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- ◎ **Monthly Matches Return in 2015.** The Civilian Marksmanship Program invites you and your team to participate in the CMP's Monthly Matches. The matches will take place on the dates listed on the

CMP website at <http://thecmp.org/air/cmp-competition-center-event-matches/monthly-air-rifle-and-air-pistol-matches/>. The competitions will feature a Junior Air Rifle 3x20 and 3x10, a 60 Shots Air Rifle and Air Pistol match, and a 20 shot Novice Prone match. Rental equipment is available for the monthly matches for a small fee.

- ◎ **2015 Competition Rulebooks.** The CMP has two primary competition rulebooks, the CMP Competition Rules for Service Rifle and Pistol and the Competition Rules for CMP Games Rifle and Pistol Matches. The first rulebook governs traditional CMP Service Rifle and Pistol EIC, National Trophy and other sanctioned matches. The second rulebook governs the CMP Games Matches for As-Issued Military Rifles, As-Issued Pistols and Rimfire Sporter. Both have now been updated for the 2015 competition season and are posted on the CMP website at <http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-competitions-rulebooks/>. Competitors and match sponsors should download the rulebooks they need to be prepared for the 2015 shooting season.



- ◎ **Oklahoma CMP Games, April 8-12, 2015.** The CMP Games - Oklahoma, sponsored by the Civilian Marksmanship Program, will be held at the Oklahoma City Gun Club. The CMP Games - Oklahoma will feature clinics, SAFS/M16 match, EIC Rifle Match, GSMM Four Gun Aggregate, Vintage Sniper Match, CMP As-Issued 1911 Pistol Match, Military & Police Service Pistol Match, EIC Pistol match, and several other events! All events will take place at the OKC Gun Club's Range in Arcadia. Visit [http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-travel-games/cmpgames\\_ok/](http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-travel-games/cmpgames_ok/) for more information.

**On the Cover: Michael Steinel was in shock when he learned he had just defeated two AMU members during the Rifle Open final at the 2015 Camp Perry Open. Steinel narrowly beat SPC Erin McNeil in an exciting tie-breaking shoot-off.**

# Registration Now Open for 2015 CMP Summer Air Rifle Camps



Register now for a spot on the firing line at the one of our popular CMP Junior Air Rifle Camps – to be held in numerous locations around the country in 2015. The ever-expanding camps and clinics train high-school age (9-12 grade) junior shooters on intermediate and advanced air rifle marksmanship skills through various exercises and demonstrations.

Last year, a record number of over 1,000 junior marksmen fired at the camps throughout the summer. The juniors are trained by qualified student athletes from the top NCAA rifle teams in the country, many who participated in the camps themselves as juniors. These camp counselors will lead the juniors in discussions and drills during the camp in small groups where they are able to give each participant personal attention.

Sommer Wood and Dan Durben are the chief instructors for the camp programs, with over 20 years combined air rifle summer camp counseling experience

between them. Wood is a graduate of Clemson University, where she was an athlete on the air rifle team, while Durben is an Olympic athlete and former U.S. Olympic Rifle and Paralympic Shooting Team coach.

During the course of the camp, juniors will learn tips for both the physical and the mental aspects of competition shooting. Topics to be discussed include proper positioning, goal setting, anxiety control and how to optimize equipment performance. Campers will also take a look into competition and finals performance, learn leadership roles and how to build self-confidence on the firing line – among many other points that can be carried into the range and in every day life.

Each group or athlete must be accompanied by an adult leader (coach, club leader, parent, etc.) for the duration of the camp. Recent high school graduates are not eligible to partake in the air rifle activities, but may attend as an adult leader. Chaperones are to provide transportation for the campers each day and are encouraged to attend the coaching sessions in order to gain a sense of the outstanding education their athletes are receiving.

This year's camps will be held in Alabama, Ohio, Oregon, Missouri, California, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Maryland. For a list of dates and more detailed camp information, visit <http://thecmp.org/air/cmp-competition-center-event-matches/junior-air-rifle-camps-and-clinics/>.



*Juniors are trained with demonstrations and drills by highly qualified college marksmen from many acclaimed NCAA shooting teams. Campers will work on a variety of areas to improve their shooting game, including mental, physical and equipment aspects.*

# Steinel Bests AMU, Junior Girls Lead at 2015 Camp Perry Open

*By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer*

CAMP PERRY, OH – Junior upsets, power performances from female shooters and an overwhelmingly loud final resonated through Camp Perry during the ninth annual Camp Perry Open, held January 16-18 at the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center.

The match combines a 3x20 Junior Air Rifle competition with a 60 Shot Open Air Rifle and Pistol event, along with the most distinctive part of the Camp Perry Open that sets it apart from the rest – the Super Final.

The match began on Friday, January 16, with the Junior Air Rifle 3x20 competition. Three relays of over 130 junior competitors fired in the National Standard Three-Position event, with the top eight shooters in both the sporter and precision classes qualifying for each relay's finals. Top individuals in each division earned CMP medals and Visa Gift Cards worth \$100 for first, \$75 for second and \$50 for third.

MacKenzie Martin, 17, of Taunton Marksmanship Unit, fired an aggregate score of 694.7 to earn first place in the precision competition.

Since each of her talented teammates managed to qualify, Martin fired against them all during the final – something that Martin says they routinely rehearse during their practices.

"I train a lot with my team – practice finals and things like that," she said. "It was really cool having them on the firing line during the finals. I went up there, and the next thing I know, half of my team is up there with me. It was actually easier, mentally, because these are the people I shoot with all of the time."

With all of its members contending in the finals and establishing themselves as some of the top marksmen of the competition, the Taunton Marksmanship Unit Diamonds from Massachusetts won the overall team competition, with their combined score of 2347-153x. Team members are MacKenzie Martin, Ruby Gomes, Brendan Whitaker and Margaret Flanders.

Michael Steinel, 18, of Great Trail Musketeers recorded a score of 691.4 for second place behind Martin in the individual competition, followed closely by Jordan Miller, 17, of Acorns, with her score of 690.1 for third.

Gabriel Palermo, 18, of Freeport High School was the overall sporter competitor, with an impressive score of 651.2. Palermo had a near 20-point lead over Howard Norrish, 16, of Zion Benton High School – who fired an aggregate score of 638.7 for second. Norrish's teammate Justine Hamilton, 17, rounded out the Top 3, with a score of 637.7.

Zion Benton Team Gold was the overall sporter team in the competition, with a combined score of 2160-48x. Team members are Howard Norrish, Hailey Smith, William Newman and Jaycie Hoenig.

The rest of the weekend brought a two-day 60 Shot Open Air Rifle and Pistol competition, divided into three categories: Junior, Team and Open. All shooters fired 60 record shots in accordance to



*Over 300 marksmen made the trek to northern Ohio to fire in the 2015 Camp Perry Open, January 16-18.*

USA Shooting rules – all from the standing position.

Overall top shooters from the two days of competition in each event qualified for the finals – where all qualifying scores are dropped and each competitor begins with a score of zero. Finals were conducted in three shots series, followed by single shot eliminations.

In the Pistol Open Finals, SFC James Henderson, 47, of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU), bested the field with his finals score of 198.9. SGT Greg Markowski, 41, of the USAMU, barely trailed in second with a score of 198.5, followed by James Hall, 31, of the CMP, with a score of 174.9.

Glenn Zimmerman, 18, of The Ohio State Pistol team, fired a 191 in the final to become the overall Junior Pistol Champion, as Bryce Tucker, 19, of the Akron Rifle team, tallied a score of 188.2 for second. Zimmerman's teammate, Irina Andrianova, 19, came in third, with her finals score of 166.1.

In the Rifle Open Finals, junior Michael Steinel outshot two members of the USAMU – SPC Erin McNeil, 26, who took second, and SSG George Norton, 30, who fired a score of 182.9 for third.

Steinel and McNeil added some excitement to the finals after they both stacked up a score of 203.4 – forcing a shoot-off. With calm confidence, both the experienced McNeil and the promising newcomer Steinel loaded their pellets. With the final shots fired, members of the crowd held their breaths as the scores appeared on the monitors – McNeil, 8.8; Steinel, 9.6.

Wide-eyed, Steinel gave a huge smile of relief – realizing he had just defeated one of the best marksmen in the country.

“My hand was shaking! Honestly I was just thinking, ‘I hope nobody sees that,’” he said, jokingly. “The AMU trains full-time – it's their job. I was planning on shooting well, but to beat them . . . I'm really, really happy.”

In the Junior Rifle competition, it was the girls who led in the end, as Virginia Thrasher, 17, of Team Thrasher, overtook first place with her score of 203.3 – narrowly beating Samantha Peterson, 16, of Center Shots, who fired a 202.2 for second. MacKenzie Martin returned for the 60 Shot competition to give an outstanding performance with her third place finish – tallying a score of 181.9 in the final.

A three-man team event was also held concurrently

with the individual 60 Shot Air Rifle match. Team members combined their two-day aggregate scores to determine the top entrants.

Winning the Open Rifle competition was The Masters, with an aggregate score of 3686.9. Members were Dempster Christensen, Ann Alves and Lisette Grunwell-Lacey. The Taunton Marksmanship Unit Diamonds was the overall Junior Rifle team, with a score of 3616.5. Team members were MacKenzie Martin, Ruby Gomes and Margaret Flanders.

The Ohio State University Varsity Pistol team overtook the Open Pistol competition with a score of 3244-37x. Team members were Glenn Zimmerman, Irina Andrianova and Michael Soklaski.

Only one junior team participated in the team competition. The team of Kathryn Roberston, Stuart Burns and Christie MacLennan, a.k.a Range Burlington, fired a score of 3124-28x.

