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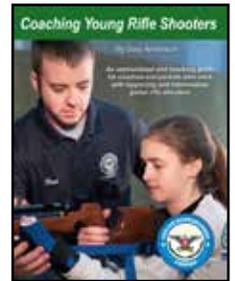
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- 🎯 **Monthly Matches Offer New Event.** For the 2014 Monthly Match season, the CMP will be adding a Monthly Match League, where aggregate scores will be calculated for shooters who have participated in four or more of the six Monthly Matches. Top shooters in the League will receive monetary and donated prizes. For more information, visit <http://www.odcmp.org/0214/default.asp?page=MONTHLYMATCHES>.
- 🎯 **Garand-Springfield-Military Rifle Master Instructor Clinics.** Dates have been announced for GSM Instructor courses for 2014. Clinics will be held the following dates: March 15-16, Anniston, AL; May 2-3, Camp Butner, NC; July 15, Camp Perry, OH; October 10-11, Phoenix, AZ.
- 🎯 **CMP Club Annual Reports.** Affiliated Clubs, State Associations and MOUs are encouraged to visit <http://www.thecmp.org/Clubs/AnnualReports.htm> to complete an annual Club Renewal Activity Report to renew affiliation with the CMP. Reports are due no later than April 1, 2014.
- 🎯 **2014 CMP Scholarship Applications Now Available.** The CMP offers \$1,000, one-year scholarships each year to encourage and reward outstanding high school seniors on the basis of merit and rifle or pistol marksmanship activity. Applicants must currently be competing regularly in marksmanship activities to be eligible. Other information about eligibility and the application process can be found at <http://www.thecmp.org/competitions/Scholarships.htm>. The deadline to apply is March 20th.
- 🎯 **Changes to 2014-2015 National Match Schedules.** Modifications have been made to the 2014-2015 National Match schedules to prepare for the inclusion of the World PALMA Rifle Championships, being held at Camp Perry in 2015. Teams participating in the Championships will also be traveling to Camp Perry in 2014 to shoot a "rehearsal" match, causing some modifications for 2014 and 2015. See more at: <http://www.odcmp.org/0713/default.asp?page=NMSCHEDULE>.
- 🎯 **Coaching Young Rifle Shooters** - By Gary Anderson, DCME, The most comprehensive guide to instructing junior shooting, written by one of the nation's premier shooters, Gary Anderson. In his 11 years of international competition, Gary has won two Olympic gold medals, seven World Championship gold medals, six world records, and 16 national titles. In the 200-page book, loaded with illustrations, Gary provides coaches with all the tools needed to develop the young shooter and improve the skills of us and coming juniors. Full color instruction guide. NLU 758, \$19.95 plus S&H. Order your copy today on the CMP E-Store at estore.thecmp.org.



On the Cover: Tyler Ramos of Woodbridge High School, DE, finished in first place in the overall USMC precision match at the 2014 JROTC Regional Championship with his impressive score of 1167-68x.

CMP Announces Rulebook Changes for 2014-2015

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

The CMP Rules Committee has approved the 2014-2015 18th Edition of the CMP Competition Rules for Service Rifle and Service Pistol and the 2014 2nd Edition CMP Rules for CMP Games Rifle and Pistol Matches. This is the earliest the CMP has released a new version of the Rulebooks, which previously were released in March or April. In another major change, the CMP Rimfire Sporter Rules, which were previously in a separate rulebook, are now included in the CMP Games Rules.

The CMP will continue to use two separate Rulebooks: one for Service Rifle and Service Pistol Rules and one for CMP Games Rules. This is a change the CMP adopted in 2013 to eliminate the confusion that sometimes occurred between Service Rifle and Service Pistol Rules and the unique rules for CMP Games events.

Unlike previous years, the Service Rifle and Service Pistol Rulebook will be in effect for 2 years (2014-2015), since the rules have remained essentially unchanged over the past few years. Changes to this Rulebook include:

- Page 25 – CMP Protest Committees will be appointed by the CMP Chief Operating Officer (Rule 5.12.3 and 5.12.4).

- Page 66 - The rules for awarding Credit Points for Paralympic Games and IPC Championships are updated (Rule 9.3.7).

The CMP Games Rulebook will continue to be a one-year Rulebook. New to the 2014 Edition, all rules specific to particular CMP Games events have been arranged and organized into sections devoted to those specific events. Also, the Rulebook now includes the CMP Rimfire Sporter Rifle Match Rules (Rule 8.0). Additional changes include:

- Page 11 – New Open Individual Category (OIC) (Rule 2.7.4), for competitors who do not comply with eligibility, equipment or firing position rules.

- Page 19 – Early or Late Shots (Rule 3.7.3), that determines consequences for shooters firing before or after LOAD, COMMENCE FIRING or CEASE FIRING commands, respectively.

- Page 36 – Weight for U.S. Modern Sporting Rifles, Class A, may not exceed 7.75 lbs. (Rule 5.2.3).

- Page 48 – Sandbag rest regulations were added to the Rulebook (Rule 6.4.3). The CMP or match sponsor will issue sandbags. No competitor-supplied sandbags will be permitted.

- Page 62 – Early or Late Shots rule is updated (Rule 8.4.8) for Rimfire Sporter Matches.

- Page 95 – 2014 CMP Achievement Scores (Annex G) for awarding achievement medals or pins in CMP Games Matches are updated. New Achievement Scores are provided for the Modern Military Rifle, As-Issued M1911 Pistol and Military & Police Pistol Matches.

Those interested in seeing the complete CMP Competition Rulebooks can download them from the CMP website at <http://www.thecmp.org/Competitions/Rulebook.htm>. Comments on the rules or recommendations for the rulebooks are welcome and should be sent to CMP Headquarters at competitions@thecmp.org.

Annex G – 2014 CMP Achievement Award Scores

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
M1 Garand Rifle Match, 30 shots	280+	272-279	263-271
M1 Garand Rifle Match, 50 shots	465+	454-464	436-453
Springfield Rifle Match, 30 shots	280+	272-279	263-271
Springfield Rifle Match, 50 shots	465+	454-464	437-453
Vintage Military Rifle Match, 30 shots	277+	268-276	257-267
Vintage Military Rifle Match, 50 shots	462+	448-461	427-447
M1 Carbine Match	353+	340-352	326-339
Modern Military Rifle Match, 30 shots	284+	276-283	269-275
Modern Military Rifle Match, 50 shots	460+	440-459	420-439
Unlimited Garand Rifle Match, 30 shots	288+	278-287	269-277
Unlimited Garand Rifle Match, 50 shots	477+	467-476	450-466
Vintage Sniper Rifle Team Match (for 2-person teams)	380+	372-379	360-371
As-Issued M1911 Pistol Match	365+	335-364	310-334
Military & Police Service Pistol Match	365+	335-364	310-334
Rimfire Sporter Rifle T-Class (scope)	584+	571-583	556-570
Rimfire Sporter Rifle O-Class (open sights)	571+	557-570	541-556
Rimfire Sporter Tactical Class	584+	572-583	560-571

Top JROTC Shooters Perform at Regionals to Earn Spots at Upcoming JROTC Nationals

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, NM; ANNISTON, AL; CAMP PERRY, OH – Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force JROTC units met on the firing line to compete in the 2014 JROTC Regional Championships the weekends of Feb. 14-16 and Feb. 20-22 to give their all and earn their places at the JROTC National Championships in March.

Top shooters of the JROTC Postal match were invited to compete in the Regionals competition, held at the Expo New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque, NM; CMP South Competition Center in Anniston, AL; and the newly renovated Gary Anderson Competition Center in Camp Perry, OH. Teams and At-Large individuals who made the cut at Regionals will travel to Camp Perry March 20-22 for Nationals.



Ariana Grabowski of Beaver Area High School, PA, proved her resilience after a target malfunction disrupted her finals performance. Unshaken by the mishap, she calmly switched firing points to still manage to claim the overall Army precision title.

MidwayUSA Foundation is the official sponsor of the JROTC competition, offering generous endowments of \$2,000 to qualifying teams and also awarding additional funds to shooters who reach the winners podium. Total contributions by MidwayUSA during the three phases of the competition (Postal, Regional, National) will reach more than \$450,000.

In the Army overall sporter category, Isela Velazquez, 16, of R.L. Paschal High School, Fort Worth, TX, led with an aggregate score of 1106-35x. Kelly Frost, 18, of Wagener-Salley High School, Wagener, SC, earned the second place spot with 1101-28x, as Patrick Cramer, 19, of Saint Thomas Academy, Mendota Heights, MN, rounded out the Top 3 with a score of 1099-38x.

In the precision class, Sarah Jameson, 18, of Walla Walla High School, Walla Walla, WA, claimed the third place position with a score of 1174-78x as Robert Broadstreet, 17, of Ozark High School, Ozark, MO, just squeaked by Jameson – firing a 1175-90x for second. Ariana Grabowski, 18, of Beaver Area High School, Beaver, PA, earned the overall precision honors with her hard-fought score of 1176-80x.

Grabowski showed an impressive amount of skill and focus during her finals performance at Camp Perry, managing to finish strong despite a hiccup in her shooting. A minor target malfunction forced Grabowski to move to another firing point in the middle of her finals record shots, but, with the poise and patience she has come to be known by throughout her shooting career, she continued to fire on the new point as if she had been shooting there all along – unshaken by the mishap.

“I was very impressed with the way she kept her composure,” said CMP Board member Bill Willoughby, who witnessed Grabowski’s final. “To pick up and move to another firing point in the middle of a finals match like that, and to still shoot well – she is a very good shooter.”

In the Marine Corps individual match, Brian Hampton, 16, of Fort Mill High School, Fort Mill, SC, fired the top sporter score with a 1103-37x. Michael Murphy, 18, of R-S Central High School, Rutherfordton, NC, fired a 1101-40x for second, while Jackson Thompson, 17, of Sapulpa High School, Sapulpa, OK, trailed by only a few points with 1097-30x for third.

