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© **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>.

© **New CMP Store Hours.** Since the beginning of October 2013, the CMP stores are now only open three days a week: Thursday through Saturday. The days of operation are reduced as a result of the decreasing amount of rifles that we will have available for sale.

© **Camp Perry Open.** Results for the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) eighth annual Camp Perry Open can be found by visiting <http://thecmp.org/3P/CPO.htm>. This year's match included a three-position air rifle competition, an international air rifle (all standing) event, a pistol course of fire and an optional clinic held at the CMP Marksmanship Center – North at Camp Perry, Ohio.



© The **2013 CMP Annual Report** is posted on the CMP web site at <http://thecmp.org/Comm/publications/PDFs/AnnualReport13.pdf>. During the past fiscal year, the CMP not only provided an expanding array of firearm safety and marksmanship programs for U.S. citizens, but continued to support marksmanship training and competition activities for Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force JROTC units through funding, awards, and staff and volunteer expertise.

The National Matches provide the setting for the rifle and pistol Small Arms Firing Schools where civilians are taught by the military's finest marksmen. Additionally, the CMP takes pride in participating with the Army and veterans' organizations by fully supporting the Ceremonial Rifle Program.

© The National Three-Position Air Rifle Council has updated the **2012-2014 National Standard Rules** with a "V2" version. A few changes were made in response to feedback and clarification needs that have arisen since the rulebook was implemented last fall. These changes should be applied in at all matches going forward with the exception of the new EIC point cut scores that will go into effect on 1 January 2014 and will remain in effect through the 2014 calendar year. The new V2 version of the rulebook is available to order or download online at www.theCMP.org/3P/Rulebook.htm. A summary of the 2013 Rule Changes in the 9th ed. V2 rulebook is posted at www.theCMP.org/3P/V2_Rule_change_summary.pdf.

© **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>.



On the Cover: Jaleel Canada of Freeport, IL, was the overall sporter shooter in the competition, firing a 649, at the Gary Anderson Invitational. The GAI was held at the CMP Marksmanship Centers in Camp Perry, OH, and Anniston, AL, Dec. 6-7, 2013.

Calling All Junior Air Rifle Shooters — Enter the CMP National Postal Championship!

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



Registration for the nation-wide CMP National Postal Championship continues until 31 January 2014. This is a 3x10 air rifle match and is open to all junior programs, including all JROTC, 4-H, Boy Scouts and junior clubs. The competition is meant for those juniors interested in testing their skills against some of the top shooters in the country, from the convenience of their home ranges.

"We at the CMP are excited about this match and are looking to build on the success of last year's events," said Katie Harrington, CMP program coordinator. "The postal match is a great opportunity for

junior shooters to rank themselves with the rest of the nation and also provides shooters with the opportunity to compete shoulder-to-shoulder with their peers at the Regional and National matches."

Registered shooters will receive official CMP targets by mail to fire record shots upon at each of the three positions: prone, standing and kneeling. Targets will then be mailed back to CMP for scoring. The top shooters of the Postal competition will qualify for the CMP Regional Championships, to be held in Camp Perry, OH, in March 2014 and Anniston, AL, and Layton, UT, in April 2014.

Postal scores will be available for viewing through CMP's Competition Tracker system, found by logging on to <http://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php>.

MidwayUSA is the official sponsor of the CMP 3-Position Air Rifle Championships. The company will be awarding generous endowments to winning teams and individuals that qualify for this year's Regional Championship, as well as those who place at the National level. MidwayUSA is a leading U.S. firearms products retailer, committed to helping sustain junior shooting programs across the country.

For registration and more information on the CMP National Postal Championship, visit <http://thecmp.org/3P/postalchampionships.htm> or call (419) 635-2141, ext. 1131 or 1130.



Sarah Osborn was brought to tears after she became the first-ever individual champion of the CMP National precision match.



Frazier Simplex Center Shots overtook the first place position in the overall precision team competition.

Scoring and Results Operations

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By Gary Anderson, DCM Emeritus

This article is one of a series of OTM articles by the author on "How to Conduct Competitions." It uses many unique terms to define the shooting scoring and results process. When these terms appear for the first time they are shown in CAPITAL LETTERS so readers who are new to competition operations will be sure to distinguish them.

Every competition must have a fast, accurate SCORING AND RESULTS PROCESS that begins by communicating with potential participants and ends when final results with participant rankings are produced and distributed. In international competitions, this process is called CLASSIFICATION. For most matches in the USA, it is usually called STATISTICAL OPERATIONS.

Statistical operations in great shooting competitions are more than just getting scores right and passing out awards. Modern sports not only require correct results, they demand scores quickly and they expect results, during and after competitions, to be available not only to participants, but also to a much wider audience of spectators and fans.

ELEMENTS OF MATCH STATISTICAL OPERATIONS

1. Statistical Officer & Staff
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3. Participant Database
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6. Squadding
7. Check-In & Start List
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9. Penalties & Adjustments
10. Preliminary Results
11. Score Protests
12. Final Results & Results Distribution

Author's Disclosure Statement:

In this article I make multiple favorable references to the Orion Scoring System, Orion Results Center and the Orion match management system. It is widely known that the developer and distributor of Orion products is my son Dr. Erik Anderson. Since Orion is the only system of this type that is adapted for use in USA competitions, there is no competing system, but I nevertheless want to make sure our family relationship is disclosed to any readers who are not aware of this.

A particularly important challenge to modern sports and especially to shooting, is to have statistical operations that not only serve competitors, but that also presents shooting to a broader fan base. All Olympic sports are now expected to strive for greater popularity by appealing to a wider audience than just participants. Shooting competitions must support that effort in their own small ways by using modern technology to reach people outside of the shooting range.

This article examines the elements, structure and procedures for the complete, modern scoring and results process to provide guidelines for competition sponsors on how to conduct their scoring and results operations according to the highest standards.

STATISTICAL OFFICER AND STAFF

The Statistical Officer is responsible for managing the complete scoring and results process.

Every shooting competition must have a STATISTICAL OFFICER. For a small match, the Statistical Officer may also be the Match Director, but in larger competitions the Statistical Officer supervises the work of other Statistical Officers and SCORERS.

Statistical Officers must make sure all scoring is done correctly and quickly. Coaches and shooters must have

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full confidence in their work. It is essential that Statistical Officers know competition shooting and be especially experienced in statistical operations.

Depending upon the type of targets or scoring method used in a competition, the Statistical Officer has these special responsibilities:

1. If MANUAL SCORING of paper targets is used, the Statistical Officer must recruit, train and supervise sufficient scorers to score all targets on time and to adjudicate all SHOT VALUE PROTESTS.

2. In matches where the ORION SCORING SYSTEM is used, the Statistical Officer or an assistant must be able to operate the Orion system.

3. If ELECTRONIC SCORING TARGETS (EST) are used, the Statistical Officer or a trained Technical Officer must be able to operate the EST operating system.

SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT

Every match statistical office must have the supplies and equipment necessary to do their work.

The equipment needed to conduct statistical operations has been simplified by the advances of the modern electronics age. The basic equipment every Stat Office should have is a portable computer with a printer. Ideally, there should be an Internet connection at the range, but this is not always possible. In addition, requirements for the different scoring methods require:

1. Manual scoring requires the necessary targets plus scoring gauges, templates, magnifiers and other scoring supplies.

2. The Orion Scoring System requires a computer loaded with Orion software (<http://www.orionscoringsystem.com>), a scanner compatible with the software and high quality targets.

3. If the range has EST, a full supply of wear materials is required.

PARTICIPANT DATABASE

Every match sponsor should maintain a contact list of participants and volunteers.

Every match sponsor that intends to run more competitions must have a participant database where contact information and necessary data for all shooters and coaches who participate in their matches is recorded.

The format for maintaining participant data varies. Some match sponsors keep this data in Excel or similar spreadsheets. Some use database programs. The Orion system comes with an internal contact database that

supports sending direct email messages to all shooters in a match or to individual shooters.

The most important data item, other than the competitor's name, is a valid email address. With email addresses, match sponsors can 1) contact individual shooters before the match to clarify questions concerning entries, 2) contact shooters after the match to send electronic final results or advise them concerning results lists posted on the Internet and 3) use this database to promote participation in the next match.

Some concerns remain about missing shooters who don't use the Internet or have email addresses. Today, however, the number of shooters or coaches who don't use the Internet is so small that it is possible to maintain a separate, small list of competitors who can only be contacted by mail. In no case, should that be a reason for not using electronic communications.

MATCH PROMOTION

Early promotion is the key to getting good participation in a match.

Match sponsors must distribute match programs or information about the match to all potential participants well before the match so that they can place the match on their personal schedules and make plans to attend.

As soon as a match is scheduled and the official program is ready, promotion must begin. This is best done by sending match announcements or match programs to shooters, clubs and teams that have participated in previous

COMING EVENTS LISTS

Lists of Upcoming Events are available on these websites:

CMP: <http://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=matchRegistrationListUpcoming>

NRA: http://www.nrapublications.org/wp-content/ComingEvents/CE_Download.pdf

Orion: <http://www.orionresults.com/team/Upcoming.aspx>

USA Shooting: <http://www.usashooting.org/7-events/match-information>

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matches hosted by the match sponsor. Every match sponsor should also try to contact potential new participants. Many competitors use online listings of COMING EVENTS to link up with new competitors who are looking for matches to attend.