The Super Finals was also fired during the weekend – bringing fun, excitement and laughs with music blaring, fans cheering and blow horns sounding – contrary to the usually silent finals conducted during air events. After a tough internal battle with the external elements, USAMU members SFC James Henderson and SSG George Norton won the Pistol and Rifle finals, respectively.



*The Taunton Marksmanship Unit Diamonds was the overall Junior Rifle team in the 60 Shot match. The ladies also won the overall team competition in the 3x20 match.*

## Three-Position Air Rifle Questions and Answers

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By Gary Anderson, DCM Emeritus

Three-Position Air Rifle (3PAR+) emerged in the 1980s as an alternative to smallbore position shooting, which was declining because environmental concerns were closing ranges. The National Guard Junior Air Rifle Program and the introduction of the Daisy M853 air rifle encouraged its initial development. 3PAR participation experienced tremendous growth in the 1990s when JROTC commands purchased large numbers of M853 air rifles for their units. 3PAR has now emerged as the USA's most popular youth rifle program with a quarter million participating youth and nearly 1,500 annual junior competitions.

3PAR became the dominant junior rifle program in the USA because its equipment, especially sporter equipment, is less expensive and because it offers so many exciting competitions. 3PAR is an ideal way to teach youth safe gun handling, range safety and real marksmanship skills. 3PAR is a more challenging step up from 4-position BB Gun shooting. It is a great foundation for advancing to standing air rifle and 3-position smallbore competitions. It can also be a foundation for outdoor disciplines like Rimfire Sporter and Highpower Rifle as well as a good way to prepare youth for pistol shooting.

This **On the Mark** article provides answers to several important questions that coaches, parents, match officials and young athletes have asked concerning 3PAR rules, benefits and policies.



### Who governs junior three-position air rifle shooting?

The National Three-Position Air Rifle Council was organized in 1999 to be the national governing body for 3PAR. Council rules now govern the vast majority of 3PAR competitions in the USA. The Council is a confederation of national youth-serving organizations that promote junior 3PAR shooting. The CMP and USA Shooting were leading organizations in creating the Council. The American Legion, Daisy Manufacturing and the U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit are members because they sponsor major 3PAR championships. The Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force JROTC programs are members because they support huge high school air rifle marksmanship instruction programs and national competitions. The National 4-H Shooting Sports program that sponsors massive grassroots BB gun and air rifle programs is another leading member. BSA Venturing, Crosman Air Guns and Orion LLC actively participate because they have vital interests in 3PAR success. The National Rifle Association has its own separate position air rifle program, but a cooperative relationship exists with the NRA.

+The acronym "3PAR" will be used throughout this article as a short form for "three-position air rifle."

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## What are the National Council Priorities?

The National Council has three principal objectives: 1) fostering youth development through safety and marksmanship training, 2) developing high performance junior athletes, primarily through precision air rifle competitions, and 3) building massive grassroots participation in junior target rifle shooting, primarily through sporter air rifle competitions. Council priorities that support these objectives are:

**Athlete-Centered Competitions.** A fundamental reason for offering 3PAR programs to youth is to help them develop, physically, psychologically and socially. Learning marksmanship skills teaches valuable life skills like self-discipline, emotional control, responsibility and concentration. Acquiring these skills transforms youth marksmanship participants into winners.

**National Standard Rules.** The Council was originally organized at a time when several organizations conducted their own 3PAR programs with their own rules. Council members agreed that there must be **one common rulebook** for all 3PAR shooting in the USA. The Council created the **National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules** to fulfill this objective and Council members all agree to use only these rules in their competitions.

**An Accessible, Affordable Sporter Class.** The 3PAR program promotes mass participation by maintaining a sporter class with low cost air rifles and strictly limited equipment. To keep sporter class competitions affordable and accessible, the Council strictly defines what an approved sporter air rifle is and enforces a price ceiling to prevent this competition class from launching an “equipment race” that would drive out less affluent programs.

**The Olympic Path.** The Council wants youth who participate in position rifle shooting to have realistic opportunities to follow “the Olympic Path.” The Olympic Path is a sequence of training and competition opportunities that, when diligently pursued, could ultimately lead to earning a place on a USA National Team and representing the USA in international competitions. This policy recognizes that even youth who do not advance along the Olympic Path benefit from having opportunities to share in the Olympic Dream.

**Strong Local Clubs and Teams.** Council decisions consistently favor strengthening local clubs and teams and opposing changes that would weaken local clubs



*The National Three-Position Air Rifle Council, comprised of 11 national youth-serving organizations, approves the **National Standard Rules** that govern 3PAR shooting.*

and teams. The Council believes strong, active local clubs and teams are the best foundation for growing youth participation in shooting.

## How safe is three-position air rifle shooting?

Air rifle target shooting is almost certainly the safest of all youth sports! To verify this statement, we must examine the overall safety record of supervised air rifle target shooting. There were six known injury-causing incidents among all National Council programs during the 11-year period from 2004 through 2014. Injuries in high school and college sports are calculated according to injuries per athlete-exposure (A-E). Each practice or game counts as one A-E. In a recent study, boys' football had the highest injury rate with 4.36 injuries per 1000 A-Es. Girls' softball had the lowest with 1.13 injuries per 1000 A-Es. If school age air rifle shooting had six injuries during this period, and using an extremely conservative calculation of air rifle practice and competition A-Es during that same period, the air rifle injury rate was <0.0017 injuries per 1000 A-Es. This should be convincing evidence that position air rifle shooting is the safest sport now practiced by school age youth.

## Three-Position Air Rifle Questions and Answers



*Junior athletes who compete and win in major 3PAR Precision Class National Championships are already well advanced in following the Olympic Path.*

### Why are 3PAR team rules so restrictive?

**National Standard Rules** require all teams to represent a local club or school team and require all team members to participate regularly in team or club activities. The National Jury of Appeal must review and approve any team members who live more than 75 miles from the club base. Why such restrictive team rules? This is because the most pernicious threats to keeping local clubs and teams strong and viable are attempts to form win-at-all-costs all-star teams by recruiting the best shooters from surrounding clubs. An all-star team that cherry picks the best shooters from two or three other clubs may have a better chance to win national honors, but taking the best shooter out of another club takes away the best role model younger shooters in that club have and often leaves them without enough shooters to field a team. Protecting the integrity of local clubs and teams helps them remain strong so they can continue to offer shooting sports opportunities for youth in their communities.

### Why can't we use more expensive sporter air rifles?

This question usually comes with an explanation that the air rifles being proposed comply with the 7.5

lb. weight limit, the 1.5 lb. minimum trigger pull and have ambidextrous stocks. There is often an argument that better equipment will help athletes get better scores. Over the years, several more expensive air rifles have requested approvals, but the Council has remained firm in restricting its list of approved sporter air rifles to rifles that comply with a maximum price now pegged at \$525, when sold to junior shooting organizations. This Council policy is aimed at keeping the playing field level and keeping sporter class air rifles affordable. Yes, more expensive air rifles would produce higher scores, but they

will also generate an equipment race where well-funded clubs and teams buy the more expensive rifles while less affluent teams decide they cannot afford to keep up and stop competing. The Council policy of approving sporter air rifles according to model and price has proven to be an effective way to make sure competitors have equipment that is relatively equal in scoring capability. There is an inverse relationship between equipment costs and participation. Council sporter class restrictions keep the emphasis on participation.

The Council is not closed to allowing better equipment; it just wants to move deliberately so that any changes do not reduce participation. A good example of this approach has been the gradual change, over the last ten years, from pneumatic air rifles to CO2 and compressed air sporters. The Council also challenged manufacturers to improve the quality of sporter class air rifles while keeping prices under the price ceiling. Crosman, for example, was not successful with its original Challenger, but the firm worked hard to bring out the Crosman Challenger 2009 that has been very successful.

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### Why do 3PAR rules follow international rules?

“International rules” are ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation, the world governing body for Olympic shooting) rules. Youth who grow up today live in an increasingly interconnected world where international standards apply. **National Standard 3PAR Rules** are designed to introduce youth to international standards for shooting. This policy ensures that athletes who want to follow the Olympic Path can do so. It also recognizes that juniors who want to shoot in college or USA Shooting competitions learn to compete under rules based on ISSF rules.

### Did the 2012 rule changes force teams to buy new equipment?

The Council adopted changes for shooting jackets, trousers and equipment in its 2012-2014 Rules that were adapted from ISSF rule changes. These were changes that could easily, and without additional cost, be made to current equipment, plus there was a two-year grace period for full compliance. Unfortunately, some coaches and officials ignored or did not understand that and aggressively alleged that the new Council rules would force junior programs to buy new equipment. Their allegations were incorrect at the time and experiences since then have clearly proven that their concerns were unfounded. No school or junior club was forced to throw away their equipment or buy new equipment in order to continue participating in 3PAR competitions.

### Why can't we use manual scoring to recheck Orion scores?

This question is slowly going away as more people understand that by asking this question they demonstrate how they don't understand scoring and favor giving unfair advantages to some shooters. The fundamental reason this cannot be done is that manual scoring and electronic scoring use two different systems of measurement. Manual scoring relies on human vision. Orion uses scanned target images and computer vision techniques. Manual scoring compares the outside edges of a scoring gauge and a scoring ring while Orion

scoring calculates the distance from the center of the target to the center of the shot hole.

No scoring system yet devised is absolutely perfect, but on average, Orion computer vision scoring is far more accurate than manual scoring and probably more accurate than current electronic targets. No matter what scoring system is used, some shots are going to be so close that the plus or minus decisions could be debatable. Coaches and athletes need to understand that close decisions are part of sport and that some go your way and some don't. In most sports, a referee or umpire makes those calls. In shooting, one scoring system must make those calls, not two different systems.