Tyler Ramos, 18, of Woodbridge High School, Bridgeville, DE, gave an impressive performance, finishing in the first place spot in the precision class with



During her third place finish in the overall Navy sporter match, Sheridan Beene of Joshua High School, TX, recorded a new 20 Shot Standing National Record – firing a remarkable 186-9x.

an aggregate score of 1167-68x – seven points ahead of second place finisher Sydney Perry, 16, of Shelby County High School, Shelbyville, KY, who fired a 1160-67x. Rounding out the top three precision shooters was Richard Abeyta, 18, of La Cueva High School, Albuquerque, NM, with a combined score of 1155-63x.

In the Navy overall sporter competition, Sheridan Beene, 18, of Joshua High School, Joshua, TX, fired a 1108-34x for third place – more than 10 points ahead of the fourth place competitor. The fight for first overall was a close battle that came down to only the x-count. Falling just short of the top spot was Isaac Diaz, 17, of Flint Northwestern High School, Flint, MI, who shot a combined score of 1115-41x. Just two x's ahead of Diaz, and claiming the overall position, was Hunter Cushman, 17, of King George High School, King George, VA, with his score of 1115-43x.

“I just put a song in my head and I don’t worry about anybody else,” said Cushman, with a grin. “What I do down range is what I do down range. And that’s how I do it.”

Rosemary Kramer, 16, of Upson Lee High School, Thomaston, GA, earned the overall precision title with her score of 1180-81x. Following close behind in second place was Darren Kasl, 19, of El Dorado High School, El Paso, TX, with a score of 1174-79x – 10 points above third place finisher Keondra Moton, 16, of Henry County High School, McDonough, GA, who shot a combined score of 1164-72x.



Hunter Cushman of King George High School, VA, fired a 1115-43x to earn the top spot as the overall Navy sporter competitor.

In the Air Force overall sporter class match, Ashley Durham, 17, of McMichael High School, Mayodan, NC, fired a 1103-40x to claim a first place finish above Stanley Compton, 18, of Washington High School, Tacoma, WA, who shot a combined score of 1092-36x. Compton finished just one point ahead of Matthew Velazquez, 17, of Buckeye Union High School, Goodyear, AZ, who recorded an aggregate score of 1091-35x for third.

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The Olympic Games

The Olympic Games: How They Benefit Junior Shooting Programs

By Gary Anderson, DCM Emeritus



More people around the world watch Olympic Games Opening Ceremonies than any other human event. These Olympic rings in the London 2012 Opening Ceremony all came out.

Over five billion people from more than 200 countries watched some part of the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) reported that viewer numbers for the just-completed 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia were even larger. Why do more than two-thirds of the entire population of the world follow the Olympic Games? It's because the Olympics have become the world's greatest sports competition and one of the most powerful social and cultural forces in human history.

It is likely that well over two-thirds of the youth who participate in junior shooting and their families also watched those Games with awe, wonder and

enthusiasm. These young people are going to be asking questions to junior program leaders like:

"How do you get to go to the Olympics?"

"Is Shooting in the Olympics?"

"Is it possible that I could go to the Olympics?"

There are young shooters in every program who nurture an "Olympic dream." That dream can be anything from youthful adulation of Olympic stars to a serious goal of someday going to the Olympics or even becoming an Olympic gold medal winner. The Olympic dream inspires many junior shooters because their sport is an Olympic sport. To guide these dreams in constructive ways, junior shooting coaches, club leaders and parents

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need to know about the Olympic Games and the vital role Shooting plays in them. Junior leaders who do this well can bring real benefits to their programs and to the young people in them.

What are the Olympics?

The Olympic Games are an international multi-sport competition with 2,790 years of unique history and tradition. The first Games began at Olympia in 776 BC as athletic contests among Ancient Greek city-states to honor Zeus. The Games took place every four years and featured an Olympic Truce that temporarily stopped wars. Religious celebrations and artistic competitions were part of those Games. Event winners received olive branches and usually considerable sums of money.

Those Games endured for more than 11 centuries until the 4th century AD when the Romans banned them as “pagan festivals.” 16th century humanism revived interest in Ancient Greek physical culture and sport, but it was not until the late 19th century when an idealistic French nobleman, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founded the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1894 and organized the revival of the Ancient Olympic Games in Athens in 1896. de Coubertin believed striving for excellence in peaceful international sports competitions could break down barriers that keep people divided and change a war-torn world for the better. His many legendary quotes expressed this ideal quite clearly.

Today, Summer Olympic Games, Winter Olympic Games, Paralympic Games and Youth Olympic Games are each celebrated every four years in different host cities around the world. The use of ritual and symbolism including the Olympic flag and five rings, the Olympic torch, Olympic motto, opening and closing ceremonies and award ceremonies that honor gold, silver and bronze medal winners give a distinguishing appeal to the Olympic Games. The Summer and Winter Games became so popular in the 1970s and 1980s that continued growth threatened their viability. This is why the Games are now limited to 13,000 athletes, 33 different sports and just under 400 events.

Baron Pierre de Coubertin:

The most important thing in life is not the triumph, but the struggle; the essential thing is not to have conquered, but to have fought well.



A moment of Olympic triumph – Yi Siling of China shows her joy after learning that she has just won the first gold medal of the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Until the 1980s, the Modern Games were only for amateur athletes who could receive no monetary rewards for their victories. Today those old amateur rules are gone and the Games are truly for the best athletes in the world, many of whom earn millions from their Olympic victories. Indeed, and almost without exception, the Olympic Games are the world’s best tests of the world’s best athletes.

The Games became the world’s greatest sports competition for many reasons. No other sports competition comes close to involving athletes from 200 different countries. The Olympics bring youth from all over the world together in competitions involving the broadest possible range of sports. This has extraordinary appeal to youth because there is almost always one Olympic event where each person has the possibility of excelling. Similarly, the Games have great appeal to spectators because they present so many different sports with so many engaging young athletes from so many nations.

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How are the Olympics Governed?

The world governing body of the Olympics is the IOC. The IOC elects its own members from among world sports leaders. The 107 current IOC members include International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) President Olegario Vázquez Raña and Ms. Danka Bartekova, an Olympic Skeet medalist from Slovakia. Dr. Thomas Bach from Germany, a 1976 Olympic gold medalist in fencing, was elected IOC President in 2013.

To further the Olympic movement and govern it, the IOC recognizes one National Olympic Committee (NOC) in every country and one International Federation (IF) to govern each Olympic sport. The USA NOC is the U. S. Olympic Committee. The ISSF is the IF or world governing body for Olympic Shooting. The IOC also recognizes Continental Sports Organizations that govern multi-sport competitions like the Pan American Games and Asian Games. Every country also has a National Federation (NF) or National Governing Body (NGB) for each Olympic sport. The Shooting NGB in the USA is USA Shooting. The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is the world governing body for Paralympic sports including Shooting.

Websites with Olympic Games Information:

- IOC: www.olympic.org/ioc
- IPC: www.paralympic.org
- ISSF: www.issf-sports.org
- USOC: www.teamusa.org
- Rio 2016: www.rio2016.com/en
- USA Shooting: www.usashooting.org

How are the Olympics Organized?

The IOC selects each Games host city seven years in advance from among several cities that have spent millions and years preparing their bids to become Olympic hosts. Every Olympic host city must create a massive organization with a complex of venues for the different sports. Russia and its President Vladimir Putin



The IOC sits on top of a complex web of organizations that govern worldwide Olympic sports.

are reported to have spent over \$50 billion preparing Sochi for the 2014 Winter Games. The temporary Shooting venue in London cost the British government more than \$60 million and that was for just one sport.

Every Olympic host city establishes an Olympic Organizing Committee that must hire a staff of professional sports administrators and recruit thousands of volunteers to conduct all aspects of the Games. The IOC and its Olympic Organizing Committees must also pay for the Games. Television agreements are a leading revenue source. NBC, for example, is paying \$4.4 billion for exclusive U. S. rights for the 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2020 Winter and Summer Games. Major sources of revenue are sponsors and ticket sales. Governments are sometimes major supporters. The Russian government has been a primary funding source for the 2014 Games, but when the Games were held in the USA in 1984, 1996 and 2002, no government funding was available.

How is Shooting Involved in the Olympics?

We all know Shooting is an Olympic sport, but how did it get there and where does it stand as a member of the Olympic family? Shooting got its start as an Olympic sport when it was one of nine original sports in the first Modern Games in 1896. Games founder de Coubertin may have been decisive in selecting Shooting because as a young man he had been a pistol champion in France. Shooting has been out of the Games only twice, in 1904 and 1928.

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The world famous Copacabana Beach at Rio de Janeiro will become the Beach Volleyball venue during the 2016 Olympics. Deodoro Olympic Park on the northwest side of the city will host Shooting as well as several other sports.

The IOC decides which sports are on the program. To keep the Games relevant to modern demands, the IOC conducts intensive reviews after every Games to evaluate the history and tradition, universality, popularity, governance, athlete safeguards, athlete development, technical evolution, fairness and finances of each sport. IOC policy is to drop one of the 28 summer sports out of the program and add one new sport every four years.

In addition to controlling which sports are in the Games, the IOC strictly controls the number of events in each sport, the number of athletes who may participate and what athletes must do to qualify. For the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro, Shooting will have 15 gold medal events, five each for rifle, pistol and shotgun. Separate women's events became part of the program in 1984; today six of the 15 events are for women. Now every Olympic event has a Qualification round where all participants compete and a Final round where the top eight or six qualifiers compete for medals in head-to-head eliminations that are designed for spectator and television appeal (see the Olympic Events Chart, pg 13).

Olympic events must be events that can be practiced all over the world. That is why air gun and smallbore rifle and pistol events are now on the program, but there are no longer any highpower rifle events. Olympic events must also be events practiced only for sports purposes; combat or defense-oriented shooting events are not included in the Games.

The IOC has supported growth in the sport of Shooting. The number of Olympic Shooting events increased from six in 1964 to 15, but it is extremely unlikely that any more Shooting events will be added without dropping current events.

The number of athletes is also strictly limited. In 2016, Shooting will again have 390 athlete entry quotas. This makes it one of the larger Olympic sports. Olympic qualifying for the 2016 Games will begin with the 2014 World Shooting Championship where the top finishers in individual Olympic events will win 64 of those quotas for their nations. Further quotas will be awarded in the 2014 Championship of the Americas, 2015 World Cups and 2015 Continental Championships. No country can earn more than two quotas per event.