The days when it was necessary to mail printed programs or invitations are over. Match promotion today should be done with electronic communications. Basic promotion methods include 1) using the match sponsor's email contacts list, 2) exchanging lists with neighboring clubs as a way to obtain new contacts and 3) taking advantage of the coming events listings that are available for matches sanctioned by the CMP, NRA or USA Shooting or are available to licensed Orion users.

ENTRIES

Match entries must be easy to make and accepted in advance.

An entry is a competitor's request to participate in a match. Entries are made by individual competitors or a coach who submits entries for an entire team. Entries may be made by 1) email, 2) filling out and returning an entry form that was printed in the match bulletin or 3) completing an online entry. Entries must identify the competitor by name and contact information (email address) and designate the specific events in which they will compete. Additional information such as date of birth (for age group categories) and COMPETITOR ID NUMBER are often required. The latter is necessary if the match is sanctioned by the CMP, NRA or USA Shooting.

Requiring entries in advance is the only way to make sure everyone who wants to fire in a match can be accommodated. Match sponsors must determine what their RANGE CAPACITY is (# of relays times # of available firing points) and publish this in the match program. If the number of advance entries reaches range capacity, subsequent entries must be placed on a WAITING LIST. These individuals must be notified immediately of their "wait list" status. While it is likely there will be one or two cancellations or NO SHOWS, match sponsors are advised not to over-book scheduled relays because this can lead to the difficult situation of not having enough firing points for everyone that comes to the match.

While advance entries should normally be required, most match sponsors will accept WALK-ON entries if entries have not reached range capacity. Unless the match is very small, allowing all competitors to walk in and enter on the day of the match is not advised because this usually creates a chaotic check-in process just before the match.

SQUADDING

Squadding is the process of assigning competitors to relays and firing points.

The rules for SQUADDING different shooting disciplines have specific restrictions that Statistical Officers must know and apply. Some rules require strictly random firing point and relay assignments while other rules allow teams or friends to shoot next to each other or on successive relays on the same firing point.

Squadding may be done in advance or at the match. The match program must explain how and when squadding will be done. When 3-position matches have multiple relays on one or more days, participating clubs and teams must be able to reserve firing times. On the other hand, highpower rifle match sponsors often don't squad competitors until just before the match starts so they can be sure no shows do not leave them without enough competitors on each firing point for scoring and target pulling duties. If squadding is done in advance, keep a master START LIST of all squadding assignments. Be sure to confirm all squadding requests so competitors know if their request can be accommodated.

CHECK-IN AND START LIST

The first scoring and results step at the actual match is to check-in competitors, collect their entry fees and confirm their squadding.

Accepting electronic entries usually means having competitors pay entry fees at the match. The Statistical Officer must set up a check-in station in the range. Competitor CHECK-IN should 1) confirm that the entry data for the competitor is correct, 2) collect entry fees and provide receipts and 3) confirm the competitor's final squadding assignment.

Relay and squadding assignments for every competitor in a match should be recorded on a START LIST that shows competitors' names and firing points by relay. Post this start list on the range so competitors know where to go. Give copies of the start list to Range Officers so they know who is on each firing point that they will supervise. The Statistical Officer who operates Orion and the Technical Officer who operates EST must have the final start list so they can identify the correct shooters with the correct firing point.

It is common in many highpower matches to issue SQUADDING TICKETS with relay and firing point assignments, but this means match officials do not have a master list of competitors and their squadding assignments and must then obtain this data from scorecards when they are turned in.

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The Check-In Station is where the competitor's match experience begins. It must be organized, efficient and friendly.

In matches where paper targets are issued, squadding assignments must also be linked with a system of target identification and accountability. Some match sponsors now produce COMPETITOR LABELS for shooters to place on their targets. Others simply have competitors write relay and firing point information on each target.

SCORING & SCORE DISPLAY
Scoring must accurately and quickly determine the value of each shot fired by every competitor and make those results available to competitors, officials and fans as soon as possible.

There are now two types of targets and three methods of scoring those targets. The chart on the right provides a comparison of scoring accuracies, costs, personnel requirements, scoring times and online

results capabilities of the different systems.

1. Paper Targets and Manual Scoring. This is the old standby, but manual scoring is gradually being replaced by electronic scoring of paper targets or EST. When paper targets and manual scoring are used, Statistical Officers must have actual scoring experience so that they can train new scorers. A serious manual scoring deficiency is that even the best scorers become tired and occasionally make errors. Excellent instructional materials on manual scoring techniques are available and should be used to train scorers.

2. Paper Targets and Electronic Scoring. VISUAL IMAGE SCORING (VIS) uses computer software to analyze and score scanned images of fired targets. Orion is the only VIS system approved by the National Three-Position Air Rifle Council, CMP, NRA and USA Shooting. Electronic scoring of paper targets was well established in Europe 25 years ago and was used by the ISSF in the 1988 Olympic Games. However, because ranges in the USA typically require multi-bull targets, the Orion Scoring System became the first electronic scoring system adapted for USA shooting. Orion comes with match management software that allows Statistical Officers to register competitors, provide online results, produce results lists and post final results on the Internet. It is important for Statistical Officers who operate the Orion system to practice with the system before the match.

A COMPARISON OF SCORING SYSTEMS						
System Scoring	Accuracy	Cost ¹	Personnel Required	Operating Cost	Time to Score	Online Results
Manual Scoring	+/- 0.100 to 0.200 mm ² w/trained scorers ²	\$75-150 for gauges, etc.	One trained scorer per 10 firing points	10-14 cents per 10-shot target ³	2 min. per 10-shot target	None
Orion	<0.100 mm	\$1000 - \$1500 for a 30-40 point range	One to two Stat Officers familiar with Orion software	12-14 cents per 10-shot target	3 sec. per 10-shot target	Online results integrated into software
EST	<0.100 - 0.125 mm	\$3,000 - \$4,000 per firing point	One EST trained scoring officer plus one target officer	8-9 cents per 10 shots for target materials	Instant - real time	Limited or no online results ⁴

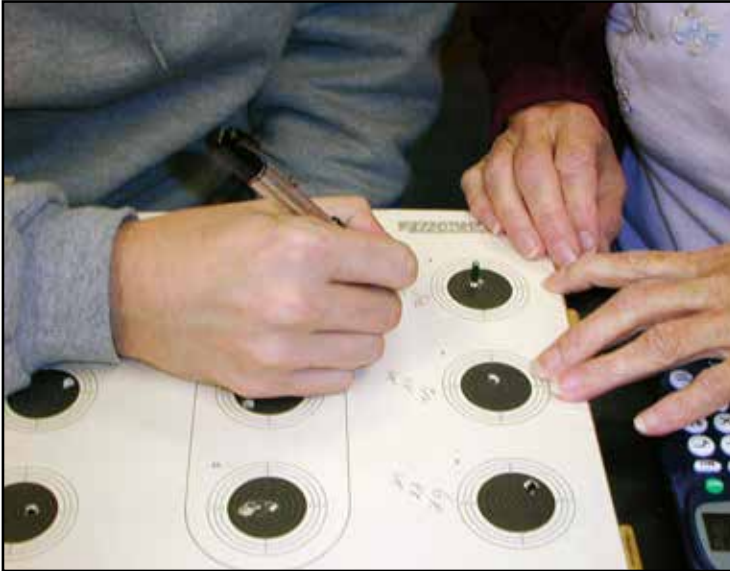
¹ All scoring systems require a computer to score or record shots and a printer to produce results lists. This is not included in the costs in the chart.

² Only trained, supervised scorers can achieve this level of scoring accuracy; untrained volunteers may have error variations as high as +/- 1.00 mm.

³ This cost will be much higher if there are expenses for volunteer scorers.

⁴ Megalink EST systems generate HTML pages, but no hosting service; Sius Ascor EST generate online results when operated by factory technicians; Meyton EST do not generate online results.

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Correct manual scoring of paper targets calls for two scorers to work together and use scoring gauges to make decisions on close shots.

3. Electronic Scoring Targets (EST). EST were first used in the 1992 Olympic Games and have demonstrated their advantages in providing real-time official scores that support shooting's efforts to become a true spectator sport. ESTs are the only target system that provides immediate results on the range so they are especially valuable in making live scores available for spectators or television. As great as EST are, they have the disadvantage of being very costly. The correct operation of EST also requires TECHNICAL OFFICERS who are trained and experienced in operating the EST software.

PENALTIES AND ADJUSTMENTS

Score adjustments for penalties given by match officials or for competitor errors must be made and documented before preliminary results are posted.

When a competitor makes a mistake and shoots on the wrong bulls-eye, shoots too many shots on his/her own target or shoots a CROSSFIRE on another competitor's target, a Range Officer must document these errors so the Stat Office can make the necessary score adjustments. Sometimes, the competitor will report these errors to a Range Officer or a Range Officer will discover an error when a competitor attempts to disclaim an errant shot on his/her target. Any time these incidents occur, the Range Officer must make notes on the target to describe them or write a separate report so the Stat Office can make necessary score adjustments.



Orion scores shots by using optical scan images to measure the precise distance from the center of the aiming black (target) to the center of the shot hole.