A second reason for not using manual scoring to recheck Orion scoring is because the traditional challenge system is manifestly unfair. Allowing athletes to select shots for rescoring lets them select only those shots that just missed while conveniently ignoring any shots that just made it. This old challenge system ensures that only selected shots that could possibly go up in value will be rechecked and then only for athletes who are willing to pursue a “point-buying” strategy.

Council rules still allow athletes the right to protest shots they believe may have been scored incorrectly. On rare occasions, a shot hole will tear in such a way that the Orion algorithm may not read it correctly. If it appears that this may have occurred, the athlete should ask the Statistical Officer to examine the shot and determine if there was an obvious error (Rule 8.5.5). Statistical Officers who are experienced in using Orion electronic scoring are trained to make this evaluation and are authorized to make corrections when necessary.

### 3PAR Resources

Anyone who is new to 3PAR will find these resources especially useful in learning more about this popular youth shooting activity:

- CMP Air Gun webpage, with links to many 3PAR programs, <http://thecmp.org/air/>.
- Air Rifle Marksmanship for Youth, a 4-page brochure explaining the benefits of 3PAR shooting for youth, <http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/AirForYouth.pdf>
- National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules. <http://thecmp.org/air/national-standard-three-position-air-rifle-rules/>
- National Council webpage, with links to the National Council Annual Report and instructional articles for 3PAR officials, <http://thecmp.org/air/national-three-position-air-rifle-council/>.

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*This athlete is firing in an “adapted” standing position for wheelchair athletes. Athletes who use adapted positions approved for IPC SH1 class athletes can compete with all athletes in 3PAR competitions on a relatively equal basis.*

3PAR Rules still allow athletes to challenge close shots, but more and more match sponsors are deciding not to allow challenges because they are fundamentally unfair. If challenges are allowed and made, the original computer scan can be rescored, but if the athlete loses the challenge, a two-point penalty must be applied to the score of that shot. Other countries where electronic scoring systems like Orion are used permit the correction of obvious errors, but prohibit rescoring correctly scored shots. German Shooting Federation Rules, for example, state, “only one method of scoring may be used” and that when an electronic vision system is used “the scoring rings may not be used” and “it is not permitted to use a scoring gauge.”

### Why is it so difficult to disqualify someone for violating the rules?

Some old-school match officials who came from traditions where the Range Officer was god and could instantly disqualify anyone they thought violated a rule have questioned why today’s 3PAR rules seem to

reduce their authority. 3PAR rules require match officials to first decide if a violation is a “concealed violation” where an unfair advantage was gained (7.19.2) or an “open violation” where there is no evidence of an unfair advantage. In the latter case, the match official must first give a warning and opportunity to correct the fault. If the athlete continues to fire without correcting the fault, two points must be deducted. Only if an athlete refuses to correct the fault can disqualification be considered. And disqualification can only be decided by two officials, not just one. Further, any person who is penalized or disqualified has a right to protest that decision. These rules were adopted because there have been unreasonable, arbitrary disqualifications in the past and because 3PAR rules are athlete centered. 3PAR rules recognize that most rule violations by junior shooters come from not knowing or understanding the rules. These rules see education as the foundation of enforcement. For most violations, a simple warning, with an explanation of the rule, will bring a quick correction and a grateful athlete, parent and coach. That leaves disqualification as an extreme step that should only be considered for the most serious offenses.

### Can disabled athletes participate in 3PAR competitions?

YES, disabled athletes are welcome in 3PAR competitions. The National Council recognizes that this is an area where there is still much to learn, but, in principle, athletes with limitations who use adaptive positions approved by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) are encouraged to compete in 3PAR matches alongside able-bodied athletes. For example, an athlete in a wheelchair is allowed to place a table on the wheelchair and to rest both elbows on the chair for and “adapted” prone position and one elbow for kneeling. For standing, the table must be removed and the athlete must rest his/her support arm on the side just as an able-bodied athlete would. Any program with a disabled athlete who wants to compete should study Rule 5.1.4 in the **National Standard Rules**. Athletes with more profound disabilities and limited upper body control are in the IPC SH2 category where rifles can be held in a support stand. The Council is still experimenting with how scores fired by these athletes can be handicapped to allow them to compete in 3PAR competitions. For further information on IPC adaptive positions, contact the National Paralympic Coach, [Bob.Forth@usashooting.org](mailto:Bob.Forth@usashooting.org).

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*These spectators at the London Olympics 10m Air Rifle Men final demonstrate the same kind of enthusiasm one would expect in any modern sport. Shooting's 'dark ages' are over--young shooters today must be trained to concentrate even when there is lots of noise on the range.*

### Should we maintain silence in our ranges so athletes can concentrate?

NO, match officials and coaches that try to keep their ranges silent are doing their athletes a big disservice. Furthermore, silent ranges are not modern sports venues where parents and spectators can enjoy themselves. 3PAR rules explicitly say "spectators and media must be allowed to speak in normal tones" and that spectators should even "be allowed to cheer" (7.18). Normal conversation on the range is always OK as long as someone does not start shouting or deliberately disturb an athlete. The coach's responsibility is to prepare athletes for conversations and noise that will take place on competition ranges by allowing this in practice. Athletes who are taught that spectator enthusiasm is part of sports will soon get used to this. Besides, if an athlete advances to higher competitions they will have to perform in lots of noise. Anyone who ever witnessed an Olympic shooting final knows that the noise there can be deafening.

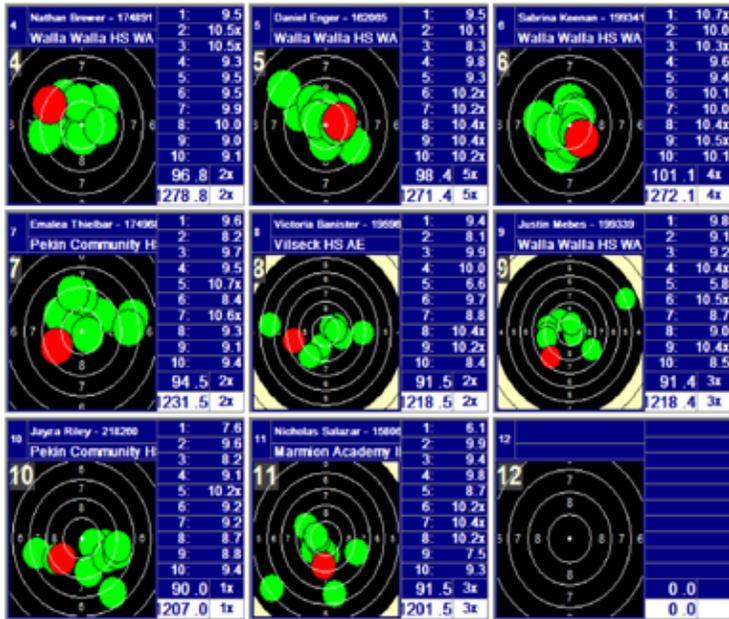
### How big is the 3PAR competition program?

The answer: VERY BIG. Athletes need local and regional matches to develop competition skills and

gain confidence as well as national competitions to provide ultimate tests for their skills. One of the great benefits of 3PAR shooting is that it offers many top-class competition opportunities, all conducted according to one national standard rulebook. The program includes:

- **Sanctioned and non-sanctioned matches** of all types, with approximately 1,500 matches per year.
- **CMP 3PAR Championship**, with a national postal and state, regional and national championships.
- **Junior Olympic 3PAR Championship**, with state and national championships.
- **JROTC Championships**, with four national postals (8,000 competitors), four service championships at three locations and a national championship.
- **American Legion Junior Air Rifle Championship**, with two national postals and a national championship.
- **U. S. Army Junior Championship**, with regional qualifying competitions coordinated through the Orion Results Center and a national championship.
- **4-H Shooting Sports**, with numerous state championships and a National Invitational.
- **Daisy Air Rifle Championship**, with a national competition offered in conjunction with the Daisy BB Gun Championship.

# Three-Position Air Rifle Questions and Answers



Live target images from CMP Ranges allow fans to track athlete scores.

**North Side High School**  
Grizzly Rifle Match 2015

3 Position Air Rifle (3PK)

Sat, 14 Feb 2015 Fort Smith, AR

**ORION** SCORING SYSTEM

Individual - Prone					
Rank	Participant	Prone	Standing	Kneeling	Individual
1	FLOOD, Samantha (174705)	91-3	89-3	88-0	268-3
2	HENDON, Selma (206521)	94-6	86-2	85-1	265-7
3	COUSLET, Michael (132526)	88-1	85-1	87-1	260-3
4	WHEELER, James (223206)	88-2	84-2	85-2	255-6
5	EDGSON, Hunter (206362)	85-2	81-1	85-0	251-3
6	MEDCO, John (187324)	96-4	70-1	87-1	253-6
7	BURBULSON, London (134133)	90-2	82-0	79-1	251-3
8	MARTIN, Brandon (132030)	89-1	77-0	85-1	247-4

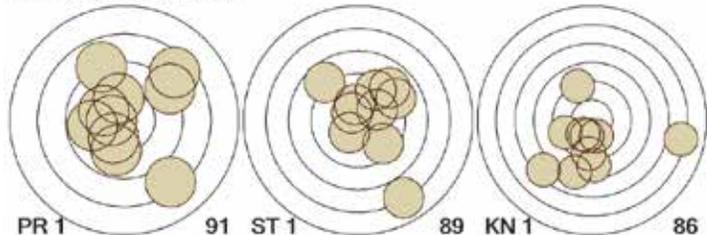
Individual - Precision					
Rank	Participant	Prone	Standing	Kneeling	Individual
1	GREEN, Zack (205600)	98-5	90-2	90-2	278-9
2	MORAN, Jonathan (164883)	94-4	87-1	86-5	277-10
3	MILLER, Tyler (180400)	95-3	90-1	88-1	273-5
4	PIPER, John (20458)	94-3	88-2	90-2	272-7
5	SWINNEY, Eric (205862)	96-5	81-2	92-3	269-10
6	PHILANDROS, Alex (134132)	97-7	82-1	86-1	265-9
7	SPOTTS, Jacob (164521)	94-4	75-0	92-3	261-7
8	LOPES, Carl (220672)	87-5	82-1	89-0	258-6