Once a nation has a quota in an event they can enter an athlete in that event only if

Olympic Shooting Facts

- **Shooting is one of 28 Summer Olympic Sports.**
- **There are four “marksmanship sports” in the Olympic Games: Shooting, Archery, Modern Pentathlon and Biathlon.**
- **Shooting was in the 1st Olympic Games in Athens.**
- **Shooting has been in every Olympic Games except two (1904, 1928).**
- **There are 15 Olympic Shooting events for rifle, pistol and shotgun.**
- **There are nine men's events; six women's events.**
- **108 nations qualified athletes for Shooting in the 2012 Games; this ranked fourth among all sports.**
- **Shooting traditionally awards the first gold medal in the Summer Olympics.**
- **Only three athletes have won three individual Olympic gold medals in Shooting; Ralf Schumann, Germany; Jin Jongoh, Korea and Kim Rhode, USA.**

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the athlete has fired a qualifying score (MQS, Minimum Qualifying Score) in an Olympic qualifying competition. 24 of the 390 Shooting participation quotas will be distributed by the IOC to nations that do not win quotas in the qualifying competitions, but do have athletes with MQS scores. This system ensures that many more nations can enter shooters in the Games and enables Shooting to attain a high universality standing. In London, 108 nations qualified athletes for Shooting. Only Athletics, Swimming and Judo had more.

How Well Have USA Shooters Done?

Junior shooters and their program leaders have every right to be proud of the history and traditions established by USA Olympic Shooting athletes. USA Olympic Shooting Teams were first in the official medal counts in 1920, 1924, 1964, 1972 and 1984.

The first great period of USA successes was in the 1920s. Pistol shooter Alfred Lane became a double gold medal winner in 1920; rifle shooter Morris Fisher won

his second gold medal in 1924. The program then included many team matches and several USA shooters won multiple team gold medals. Carl Osburn won 11 team medals; Willis A. Lee won seven. Lee earned fame in World War II as Vice Admiral Willis "Ching" Lee who commanded the victorious American fleet in the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal.

USA ascendancy waned in the years after WWII when the USSR began its concerted effort to achieve international

sports supremacy. Soviet rifleman Anatoli Bogdanov was the best rifle shooter in the world in the 1950s when he won two Olympic gold medals and six World Championships. This was at the height of the Cold War and USA Shooting leaders decided to answer the Soviet challenge by forming the U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit that was authorized by President Eisenhower in 1956. A primary USAMU mission was to win medals for the USA in Olympic and international

competitions. That endeavor paid big dividends when Army dominated USA teams enjoyed great successes in the 1964, 1968, 1972 and 1976 Olympics behind gold medal wins by Lones Wigger, Gary Anderson, Jack Writer, Lanny Bassham and Don Haldeman.

A USA shooter pioneered in what was probably the most important change in Olympic Shooting history. Margaret Murdock became the first woman in history to win an Olympic Shooting medal when she tied Bassham in the 1976 50m 3x40 rifle event only to finish second after the tie breaker. While Murdock and a small number of other women were successful in so-called "mixed" event competitions, it became clear that equal opportunities for women to participate in Olympic Shooting would only come when there were separate women's events in Shooting. Women's events were introduced in the 1984 Games and, fittingly, Patty Spurgin of the USA became the first gold medal winner



Margaret Murdock, USA, became the first woman to win an Olympic medal in Shooting when she finished second behind Lanny Bassham, USA in 1976. Murdock's successes were a major impetus in decisions to include separate women's events in Olympic Shooting.



Marine Corps marksman Morris Fisher became one of the first great USA Olympic Shooting heroes by winning 300m rifle gold medals in 1920 and 1924.

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Kim Rhode, USA, displays her third Olympic gold medal and 5th Olympic medal after with the 2012 Skeet event. The silver medalist was Wei Ning, China. The bronze medalist was Danka Bartekova, Slovakia. 2012 Olympic athletes elected Bartekova to be a member of the International Olympic Committee.

Olympics, the Games returned to a more stable course where more and more nations sought to achieve Olympic success. With new women's and air gun events, Shooting spread to many more countries to become a true world sport. Many nations emerged as Shooting powers in the post-1984 period. The great USSR machine was broken up into former Soviet republic teams in 1992, but Russia remained a dominant power. A reunified Germany relied on the world's strongest shooting club system to become a major player. Italy became surprisingly strong, first in shotgun, but also in rifle and pistol. China and Korea both poured tremendous resources into Shooting to become two of the strongest Shooting nations. China led the Shooting medal count in 2000 and 2008; Korea was the leading country in 2012.

A big change in the USA occurred in the 1990s when the USOC decided that the National Rifle Association

in the new 10m Air Rifle Women event.

After the Olympic world realized that the USA boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics and the USSR boycott of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics were failures caused by futile efforts to inject politics into the

no longer fulfilled the requirements of federal law and the USOC Constitution and created a new National Governing Body for Olympic Shooting, USA Shooting. With support from USOC, thousands of direct mail donors, sponsors, USAMU and NCAA college rifle teams, USA Shooting continued to develop strong Olympic Teams that finished second in the medal counts in both 2008 and 2012.

New USA champions emerged in the most recent Games including double gold medalist Vince Hancock and triple gold medalist Kim Rhode. Rhode is one of only three athletes in Olympic history to have won three individual gold medals. She is also the first woman athlete to win medals in five consecutive Olympics.

USA OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALISTS SINCE 1948

Art Cook	Rifle	1948
Joe Benner	Pistol	1952
Bill McMillan	Pistol	1960
Gary Anderson	Rifle	1964
Lones Wigger	Rifle	1964
Gary Anderson	Rifle	1968
Lones Wigger	Rifle	1972
John Writer	Rifle	1972
Lanny Bassham	Rifle	1976
Don Haldeman	Shotgun	1976
Pat Spurgin	Rifle	1984
Ed Etzel	Rifle	1984
Matt Dryke	Shotgun	1984
Launi Meili	Rifle	1992
Kim Rhode	Shotgun	1996
Nancy Johnson	Rifle	2000
Matt Emmons	Rifle	2004
Kim Rhode	Shotgun	2004
Vince Hancock	Shotgun	2008
Glenn Eller	Shotgun	2008
Kim Rhode	Shotgun	2012
Vince Hancock	Shotgun	2012
Jamie Gray	Rifle	2012

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How Can Junior Programs Benefit from the Olympics?

For junior coaches, leaders and parents, the first step in realizing the benefits that the Olympics offer is education. Every youth who joins the program should know that they can take special pride in their sport because it is an Olympic sport. Dedicate time during team sessions to provide information about Olympic Shooting events and history. Ask them to select names from the list of USA Olympic gold medalists and prepare short reports on them.

Be sure to introduce the “Olympic possibility” to team members. Young people should know that if they are willing to adopt a serious training program where they work incredibly hard and seek lots of quality competitions they can advance along what is called the “Olympic path.” USA Shooting offers a downloadable poster that explains the successive steps young shooters must progress through to achieve Olympic excellence.

When young shooters buy into the Olympic dream they become part of a culture of striving for excellence. Olympic athletes’ personal stories teach Olympic values. IOC and USOC educational programs stress values like joy through effort, mutual understanding, non-discrimination and fair play. Olympic sports lead the world in the fight to prevent doping and using artificial means to improve sports results. Youth in Olympic sports benefit from links with the youth of the world that are not conditioned by discrimination, religion, race or political ideology.

Working with youth who are trying to excel has its own special challenges for coaches and parents. The path is never straight. There are lots of curves, roadblocks and detours that require corrective approaches. Youth leaders must apply code words like joy; hard work won’t continue unless youth are also having fun. Dealing with misfortune and defeats offer great teaching moments. A key virtue is perseverance; hard work often does not produce immediate results.

The Olympic Games

OLYMPIC SHOOTING EVENTS 2016				
Event	M/W	Qualification	Advance	Final
10m Air Rifle	Men	60 shots standing	8	20 shots standing
10m Air Rifle	Women	40 shots standing	8	20 shots standing
50m Rifle Prone	Men	60 shots prone	8	20 shots prone
50m Rifle 3-Positions	Men	40 shots kneeling 40 shots prone 40 shots standing	8	15 shots kneeling 15 shots prone 15 shots standing
50m Rifle 3-Positions	Women	20 shots kneeling 20 shots prone 20 shots standing	8	15 shots kneeling 15 shots prone 15 shots standing
10m Air Pistol	Men	60 shots	8	20 shots
10m Air Pistol	Women	40 shots	8	20 shots
50m Pistol	Men	60 shots	8	20 shots
25m Pistol	Women	30 shots precision 30 shots rapid-fire	8/4 to medal matches	25 shots plus 2 medal matches scored in points
25m Rapid Fire Pistol	Men	2x5 shots in 8 seconds 2x5 shots in 6 seconds	6	8x5 shots; all in 4 seconds
		2x5 shots in 4 seconds		
Skeet	Men	125 targets on stations 1-8	6/4 to medal matches	4x4 shots on stations 3-4-5 plus 4x4 shots in each medal match
Skeet	Women	75 targets on stations 1-8	6/4 to medal matches	4x4 shots on stations 3-4-5 plus 4x4 shots in each medal match
Double Trap	Men	5 x 15 doubles, 150 targets	6/4 to medal matches	15 doubles plus 15 doubles in each medal match
Trap	Men	125 targets	6/4 to medal matches	15 targets plus 15 targets in each medal match
Trap	Women	75 targets	6/4 to medal matches	15 targets plus 15 targets in each medal match

There is a haunting concern that only a small handful of athletes from among thousands will ever stand on Olympic podiums. Coaches must be prepared to answer questions about whether pursuing an Olympic dream is realistic. But those who have lived the dream say it is OK to dream and it is OK to strive for excellence. Whether that effort ever leads to marching in an Olympic ceremony or standing on a victory podium, the life lessons that come from the process of striving for excellence yield fantastic lifetime memories and lifetime habits of trying to be better at whatever we do.

