guard marksmanship section 25 years until retirement in 2001
- Team coach of Oregon Service Rifle team and coach of JROTC Air Rifle team at Lebanon High School, OR
- Competed in 31 states and four countries

4. **Awards or Accolades:**

- Over 60 National Records in five decades (air rifle, smallbore, highpower and long range)
- Individual winner of President's Match and 20-time placer in the President's 100
- U.S. Army Service Rifle Champion
- National Guard Champion in smallbore and service rifle
- Top 20 at National Guard Championships 20 times (chief's 50)

- Member of 15 national championship teams as a shooter and about the same as a junior team coach
- Over 4,000 awards, including Distinguished Rifleman (1972), President's 100 and Chief's 50, Oregon State Champion in rifle and long range, Regional Champion multiple times in long range and highpower

5. Personal Information (married, children, hobbies, interests):

I am married with two grown sons. My interests include competitive shooting, history, antiques, vintage cars and tools.

6. Reasons for Becoming a State Director:

After retirement from the National Guard, I applied to become State Director because I felt I could serve the shooters of Oregon possibly better than past directors with a background and experience in many different types of shooting (instead of just one) – to serve most of the programs the CMP supported. Shooting can be a lifelong experience. I am an example of that experience.

7. Goals/Hopes for the Future of Junior Shooting in your State:

My hope is to provide the opportunity for as many youth as possible, to experience the safe and fun use of firearms. My goal is to provide matches, instructors, coaches and information to as many new shooters as possible. Each new person has the potential to be the next champion, coach or supporter and will project the image of firearms from a weapon to a safe and fun sport.