Team - Prone					
Rank	Participant	Prone	Standing	Kneeling	Team
1	Alma AROTC - Gold	85-4	83-2	87-1	255-7
2	N. Little Rock AROTC - 1	83-4	80-2	85-0	248-7
3	Newport AROTC - Silver	88-2	84-2	85-2	257-6
4	Will Rogers HS AROTC	96-4	82-0	82-3	260-7
5	N. Little Rock AROTC - 2	89-2	77-0	83-3	249-5
6	Larkins Individual	91-2	74-1	78-1	243-4
7	Newport AROTC - Blue	82-2	75-1	83-1	239-4
8	NLR Individual	90-4	76-1	84-0	250-5

Team - Precision					
Rank	Participant	Prone	Standing	Kneeling	Team
1	Newport AROTC - PA	95-5	90-2	90-5	276-9
2	Northside AROTC - PA	97-7	88-2	92-1	277-9
3	Larkins AROTC - PA	91-3	82-1	88-0	261-4

**FLOOD, Samantha (174705)**

Fort Smith, AR  
Return to Grizzly Rifle Match 2015 Results.



3PAR matches are supported with an impressive award and reward system. In addition to traditional medals and trophies, many teams qualify to receive travel funding, two athletes from the Junior Olympic Championship advance to the National Junior Team, cash prizes and several thousand dollars in college scholarships are awarded and Larry and Brenda Potterfield of the MidwayUSA Foundation provides over \$600,000 in endowment funding for winning teams.

**Should we try to attract spectators and fans? How?**

YES. Attracting spectators and fans is another way to make junior shooting competitions more meaningful. Every 3PAR match should do what it can to welcome spectators, starting with simple actions like placing chairs at the back of the range. Good lighting over the firing line (at least 1000 lux) will ensure that athletes can be seen and photographed (but don't permit flash). Few 3PAR ranges have the luxury of electronic scoring to instantly display shots and scores for spectators, but the key to attracting spectators is still bringing the audience into the competition. There should be an active scoreboard for spectators. The Orion system provides an electronic scoreboard (leaderboard) that scrolls through the top team and individual scores. With a spare computer and projector or LED TV panel, updated scores and rankings can be seen throughout the match.

A promising way to promote fan growth is by posting scores and rankings on Internet websites. The CMP, NRA, USA Shooting and the Orion Results Center are implementing innovative ways to make match results available to fans via the Internet. The CMP posts live electronic target images (<http://thecmp.org/air/cmp-marksmanship-centers/live-target-images/>). The Orion Results Center (<http://www.orionresults.com/team/Home.aspx>) has been remarkably successful in posting live scores and target images on the Internet during competitions and in tracking fan responses. Orion results are scored and uploaded to dedicated webpages as soon as targets arrive from the firing line.

Orion tracks visitors to its match results postings and its viewer statistics provide evidence that junior shooting can attract fans. In the 12-month period ending on 30 June 2014, the Orion Results Center recorded

*The Orion Results Center displays ranked results and an opportunity to view athletes' shot groups on a webpage dedicated to each match sponsor. Clicking on an athlete's name will display shot groups and scores.*

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*Finals bring spectators and lots of pressure to shooting, but junior athletes have repeatedly shown that they can handle the pressure and enjoy shooting in finals.*

35,000 unique viewers who logged more than 100,000 sessions with over one million page views. Another key feature of the Orion Results Center is that it allows individual athletes to post their scores and targets on Facebook® or send them via Twitter®. Social media is becoming a new way junior shooters can reach fans and friends who cannot come to the ranges to watch them.

## What are Finals? Should we have Finals in our Matches?

Shooting developed finals as a way to become more exciting for spectators and media, as well as for the athletes. In finals, the top eight athletes fire ten additional shots with qualification and final scores being added to determine medal winners. Major international competitions have had finals since 1986 and finals have been included in major 3PAR competitions for 20 years. In 2013, international finals were taken one big step further with finalists starting at zero (qualification scores are not carried forward) and firing 20 to 45 shots in the final. The International Olympic Committee is pushing all Olympic sports to move in this direction so the new start-from-zero finals are here to stay for athletes who rise to the highest levels in national and international competitions.

3PAR Rules have not yet adopted start-from-zero finals, but the use of finals that combine the top

eight qualification scores with finals scores to determine medal winners is done in almost all major 3PAR competitions. Comments from junior athletes affirm that they like shooting finals and that winning in a final where there are dozens or even hundreds of spectators is far more meaningful than looking at a posted results list to see who won. For athletes who want to pursue the Olympic Path, giving them opportunities to shoot finals is absolutely essential. For most 3PAR athletes, having opportunities to qualify for and compete in finals makes those competitions more meaningful.

YES, 3PAR competitions should include finals whenever practical. The **National Standard Rules** (Rule 10.0) describe several options for conducting finals when using paper targets. The Orion Scoring System even offers a way to conduct the newer start-from-zero finals while shooting on paper targets.

### About the Author

*Gary Anderson, Director of Civilian Marksmanship Emeritus, retired as the full-time CMP Director at the close of 2009. He continues to work with CMP as the senior marksmanship instructor. During his remarkable career, he won two Olympic gold medals, seven World Championships and 16 National Championships. He is a Vice President of the International Shooting Sports Federation, the President of USA Shooting, a former Nebraska State Senator and was one of the two Olympic Games Technical Delegates for Shooting during the 2012 Olympic Games in London.*

*In June, 2012, the International Olympic Committee awarded Gary Anderson the IOC's highest honor, the Olympic Order, "for outstanding services to the Olympic Movement."*

*In 2014, the CMP expanded their world-class air gun center at Camp Perry and renamed the facility the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center, in honor of Anderson's contribution to the organization and the marksmanship community.*



# Superheroes, Minions Take the Line at 2015 Camp Perry Open Super Finals

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

CAMP PERRY, OH – At first glance, it seemed like any other final – with the top competitors vying to be the last standing on the firing line. But once it commenced, blaring music, dancing crowd members and the appearance of Spiderman quickly showed it was anything but any other final.

At the 2015 Camp Perry Open, the Top 18 male and female rifle competitors and the Top 18 overall pistol competitors were distinguished from the day's scores on January 17 and chosen as the lucky few who would fire in the long-awaited Super Finals – the most popular finals event of the year. The rifle competitors assembled on one side of the air range, while the pistol competitors gathered on the opposite side.

On the firing line, the Final began with a period of sighters, followed by 10 record shots – with each competitor starting with a score of zero. When the shots were complete, the Top 8 male and female rifle competitors and the Top 10 overall pistol competitors moved on to the next round.

As the pressure of the finals continued to build, the devastatingly distracting sounds of cow bells, air horns,

party blowers, hecklers, cheering fans and rattling metal chairs echoed in the competitors' ears – not between each shot series, but as each shot was fired. Even spectators in the check-in area of the new Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center – on the opposite side of the facility – could hear the racket spilling out from the closed doors of the range.

DJ Katie (CMP program coordinator Katie Harrington) boomed tracks over the range loudspeakers as the finalists attempted to concentrate on their shots. New-age popular songs like “All About That Bass” by Meghan Trainor, “Stolen Dance” by Milky Chance and “Animals” by Maroon 5 mixed with timeless classics, such as “Staying Alive” by the Bee Gees and “Don't Stop Believing” by Journey.

As the chorus to “Sweet Caroline” by Neil Diamond began to play, the entire range joined in as the words “Sweeeeet Caroline” resonated from the rafters. For the Ohio State fans, the rock song made popular by Ohio State's marching band, “Hang On Sloopy,” gave a nod to the football team's recent National Championship title win.

In the crowd, spectators danced in the stands, wore masks, waved pom poms and swayed foam fingers. Some competitors even joined in on the fun – one wearing a Spiderman outfit and another wearing a “minion” hat from the movie “Despicable Me.” One competitor even busted out his best air guitar moves during the competition, with his rifle pointed downrange.

Back on the firing line, the remaining competitors fired two, three-shot series as the music played and distractions ensued. At the end of each series, two rifle and one pistol competitor were eliminated. Once the three-shot series were over, single shot eliminations followed until only two remained on each side of the range.

The final battle was between junior Samantha Peterson and Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) member



*The Ohio State University fans waved pom poms and foam fingers during the event, as well as took the time to pose for the university's signature O-H-I-O.*



George Norton in rifle and AMU members James Henderson and Greg Markowski in pistol.

"This is it. This is for all the marbles," said CMP program coordinator Brad Donoho, who commentated for the event.

As the final marksmen loaded their pellets and aimed downrange, the crowd cheered so loud that Sia's "Chandelier" playing overhead couldn't be heard.

With the last shots fired, the room became silent as the scores displayed on the monitors above.

In rifle: Peterson 9.6, Norton 9.9

In pistol: Markowski 8.9, Henderson 10.6

Henderson and Norton managed to overcome the noise, disruptions and other elements of the Super Final that challenges shooters and entices them to come back for more year after year.