Too often, and most unfortunately, the media and television see the result of each Olympic competition as one winner and many losers. But we must remember what Baron de Coubertin said, "The most important thing in life is not the triumph, but the struggle." Everyone who pursues the Olympic dream can be a winner.

About the Author

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Photo courtesy of the ISSF.



Shoppers Watch as Shooters Compete at Bass Pro 600

By Sarah Hall, CMP

The Tracker Boat section of the Bass Pro Shop of Leeds, AL, has been an area of changing scenery over the last few weeks. At Christmas, the windows were frosted to create a Winter Wonderland where Santa listened to what children wanted underneath their trees. Then, a few days later, the windows were cleaned off and Santa's house was moved to make room for the CMP's mobile range during the 2014 Bass Pro 600 – held Saturday, January 4 and Sunday, January 5.

In total, 24 electronic targets were set up in the boat garage, between permanent artificial swamp trees that regularly decorate the area. Competitors traveled from several states, including South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee, to shoot in this exclusive match.

“The Bass Pro 600 is such a unique idea that many competitors travel to shoot in the event just for the novelty of the venue,” said James Hall, CMP program outreach supervisor. “After what can sometimes become a repetitive ritual of weekend after weekend of shooting matches, being able to fire your match inside the boating area, surrounded by lake decorations, is pretty exciting.”

On Saturday, 42 junior competitors fired in a three-position match – all while the store's music played and shoppers stopped by to watch. Spectators were drawn over to the boating area, with the mobile range's 60" TV's displaying each competitor's shots. With after holiday deals, the store was busy and loud, but competitors focused through the distractions.

Bass Pro patrons were also allowed to try their hand at air rifle shooting on a SCATT shooter training machine, right beside competitors on the line.

At the end of the day, Daleville, AL, high school's mental training paid off when they had six shooters representing their JROTC unit in the final. Daleville teammates Christofer Burns and Alexis Poke came



The 2nd Annual Bass Pro 600 was fired January 4-5 within the boat area of the Bass Pro Shop in Leeds, AL. Shooters fired between artificial trees onto the electronic targets of CMP's Mobile Range.

away with the gold and silver, and Deanna Long of Screven, GA, took third.

Sunday, another 37 competitors arrived to test their mental focus amidst the distractions in the International match. Among the competitors was 2012 Olympian and CMP employee Jonathan Hall, who walked away with the gold medal after winning the final with over a 4-point lead ahead of fellow CMP employee Michael Dickinson. George Norton of the Army Marksmanship Unit placed third.

This is the second year the Bass Pro Shop in Leeds has opened their boating area to the CMP for match use. The success of last year's event caused more shooters to attend the open range nights at the CMP Marksmanship Center in nearby Anniston, AL, and also allowed for even more success with attendance at this year's Bass Pro 600.

Besides the competition space, the store also donated prizes and gift cards for the competitors to win. By Monday, the floors were cleaned, and Bass Pro Shop staff set up for the next event: new 2014 boat displays.



“Our partnership with the Bass Pro Shop in Leeds, AL, has allowed us the great opportunity to expose not only our Mobile Range to the greater Anniston/Oxford area, but also to expose the sport of competitive shooting to the public,” said Hall. “Customers shopping through the Bass Pro Shop, who are already inclined towards hunting and shooting, were eager to learn about our rifle safety classes for their kids and questioned our

experienced staff about competitive knowledge.”

Hall also added, “I like to see that a sport once deemed ‘non-spectator friendly’ is evolving into an exciting experience to watch. Thanks to electronic targets and the mobile range, shooting’s not only drawing in an audience at matches, but also attracting new young athletes for future matches.”

The mobile range headed next to Ft. Rucker in south Alabama for the Wiregrass Invitational on January 24-25. The event was hosted by Daleville JROTC and was the NRA Junior Air Rifle State qualifier. The match was held within the Army Aviation Museum, making it a truly unique experience. Once the mobile range was put into place, shooters had the opportunity to fire in the same space museum planes and helicopters usually stand.

A few weeks later, the range split in two, as half traveled to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, FL, for the Wounded Warriors, March 1-9, and Murray, KY, for the NCAA Championship, that same weekend.

For information on renting the mobile range for an event, contact James Hall at 256-835-8455 ext. 1145 or jhall@thecmp.org.



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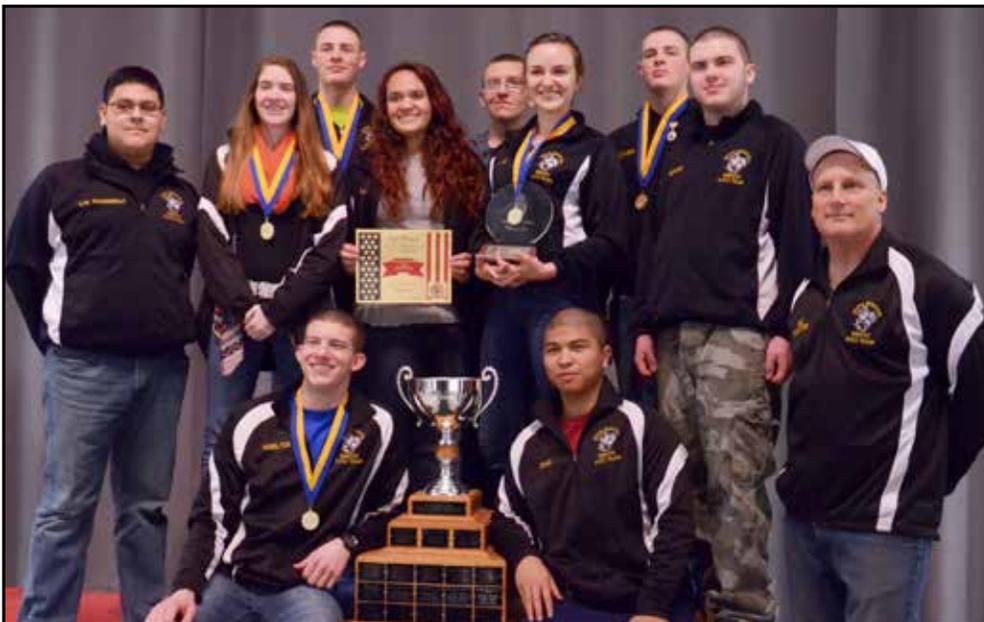


Franklin County High School in Rocky Mount, VA, carried three of the four top finishers in the precision class match, as Brantley Santrock, 16, fired a 1160-74x for third place behind teammate Sierra Czap, 16, who shot a 1165-69x for second. Claiming the top spot was Mary Pratt, 16, of Monroe Area High School, Monroe, GA, with her dominating combined score of 1187-86x.

For a full list of results, both individual performances and overall team scores, visit the CMP Competition Tracker at <http://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&match=10801>. Photos of the event can be downloaded or purchased at <http://cmp1.zenfolio.com/>.

Overall team results are listed below.

Top photo: Franklin County High School, VA, was the overall Air Force precision team of the competition, also snagging a new Four Member Team 3x20 National Record with a score of 2311-137x.



Bottom photo: Zion Benton High School, IL, led the overall Navy sporter competition, snagging some snazzy new medals around their necks and their names engraved on a giant Navy trophy.

Top Overall Teams by Service:



Overall Army Sporter:

1. Lebanon HS, OR - 4332-137x
2. Daleville HS, AL - 4302-113x
3. Central Catholic HS, TX - 4280-120x
4. Piedra Vista HS, NM - 4267-120x
5. Cesar Chavez HS, AZ - 4261-105x

Overall Army Precision:

1. Ozark HS, MO - 4666-320x
2. Lumpkin County HS, GA - 4628-244x
3. Walla Walla HS, WA - 4625-248x
4. Patch HS APO, AE - 4613-247x
5. Sarasota Military Academy, FL - 4563-213x



Overall USMC Sporter:

1. Gulfport HS, MS - 4308-109x
2. Des Moines North, IA - 4276-134x
3. Team 1, R-S Central HS, NC - 4273-126x
4. Rio Rancho HS, NM - 4240-94x
5. Stranahan HS, FL - 4226-105x

Overall USMC Precision:

1. East Coweta HS, GA - 4606-245x
2. La Cueva HS, NM - 4601-239x
3. Atrisco Heritage Academy, NM - 4544-211x
4. Eldorado HS, NM - 4534-205x
5. Fern Creek Traditional HS, KY - 4534-171x



Overall Navy Sporter:

1. Team 1, Zion Benton HS, IL - 4341-130x
2. King George HS, VA - 4292-122x
3. Middletown HS, NY - 4287-115x
4. Team A, Joshua HS, TX - 4286-108x
5. Team A, Oviedo HS, FL - 4280-102x

Overall Navy Precision:

1. Upson Lee HS, GA - 4577-231x
2. Manzano HS, NM - 4575-246x
3. New Albany HS, IN - 4571-236x
4. Los Alamos HS, NM - 4562-218x
5. Union Grove HS, GA - 4545-219x



Overall Air Force Sporter:

1. South Panola HS #1, MS - 4261-122x
2. Team 1, McMichael HS, NC - 4245-120x
3. Clearfield HS, UT - 4245-103x
4. Buckeye Union HS, AZ - 4241-121
5. Team A, Volcano Vista HS, NM - 4188-91x

Overall Air Force Precision:

1. Franklin County HS, VA - 4622-263x
2. Monroe Area HS, GA - 4587-243x
3. Volcano Vista HS, NM - 4561-229x
4. Valley HS, NM - 4438-164x
5. Prairie HS, WA - 4306-115x

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. 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.