Less frequent, but no less important, are the proper application of penalties. Penalties are typically given by Range Officers or a Jury. They must be documented and the competitor's score adjusted according to the rules.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS & RESULTS DISPLAY

Preliminary results inform competitors of their scores to give them an opportunity to question possible errors, but preliminary results should also serve the larger purpose of informing all interested persons regarding competitor scores.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS are provisional or incomplete results that display scores of all fired targets as soon as those scores are available. Preliminary results should be posted on the range scoreboard after the targets for every relay are scored. These posted scores allow competitors to check their scores. If a competitor is given the wrong score, he/she has a right to ask the Statistical to check those scores and make sure they are correct.

How these results are displayed is equally important. Errors in scoring are rare and affect only a few competitors, but there are many shooters, coaches and fans or fans who want to know how the shooters are doing, not just

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after the match, but during the match. For ranges fortunate enough to have electronic targets, real-time results during the match are possible. Scores from Orion are available within a few minutes after targets are retrieved and are immediately uploaded into an online results list that be checked by anyone with a handheld device. Scores from manual scoring must be entered into a spreadsheet and sorted before they can be printed and displayed, usually only on a piece of paper.

SCORE PROTESTS

A score protest is a competitor's complaint about a scored shot. Score protests to correct possible scoring errors must be handled as soon as possible. Score protests to rescore close shots that were correctly scored are problematic.

As soon as preliminary results are posted, there must be a **PROTEST TIME** that varies from 10 minutes for EST to one hour or more for manually scored targets. The rulebooks establish different protest procedures for each type of target and scoring. Competitors have a right to have scoring errors corrected, but there is also a point where seeking error corrections become unsportsmanlike attempts to "buy points" by asking that correctly scored shots be rescored on the chance that the second scoring decision will be favorable. This practice is inherently unsportsmanlike and unfair because no competitors request that close shots which went in their favor be rescored. Applicable rulebooks

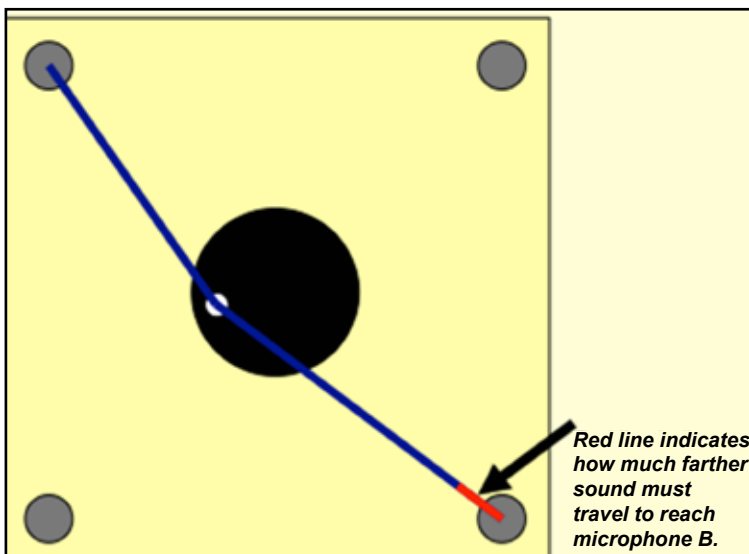
must be studied to identify the correct score protest or **CHALLENGE** procedure.

1. Paper Targets and Manual Scoring. Most rules, including those for the ISSF, USA Shooting and 3-Position Air Rifle allow competitors to pay a fee to challenge close shots that have not already been scored with a **GAUGE** or **PLUG**. Some NRA Rules amazingly allow gauged shots to be rescored again. This might be justified when manual scoring is really bad, but it can also lead to abuses by competitors who are the most aggressive in challenging close shots that went against them.

2. Paper Targets and Orion Scoring. On rare occasions, shot holes that are not cut cleanly will cause Orion to misread the correct location of a shot hole. In the Orion system, this is called an obvious error. When a competitor questions whether a shot is an obvious error, the Statistical Officer can recall an image of that shot and where Orion located the shot hole. The Statistical Officer must then decide if this circle coincides with the actual shot hole. He/she may rule that the shot is an obvious error and correct the location and score. He/she may also rule that the shot was correctly scored.

The rules for electronic scoring in most countries say correctly scored shots may not be protested, but in deference to the long tradition of challenging close shots in the U. S., USA Shooting and 3-Position Air Rifle Rules allow these shots to be protested. Orion has a shot protest algorithm that can be run when there is a score protest for a correctly scored shot, but, like EST score protests, there is a 2-point penalty for each shot challenge that is lost. What is absolutely wrong is to use a scoring gauge to check an Orion-scored shot. Scoring gauges compare the outside edge of a scoring ring with the outside edge of a scoring gauge. Orion measures the distance between the target center and the shot center. Because they measure two different things, one method cannot be used to check the other.

3. Electronic Scoring Targets (EST). Errors or target failures are also rare with EST and competitors occasionally want to question a score they are given for a shot. The ISSF Rulebook has over six pages of rules for dealing with these situations. The ISSF also offers special courses to train and license competition officials to make correct decisions regarding EST protests and complaints. **The National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules** boil this down to one page of basics. Statistical Officers for matches where EST are used must be intimately familiar with these rules and must cooperate closely with Range Officers to apply them when competitors make complaints or protests.



Most EST use acoustical systems for scoring shots that measure time differences for sound from shot impacts to travel to four different microphones. Computer software then calculates the precise location of the shot center to display on competitor and spectator monitors.

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FINAL RESULTS & RESULTS DISTRIBUTION

The final step in scoring and results operations is preparing and distributing final results.

As soon as the protest period is over, the Statistical Office must prepare a FINAL RESULTS LIST that lists all competitors by name, competitor number if required, all scores fired in the match and competitors' final rankings. Including hometown, club or school information is helpful.

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Chugiak High School at Dimond High School

3 Position Air Rifle: 3x10 Tue, 26 Nov 2013 anchorage, ak

Scoreboard

Individual - Sporter

Rank	Participant	Prone	Standing	Kneeling	Individual
1	Canyon, Codgdell (170489)	97 - 3	78 - 0	95 - 3	270 - 6
2	Hobbs, Steven	90 - 2	60 - 0	86 - 2	236 - 4
3	Ernst, Sierra (194704)	88 - 3	72 - 0	76 - 1	236 - 4
4	Gay, Danna (195029)	92 - 1	68 - 0	58 - 0	218 - 1

Individual - Precision

Rank	Participant	Prone	Standing	Kneeling	Individual
1	Friedl, Maddy (150418)	98 - 7	94 - 3	94 - 3	286 - 13
2	DuClos, Julie (170831)	97 - 6	92 - 0	95 - 3	284 - 9
3	Johnson, Garrett (152045)	98 - 7	92 - 5	93 - 1	283 - 13
4	Milligan, Summer (150780)	98 - 7	91 - 1	94 - 2	283 - 10
5	Holt, Keely (170737)	87 - 1	97 - 5	96 - 6	280 - 12
6	Rieser, Ryan (170760)	98 - 7	87 - 2	94 - 3	279 - 12
7	Sargent, Kevin (195054)	99 - 4	85 - 1	95 - 5	279 - 10
8	Devon, Chelsy (140923)	94 - 3	90 - 2	95 - 2	279 - 7

Team - Precision

Rank	Participant	Prone	Standing	Kneeling	Team
1	Dimond A	384 - 21	361 - 6	379 - 11	1124 - 38
2	Dimond C	390 - 19	353 - 5	371 - 13	1114 - 37
3	Dimond B	379 - 19	363 - 9	363 - 12	1105 - 40
4	Chugiak A	376 - 13	315 - 6	362 - 10	1053 - 29
5	Chugaik B	373 - 14	330 - 8	345 - 3	1048 - 25
6	Chugiak C	379 - 14	293 - 1	305 - 1	977 - 16

Complete Results

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ORION RESULTS CENTER ONLINE SCORE DISPLAY. A major objective of modern scoring and results operations should be to display live or quickly updated scores on the range and Internet. Electronic targets and Orion are making rapid strides towards achieving this objective. Orion Results Center scores are updated as soon as targets are scored. This Internet view can easily be displayed on an LCD panel placed on the range during matches.

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10-shot series scores and totals must be given. If the match was sanctioned by the CMP, NRA or USA Shooting it will be necessary to send a report with competitor numbers and score data to these organizations, together with the required fees.

In former days, final results were usually not available until well after the match and they came in the mail as printed copies. Some match sponsors still do this, but with modern Internet communications, final results can be posted as PDF files on the match sponsor's website or they can be emailed to all competitors as attached files. The Orion Results Center takes this one step further because Orion online results automatically become final results as soon as protest times are over.

Final results must not only be distributed to competitors, but today they must also be available to anyone interested in the match. Orion does this automatically as part of its match management system. The CMP posts match results that are sent to it after the match. Many match sponsors now have websites where their match results can be posted. Shooting needs to expand its fan base, but this can only be done if results are widely available.

About the Author

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Applications for 2014-2015 \$1,000 CMP Scholarships Available

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) has released applications for its annual scholarship program for the 2014-2015 school year. The CMP offers \$1,000 one-year scholarships based on merit and rifle or pistol marksmanship affiliation to current high school seniors.

CMP presented 169 scholarships last year for the 2013-2014 school year, 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.

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.

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.

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.

Applications and more information 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.