Norton explained the key to winning the

difficult and entertaining event, saying, "You have to be able to drown out the hundreds of people who are really enjoying trying to tear us apart. And have fun. I had fun, and I think that's what got me through it. It's like the funnest thing you'll ever do in shooting, probably. I just really enjoyed it."

He went on to say, "I think this event is what sets the Camp Perry Open apart. There's nothing else like it out there anywhere, especially with the way they eliminate people. It doesn't matter if I had a really good string, because it all goes back to zero. That sort of trains you up for doing international style finals."

After his big win, the stunned Super Final champion took out his phone and eagerly announced the news.

"I sent a text to my wife and I was like, 'I can't believe I won.' Because it was nuts!"

To see photos from the Super Final, visit the CMP Zenfolio page at [cmp1.zenfolio.com](http://cmp1.zenfolio.com).



*During the Super Final, the crowd blew air horns and party blowers, cheered at the tops of their lungs and heckled the competitors on the firing line – all in an attempt to distract and all in good fun.*

# Palermo Sets Two Records at 2014 Gary Anderson Invitational

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



*Gabriel Palermo (left) shakes the hand of one of his finals opponents, Giovanni Gutierrez.*

CAMP PERRY, OH; ANNISTON, AL – The 2014 Gary Anderson Invitational (GAI) was held December 5-6 at the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center in Camp Perry, OH, and the South CMP Marksmanship Center in Anniston, AL, to a group of 461 competitors from around the country. Both schools and junior clubs are welcome to participate in the highly anticipated competition.

The event is a three-position air rifle tournament that follows the 3x20 course of fire. Each shooter fires 20 record shots from prone, standing and kneeling positions, with the Top 8 shooters advancing to the final. Winners are determined overall, from scores comprised from the CMP North and CMP South competitors.

The Top 25 competitors in the sporter and precision classes at each competition center (50 total) received individual gold, silver and bronze medallions. The Top 3 shooters overall are also recognized.

Winning the overall sporter competition by more than 10 points was Gabriel Palermo, 17, of Freeport, IL, with an astounding score of 662-27x. Palermo set two

new Navy JROTC records during the match, for a 3x20 score and 3x20 plus final.

“It’s awesome. It’s something that’s been done before, and it’s been done again. It just shows you that every year, people keep getting better and better. They just keep improving,” he said. “It’s just a result of long-term dedication – coming to practice every day and having a great coach.”

At the end of his final in Port Clinton, Palermo won by a margin of more than 20 points. Though the crowd knew he

had secured the win, for him, it never comes easily – every shot is still important.

“I don’t even think about the score. I just go up there and shoot,” he said, with a smile.

Coming in second was Brian Hampton, 17, of Fort Mill, SC, with a score of 649.8-23x, as Justin Turrentine, 17, of Columbia, SC, followed closely with a score of 645.7-18x for third.

Overtaking the precision competition was Justin Kleinhans, 15, of Port Clinton, OH, with a score of 688.8-41x. In a tie-breaking match for second, Rachel Kimbell, 16, of Jackson, GA, came out victorious over teammate Mary Pratt, 17, of Loganville, GA, who earned the third place spot. Both shot excellent scores of 687.1 during the competition.

The Top 15 shooters in the new shooter category also received awards from the CMP. New shooters are those who began participating in an organized shooting program on or after April 1, 2014.

Molly McGhin, 13, of Griffin, GA, was the highest-scoring precision New Shooter of the match, with an outstanding score of 586-33x. Virginia Baker, 16, of Batesville, was the highest sporter New Shooter, with her score of 545-15x.

A team competition was also held concurrently with the individual competition for any scholastic or club teams wishing to participate. Each individual's score of the four-member team was combined to determine overall sporter and precision teams.

The overall winning team in each discipline received \$500 from the CMP as well as the Gary Anderson Trophy. Second place teams received \$300, while third place earned \$200.

The Top 3 winning teams are:

Sporter:

1. Zion Benton HS Gold – 2170-52x
2. Gulfport HS MCJROTC – 2163-52x
3. Zion Benton Maroon – 2162-63x

Precision:

1. Hardcore 4 Blue – 2331-147x
2. East Coweta HS JROTC – 2321-134x
3. Ashland Eagles – 2319-133x

The Gary Anderson Invitational was officially given its current name in 2001 and was taken over by the CMP in 2009. The event is sanctioned by the National Three Position Air Rifle Council and is open as a CMP Cup match.

About Gary Anderson:

Mr. Anderson is a two-time Olympic gold medalist and also holds seven world championships, six world records and 16 national championships. He has won more Olympic and world championship three-position titles than any other American in history. In 1999, Anderson began a 10-year reign as Director of Civilian Marksmanship and retired in December 2009.

Today, Anderson serves as DCM Emeritus and remains a mentor for new and experienced shooters around the country. In 2014, the CMP North Competition Center was renamed the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center, in honor of his years of dedication to the sport.

**See photos of the  
Gary Anderson Invitational at  
<http://cmp1.zenfolio.com/>**



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# Inaugural Match for CMP's New Talladega Marksmanship Park Set for June 2015

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



*The 13,000 square feet of the CMP Park Club House overlooks the 600-yard range. Giant windows give view to the firing line and the natural Alabama landscape. Photos Courtesy of Joe Songer, AL.com*

TALLADEGA, AL – Be witness to and take part in a new chapter in marksmanship history at the Civilian Marksmanship Program Talladega Marksmanship Park as the first official matches are fired on Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7, 2015.

Saturday, June 6, will feature the John C. Garand D-Day Anniversary Match – commemorating not only the opening match at CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park, but the 71st anniversary of the Allied Forces landing at Normandy Beach in France back in 1944.

The match is LIMITED TO THE FIRST 350 COMPETITORS, so register quickly for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Registration will open Monday, MARCH 2, 2015 on the CMP's Competition Tracker website.

The following day, June 7, will bring an EIC Service Rifle Match, followed by an EIC .22 Rimfire Pistol Match and an EIC Service Pistol Match. For shotgunners and action pistol enthusiasts, other events will also be held throughout the weekend!

The new CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park is one of the most advanced outdoor facilities in the world – unlike any other. Boasting the latest technological advances in

the realm of marksmanship, it is a must-see destination for firearm enthusiasts across the country. The park will be open to the public, year round, offering many opportunities to marksmen of all ages.

The 500-acre facility – located two miles from the world-famous Talladega Superspeedway – features a 600-yard rifle range with targets at 200, 300 and 600 yards, a 100-yard multi-purpose range and a 50-yard



*Each firing point is equipped with state-of-the-art electronic targets that automatically display scores on a monitor next to the competitor.*

pistol range. It also includes 15 action pistol bays and a trap field, 5-stand field and a 15-station sporting clays field, all with automated trap machines.

Most covered firing points at the CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park are equipped with state-of-the-art, KTS electronic targets and scoring monitors. When these targets are pierced by bullets downrange, sensors determine the location of the shot and automatically display the score on the monitors. Located beside the shooter on the firing line, each monitor allows the competitor to see what he or she fired in a matter of seconds.

The versatile target faces, made of a rubberized material, have the ability to be reused thousands of times, meaning no need to paste new faces between relays in the pits. In fact, there will be NO pit duty required at the CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park, dramatically cutting down the time typically demanded by a single match.

To make firing on CMP's latest installment even more convenient, all competitors will be provided transportation to and from the firing lines on the ranges, if they so choose – leaving behind the days of lugging expensive and heavy equipment.

For those not competing but wanting to stay in the action, monitors within the CMP Park Club House will display target images and scores from the matches held outside, as they are being fired – creating a more spectator-friendly atmosphere for all visitors of the CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park.

The impressive 13,000 square feet of the CMP Park Club House also features pristine glass windows that overlook the 600-yard range and the beautiful Alabama mountain views. Inside, the building contains classrooms, lounge areas and a well-stocked pro shop, operated by Creedmoor Armory, to handle its guests' firearms supplies, memorabilia and equipment needs.

Make plans to visit the most advanced public marksmanship facility in the United States! We look forward to sharing our exciting new park with you!

For more on the CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park, including registration information, visit our website at <http://thecmp.org/competitions/talladega-marksmanship-park/>.

*Become a permanent part of the CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park. Leave your legacy on one or more than three firing lines throughout the park with a personalized engraved granite paver. Pavers can be personalized with individual, club or company names, dates and special messages. The 4" x 8" and 8" x 8" engraved pavers are a way to recognize and honor family, friends, veterans, and fellow shooters. A special 4" x 4" engraved paver is also available for junior shooters. Visit <http://thecmp.org/competitions/talladega-marksmanship-park/paver-project/> for more information.*

**Choose from one of three sizes OR purchase multiple pavers to be displayed throughout the park!**

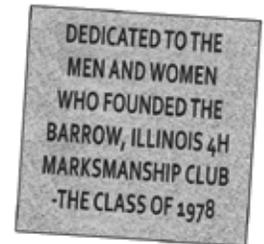


\$40 4"x 4" Junior Paver (only available to Juniors)



\$100 4"x 8" Single

Elberton Gray Granite Pavers are Engraved and Filled in Pavers



\$250 8"x 8" Double



# Top Marksmen Advance After Performances at 2015 JROTC Regional Championships

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



Left: Nathan Brewer of Walla Walla High School, WA, set two new National Records, including a 3x20 individual score of 595-44x. Right: Sierra Czap of Franklin County High School, VA, set a new Air Force JROTC 20 Shot Kneeling record, with her individual score of 199-17x. Brewer and Czap are just two of a handful of competitors that gave record-breaking performances during the match.

Competitors in the JROTC Championship have been whittled down to the best of the best, as overall winners of the JROTC Regional Championship were determined February 13-15 and February 19-21 in the northern, southern and western locations.