2014

March

15 Mar
CMP Monthly Match
Camp Perry, OH

20-22 Mar
JROTC National Championships
Camp Perry, OH

22 Mar
CMP Monthly Match
Anniston, AL

27-29 Mar
CMP Regional Championships
Camp Perry, OH

April

3-5 April
CMP Regional Championships
Anniston, AL

3-5 April
CMP Regional Championships
Layton, UT

9-13 April
CMP Oklahoma Games
Oklahoma City, OK

19 April
CMP Monthly Match
Camp Perry, OH
Anniston, AL

May

2-11 May
CMP Eastern Games and Creedmoor Cup Matches
Camp Butner, NC

17 May
CMP Monthly Match
Camp Perry, OH
Anniston, AL

June

24 June
National Three Position Air Rifle Junior Olympics – Sporter
Camp Perry, OH

25 June
CMP National Championship – Sporter
Camp Perry, OH

27 June
National Three Position Air Rifle Junior Olympics – Precision
Camp Perry, OH

28 June
CMP National Championship – Precision
Camp Perry, OH

July

6 July
CMP USAMU Pistol SAFS Registration
Camp Perry, OH

7 July
CMP USAMU SAFS M9/EIC Match 1st Shot Ceremony
Camp Perry, OH

8 July
CMP Warm-Up Match
Camp Perry, OH

13 July
CMP Pistol Presidents 100 CMP Pistol NTI CMP Pistol NTT CMP Pistol Shooter Reception CMP Pistol Awards Ceremony
Camp Perry, OH

15 July
CMP USAMU Rifle SAFS Registration CMP/USMC Jr. HP Registration and Clinic CMP/Remington Advanced HP Registration and Clinic
Camp Perry, OH

16 July
CMP/USAMU SAFS Rifle CMP/USMC Jr. HP Rifle Clinic CMP/Remington Advanced HP Clinic
Camp Perry, OH

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Air Rifle and Pistol Juniors Collide at 2014 Camp Perry Open

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

CAMP PERRY, Ohio – The doors to the CMP North Marksmanship Center opened January 17-19 to a crowd that braved the snow and sub-zero temperatures to witness one of the most exciting CMP competitions of the season. Competitors and spectators traveled from around the country to take part in the dramatic finals the match promises and to observe the one-of-a-kind Super Final that can only be seen at the Camp Perry Open.

The match began on Friday with the Junior Air Rifle 3x20 competition. Two relays of over 140 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.

Overall, Sarah Osborn, 14, of Patriot Shooting Club, led the precision class with her qualifying score of 594-45x, followed by MacKenzie Martin, 16, of the Taunton Marksmanship Unit, with 592-42x, and Ian Foos, 16, of Black Swamp Jr. Rifle in Ohio, who fired a 590-39x.

Osborn fired a 104.3 in her relay's finals, earning her the gold medal and an aggregate score of 698.3. Martin held on to the second position to earn the silver, while Amanda Ruffner, 15, of Alexandria Jr. Rifle Team in Pennsylvania, snuck in one-tenth of a point above Foos to earn the bronze, with her score of 690.9.

Patriot Shooting Club of Virginia led the overall team category with a combined score of 2337-151x.

Team members are Sarah Osborn, Anika Corsi, Claire Zanti and Robert Hudson. Frazier Simplex Center Shots of Pennsylvania landed in second with a score of 2323-125x, while the Taunton Marksmanship Unit of Massachusetts followed in third with 2316-130x.

In the sporter division, Isaac Diaz, 17, of Flint Northwestern High School, Michigan, fired an aggregate score of 555-15x in the qualifying round to earn him the top seat going into the finals. Giovanni Gutierrez, 17, of East Aurora High School, Illinois, finished in second with 549-14x, as Kevin Hamilton, 18, of Zion Benton High School, Illinois, recorded a 546-17x for third.

Once the finals concluded, Diaz remained on top to win the gold with an aggregate score of 645.4. Hamilton claimed the silver medal as he fired a finals score of 91.2 and combined score of 637.2 to jump ahead of Gutierrez, who landed in third place with a score of 636 for the bronze.

Zion Benton Team #1 in Illinois came out victorious in the overall team competition, firing a combined score of 2155-509x. Team members are Kevin Hamilton, Zachary Dumyahn, Alec Dumyahn and Kayla Savage. Flint Northwestern NJROTC claimed the second place spot with a score of 2140-59x, as East Aurora Team #1 fired an aggregate score of 2100-48x for third.

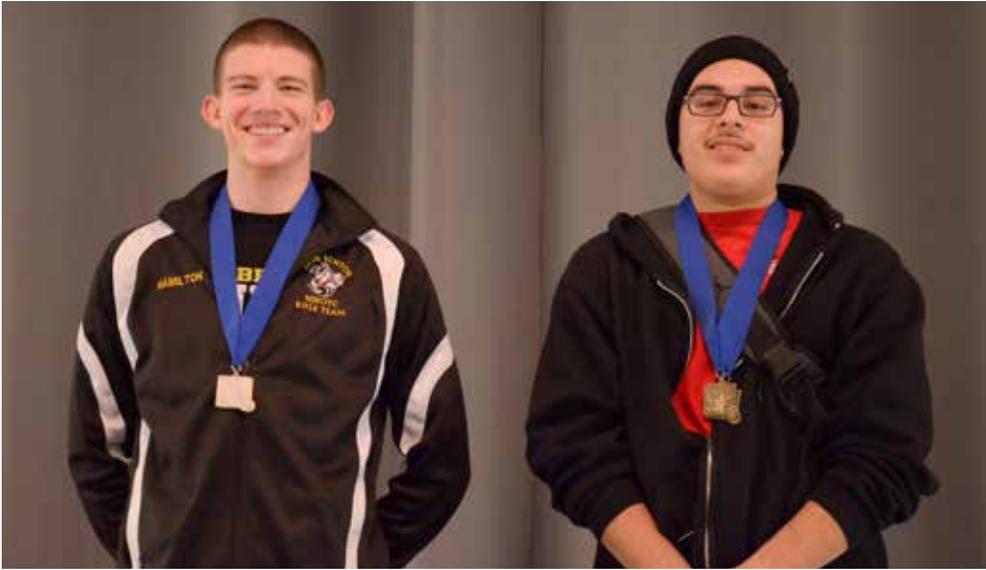
The rest of the weekend brought a two-day 60 Shot Open Air Rifle and Pistol competition, divided off into three categories: Junior, Team and Overall. All shooters fired 60 record shots in accordance to USA Shooting rules.

Club shooters traveled from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Delaware, Michigan, Wisconsin and other surrounding states. College NCAA competitors and members of the United States Marksmanship Unit (USAMU) and the USA Shooting team also participated in the match.

For the event, shooters fired a qualifying score during record fire to determine who entered the finals. Once the finals began, all scores were wiped clean – meaning, everyone began the final with a score of zero. Shooters who earned bronze, silver and gold medals were



The girls led the precision class during the Junior 3x20 event, as Sarah Osborn fired a 594-45x for the gold. MacKenzie Martin earned the silver medal, while Amanda Ruffner landed in third for the bronze.



Giovanni Gutierrez (left) and Kevin Hamilton (right) placed second and third in the Junior 3x20 sporter competition. Isaac Diaz claimed the first place spot in the sporter division of the Junior 3x20 event, which took place a day before the 60 Shot Standing competition began.

determined by their scores in the finals only – not a combined qualifying plus finals score. Top shooters of Day 1 and Day 2 were given Camp Perry Open medals and Visa Gift Cards.

In the overall competition, Dempster Christenson, 23, of USA Shooting, claimed the gold as he battled above the 150 competitors in the Open Championship. Michael Dickinson, 26, of the CMP, earned the silver, while fellow CMP employee Jonathan Hall, 25, earned the bronze.

Ian Foos was the overall junior shooter, earning the gold and his \$100 Visa Gift Card, over Sarah Osborn and MacKenzie Martin, who earned silver and bronze, respectively.

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 competitors.

For the overall open team competition, Palmyra 10.9 earned first place, thanks to team members Ann Alves, William Dixon and Amanda Ruffner. Frazier Simplex #1, consisting of Ariana Grabowski, Nicholle Benedict and Cassidy Fairman, claimed second, while the Taunton Marksmanship Unit team landed in third. Team members were MacKenzie Martin, Brendan Whitaker and Tyler Lefebvre.

In the overall Open Pistol competition, SPC Greg Markowski,

40, of the USAMU, captured the gold, above silver-medalist Glenn Zimmerman, 17, of the Ohio Rifle and Pistol Association, and fellow USAMU shooter SSG Patrick Franks, 35, who earned the bronze.

Zimmerman also topped the Junior Air Pistol competition, beating out brothers Brett Tucker and Bryce Tucker, both of North Canton, Ohio, who earned the silver and bronze medals, respectively.

Outside of the competition, some shooters also trekked across the snow from the CMP North Marksmanship Center to the CMP Armory for a shooting clinic, led by the USAMU.

Formatted as a question-and-answer session, USAMU members Hank Gray and Erin Lorenzen

touched on topics such as shot process, stretching and balance, equipment, breathing and relaxation, shooting in college and beyond, as well as how to remain calm during a high-pressure finals situation. Attendees were free to ask any questions they had for the experienced AMU shooters in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

“I think the clinic went really well,” said Gray. “It’s great to open it up to the floor with questions, and we had great participation with that.”

Many juniors and parents took mental and physical notes during the clinic, in the hopes of bettering themselves in competitions filled with talented shooters, like the Camp Perry Open.



USAMU members Hank Gray and Erin Lorenzen led a classroom clinic for junior shooters and parents on everything competitive shooting.

Super Finals Breaks the Silence of Competition at 2014 Camp Perry Open

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

CAMP PERRY, OH – For those who have never witnessed a Super Final, it can mostly be summed up in one word: FUN. But on top of that, it can also be described as chaotic, loud, surprising and, for the competitors, challenging.

The Super Finals is arguably the most unique finals system in the world of competitive shooting. There – instead of the quiet intensity usually seen during shooting finals – spectators bang on metal chairs, music blasts from the loud speakers and crowd members pace the line blowing noisemakers and playfully hoot and holler as they do their best to distract the competitors attempting to concentrate on their shots.

“The Super Finals is what makes the Camp Perry Open different than all of the other competitions. It’s partly why the event has become so popular over the years,” said Brad Donoho, CMP program coordinator.