VanSteenburg Wins for Second Time at Montgomery Bell Academy Rifle Classic

By Sarah Hall, CMP

The CMP's Mobile Range traveled to Nashville, TN, for the Montgomery Bell Academy Rifle Classic. The Mobile Range consists of 60 MEGALink electronic targets, which allow for instant results and uploaded scores to the CMP's Competition Tracker website, <http://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&tab=results&match=10762>.

The Montgomery Bell Academy (MBA) in Nashville, TN, kicked off the 2013 high school air rifle season with their annual Rifle Classic. Over 350 competitors traveled to the prestigious all-boys school to compete during the October 18-19 weekend. A total of 217 sporter competitors and 141 precision shooters, representing 21 different states, fired in the Three-Position Air Rifle event.

The Civilian Marksmanship Program's mobile range traveled to Tennessee for the second year in a row to support the event. The mobile range, which consists of 60 MEGALink electronic targets, was first used during the 2012 Rifle Classic. Many of the athletes also competed in an International event fired on the school's Sius target system. With all results being fired on electronic targets, the MBA has created an elite junior match, which showcases the exciting visual advances of the sport. Spectators could enjoy watching their team's shots displayed on 60" TV's and instant results at the end of the relays.



Sarah Osborn placed first in the Precision Class. Reagan Abernathy placed second, followed by Zachery Guffey in third. Mary Pratt and Glen Lauzon placed fourth and fifth, respectively.

This year's event was particularly exciting to watch. In the sporter final, first place winner Daylin VanSteenburg, of Central Crossing High School, won for the second year in a row, winning by a seven-point lead. Justine Hamilton, of Zion Benton Township High School, made up a five-point gap to move from seventh to second place while also shooting the highest final, 89.5. A teary-eyed Justine was embraced in the middle of a group hug at the end of her final from all her Zion Benton teammates. Third place was taken by fellow Zion Benton teammate, Kevin Hamilton.

In the precision category Sarah Osborn, Summit Christian Academy, and Reagan Abernathy, Harpeth Hall



Academy, dominated both the Three-Position and International event. Osborn, who had an impressive start to the Three-Position match with a 200-20x prone score, won in the final with a 688.9. Sarah also notably won the International match with a 593. Abernathy, who shot the highest 3P final with a 102.3, came in second in both events. Third place 3P finisher was Zachery Guffey (Mesquite High School).

A highlight to the MBA match weekend has always been the bonus events hosted along with the competition. This includes the Coaches Match, where coaches compete in a 10-shot final, heckled on by their team. Winning Coach Sam Richardson from Helina, AL, plans on using his ACE hardware prize money to buy supplies for establishing his club's new range. Another addition for this match is the many clinics hosted by the Army Marksmanship Unit. The event also drew in nearby college coaches who were in attendance to watch the nearly-full seven relays.

The 2014 MBA Rifle Classic will be held October 17-18. Additional photos may be viewed on the CMP's Photo website at <http://cmp1.zenfolio.com/p1070514282>.



Central Crossing High School's Daylin VanSteenburg won the Sporter Match for the second year in a row. Placing second was Justine Hamilton, third was Kevin Hamilton, fourth was Adrian Gibson and fifth was Sylvanna Parra.



The MBA Rifle Class also includes a 60-shot standing match. Pictured here are the top three International winners.

Sporter Teams:

1. Zion-Benton: 2120
(Kevin Hamilton 537, Zachary Dumyahn 530, Alec Dumyahn 527, Kayla Savage 526)
2. David Crockett NJROTC: 2113
(John-Keith Verble 540, Felix Gampe 530, Will Anderson 528, Ashlee Lockwood 515)
3. R-S Central HS: 2098
(Alexandria Shepherd 529, Jesse Bradley 528, Michael Murphy 522, Donnivan Weeks 519)

Precision Teams:

1. Montgomery Bell Academy: 2288
(Andrew Dupuis 578, Daniel Biegl 575, Nathan Sharp 569, Zach Wassinger 566)
2. Sarasota Military Academy: 2278
(Laney Funk 578, Alyssa Bruno 571, Jordan Saba 570, Brett Klein 559)
3. East Coweta Precision 2276
(Destiny Collier 580, Glen Lauzon 580, Conan Collier 565, Charles Matthews 551)



A fun bonus event to the MBA Rifle Classic is the Coaches Match. The top three coaches are shown here on the podium.



Sibling Riflery: Hannah and Josh Black

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

Photos Courtesy of the Black Family

Hannah and Josh Black are your typical brother and sister. From the words of their mom and dad, “older sister ignores, little brother annoys.” But outside of their societal act, the two are actually extremely supportive of each other and share a unique common interest – both are accomplished junior shooters.

Hannah Black, 19, of Richmond, VA, has earned the title of “Distinguished” shooter by both the NRA and the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) and has achieved such shooting heights as becoming a Virginia Commonwealth Games Sporter Air Rifle Champion, NRA National Indoor Sporter Air Rifle Intermediate Junior Champion, a two-time gold medalist at the CMP Dixie Double and was even a finalist at the 2012 Women’s

Olympic Air Rifle Trials, among her many other medals and titles.

“[The Olympic Trials] was the biggest match, and it was a little intimidating at first,” said Hannah. “All the best shooters were at this match and on top of their game. At the time, I shot a personal best.”

The Olympic Trials was also where she met Coach Karen Monez, head coach of the Texas Christian University air rifle team, where Hannah is a sophomore athlete. Her freshman year, she placed in 5th for the Horned Frogs in the air rifle NCAA competition, helping to lead her team to a 3rd place finish in Columbus, OH on March 10, 2013. Recently, she was named TCU’s November Scholar Athlete of the Month.

Hannah was also the American Legion National Sporter Champion in 2010, where she shot the second-highest score in the 20-year history of the event. Along with her title honor, she received a \$2,500 scholarship from the American Legion.

“I actually didn’t know that by winning the match I would get a scholarship. When I was asked about it, I said, ‘What scholarship?’” Hannah said. “It was

a great feeling to win a national championship, and the scholarship just added to the experience.”

Joshua Black, 18, has done well at keeping up with big sister Hannah. Josh has also been named a “Distinguished” Air Rifle expert by the NRA and the CMP. His list of shooting achievements includes National Junior Olympic 3-Position Sporter J2 and J3 Rifle Champion, a gold medal at the NRA Open Sectional, first place at the CMP 3-Position Air Rifle match, gold at the Virginia American Legion Air Rifle Tournament, and Josh also competed in the U.S. Olympic Trials in 2012.

“I went [to the Olympic Trials] mainly as an educational experience. I got to see the top-level shooters up close. I learned quite a few little tips just from observation,” he said.



Accomplished in the sport, Josh has also proven maturity and confidence as he has overcome unforeseen obstacles. He has learned how to control his thoughts in stressful situations.

"Josh was in a shoot-off to qualify for the finals at a sporter match when he had a problem with his air cylinder," explained his mother, Donna Black. "We were able to diagnose and fix the problem with the sighter clock running out. He didn't get in a single sighter, and I was almost certain this would mentally derail him, but he picked up the gun and got to work."

Josh managed to win the shoot off and advance to the finals match. In the end, he placed 5th overall in the competition and grew as an experienced and talented shooter under pressure.

The brother and sister duo became involved in the sport of shooting when their father, Scott Black, joined a local gun club in Virginia for recreation and to become more equipped in self-defense. The club also offered a Friday night program aimed at getting juniors involved with shooting, using incentives such as stickers, pins and bars to instill a more goal-oriented teaching. Scott and Donna felt it was important for their children to also have some knowledge of self-defense, so they signed up Hannah and Josh in the junior program.

The siblings both showed natural shooting talent right away. Hannah admitted that one of her favorite parts of shooting was "beating the boys." It wasn't long before the coach of the club's shooting team, Jim Crawford, invited them to participate in matches.

"Our team was sporter national champs four years in a row. I was on the team for three of those championships," Josh said. "After that, I was addicted to shooting. I started air pistol, precision air rifle and now I shoot smallbore."

Neither Scott nor Donna knew anything about competitive shooting, so Scott took it upon himself to quickly study the aspects of the sport. A high school football and shot put athlete, as well as a certified physical therapist and athletic trainer, Scott found the sport's lack of motion to be an interesting aspect – considering it was so different from the other sports in which he has experience. He quickly learned the large amount of technique, strength, endurance and mental toughness rifle shooting demands.

Though both showed promise within the realm of rifle, competing in a sport together brought its own personal challenges for Hannah and Josh.

"I'm not going to lie – at first, I didn't like it. I wanted it to be my own thing," Hannah admitted. "As I got older, I got over that and embraced the competition. I think it ended up being good for both of us. We always have something to talk about and help each other with."

Though a bonding pastime, the common activity has brought a new level of sibling rivalry between the two. As with brother-sister relationship, emotions exchanged between Josh and his sister display playfulness on the outside with respected gratitude on the inside.

"Hannah HATES it when I beat her, but she's beaten me so many times that I've gotten used to it," Josh said. "For me, it's a challenge to try to catch up to Hannah, especially since I LOVE beating her. I can't wait for college so I'll have more chances to beat her."

Josh also admits that when he is asked who is a better shooter, he "mans-up" and confesses that Hannah has him beat – for now.