The road to the JROTC Three-Position Air Rifle National Championship kicked off in October with its opening Postal Competition, where cadets from Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force JROTC programs submitted scores to the CMP to be compared against top junior shooters around the country.

A total of 11,515 young marksmen participated in the 2014-2015 Postal match, with the high overall shooters in each branch earning an invitation to the JROTC Regional Service Championships, held in Phoenix, AZ; Anniston, AL; and Camp Perry, OH. Top placing teams and individuals earned a seat to the big show – the 2015 JROTC National Championship.

Larry and Brenda Potterfield of the MidwayUSA Foundation have donated over \$300,000 in generous endowments to winning teams and individuals of the Service Championships. The MidwayUSA Foundation is a public charity that helps communities and organizations raise funds to support youth shooting teams and activities.

Top scoring individuals and teams advancing to the National Championship are:

## Army Top 3 Individuals:

### Sporter:

1. Kayla Gentile, Sarasota Military Academy, FL – 1112-37x
2. Adam McClintock, Flowing Wells High School, AZ – 1106-35x

3. Za'Cori Ross, Ridge View High School, SC – 1098-34x

### Precision:

1. Nathan Brewer, Walla Walla High School, WA –

1182-82x

2. Maggie Ehmann, Patch High School, AE – 1176-84x
3. Daniel Enger, Walla Walla High School, WA – 1173-84x

## Army Top 3 Teams:

### Sporter:

1. Lebanon High School, OR – 4322-155x
2. Daleville High School, AL – 4311-102x
3. North Brunswick High School, NC – 4310-127x

### Precision:

1. Walla Walla High School, WA – 4653-298x
2. Patch High School, AE – 4620-253x
3. Del Valle High School, TX – 4600-243x

## Marine Corps Top 3 Individuals:

### Sporter:

1. Baylee Boone, R-S Central High School, NC – 1119-36x
2. Spencer White, R-S Central High School, NC – 1106-38x
3. Brian Hampton, Fort Mill High School, SC – 1106-36x

**Precision:**

1. Haley Castillo, Eldorado High School, NM – 1176-86x
2. Alexandra Wright, East Coweta High School, GA – 1169-74x
3. Glen Lauzon, East Coweta High School, GA – 1164-73x

**Marine Corps Top 3 Teams:**

**Sporter:**

1. Gulfport High School, MS 1 – 4377-136x
2. R-S Central High School, NC 1 – 4346-133x
3. Nation Ford High School, SC 1 – 4318-142x

**Precision:**

1. East Coweta High School, GA – 4640-261x
2. Eldorado High School, NM – 4577-252x
3. La Cueva High School, NM – 4554-203x

**Navy Top 3 Individuals:**

**Sporter:**

1. Gabriel Palermo, Freeport High School, IL – 1136-49x
2. Alexander Trevino, Lubbock High School, TX – 1121-44x
3. Cassandra Rodriguez, Parlier High School, CA – 1110-37x

**Precision:**

1. Rosemary Kramer, Upson Lee High School, GA – 1170-76x
2. Joanna O'Neill, Los Alamos High School, NM – 1164-69x
3. Mystique Roux, New Albany High School, IN – 1163-70x

**Navy Top 3 Teams:**

**Sporter:**

1. Zion Benton High School, IL – Maroon – 4344-134x

2. Zion Benton High School, IL – Gold – 4340-128x
3. Freeport High School, IL 1 – 4308-137x

**Precision:**

1. Los Alamos High School, NM 1 – 4597-254x
2. New Albany High School, IN – 4592-250x
3. Upson Lee High School NJROTC – 4590-227x

**Air Force Top 3 Individuals:**

**Sporter:**

1. Cody Vernon, Western Hills High School, TX – 1108-38x
2. Charles Collins, McMichael High School, NC – 1107-35x
3. Darby Pruitt, Volcano Vista High School, NM – 1102-41x

**Precision:**

1. Sierra Czap, Franklin County High School, VA – 1178-80x
2. Samuel Elliott, Volcano Vista High School, NM – 1167-66x
3. Chelsea Larsen, Northgate High School, GA – 1163-67x

**Air Force Top 3 Teams:**

**Sporter:**

1. Volcano Vista High School, NM 1 – 4311-136x
2. South Panola High School, MS 1 – 4305-131x
3. McMichael High School, NC 1 – 4285-120x

**Precision:**

1. Franklin County High School, VA – 4579-232x
2. Monroe Area High School, GA – 4561-204x
3. Battle Ground High School, WA – 4436-167x

The JROTC National Championship for all services will be held in the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center at Camp Perry, OH – March 19-21, 2015.



Los Alamos High School in New Mexico placed first overall in the Navy precision team competition with their score of 4597-245x.

# Overall Winners Established for CMP's First Monthly Match League

*By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer*

After six months of grueling competition, the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) newly added Monthly Match League has come to a close.

The Monthly Match League was a new, added competition between North and South Monthly Match competitors, to coincide with CMP's existing Monthly Matches. Matches were held at the South CMP Competition Center in Anniston, AL, as well as the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center at Camp Perry, OH, in March, April, May, September, October and November.

The new Monthly Match League combines aggregate scores from North and South competitors in certain events offered during the Monthly Matches: 3x20 Sporter, 3x20 Precision, 60 Shot Air Rifle and 60 Shot Air Pistol. Overall winners were chosen from averaged combined scores, accumulated from at least four of the six Monthly Matches at both locations, with lowest scores being dropped.

Along with the opportunity to improve their skills over time, winners also earned a check (based on participation in each event) from the CMP and/or a plaque for their hard work and successes.

Winning first place in the Precision 3x20 competition was Michael Steinel, 18, of



*The new Monthly Match League averaged the scores of Monthly Match marksmen from both North and South who fired in four or more of the six Monthly Matches throughout the season. Winners received monetary prizes as well as plaques from the CMP.*

Lowell, OH, who finished with a Top 4 Match Average of 591.75. For his first place finish, he received \$250.

Following closely in second was Justin Kleinhans, 15, of Port Clinton, OH, with an average of 589.75,

while Glen Lauzon, 18, of Senoia, GA, fired an average of 583.75 for third. Kleinhans received \$200 as Lauzon took home a prize of \$150. A total of 372 competitors fired in the precision competition.

Most Improved awards were also determined by comparing lowest score to highest score of participants who fired in four or more matches.

Ryan McAndrews, 15, of Remlap, AL, was the Most Improved marksman

in the 3x20 Precision category – increasing his score by a margin of 35 points. For his excellent feat, Hoover will receive a plaque from the CMP.

In the 3x20 Sporter competition, Hannah Youngblood, 18, of Whitesburg, GA, fired an average score of 544.25 to receive first place overall. She also earned a check for \$200. Coming in second and earning \$175 was Gabriel Hood, 16, of Daleville, AL, who shot an average of 536.25. Alfredo Gonzalez, 18, of Daleville, AL, received a check for \$125 and third place, with a score of 534.75. A total of 292 entered the sporter match.

Allison Kleman, 15, of Circleville, OH, was the Most Improved sporter athlete – expanding her score by a margin of an astounding 162 points.

In the 60 Shot Rifle match, Steinel again overtook the competition with his score of 614.5 – earning another check for \$250. Steinel was also the High Junior of the match.

Jonathan Hall, 26, of Columbus, GA, fell just short of Steinel with a score of 613.5. Hall

received a check for \$200 for his notable showing. Earning \$150 and third place was Norman Goetzing, 32, of Atlanta, GA, with a score of 609.2. A large group of 344 marksmen competed in the rifle class.

Leah McDole, 16, of Belpre, OH, was the Most Improved shooter, with a margin of 57.1 points.

Kara Petracek, 36, Atlanta, GA, led the field in the 60 Shot Pistol competition with her score of 551.5. She received \$125 for her outstanding performance. James Hall, 31, of Anniston, AL, followed in second with a score of 547.25 – earning \$100. With a score of 527, Joel Lazeration, 58, of Copley, OH, earned a check for \$75 for his third place finish.

Zachary Miller, 14, of Sylacauga, AL, was the High Junior of the match – firing an impressive score of 517.5. Miller received \$50 for fourth place.

Fellow junior Katelyn Abeln, 13, of Douglasville, GA, was the Most Improved pistol shooter – bettering her score by an exceptional margin of 128 points.



*Michael Steinel received first place overall in the 3x20 Precision match as well as in the 60 Shot Rifle competition. Steinel was also the High Junior of the 60 Shot match.*

# CMP Awards Over 800 Youth During History of Junior Distinguished Badge Program

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



*SSG Brandon Green (right) received the first Junior Distinguished Badge in 2001 – appropriately labeled Badge #1. Since then, he has become a member of the Army Marksmanship Unit and even earned the Mountain Man Trophy as the overall rifle competitor at CMP's 2014 National Trophy Rifle Matches.*

As it has always been, part of the mission of the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) is to honor those who prove exceptional abilities during competition with a multitude of awards and recognition. Thanks to its many opportunities and dedication to youth development, the CMP is proud to recognize the pinning of over 800 young marksmen with Junior Distinguished Badges in the Three-Position Air Rifle program.

Distinguished Badges have been awarded to U.S. citizens exemplary in rifle marksmanship competition since 1884. Since then, the Distinguished Badge program has grown from strictly rifle competitions to pistol and international shooting.

In 1996, a new federal law transferred responsibility of the Distinguished Badge program from the Department of Defense to the Civilian Marksmanship Program. With its new authority over awarding badges, the CMP, in cooperation with the National Three-Position Air Rifle Council, created a new Junior Distinguished Badge in 2001 for Three-Position Air Rifle competition. In the years following, its recipients have gone on to accomplish great things in their careers and lives.