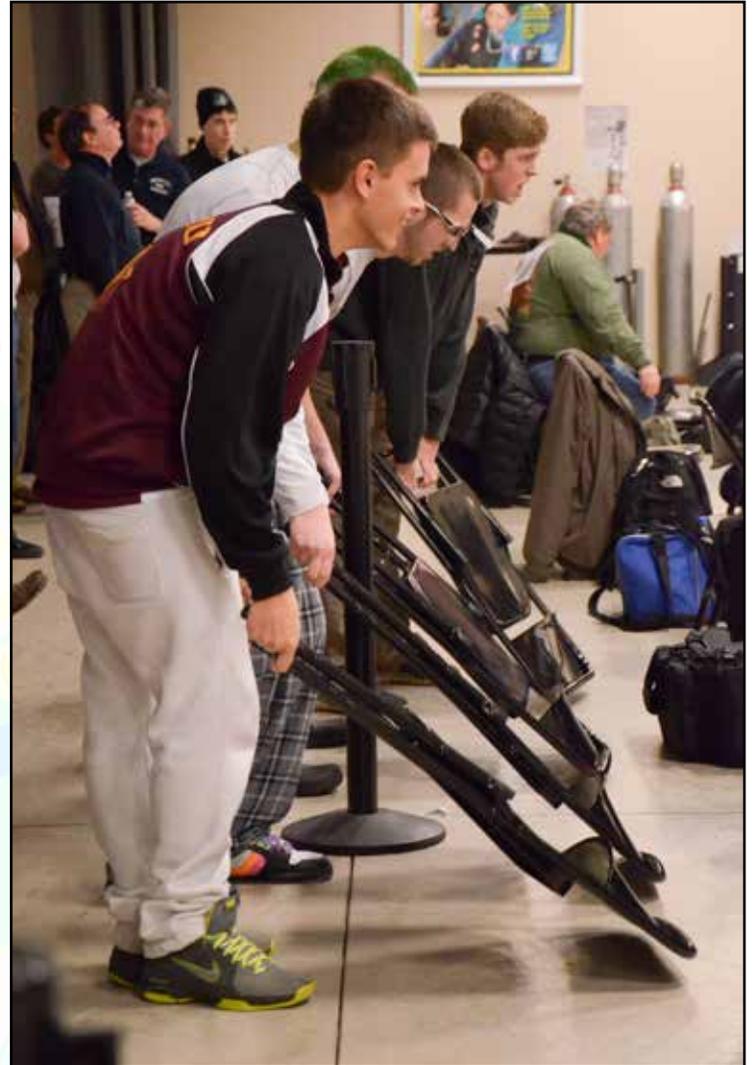
Donoho served as emcee of the event, commentating through the mic as fellow CMP coordinator Katie Harrington, a.k.a. “DJ K,” spun the beats from her computer to the speakers throughout the range during the Super Final.

As if the sounds weren’t distracting enough for competitors, some crowd members added visual diversions too. Bright green-colored hair, dinosaur and mallard duck hats and horse heads – yes, horse heads – stuck out of the stands, as surrounding spectators gave a few odd stares, as well as some smiles. One pistol finals competitor even wore a Viking helmet – complete with horns and braided hair.

On the firing line, the top shooters from the pistol and rifle competitions attempted to drown out the sea of noise in the background. Although trying to keep a straight face in the heat of competition, some shooters couldn’t help but look back and crack a grin at the pandemonium behind them.

One side of the range contained the Top 18 men and Top 18 women air rifle shooters, while the other held the Top 18 overall air pistol competitors. All competitors then fired a 10 shot final. After 10 shots were fired, the Top 8 men and Top 8 women competed on the rifle side, while the Top 10 overall competed on the pistol side.

From there, shooters fired six, 3 shot series. Shooters were eliminated after each series, based on their scores. Once the competitors were whittled down to the Top 4 of each discipline, the shooters moved to



Some spectators banged chairs on the concrete floor of the range to distract finals competitors during the Super Finals.

single-shot eliminations.

The nail-biting air rifle final eventually came down to three: Sarah Osborn, 14, of Hampton, VA, Jonathan Hall, 25, of Columbus, GA, and MacKenzie Martin, 16, of Fairhaven, MA.

With a pull of the trigger, the next shot was fired.

Martin: 10.8. Hall: 10.8. Osborn: 10.3.

Osborn took a seat as two shooters remained. The room grew quiet as the competitors loaded their last pellets. A group of taunting juniors stood behind the shooters and spiritedly yelled as loudly as they could to throw off the competitors. But, with the final shot, the

taunting hushed, and the spectators lifted their heads to check the scores on the screens above them.

Martin: 10.5. Hall: 10.4.

The crowd cheered for Martin who, along with the glory of being named Super Final Air Rifle Champion, also received a gold Camp Perry Open medal and \$200. Hall received the silver medal and \$150, while Osborn earned \$100 and the bronze for her third place finish. A check for \$100 was also given to fourth place finisher Erin Lorenzen, 25, of the United States Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU).

“It’s so hard to concentrate out there!” said Martin. “I just waited for the music to start before I shot, that way I couldn’t really hear anything else. This is always fun though.”

As fans howled on the air rifle side of the range, Greg Markowski, 40, of the USAMU, Elena Williamson, 18, of Campbellville, ON, and Patrick Franks, 35, also of the USAMU, battled for the top seat in the air pistol competition.

A few clever juniors took metal folded chairs and began to pound them on the concrete floor of the range, creating the sound of a steel army stomping their feet behind the shooters.

Ignoring the noise at



Even a Viking made his way through the frozen tundra of Ohio to compete in the Camp Perry Open. The mythical pink and white unicorn also made a cameo on the firing line.

their backs, the competitors fired.

Markowski: 10.1. Franks: 10.1. Williamson: 8.1.

Williamson reluctantly inserted her clear barrel indicator into her pistol and sat down. The two USAMU shooters stood, waiting for the command to fire their final shots. The shooters lifted their rifles, carefully aimed and fired.

Markowski: 8.7. Franks: 10.5.

The men shook hands with smiles on their faces as Franks was announced as the victor. Franks, like Martin, received the gold medal and a check for \$200.

Markowski was given \$150 and a silver medal, followed by Williamson who took home the bronze and a check for \$100. Richard Gray, 41, of Fredericksburg, VA, also received \$100 for his fourth place finish.

Overall, the long weekend of events tested the abilities of all who competed. Though shooters can often get carried away in fiery competition and intense finals, the good-humored Super Finals at the Camp Perry Open is a reminder of the main thing to remember about competitive shooting – it’s all in good fun.

Crowd members playfully taunted shooters on the line.

See more Super Finals photos on page 31.



Dates Announced for 2014 CMP Junior Air Rifle Camps

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



Dates and locations for the always-anticipated 2014 CMP Junior Air Rifle Camps and Clinics have been released. Registration opened on February 3. Those interested are encouraged to register early, since camps tend to fill up quickly.

The Junior Air Rifle Camps are a summer program conducted each year around the country to teach intermediate and advanced rifle marksmanship skills to junior shooters through exercises and demonstrations. There are three different training programs provided by CMP over the summer, including a week long Three-Position Air Rifle Camp, a three-day Advanced Standing Camp and several small outreach clinics that provide three days of three-position air rifle training to areas of the country not traditionally reached by the CMP camp program.

The week long camp is the most popular, and, like all the CMP camps, is headed by counselors from some of the top NCAA rifle teams in the country. Many counselors are also alumni of the rifle camps, having attended as juniors themselves.

Last year, a record-breaking total of 700 participants attended the camps nationwide. This year, CMP expects to see the same success.

The three-position camps and clinics are geared toward high school-age athletes with at least one year of air rifle competition experience. However, it is strongly recommended that athletes participate in at least one of the three-position training programs before attending an Advanced Standing Camp.

During the camps, shooters will be placed into groups led by the counselors to learn the fundamentals

of different shooting positions and equipment. Each day will begin with stretching and mental exercises to ready the entire body for firing. Throughout training, camp-goers will also obtain leadership skills and confidence when competing.

The Junior Rifle Camps are often well received by parents and coaches alike. In response to the success of the camps, one adult leader commented, "Our junior shooters have been taught by (and some later competed with) arguably the best collegiate shooters in the country. This hands-on opportunity is invaluable in reinforcing coaching techniques already taught and introducing newer approaches to both shooters and coaches. Most importantly, our young people are exposed to (almost) peers who have invested in the shooting sports and followed on to a college shooting team..."

At least one adult leader (parent, coach, team, club, etc.) must accompany each athlete or group of athletes. Only those adults accompanying a junior athlete may attend the camps. To make everything as interesting as possible for all in attendance, the CMP Camp format allows the adults to learn right along with the shooters.

The 2014 Junior Camp fees are:

\$245 (athlete), \$50 (adult) for Three-Position Air Rifle
 \$175 (athlete), \$50 (adult) Advanced Standing Camp
 \$150 (athlete), \$30 (adult) for Clinics

A \$50 deposit is also required for all athlete registrations.

The conclusion of the week-long three-position camp will feature a full-length 3x20 EIC competition, where medals are awarded to the top precision and sporter shooters. Additionally, participants at all camps and clinics will be awarded a certificate, t-shirt and personalized letters from camp counselors.

"The counselors were great, the instruction was professional, and I felt like it was a very calm, cool, collected environment," said SMA Michael Dechy with Freeport High School NJROTC in Freeport, IL, who attended one of last year's camps. "It was worth all of the time and effort to get to here."

For more information on the rifle camps, such as registration forms and application instruction, visit <http://www.odcmp.com/3P/Camp.htm>.

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.

A complete list of juniors who have earned their Junior Distinguished Badge is at www.thecmp.org/3P/EIC.pdf. For more program info, log onto www.thecmp.org/3P/Forms/EICProgram.pdf or email CMP Competitions at 3PAR@TheCMP.org.