When the gun club where she and her brother first learned to shoot closed the junior air and small bore range, it, at first, seemed as if Hannah's shooting days were over. But, she was determined to keep their rifle dreams alive by helping to found a local group, the Patriot Shooting Club.

"It was difficult at first when we had nowhere to practice," she said. "My mom definitely wasn't thrilled when I was shooting in my own room, through the kitchen into the dining room."



Hannah is a sophomore on the Texas Christian University Air Rifle Team. This past summer, she was also a counselor at the CMP Summer Junior Rifle Camps.



Josh practices weekly with his air rifle in hopes of someday shooting in college as well as on the National team.

While Hannah avoided piercing china, tables and chairs, Josh has found an area that allows him an uncluttered shooting space where, with the lift of a barrier, he has his own 10-meter range – the family garage.

“I open the garage door that leads to a carport tent right outside of it, and I place a target in there,” he described of his ingenious, homemade range.

Josh practices with his air rifle four days a week and his small bore two days a week, with a Saturday break, when he isn’t competing in a match. Since he is homeschooled, it allows him much more time to go to the “garage range” to shoot.

Hannah tries to be at the TCU range almost every day to improve her skills. Working shooting around her classes can be tiresome at times, with a daily routine that goes something like, in her own words, “. . . a couple hours of practicing . . . go study and repeat.”

Although college life has proven to be a lot of work for Hannah that doesn’t leave her much downtime, her time at TCU has brought her many new friends and life travels.

“College has been an awesome experience. I love shooting for TCU and being part of a team,” she said. “Traveling with the team has been an awesome experience too. Where else would I have gone to Alaska? It’s great having a group of friends as soon as you step on campus.”

Though rifle shooting is a big part of their lives, it’s not all that defines them. Both have excelled in other activities as well. Scott and Donna have tried to instill the importance of education in all that they do – spiritually, physically and intellectually. They have stuck with the philosophy of “learning by doing,” and, in turn, “doing well.”

Josh is enrolled in community college while also being homeschooled. He also goes to the gym regularly.

He joined Cub Scouts when he was in second grade after hearing how the group does a lot of fishing – an activity he loves. He stuck with the Scouts for nearly a decade to reach the ranking of Eagle Scout, an achievement that he says is his proudest moment.

Josh has also spent the last two years mastering his yoyo skills, even compiling advanced level tutorials on YouTube. His constant need to stay active inspired his choice in becoming a yoyo master.

“I like to keep busy, so even when I’m watching TV, I’m playing with my yoyo at the same time,” he said.

If that wasn’t enough, Josh also participated in Tae Kwon Do for almost 9 years, earning the rank of fourth degree black belt.

Hannah has been dancing since she was enrolled in ballet class at age 3. Her skill in the art form has allowed her to inherit a new skill, be creative and to do unique things. Her creative personality allowed her to embody the essences of Ernie, Bert and Elmo, the popular Sesame Street characters, one season while she portrayed them at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, VA. She has also been involved in many recitals and youth performances and even traveled to Israel in December 2008 to train.

“[Training in Israel] was one of the coolest things ever!” she described. “Being able to communicate in a class without ever speaking Hebrew or English was something else, since the teacher was Russian. Dance is truly universal.”

Hannah also volunteered at the Virginia Living Museum in Newport News, where she learned many things, and even got to hold such sea creatures as horseshoe crabs and sea stars for guests to touch. She also enjoys spending time with her friends and trying new restaurants.

Religion is important to both Hannah and Josh as well. Having grown up with a strong Jewish background,



they both directly state that it impacts their everyday lives – it affects how they view the world.

Josh is involved with a Jewish youth group at a Chabad synagogue and is a founding member of a Jewish Scout group. He can also chant Torah.

For Hannah, choosing to go to college at Texas Christian was worrisome at first, but she soon learned that TCU is very accepting of all students, even their Jewish students.

Outside of all of their extra-curricular activities, there is still one common bond that holds Hannah and Josh together – they are family. It's an aspect that is of extreme importance to both of them and has been a positive source of motivation in all that they do.

"My parents have had a lot of influence on me," Hannah said. "My mom and dad have always encouraged me to do what I enjoy doing and taking it as far as it can go."

Having spent a considerable amount of time together at homeschool, family dinners and "vacations" to rifle matches keep the family close. They have had opportunities to visit many different states around the country, some because of their involvement with shooting.

Scott and Donna have said, "We tried to teach them to love God and to be grateful and humble. We want them to be happy, healthy, independent, good-hearted human beings."

So far, so good.

Hanna and Josh Black have proven that with hard work, determination and support, anything is possible,

within the realm of shooting and beyond. Hannah advises those who have strong goals to always continue to work towards them, no matter what they may be.

"Keep plugging along – you'll get there if you really want it!" she said. "And, love what you do."

For Scott and Donna Black, after hopefully going to support at least five more NCAA championships between Josh and Hannah, the future may also hold a few Junior Olympic competitions and the Olympic Trials, and they hope to go to a Caribbean Island for a well-deserved vacation in the kids' post-college years.

Josh hopes to shoot in college and beyond, in hopes to make a National team one day. He would also like to try Cowboy action shooting and Olympic style archery one day. Hannah is hoping to make the most of her college career and to shoot the 2016 Olympic trials. And, she'd also like to go skydiving (but don't tell her parents!).

**Do you know a college shooter
with an interesting story?**

Let us know!

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Talented Juniors Compete Against Top Shooters at 2013 Dixie Double

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

ANNISTON, AL – The 5th Annual CMP Dixie Double was held in Anniston, AL, November 8-10 to a group of 88 air rifle and pistol shooters. New, experienced and junior shooters fired shoulder-to-shoulder alongside some of the best shooters in the country, including members of the Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU), Paralympic team and even those from the 2012 London Olympic trials.

The Dixie Double is a two-day event, where competitors compare 60-shot standing scores. A two-man aggregate team event was also held concurrently with the open shooting competition.

During the event, a final is held each day, to determine daily winners, while an award ceremony on the last day of competition recognizes the combined, two-day, overall score leaders. The team award is also presented to the two-man teams with the highest aggregate scores.

Sarah Beard, 22, from Danville, IN, was the air rifle leader at the end of Day 1, with her score of 622.7. SSG George Norton, 29, of Phenix City, AL, and the AMU, followed closely with his score 621.6, while Bryant Wallizer, 26, of Colorado Springs, CO, trailed by only tenths of a point at 621.3.

Beard, Norton and Wallizer all secured themselves a place in the final match, along with the other top eight competitors of the day. After an exciting round of shooting, including a tie between the top three shooters, Norton received the gold medal for his outstanding marksmanship. Securing the silver was 2LT Matt Rawlings, 29, of Fort Benning, GA, while Daniel Lowe, 21, of Olympia, WA, claimed the bronze.

High Juniors of Day 1 were Elizabeth Gratz, 17, of Sigel, IL, with her score of 609.4, Quintin Wotring, 16, of Kingsport, TN, with a score of 614.2, and leading the juniors was Brandon Muske, 19, of Burton, TX, who fired a 615.1.

In the pistol competition, SFC James Henderson, 46, of Midland GA, and the AMU, led in the open category with his score of 577-22x. Trailing behind were teammates SPC Greg Markowski, 39, of Columbus, GA, with a score of 567-13x and SSG Michael Gasser, 30, also of Columbus, GA, with 567-12x.

Pistol High Juniors for the day were Zachary Miller, 13, of Syiacauga, AL, with a score of 503-4x, Jessie Jenkins, 15, of Loranger, LA, with 505-7x, and firing an impressive 518-5x was Ronnie Pierson, 17, of West Blocton, AL, to claim the top spot.

Day 2 of the air rifle competition was led by Lowe with a 621.3, followed by Wallizer with 619.3 and Thomas Csege, 25, of Colorado Springs, CO, with a score of 617.9.

During the final, 2012 Olympian Jonathan Hall jumped from fourth position to earn the gold, while Amy Sowash, 29, of Colorado Springs, CO, landed herself the silver medal. Lowe dropped to third for the bronze.

High air rifle juniors of the day once again were Wotring, Muske and Gratz. Gratz finished on top overall for the day, with her score of 615.

In Day 2 pistol action, the juniors were again led by Pierson, Jenkins, and Miller. Miller shot the high overall score of 516-3x for the day.

In overall pistol competition for the weekend, Ronnie Pierson dominated the junior aggregate with his score of 1029-7x, to earn the gold medal and a case of pellets. Zachary Miller followed in second place with his score of 1019-7x, receiving a new CMP rifle case, as Jessie Jenkins found herself third overall with her score of 1017-12x. She earned a free CMP shirt along with her bronze medal.

Muske was the overall air rifle High Junior for the weekend with his score of 1228.4. Wotring pulled in second place with 1225.1, and Gratz followed closely behind with 1224.4 for third.

SSG Norton was victorious overall in the open rifle competition, firing a score of 1251.3 during the two-day stretch. Lowe came in second with 1250.8, while Sowash recorded a 1248.3 for a strong third place finish.



Ronnie Pierson was the overall High Junior in the pistol competition, followed by Zachary Miller and Jessie Jenkins.