SSG Brandon Green, 29, of Covington, LA, was the recipient of Badge #1 back in 2001. He went on to become a member of the Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) Service Rifle team, where he is still competing and currently stationed in Ft. Benning, GA. While in the AMU, Green has collected numerous awards and accolades, including being named Soldier of the Year, as well as the National Rifle Association's overall Highpower competitor, in 2013. In 2014, Green was named the Overall Individual Service Rifle competitor at CMP's National Trophy Rifle Matches.

James Hall, 31, of Anniston, AL, followed Green's lead in 2001 by receiving Badge #2. Hall went on to compete with the Jacksonville State air rifle team – winning three consecutive smallbore titles from 2005-2007. With his excellent background in air rifle competitions, Hall has transformed his career as a competitor into becoming an ambassador of the sport for the next generation – currently serving as the program outreach supervisor for the CMP.

"The Junior Distinguished Badge is not handed to anybody – it is earned," he said. "I feel that it is

not an award that will be packed away with other trophies of youth, but instead will be displayed in daily actions. It takes extensive amounts of practice as well as competing with the best of the nation in quality marksmanship events.”

“I hope that the Junior Distinguished Badge is just a seed planted for the youth to grow into the other avenues of marksmanship,” he added.

Though each and every recipient of the Junior Distinguished Badge is notable, some who have carried their talents on to careers within the sport include past and present AMU marksmen 2LT Matt Rawlings and SPC Joseph Hall, ISSF USA team members Connor Davis and Dempster Christenson, as well as 2012 London Olympian Jonathan Hall.

Within the CMP itself, past Summer Camp staff members Ashley Rose and Ashley Jackson also earned badges of their own, along with full-time CMP employees Katie Harrington, Mike Dickinson and Sarah (Broeker) Hall.

To receive a Junior Distinguished Badge, a junior must place among the top competitors in state, regional and national junior EIC credit events. Once a junior has earned 30 or more points, he or she has earned the honor of being called “Distinguished.” The gold-filled badges are provided by the CMP at no cost and ceremoniously awarded at events, whenever possible.

As one of the first recipients of the award, James Hall has a direct insight into the steps today’s juniors should take in earning a badge of their own. According to him, it demands more than just talent – there must also be a true commitment to competition within the great sport of air rifle.

“What’s great about this sport is that you don’t need a predetermined skill set. Don’t expect to win right away. Practicing is important. Match nerves never go away,” he said. “Competing with good shooters will probably help you more than practicing all by yourself. Competition makes you better. And don’t be afraid to ask questions.”

He went on to say, “One of the main reasons why I enjoy competing and being around fellow shooters is that we love to talk about our sport. I rarely ever come across another shooter who doesn’t want to encourage competition. A quote I have always favored is by Paul Brown: ‘When you win, say

nothing. When you lose, say less.’ I look forward to seeing new, and old, shooters on the firing line!”

Juniors who earn a minimum of 3 EIC credit points can order a Junior Bronze EIC Badge and juniors who earn a minimum of 15 EIC credit points can order a Junior Silver EIC Badge. The CMP also awards Junior Achievement Award Pins as an incentive and to recognize juniors who attain established score levels in any sanctioned competition sanctioned by the National Council. For more information about the badges and achievement award pins, visit <http://thecmp.org/air/junior-distinguished-badge/>.



*Katie Harrington, program coordinator at the CMP, can often be seen running Three Position Matches and pinning new Junior Distinguished marksmen at CMP air rifle events. She was the recipient of Badge #63 in 2004.*

## Junior Distinguished Badge Program

The National Three-Position Air Rifle Council established the Junior Excellence-In-Competition Award Program to provide incentives for junior three-position air rifle competitors to improve and excel.

This program awards prestigious badges of distinction to the most outstanding junior shooters. Junior shooters earn EIC credit points by placing in designated competitions in accordance with the requirements of this program.

The Junior Distinguished Badge is awarded to school-age junior three-position air rifle shooters who attain a series of high rankings in designated major junior air rifle championships that include the State Junior Olympic Qualifiers, CMP Cup Matches, National Junior Olympic Championships and other National Council Three-Position Air Rifle Championships.

Congratulations to the juniors listed here who recently earned their badges. **ON THE MARK** will recognize all juniors who achieve this outstanding goal in each issue.

For more program info, log onto <http://thecmp.org/air/junior-distinguished-badge/> or email CMP Competitions at [3PAR@TheCMP.org](mailto:3PAR@TheCMP.org).



Badge #	Name	Hometown	Badge #	Name	Hometown
#800	Gabriel Lorenz	Daleville, AL	#828	Kara Mike	Kirtland, NM
#801	Michaela Musselman	Pope, MS	#829	Caleb Moxley	Dallastown, PA
#802	Isela Velazquez	Fort Worth, TX	#830	Zoe Townsend	Rocky Mount, VA
#803	Jessica Ebersole	Des Moines, IA	#831	Rebecca Cook	Gulfport, MS
#804	Kayla Gaden	Seward, NE	#832	Matthew Lovre	Jeannete, PA
#805	Adam McClintock	Tucson, AZ			
#806	Wyatt Martin	Flagstaff, AZ			
#807	Luis Nevarez	Aurora, IL			
#808	Jaycie Hoenig	Winthrop Hart, IL			
#809	Spencer White	Rutherfordton, NC			
#810	Austin Johnson	Winnabow, NC			
#811	Leighton Dempster	Loranger, LA			
#812	William Newman	Zion, IL			
#813	Howard Norrish	Winthrop Hart, IL			
#814	Hailey Smith	Winthrop Hart, IL			
#815	Katie Wilkins	Brentwood, TN			
#816	Seth Akers	Madison, NC			
#817	Alex Muzzioli	Tiverton, RI			
#818	Sean Roehrs	Sylvania, OH			
#819	Colten Kraus	San Antonio, TX			
#820	Jacon Buchanan	Spring, TX			
#821	Tyler Tunison	Pelion, SC			
#822	Brodrick Conniff	Farmington, NM			
#823	Jin Park	Albuquerque, NM			
#824	Baylee Boone	Rutherfordton, NC			
#825	Erin Young	Pueblo, CO			
#826	Caleb Burnosky	Belpre, OH			
#827	Alexander Trevino	Lubbock, TX			



### Want to Earn YOUR Junior Distinguished Air Rifle Badge?

Visit <http://thecmp.org/air/junior-distinguished-badge/> or contact the CMP by calling (419) 635-2141, ext. 702.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Calendar of Events is featured in every issue of On The Mark. If you would like your match or clinic listed, please contact the CMP at [onthemark@thecmp.org](mailto:onthemark@thecmp.org). Please include the name of the event, date, whom the event is open to and contact information and web site (if available). The CMP will do its best to accommodate each request to be included in the Calendar of Events.

### March

19-21 Mar  
**JROTC National Championship**  
 Camp Perry, OH

26-28 Mar  
**CMP Regional Championships**  
 Camp Perry, OH

### April

9-11 Apr  
**CMP Regional Championships**  
 Anniston, AL

9-11 Apr  
**CMP Regional Championships**  
 Sandy, UT

8-12 Apr  
**Oklahoma CMP Games**  
 Oklahoma City, OK

18 Apr  
**CMP Monthly Match**  
 Camp Perry, OH  
 Anniston, AL

25 Apr  
**North Alabama Rifle League**  
 Anniston, AL

30 Apr-5 May  
**CMP Eastern Games**  
 Camp Butner, NC



### May

6-10 May  
**Eastern Creedmoor Cup Matches**  
 Camp Butner, NC

16 May  
**CMP Monthly Match**  
 Camp Perry, OH  
 Anniston, AL

### June

6 June  
**John C. Garand D-Day Anniversary Match**  
 Talladega, AL

7 June  
**EIC Matches (Pistol/Rifle)**  
 Talladega, AL

12-14 June  
**Advanced Maintenance Clinic**  
 Anniston, AL

16-18 June  
**Advanced Maintenance Clinic**  
 Anniston, AL

21-23 June  
**National 3PAR Championship Precision**  
**3PAR Junior Olympic Match**  
**CMP National Championship**  
 Anniston, AL

24-26 June  
**National 3PAR Championship Sporter**  
**3PAR Junior Olympic Match**  
**CMP National Championship**  
 Anniston, AL





Throughout its history, the CMP has prepared an ever-growing number of shooters with firearm safety and marksmanship skills through its programs, clinics and other events. With the hope to spread the promotion of marksmanship and shooting sports, other organizations have joined CMP in its efforts by creating their own hometown clubs. Whenever possible, we recognize these clubs and their achievements in our publications. If you would like your club recognized, please email photos, captions and a short article to [abrugnone@thecmp.org](mailto:abrugnone@thecmp.org).

## The Best and “Distinguished”

*Submitted by Aaron McGovern, Millcreek Junior HP Shooter*



*Millcreek Rifle Club Junior HP Shooters Team, Top Row: Camron McGovern, Coach Van Dyke, Aaron McGovern; Bottom Row: Logan Thomas, Cody Van Dyke*

On July 23, 2014, I sat with my fellow junior teammates in the antiquated theatre around dusk. The lighting was dim on the main level, bodies were still shuffling toward their seats on the worn floor, and there was a constant, low murmur from the crowd. In front of us on the lighted stage was quite a bit of history that had passed before, displaying over 100 years worth of High Power Shooting. Tonight, more than 700 competitors came together to give their tribute to those who had excelled this past year. This was our first time, after three trips, for us to enjoy the National Trophy Rifle Award Ceremony at Camp Perry in Ohio. Tonight, something – no, someone – made it extremely special!