Badge #	Name	Hometown	Badge #	Name	Hometown
#646	Jessica Katsuyama	Rocklin, CA	#660	Jackie Navarro	Albuquerque, NM
#647	Laney Funk	Parrish, FL	#661	Elizabeth Marsh	Searcy, AR
#648	Lauren A. Phillips	Seabeck, WA	#662	Ann Clay	Acworth, GA
#649	Elizabeth Ewert	Burnsville, MN	#663	Giovanni Gutierrez	Aurora, IL
#650	Richard Abeyta	Albuquerque, NM	#664	Colton Poole	Pelion, SC
#651	Allison Juergensen	Walla Walla, WA	#665	Hayden Briggs	Fort Mill, SC
#652	Jack Anderson	Franklin, PA	#666	Heather Johnson	Dahlonega, GA
#653	Sullivan Jackson	Las Cruces, NM	#667	Jaleel Canada	Freeport, IL
#654	Sheridan Beene	Joshua, TX	#668	Joshua Kovach	Akron, OH
#655	Christofor Burns	Daleville, AL	#669	Benjamin Spotts	Sandia Park, NM
#656	Sarah Nakata	Indianapolis, IN	#670	Jesus Hernandez	San Antonio, TX
#657	Alyssa Bruno	Sarasota, FL	#671	Reagan Abernathy	Franklin, TN
#658	Jeffrey Garcia	Albuquerque, NM	#672	Felix Gampe	Jonesborough, TN
#659	Zachary Strohl	Barto, PA	#673	Brandon Von-Ha	Farmington, NM
			#674	Carrie Richbourg	King George, VA
			#675	Kelly Frost	Wagener, SC
			#676	Dustin Counts	Jesup, GA
			#677	Rosemary Kramer	Tomaston, GA
			#678	Maggie Mason	Monroe, GA
			#679	Gabriel Palermo	Freeport, IL



Want to Earn YOUR Junior Distinguished Air Rifle Badge?

Visit <http://www.thecmp.org/3P/JrDist.htm> or contact the CMP at 3PAR@thecmp.org or call (419) 635-2141, ext. 1102.

Civilian Marksmanship Program Seeks Applications to Receive \$150,000 in Scholarships

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

CAMP PERRY, OH – Applications for the annual CMP Scholarship Program for the 2014-2015 freshman college year are still being received for consideration. Applications have already begun come through the CMP doors, with the anticipation of many more arriving in the near future.

The deadline for application submission is March 20, 2014. Scholarships may be used to pursue post-secondary education or vocational programs for the upcoming school year.

The CMP offers \$1,000 one-year scholarships based on merit and rifle or pistol marksmanship affiliation to current high school seniors. Last year, CMP presented 169 scholarships, including an applicant with a perfect score – awarded for the first time in the scholarship's existence. Recipients hailed from JROTC schools, 4-H groups and other shooting clubs. Since 2005, CMP has awarded over \$1 million in scholarship prizes.

Applicants must provide past and present rifle or pistol competition history, list of awards and involvements and future expectations for the sport. Those interested must also provide academic information such as GPA, test scores and a list of activities. An official transcript must also be provided.

Applicants are reminded that ALL required documentation must be sent as part of the application process. Applications missing any material will not be considered for approval.



Eligibility requirements for CMP scholarships are:

- Be a U.S. Citizen.
- Be of good moral character.
- Have achieved a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Demonstrate acceptance to a university, college or trade school leading to a diploma or trade certification.
- Qualified for CMP JROTC Service Championships.

OR

- Demonstrate rifle or pistol marksmanship competition experience.

If you are planning on enrolling in a Military Academy you are not eligible.

More information and applications can be found at <http://www.thecmp.org/competitions/Scholarships.htm>. For specific questions, please contact Kathy Williams at 419-635-2141, ext. 1109 or email kwilliams@thecmp.org.

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Alask-Fairbanks Takes Smallbore Title at PRC Championship

COLUMBUS, OH – Alaska-Fairbanks, third-ranked in the NCAA air rifle standings, claimed the top spot in the smallbore competition by more than 30 points at the inaugural Patriot Rifle Conference (PRC) Championship, held at the Lt. Hugh W. Wylie Range on the campus of The Ohio State University.

Junior Ryan Anderson of Alaska-Fairbanks earned the title of the first-ever PRC smallbore individual champion, followed by teammate Lorelie Stanfield, who claimed that silver. Ohio State's Amanda Luoma took third for the bronze.

Alaska led the 60-shot match with a combined score of 2339.

No. 1 Ranked Mountaineers Defeat No. 2 Wildcats to Claim GARC Title

MORGANTOWN, WV – West Virginia toppled over fellow Great American Rifle Conference (GARC) team and defending champions, Kentucky, to claim the GARC regular-season title by a score of 4702 – 4688 at the West Virginia University Rifle Range.

The No. 1 ranked Mountaineers have now won seven regular-season titles, the last being in 2010. The West Virginia match was Kentucky's first conference loss of the season.

During the tough fight against Kentucky, West Virginia set a new national and school record in the air rifle competition, with a team score of 2382. The Wildcats trailed by a short margin at 2364. The Mountaineers earned four of the top five spots in the individual competition as well. Shooters earned season and career highs in the match.

In smallbore, the Wildcats actually beat out the Mountaineers by only four shots – with a score of 2324 – 2320.





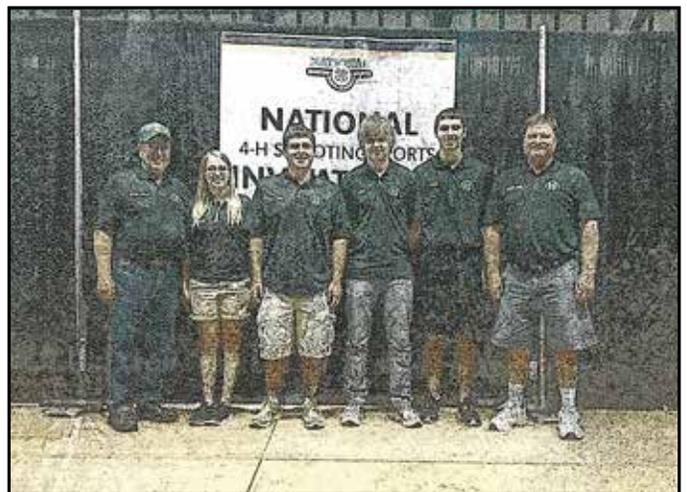
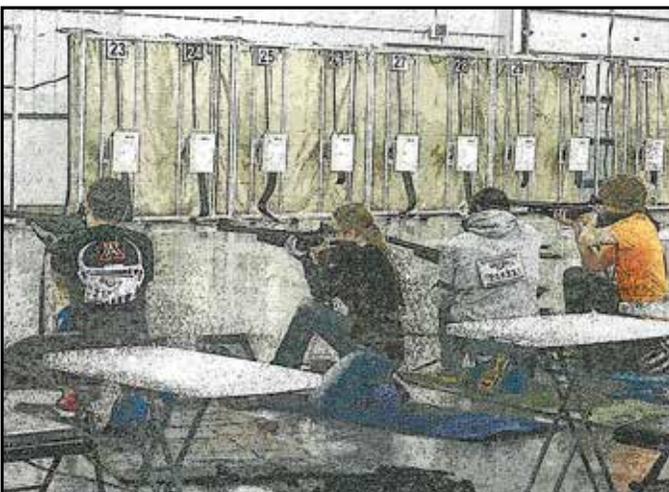
Throughout its history, the CMP has prepared an ever-growing number of shooters with firearm safety and marksmanship skills through its programs, clinics and other events. With the hope to spread the promotion of marksmanship and shooting sports, other organizations have joined CMP in its efforts by 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.

Woodstock Rifle and Pistol Club Woodstock, VT



On March 1, 2014, the Woodstock Rifle and Pistol Club in Woodstock, VT, held a snowy CMP Rimfire Sporter match. Team Proctor, consisting of Dave Nilson and Daland Potter, claimed first places in the O-class and the T-class, respectively. The two riflemen fired in subzero temperatures, as the wind chill and falling snow allowed for a true arctic shooting experience.

2013 Michigan Air Rifle Team 4-H National Invitational, Grand Island, NE



Team Members, top right photo, left to right: Marvin Hill, Coach; Alex Nelson, Iron County; Jerry St. James, St. Clair County; Jesse Thoreson, Iron County; Joshua Fletemier, St. Clare County; Gerry St. James, Coach

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>.

BamaCarry Inc, Jacksonville, AL
 James Clemens High School Army JROTC, Madison, AL
 American Legion Post 32 Swift Shooters, Thatcher, AZ
 Boy Scout Troop 713, Hermosa Beach, CA
 Alpine - Victor 4-H, Lodi, CA
 Southern California Sharpshooters, Long Beach, CA
 Prospect Gun Club, Harwington, CT
 Boy Scout Troop 7, Jacksonville, FL
 Mainstreet Guns & Range, Lilburn, GA
 Clinty County Chapter of Izaak Walton League of America, Clinton, IA
 West High School AFJROTC, Waterloo, IA
 Boy Scout Troop 7, Alton, IL
 Mid Illinois Extreme Shooters 4-H, Dieterich, IL
 Sea Scout Ship / Venturing Crew 2501, Naperville, IL
 Knox County JROTC, Barbourville, KY
 St Tammany Parish 4-H Shooting Sports, Covington, LA
 Mountain Bayou Lake BSA Camp, St Landry, LA
 Boy Scouts of American #20, Boonsboro, MD
 Antietam Junior Rifle Club, Hagerstown, MD
 Rockford Sportsmans' Club, Rockford, MI
 Meeker County 4-H Federation, Litchfield, MN
 Cass County 4-H, Motley, MN
 Wilkes Central HS AFJROTC, Wilkesboro, NC
 Jersey Shore Council BSA, Barnegat, NJ
 Bow & Barrels 4-H Club, Branchville, NJ
 Morris Marksmen 4-H Club, Chester, NJ
 Boy Scouts of America #251, Flemington, NJ
 US Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Sayreville, NJ



Bayshore Sportsman Club, Inc, Woodbine, NJ
 Clermont Co 4-H Shooting Sports, Batavia, OH
 Amvets Diabolo's Post 2256, Circleville, OH
 Western Brown High School AJROTC, Mt. Orab, OH
 Salem Hunting Club, Salem, OH
 4-H Camp Whitewood, Windsor, OH
 World War II Airborne Demonstration Team, Fredrick, OK
 Tripp County 4-H Shooting Sports, Winner, SD
 Kaycliff Training Center, Kingsport, TN
 Bedichek Jr Marine Corps, Austin, TX
 EG 159 Junior Shooting Sports Club, Bryan, TX
 Lunenburg 4-H Shooting Club, Lunenburg, VA
 Forest Park HS AJROTC, Woodbridge, VA
 Chester Rod & Gun Club, Chester, VT
 Manitowoc County 4-H Leaders Association, Manitowoc, WI



CMP Competitors Make 2013 Games Matches a Huge Success

By Steve Cooper, CMP Marketing Manager



Morgan Langdon, 14, and her dad, Clint, 41, of Apache Junction, Arizona, took the opportunity to shoot together in the Small Arms Firing School during the 2013 Western Games.