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
#618	Mario Saenz Jr.	Phoenix, AZ	#632	Cassandra Suter	Albuquerque, NM
#619	Matthew Warren	Rio Rancho, NM	#633	Hannah Richardson	Davison, MI
#620	Carleigh Peters	Monroe, GA	#634	Matthew Rudolf	St. Louis, MO
#621	Sara Tashima	Honolulu, HI	#635	Ian Foos	Bellevue, OH
#622	James Fees	Nokesville, VA	#636	Jordan Harper	Strongsville, OH
#623	Sergio Napoletano	Middletown, NY	#637	Verne Conant	Billerica, MA
#624	Hayley Kunzli	Slidell, LA	#638	Casey Lutz	Meridian, ID
#625	Christopher Gonzalez	Aurora, IL	#639	Michael Steinel	Lowell, OH
#626	Alex Baca	Rio Rancho, NM	#640	Megan Stulken	Pierre, SD
#627	Kristen Smith	Sulphur, LA	#641	Nicolle Thiry	Elizabeth, PA
#628	Caitlyn Lasseigne	Walla Walla, WA	#642	Amy Fister	Lenhartsville, PA
#629	Molly Hensley	Kennerdell, PA	#643	Ashley Ahrens	Seneca, PA
#630	Nicholas Frenzo	Reading, MA	#644	Sydney Perry	Shelbyville, KY
#631	Sarah Sutton	Oak Harbor, OH	#645	Cathryn Papasodora	Eagle River, AK

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Juniors Continue to Portray Marksmanship Excellence in 2013

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



Franklin County High School brought home first place in the overall sporter team competition at the CMP National 3P Air Rifle event, while Zion Benton Teams 1 and 2 took home third and second place, respectively.

Thousands of young shooters across the U.S. excelled as the Civilian Marksmanship Program reached out to them with numerous firearm safety and marksmanship clinics, camps and competitions over the past year.

The National Junior ROTC three-position air rifle season kicked off in the fall of 2012 with postal matches and concluded in March 2013 at the National Championships at the CMP Marksmanship Center in Anniston, AL.

Individual champion Hunter Kushman, 16, of King George High School in King George, VA, won the overall sporter competition – setting two new Navy JROTC National records. Carl Hayden High School in Phoenix, AZ, overtook the sporter team championship with their impressive aggregate score of 4354-117x.

Army JROTC precision air rifle competitor Marissa Furney, 17, of Columbus High School in Columbus, GA, fired the top score to become the overall precision air rifle competitor in the competition. Fellow precision shooter Mary Pratt of Monroe Area High School in Monroe, GA, set a new Air Force JROTC 3x20 and the 3x20 plus record with her third place finish. Ozark High School from Ozark, MO, put on an outstanding

performance as they claimed the precision team title for the second year in a row. The team also set a new Army JROTC National record with their score of 2346-142x.

During the summer, juniors once again flocked to a series of CMP summer air rifle camps held at Anniston, Camp Perry and several Western outreach clinics, with an average attendance of 50 shooters.

In July, the CMP held its Inaugural National Three-Position Air Rifle Championship at the CMP South Marksmanship Center in Anniston, AL. The competition began with the Postal Championships, with the top shooters advancing to Regional events. From there, 380 competitors qualified and participated in the prestigious National Championship.

Kyle Morales, 16, of Bordelon Rifles in Texas, overtook first place in the sporter competition, while Sarah Osborn, 14, of Patriot Rifle in Virginia, claimed the first place spot in the precision match. In team competition, Franklin County High School in Rocky Mount, VA, topped the other sporter teams with their combined score of 2180-72x, while Frazier Simplex Center Shots in Pennsylvania overtook first in the precision competition, firing a 2339-162x.

Also recognized was the South African National



Robert McClain, 15, of Walkersville, WV, won overall in the M16 Match during the Small Arms Firing School at Camp Perry. CMP Chairman, Ms. Judy Legerski, presented McClain with a Colt Match Target 5.56 rifle donated by Cold Manufacturing.

School Shooters Union, for traveling overseas to participate in the National event. The team finished with an aggregate score of 2186-70x, and was presented with the high visitor award.

The Civilian Marksmanship Program awarded \$209,000 in award checks to winning teams and shooters throughout the competition. MidwayUSA, sponsor of the championships, also presented generous awards, with \$5,000, \$3,500 and \$2,500 endowments to the placing teams.

At the 2013 National Matches at Camp Perry, several talented juniors again exceeded expectations. Alexander Chichkov, 19, of Tampa, FL, won the Junior President's Pistol Match, while Glenn Zimmerman, 16, of Waterville, OH, claimed the G.P. Perry DeFino Trophy as the high junior in the Individual Pistol Match. Robert McClain, 15, of Walkersville, WV, was the first place shooter overall in the M16 highpower match, followed in second place by junior Makayla Douthit, 15, of Walden, CO. Isaac Dow, 20, of Grand Junction, CO, placed fourth in the President's Rifle Trophy Match and was the high junior. In team competition, the CA Grizzly Team Heidi's Dream, from California, won the National Trophy Junior Team Match and set a new record with their score of 974-32x.

The Dixie Double, held at the South Range in Anniston, AL, Nov. 8-10, showed the talents of even more junior shooters. Ronnie Pierson, 17, of West Blocton, AL, led the juniors in the overall air pistol competition – firing a 1029-7x. Zachary Miller, 13, of Syiacauga, AL, claimed the second place spot with his score of 1019-7x, while Jessie Jenkins, 15, of Loranger, LA, fired a 1017-12x for third.

In the air rifle competition, Brandon Muske, 19, of Burton, TX, secured the top spot with his score of 1228.4, followed by Quintin Wotring, 16, of Kingsport,



Sarah Osborn was brought to tears after she became the first-ever individual champion of the CMP National precision match.

TN, with a scored of 1225.1. Elizabeth Gratz, 17, of Sigel, IL, was third overall, firing a 1224.4.

During the Gary Anderson Invitational, fired at the CMP North and South Marksmanship Centers Dec. 6-7, Brandon Thomas, 18, of Winder, GA, led the overall precision competition with his aggregate score of 691.3.

Thomas led going into the final by only his x-count, as Justin Kleinhans, 14, of Port Clinton, OH, followed close behind with a comparable score. Kleinhans finished the final with a score of 690.5, just short of Thomas, to land him in second place, as Michael Steinel, 17, of Lowell, OH, claimed third with 688.9.

Jaleel Canada, 17, of Freeport, IL, came out on top in the sporter division, firing an aggregate score of 649. John-Keith Verble, 17, of Jonesborough, TN, landed in second place, with 646.7, as Michael Murphy, 18, of Forest City, NC, rounded out the top three, with a score of 641.5.



Glenn Zimmerman, of Waterville, Ohio, won the G.P. Perry DeFino Trophy with a total score of 283-11X out of 300, which signifies the high scoring junior in the National Trophy Individual pistol match. Presenting the DeFino Trophy plaque is U.S. Army National Guard SGM Robert Stanek.

New, Experienced Shooters Go Head-to-Head at 2013 Gary Anderson Invitational

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



Both sporter and precision shooters compete in the GAI. Juniors fire as individuals and also have the opportunity to combine their scores with others in the team competition.

The 2013 Gary Anderson Invitational (GAI) was held December 6-7 at the CMP Marksmanship Centers in Camp Perry, OH, and Anniston, AL, to a group of 415 competitors from around the country.

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 eight shooters from each relay advancing to a 10-shot 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 three shooters overall are also recognized.

Brandon Thomas, 18, of Winder, GA, led the overall precision competition with his aggregate score of 691.3.

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Canada, having an extremely successful shooting career, recently earned Distinguished badge #667 in October 2013. His teammate, Gabriel Palermo, 16,

earned his Distinguished badge at the GAI after he fired an aggregate score of 548-7x. Palermo finished fifth overall in the competition.

In the new shooter category, for juniors who started participating in organized target rifle programs after April 1, 2013, Annabelle Stanec, 13, of Wadsworth, OH, fired an impressive 584-39x to lead. Cassidy Fairman, 15, of Indiana, PA, came in second with a score of 576-28x, while Anna Scheer, 13, of Trussville, AL, followed with 568-24x.

The Top 15 shooters in the new shooter category also received awards from the CMP.

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.

David Crockett HS NJROTC from Jonesborough, TN, led the sporter team competition with their combined score of 2156-52x. Team members are John-Keith Verble, Will Anderson, Ashlee Lockwood and Felix Gampe. The team is coached by CDR John Roberts.

Freeport HS NJROTC Team Pretzel of Freeport, IL, earned second place with an aggregate score of 2150-62x, as Zion Benton #1 of Zion, IL, came in third with 2136-57x.

Hardcore 4 of Winder, GA, overtook the precision team competition, firing a 2330-154x. Team members are Brandon Thomas, Mary Pratt, Maggie Mason and Dana Bowen. Coming in second was Frazier Simplex Center Shots of Pennsylvania with a score of 2321-133x, while Great Trail Musketeers of Ohio landed in third place with 2313-122x.

Winning precision and sporter teams received the Gary Anderson Trophy. Additionally, first place teams received \$500, second place \$300 and third place \$200 from the CMP towards each school or club, to further marksmanship excellence.

The Gary Anderson Invitational has formally been known as the Atlanta 500 Air Rifle Championship (1996) and the Wolf Creek 600 (1997-2000). It 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.

For a full list of results, visit <http://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&match=10574>. Photos of the event can be found at <http://cmp1.zenfolio.com>.