Back in my freshman year of high school, 2011, my fellow scout's father came to my brother, Camron, and I. He asked if we would like to try something called high power shooting. This man's name was Mr. Michael Van Dyke. He didn't randomly pick us out of the blue to have us try this new adventure, but rather selected us because he knew about my family's extensive love for

guns, particularly my oldest brother, Ryan, who encouraged our dad to teach us how to shoot when we were younger. Mr. Van Dyke forged a path for us to follow.

One July weekend, Mr. Van Dyke, Cody, his son, Camron and I all drove east a couple of hours to Bucksnot Gun Club near Marshall, Missouri, to see what this new sport was all about. Mr. Van Dyke provided us with a lot of the basic instructions to this discipline and then introduced my brother and me to two of Bucksnot's best high power shooters, Jeffery Lindblom and Gregory Meredith. Between these three expert shooters, we were able to experience what this sport consisted of, including all the “little secrets” people take years to learn – handed to us by the cream of

the crop – all in two days.

At the end of the weekend, Mr. Van Dyke (soon to be our “Coach”) asked what we thought of high power shooting. Despite how fast Sunday arrived, my brother and I had learned so much and improved our shooting significantly in a rather short time. So, Cody, Camron and I all decided to start the Millcreek Junior High Power Shooting Team, with Mr. Van Dyke as our coach.

Our first full year went by, and our team picked up another junior named Logan Thomas (the third Eagle Scout from our troop to join), and we did our best to practice once a week and compete on the weekends. During the winter months, our team acquired another skill and loaded over 6,000 rounds of our own ammunition together at Coach Van Dyke's house. Not only did Coach Van Dyke hook us up with all the tools and supplies we needed to compete (shooting jackets, AR-15s, scopes and stands, mats, loading bench, etc.), but more importantly, he shared the knowledge, skills

## CMP Welcomes Our Newly-Affiliated Clubs

The CMP welcomes clubs and associations to affiliate with us to help develop firearm safety and marksmanship skills. See our clubs page on the Web for more information about the benefits of club affiliation at <http://www.thecmp.org/Clubs.htm>.

Sea Scout Ship 461, Lansdale, PA  
 Sand Springs Bapt. Young Guns, Athens, TX  
 A L Prince of Wales Post 26, Craig, AK  
 Fryburg Marksman Jr Rifle Club, Seneca, PA  
 Campo Verde HS AFJROTC, Gilbert, AZ  
 Mayes County 4-H, Pryor, OK  
 BSA #224 Cape & Islands Council, Yarmouth Port, MA  
 New York Marine Cadets, Inc, Bronx, NY  
 Lee Sportsmens Association, Lee, MA

Spotsylvania Shooting Association, Spotsylvania, VA  
 East High School, Youngstown, OH  
 Lee Sportsmens Association, Lee, MA  
 Macoupin County Top Shots 4-H, Carlinville, IL  
 American Legion Post 104 Sevierville, Sevierville, TN  
 McKean County Rifle Club, Bradford, PA  
 Bopy Scout Troop 200, Hilliard, OH  
 Allen High School MJROTC, Allen, TX  
 Piedmont Sportsman Club, Ruckersville, VA

and motivation to shoot as well as he knew we could one day.

We also had help from the shooting community, including our fellow HP shooters at Millcreek, their Board of Directors, CZ-USA with their outstanding products, KS State Rifle Association and their repeated donations, Sierra Bullets (over 20,000), Hodgdon Powder Company, Hornady Manufacturing (Michael & Donna Egan), Dave Collins with the Bullet Hole and countless others. All of this support equals success, and we can't thank them enough!

This past summer, 2014, my team finished our third trip to Port Clinton, Ohio, to compete at Camp Perry. Though everyone always has a few bad days, my good days on the range turned out to be some of the best I've ever had – especially when I shot the President's 100 Rifle Match. I ranked 120th out of 1,125 other shooters from across the nation. Logan and I teamed up again and earned medals for the CMP Freedom Fire Event, and we also finished 6th in the NRA Whistler Boy Match – competing against 44 other junior teams from across the country.

Along with having a rather good run this year at Perry, my coach also experienced the joy of showing his junior shooters how true dedication pays off, after we attended the award ceremony at the end of the week.

So, as the lights darkened in Hough Theatre, the crowd became still, and the emcee asked us to stand for the National Anthem and Invocation. The first activity was the Distinguished Badge Presentation. Each year, the CMP recognizes the Distinguished Rifleman Badge winners – this year's being from August 2013 to July 2014. Only 30 people were honored with the award this year.

Our coach, Mr. Michael Van Dyke, was one of the 20 individuals present to walk across the stage and receive his Distinguished Rifleman Badge. He made us all proud. He's a special coach, not only capable of shooting, but adept in passing his knowledge on to four



*Coach Van Dyke receiving his Distinguished Rifleman Badge*

young men. In our eyes, he is distinguished in many ways. He's absolutely the best!

Shortly after arriving home to Kansas from our 12-hour road trip, Coach Van Dyke sent an email thanking all of us, the juniors on his team, for the special memories over the past three years, as well as for our fantastic efforts in Ohio. More importantly, he emphasized that if we continued our hard work, we would undoubtedly get better, not only in shooting, but in all aspects of life.

With Camron turning 21, Logan heading off to K-State and becoming a purple cat and Cody joining the U.S. Army and hopefully Ranger school, Coach Van Dyke showed us that high power shooting, like most challenges in life, was something that had many lessons beyond just shooting that we could utilize, even though our paths are bearing in different directions.

Some time after reading his email, life proved to me exactly everything Coach Van Dyke had said to us – and I received my HPR Master classification from the NRA. Though our days of being a junior team have wound down, I know I won't forget all the valuable skills I acquired from Coach Van Dyke about shooting, sharing these experiences with my team members and also how our efforts in shooting will help us succeed in life.



## Demmer Center at MSU Offers Facility for Public Use

The Demmer Center vision is to develop a world-class shooting sports

education and training center that provides a safe, clean, family atmosphere appealing to both shooters and non-shooters across all demographics, with or without disabilities. The Demmer Center, located at Michigan State University (MSU), includes indoor range facilities to allow year-round use and is designed to accommodate a variety of shooting sports activities.

We utilize the latest in shooting range technology, and our facility is designed in an environmentally friendly manner. We are certified through the USA Olympic Committee as a Paralympic Sport Club and a USA Shooting Certified Training Center. We are also in the process of being a designated Community Olympic Development Program Center, which includes:

- Developing a community-based sport club that recruits and involves diverse youth and adults with and without physical and visual disabilities in sports and physical activities regardless of skill level or interest.
- Developing a comprehensive, community-based Olympic/Paralympic Sport Club network as a foundation for an athlete pipeline.
- Providing community-based sport program opportunities for injured service members and veterans

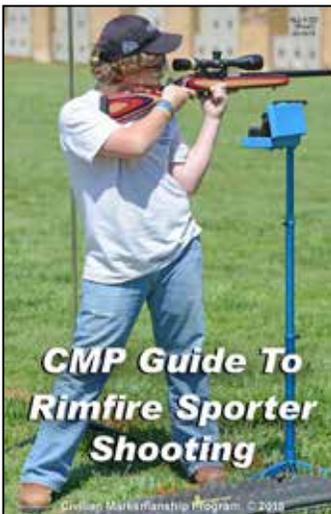
to continue sport participation upon integration back into their home communities.

- Creating a national, unified, community-based Olympic/Paralympic Sport Club network that provides a “grassroots” branding campaign to educate individuals on the opportunities and benefits inherent in sports and physical activities for diverse people with or without physical and visual disabilities.

The Demmer Center is open to the general public. We provide educational, recreational and competitive shooting sports opportunities for the whole family.

The Demmer Center is conveniently located and provides a venue that may host regional, state and national competitions. The Center is also used by MSU shooting sports student organizations including small bore, air rifle and archery, as well as academic programs in shooting sports, law enforcement and related curricula.

For more information on the Demmer Center, visit [www.demmercenter.msu.edu](http://www.demmercenter.msu.edu).



## UPDATED RIMFIRE SPORTER GUIDE

Become an expert at one of CMP's most enjoyable events of the year!

The Rimfire Sporter Match is a recreation-oriented competition where marksmen use .22 caliber sporter rifles to fire upon targets at 50 and 25 yards. This unique match is meant to introduce new and young shooters to the world of competitive shooting, but enthusiasts of all ages and experience levels are welcome to participate.

The *CMP Guide To Rimfire Sporter Shooting* offers an in-depth look into the

competition, including a list of match rules and a detailed description of each of the three classes: T-Class (telescope-sighted), O-Class (open-sighted) and Tactical Class rimfire. Within its pages, learn all of the essential elements about participating in and excelling at this exciting and fun competition.

For more information on Rimfire Sporter, visit our website at <http://thecmp.org/competitions/club-sanctioned-events/rimfire-sporter/>.

## Parting Shots: Photos from Recent CMP Events & Competitions

*Junior shooters left their mark on several recent CMP events including the Gary Anderson Invitational, Camp Perry Open and JROTC Regionals.*



*Thumbs up for making the finals at the 2014 Gary Anderson Invitational (GAI)!*



*Clubs teams and JROTC teams went head-to-head at the Gary Anderson Invitational at Camp Perry in December.*



*Junior sporter and precision marksmen met on the firing line to compete in the 3x20 GAI match.*



*The JROTC Regionals decided which talented marksmen would be advancing to Nationals in March.*



*Some crowd members dressed from head to toe during the Super Finals at the Camp Perry Open, adding to the fun.*



*Smiles were contagious at the western JROTC Regionals in Phoenix, AZ!*



*The sun never sets on CMP air rifle competitors.*



*Never hurts to throw a grin at the camera every now and then!*



*The CMP photographer has been caught!*

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