CAMP PERRY, OHIO – Looking back at our events in 2013, it's pretty clear why the Oklahoma, Eastern and Western CMP Games were such a great success – the people who participate. Our competitors, volunteers and staff have made the Games Matches an enjoyable “go-to” event for many who have supported us in Oklahoma, North Carolina and Arizona.

Most recently CMP traveled to the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix in October for the 10th Annual Western CMP Games. The weather cooperated splendidly with mild temperatures in the low to mid-80s and lots of blue skies. Other than a desert breeze that made short work of our new canopy on the first night, it was ideal.

Like all CMP Games Matches, it was the people who commit to taking time away from family and work, spend their money, and lend a hand when needed to make these events so successful.

It takes considerable time and effort to put on a road show like the CMP Games Matches. The CMP staff trucks its gear a fair distance from Alabama and Ohio and puts in long hours to make sure competitors have a

safe and enjoyable experience. The host facilities go out of their way to make us feel welcome and volunteers fill in where needed, making a huge difference.

Without naming names, our competitors come from every walk of life - male and female and many nationalities. They are commercial airline pilots and pole-climbing telephone linemen. Some are military veterans who have unimaginable stories, while others are farmers who battle droughts and floods to grow corn for food or help fuel our cars. They're cops, school teachers and laborers. Others are scientists and engineers (yes, we have one who helped test the rover “Curiosity” that's crawling on Mars) and we've got a top NASCAR team R&D guy pulling vintage rifle triggers.

Yes, these events bring out some awesome people – folks who will give the shirt off their back to help the guy on the next firing point. It makes for a safe, instructive, fun and rewarding environment.

The CMP Games Matches itinerary consistently includes competitor schools and clinics, a series of vintage and modern military rifle matches, pistol and rimfire sporter rifle matches at some venues, at least one barbecue plus rifle and ammo sales and a healthy number of awards presentations.

In recent years we've added challenging new games, including the Vintage Sniper Rifle Team Match, which has brought many vision-challenged competitors back to the range, thanks to the optics on those great old guns – and their newly-manufactured replicas.

At Ben Avery this year, silver-haired teammates Mike Miller, 66, of Downey, CA, and Richard Curtis, 56, of Surprise, AZ, captured the 2013 team match with an aggregate score of 390-12X, under the name “Desert Sharpshooters.” Miller fired a 196-6X (98-98) and Curtis followed with a 194-6X (99-95).

The “Blind Squirrels,” Dennis Pownall, 62, of Payson, AZ, and Ed Traxler, 58, also of Payson, placed second

with a team score of 388-11X. The “KittyHawks,” William Ellis, 49, of Langley, England, and Bill Fairless, 58, of Vienna, IL, placed third with an aggregate score of 387-12X. Ellis, who crosses the pond three times each year to participate in the Eastern Games, Western Games and National Matches, doesn’t have the opportunity to practice at home, but still turns in some great scores.

True to form, Ellis also won the Western Games M1 Carbine Match with an overall score of 359-4X out of a possible 400. The four-stage, 100-yard match (prone slow, prone rapid, sitting rapid and standing slow) featured 54 competitors. Ellis fired 90-1X, 86, 91-3X and 92, respectively.

Stuart “Jake” De Motte, 26, of Kagel Canyon, CA, placed second in the carbine match with an aggregate of 354-4X and Shawn Begay, 39 of Rehoboth, NM, placed third with an aggregate score of 351-2X. Bill Aten, 62, of Kingwood, TX, was the high senior competitor in the match and finished fourth overall. Shepard Saabye, 13, of Colorado Springs, CO, was the high junior competitor.

The always-popular Rimfire Sporter Rifle Match, fired at the Eastern, Western and National events, was fired by 62 competitors in three classifications – telescopic, open sights and tactical at this year’s Western Games.

Lee McKinney, 67, of Rio Rico, AZ, won the T-Class competition with an aggregate score of 585-23X of a possible 600. The six stages of the match are prone slow and rapid, sitting/kneeling slow and rapid, standing slow and rapid. All prone and sitting/kneeling stages are fired at 50 yards and both standing stages are completed at the 25 yard line. McKinney’s breakout scores were 100-8X, 98-4X, 99-5X, 97-1X, 93-1X and

98-4X, respectively. He doubled as high senior in the T-Class.

Russ Mitchell, 44, of Perrysburg, OH, placed second in T-Class with an aggregate score of 583-18X. Mitchell topped third place finisher, Edward Hotz, 58, of Costa Mesa, CA, via X-count tiebreaker (583-15X). A total of 44 competitors fired in the telescopic class.

In Open Sights Class, Lyle Drenth, 60, of Apple Valley, CA, placed first with a combined score of 570-15X. Drenth scored a 96-4X, 97-3X, 93-2X, 93-2X, 95-2X and 96-2X series. Bill Aten placed second with an overall score of 559-12X and William Harty, 63, of Las Vegas, NV, placed third with a 555-6X total. Thirteen shooters fired the O-Class category.

The Tactical Class, Craig McGuire, 38, of Winnetka, CA, led a group of five competitors, scoring a 541-6X aggregate. McGuire’s split scores were 88, 94-2X, 89-1X, 86, 93-3, and 91. Mark Nelson, Sr., 55, of Phoenix, AZ, placed second with a 539-5X and Dennis Caviness, Jr., 38, of Lake Havasu City, AZ, finished third with a combined score of 537-3X.

The dates for the 2014 CMP Games Matches and National Games Matches are:

CMP Games Oklahoma, Oklahoma City Gun Club – April 9-13

Eastern CMP Games, Camp Butner, N. Carolina – May 2-6

CMP National Games Matches, Camp Perry, Ohio – July 18-21

Western CMP Games, Ben Avery Shooting Facility, Phoenix, Arizona – Oct. 10-13



Mike Miller, of Downey, California, left, and Richard Curtis, of Surprise, Arizona, captured the 2013 Western CMP Games’ Vintage Sniper Rifle Team Match championship. Miller and Curtis flank chief range officer Dick Whiting.

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From the Forum

The CMP Forum is an online resource through the CMP website for users to ask questions and exchange thoughts on gun handling, equipment, CMP events or sales and to even share personal experiences. Whether into pistol shooting, highpower or air rifle, the Forum is open to enthusiasts of all ages to discuss virtually any topic imaginable. The post below has been edited for print.

Below is a post from Mike Dickinson of the CMP. Mike was formerly a college-level shooter at Jacksonville State before joining the military. He now serves at CMP as a contributor to the athlete program. He also writes a series of posts in the CMP Forum in the "Competitor's Corner" thread in the 3P Air section, where he speaks of his own shooting experiences and his experiences shooting with fellow CMP employee Jonathan Hall. His posts can also be found at cmpcompetitorscorner.blogspot.com.

[CMPMikeD](#)

Unexpected Circumstances

Jon and I thought we were not shooting our first competition until Thursday, but found out at the airport we were shooting the very next morning – following a 15-hour travel day and late arrival to the Olympic Training Center.

Jetlag and elevation change are just a few environmental effects traveling to a competition has on an athlete.

We were able to counter these issues to the best of our abilities with constant hydration and naps as often as possible. Of course, staying focused on the task at hand and not worrying about the things you cannot control is important too.

Coaches: Run drills with your team. Bring them in on a practice match day and give them five minutes to set up for the match and immediately start prep. Force them to decide how to handle the pressure and stress.



The CMP Forum can be found at <http://forums.thecmp.org/index.php>. Besides receiving answers to popular inquiries, users also gain the opportunity to connect and interact with other shooters around the country and the world. To become involved with the CMP Forum, visit the CMP website and click on the "CMP Forum" link under the Communications tab. Simply register a username and password to share your own experiences!

Parting Shots: Photos from Recent CMP Events & Competitions

Junior shooters left their mark on several recent CMP events including the Wiregrass Invitational, the Camp Perry Open and the Bass Pro 600.



The Wiregrass Invitational was held inside the Army Aviation Museum in Ft. Rucker, AL.



Daleville JROTC shot in the event as part of their NRA Junior Air Rifle State qualifying match.



Some of the museums planes and helicopters hung overhead as shooters fired on the CMP Mobile Range targets.



One spectator of the Super Finals at the Camp Perry Open was horsing around as the competitors fired on the line.



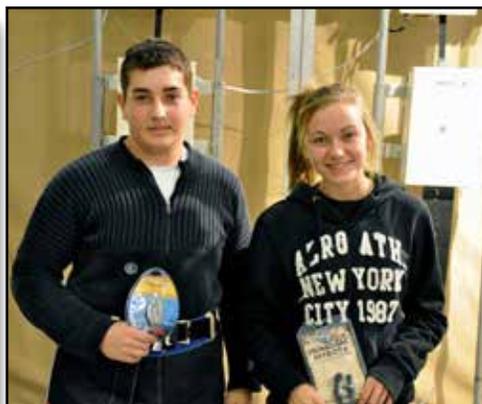
The Super Finals match at the Camp Perry Open is arguably the most unique and fun finals experience in the air rifle world.



Other finals are green with envy that they can't be as exciting as the Super Finals, where outrageousness is key.



Shoppers watched as shooters fired inside of the Bass Pro Shop in Leeds, AL, during the Bass Pro 600.



Bass Pro donated a number of prizes available to shooters, including gun and outdoor accessories.



The CMP Mobile Range was constructed between the artificial trees and nature murals in the Bass Pro Shop.

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