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

January

24-25 Jan
Wiregrass Invitational
Daleville, AL

25 Jan
Area 12 NJROTC Championship
Anniston, AL

February

1 Feb-1 May
JO State 3PAR Championships
State Qualifying Matches

1 Feb
Dixie Challenge
Anniston, AL

14-16 Feb
Western Region JROTC Service Championships
Albuquerque, NM

14-16 Feb
USMC and Navy JROTC Service Championships
Anniston, AL

20-22 Feb
Camp Perry Region JROTC Service Championships
Camp Perry, OH

20-22 Feb
Army and Air Force JROTC Service Championships
Anniston, AL

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 SAFS Registration
Camp Perry, OH

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

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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.

CMP CLUB NEWS: 2013 Texas Garand Championship

Submitted by Alan Wilson, Match Director

Our annual Texas State Garand Championship is planned every year for October to take advantage of the warm 70's temperatures. This year we received a surprise: a cold front came through Saturday morning and with it a very significant threat of rain. The weatherman had been predicting terrible conditions for days.

Our Garand Championship/CMP Games Matches started as they all should, with the U.S. Army Band's version of "Reveille," followed by the National Anthem. The only thing missing was the opening cannon report. We'll be working on that.

This year, after nearly 80 individual matches were fired, the winner of the Garand Championship was Clay Hefner, with a 289-4X, followed by Dan Pate in the Springfield Match with a 290-10X. Robert Langham

was the winner of both the Carbine and Vintage Rifle Matches, with a 370-6X and a 287-7X, respectively.

Our Sunday pistol leg match winners were Gary Shannon, first, with 257-4X, Robert Langham, second, with 256-2X, and David Schaller, third, with 255-1X. Only one point separated each of them. Daniel Miller, second non-distinguished with a 249-3X, picked up the second leg and his second set of pistol points, while Gary Shannon, who won the match, acquired his last leg points and became not just the newest distinguished pistol shot, but the newest double distinguished marksman. Congratulations to all.

Now, you might ask, "How did the weather turn out?" Well, Saturday started with temperatures in the low 40's. We then had overcast skies, giving us flat light for excellent shooting conditions all day. That night, lightning, thunderstorms and lots of rain came until, finally, a very clear second day arrived. We decided that the Championship is like hunting: If you're not in the field, the guys who are will always reap the rewards.

For more information on the Texas State Rifle Association, please visit www.tsra.com.



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CMP CLUB NEWS: Michigan State University Hosts CMP Rimfire Sporter Match

Submitted by Michael V. Galella

LANSGING, MI – Michigan State University hosted a CMP Rimfire Sporter Rifle Sanctioned Match on October 16 at their Demmer Shooting Sports Education & Training Center.

Winning the Gold Pin in the telescopic class was Sean Barrett as he fired a 551-12X. Claiming the Silver Pin was Craig Shepard with a 542-5X, while Paula Warren earned the Bronze Pin with a score of 472-2X.

Also shooting in the telescopic class was George Gaukel, who fired a 449, and James Demates, who finished with a 432-1X. Richard Miller was the lone shooter in the open sight category with his score of 376, while Chuck MacCluer represented the tactical class with a 522-12X.

The Demmer Center is focused on developing world-class shooting education and training in a safe, clean, family atmosphere for both shooters and non-shooters amongst all demographics. The Center has been a venue for regional, state and national competitions and also houses MSU shooting sports student organizations.

Hours of operation for The Demmer Center are:

Members Only:

Tuesday-Friday: 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday: 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.



Members and Non-Members:

Fridays: 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sundays: 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Center is closed Mondays.

For more information on The Demmer Center, please visit <http://demmercenter.msu.edu>.



Record Amount of Shooters Fire in the 2013-2014 JROTC Postal Championship

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



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 record-breaking 8,025 shooters participated in the 2013-2014 match, with the top shooters in each branch earning an invitation to the JROTC Regional Service Championships, to be held in Albuquerque, NM; Anniston, AL; and Camp Perry, OH.

This year, MidwayUSA will be sponsoring the JROTC Championships – donating over \$454,000 in endowments and operating costs, with over \$300,000 of that amount going to top teams in all three phases of the Championships (Postal, Regional, National).

The JROTC Regional Championships will be held in February 2014. The dates and locations for the Championships are as follows:

February 14-16:

Albuquerque, NM (All 4 services)
Anniston, AL (USMC & Navy)

February 20-22:

Camp Perry, OH (All 4 services)
Anniston, AL (Army & Air Force)

Nationals for all services will be held in Camp Perry, OH, in March 2014.

For a complete list of JROTC Postal Championship results, visit <http://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&match=10648>.

Regional invitation lists can be found on the CMP website at <http://thecmp.org/3P/JROTC.htm>. Invitations are listed separately by service branch.

JROTC Postal Results

Army Top 3 Individuals:

Sporter:

Isela Velazquez, R.L. Paschal HS, Texas – 276-10x
Hunter Kraus, Central Catholic HS, Texas – 275-10x
Alexander Eikelenboom, Lebanon HS, Oregon – 274-10x

Precision:

Heather Johnson, Lumpkin County HS, Georgia – 297-21x
Kasey Rysavy, North Salem HS, Oregon – 296-20x
Sarah Jameson, Walla Walla HS, Washington – 295-21x

Army Top 3 Teams:

Sporter:

Fountain Fort Carson HS, Colorado – 1071-35x
R.L. Paschal HS, Texas – 1069-32x
Central Catholic HS, Texas – 1066-32x

Precision:

Walla Walla HS, Washington – 1172-69x
Ozark HS, Missouri – 1153-58x
Patch HS, AE – 1152-65x

Marine Corps Top 3 Individuals:

Sporter:

Jeffery Dean, Danielle Boone HS, Tennessee – 280-14x
Dakota Lupkes-Heim, Des Moines North HS, Iowa – 280-8x
Ashley Valadez, W.T. White HS, Texas – 274-6x

Precision:

Cassandra Suter, La Cueva HS, New Mexico – 294-18x
Destiny Collier, East Coweta HS, Georgia – 293-18x
Hunter Dowell, Granbury HS, Texas – 291-18x

Marine Corps Top 3 Teams:**Sporter:**

Des Moines North HS, Iowa – 1070-33x
 R-S Central HS, North Carolina – 1062-30x
 Daniel Boone HS, Tennessee – 1061-29x

Precision:

La Cueva HS, New Mexico – 1154-64x
 East Coweta HS, Georgia – 1142-52x
 Shelby County HS, Kentucky – 1137-55x

Navy Top 3 Individuals:**Sporter:**

Darrell Ray, Moss Point HS, Mississippi – 282-9x
 Shadman Alamgir, Reseda HS, California – 281-12x
 Eliseo Dorado, El Dorado HS, Texas – 281-10x

Precision:

Heather Brown, Union Grove HS, Georgia – 296-16x
 Ben Spotts, Manzano HS, New Mexico – 291-17x
 David Johnson, Henry County HS, Georgia – 291-17x
 Joanna O'Neill, Los Alamo HS, New Mexico – 291-17x

Navy Top 3 Teams:**Sporter:**

West Ashley HS, South Carolina – 1090-36x
 Reseda HS, California – 1089-35x
 Zion-Benton HS, Illinois – 1088-30x

Precision:

Union Grove HS, Georgia – 1152-59x
 New Albany HS, Indiana – 1149-53x
 Henry County HS, Georgia – 1144-57x

Air Force Top 3 Individuals:**Sporter:**

Ashley Durham, McMichael HS, North Carolina – 279-6x
 Charles Collins, McMichael HS, North Carolina – 278-11x
 Matthew Velazquez, Buckeye Union HS, Arizona – 276-10x

Precision:

Jonathan Gove, Franklin County HS, Virginia – 295-22x
 Chelsea Larsen, Northgate HS, Georgia – 292-21x
 Cody Ashby, Franklin County HS, Virginia – 292-20x

Air Force Top 3 Teams:**Sporter:**

McMichael HS, North Carolina – 1090-30x
 Clearfield HS, Utah – 1075-28x
 Volcano Vista HS, New Mexico – 1067-29x

Precision:

Franklin County HS, Virginia – 1166-74x
 Monroe Area HS, Georgia – 1138-51x
 Volcano Vista HS, New Mexico – 1129-50x

Overall Individuals Over All Service Branches:**Sporter:**

Darrell Ray, Navy, Moss Point HS – 282-9x
 Shadman Alamgir, Navy, Reseda HS – 281-12x
 Eliseo Dorado, Navy, El Dorado HS – 281-10x

Precision:

Heather Johnson, Army, Lumpkin County HS – 297-21x
 Kasey Rysavy, Army, North Salem HS – 296-20x
 Heather Brown, Navy, Union Grove HS – 296-16x



Last year, defending champions Ozark High School reclaimed their title as the overall precision team, setting an Army JROTC National record with a score of 2346-142. Ozark was the second -highest scoring Army precision team during the 2013-2014 Postal match.



At last year's event, Hunter Cushman set two new Navy JROTC National records.



CMP CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM

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.

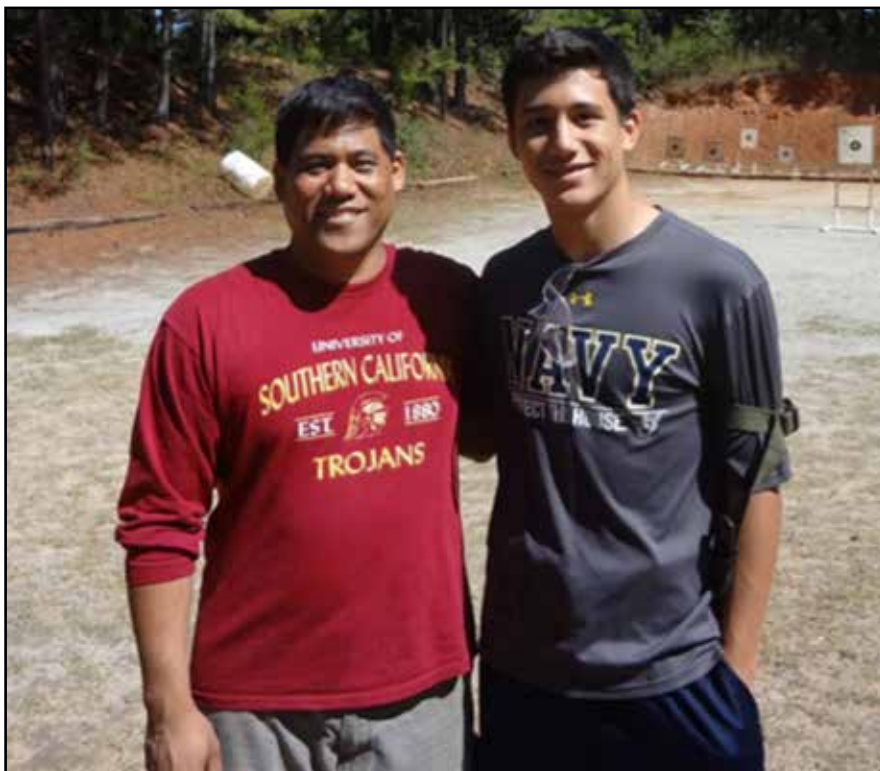
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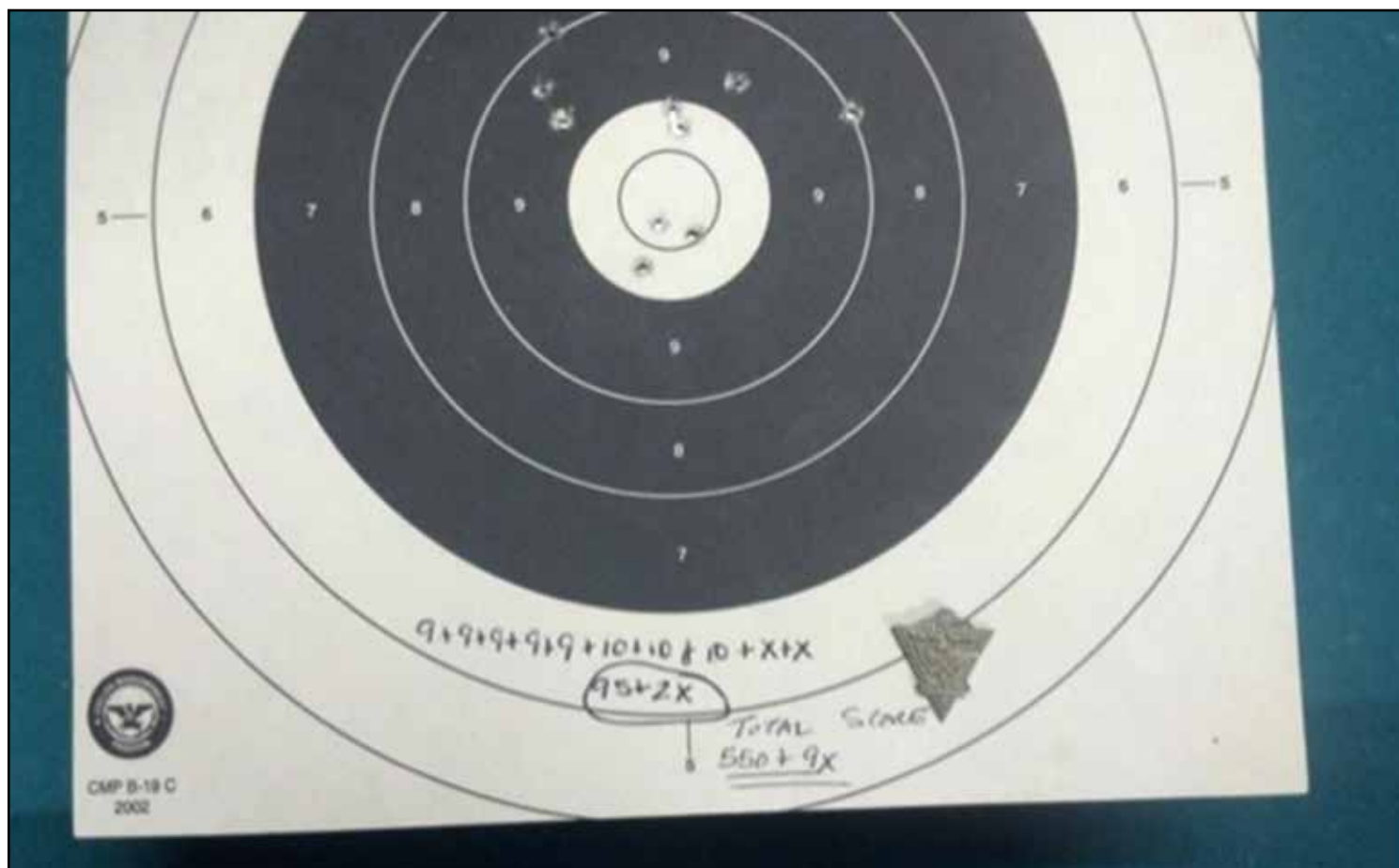
Long Post:

Over the past year, I have been spending a lot of money buying rifles from the CMP and not a lot of time shooting them. When I have shot my rifles I primarily shot my .22's from a bench and hardly ever from a slung up position. After reading Greg Ficklin's post on Match Shooting Misconceptions thread <http://forums.thecmp.org/showthread.php?t=112167>, I was motivated to put my rifles to their real purpose: shooting. Not just shooting, but to participate in matches hosted by the CMP. I was determined to shoot in my first service rifle match on 9/21/13 in Bremen, GA, but it was raining, and I didn't want the weather to ruin my first match, so I didn't go. I was quite bummed, but what can you do.

Then member Kilo-Sierra turned me on to a CMP Rimfire Sporter match being held locally the following weekend. KS, who is a seasoned shooter himself and a heck of a nice guy too, was extremely helpful to push me in the right direction and set me up for the RF Sporter match. I have to tell you, I felt quite intimidated reading about the match rules and various posts the night before the match. The thing is, I am not a good shot at all and have very little experience shooting from anything other than a bench, so the idea that I would be shooting with seasoned vets was disheartening. Anyways, I talk my son into joining me, and we both decided to try it out and see how the rounds flew down range.



When we arrived I didn't know what to expect. I saw a bunch of people milling around like they had known each other for years. Then I had equipment shock when I saw all the high-tech rifles (not really, but they looked tricked out) and all sorts of doo-dads, like spotting scopes, shooting mats..etc. . I was shooting my old '50s era 513T, and my son was shooting his base Ruger 10/22. I have to tell you, I was THAT close to getting back into my car and turning around, but Kilo-Sierra greeted us, and there was no turning back then.



I told my son that we may not hit the target at all, but at least we can say that we tried, and that's better than not trying at all. I also told him that we just needed to play our game and not try to compete with the other shooters, and, most of all, to just go out and have fun. I think that was the right attitude, and it helped us enjoy our match that much more.

My son and I have never had this much fun shooting – ever. Everyone turned out to be very nice, extremely helpful and genuinely interested in our success. Surprisingly, we shot better than I ever could have expected. I shot a 550+9X, and my son shot a 555+12X. We both qualified for a bronze pin for our efforts. To say that I was a proud father is an understatement!

We not only enjoyed ourselves, but we walked away with a good understanding of what we needed to do to improve ourselves when we shot "OUR NEXT MATCH." Yes, we are hooked and can't wait until the next match. As a matter of fact, I saw my son watching YouTube videos on shooting techniques, and he excitedly told me how to make a stable base when shooting from the sitting position.

All in all, I have to say that if you have never shot in a sanctioned shooting event, you really owe it to yourself to get out there and try one. I think your experience will mimic mine.

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!

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>.

Oasis Gun Club, Bellingham, WA
 Seymour American Legion Post 89, Seymour, IN
 Boy Scouts of America Troop 3025, Poughkeepsie, NY
 Pharr Rifle & Pistol Club Inc., McAllen, TX
 Viola Sportsman's Club, Viola, WI
 Rifle and Pistol Team of Redland, Welumpka, AL
 BSA Crew 472, Conroe, TX
 4-H Shooting Sports Club, Frederick, MD
 North Sportsmans Club (North Syracuse Rod & Gun Club, Inc), North Syracuse, NY
 MSC Gunsmithing Club, Tishomingo, OK
 Red River Area Sportsmans Club, Wahpeton, ND
 Salamanca Square Circle Club, Killbuck, NY
 Mid Pacific Gun Club, Honolulu, HI
 Revere High School JROTC, Revere, MA
 Antilles HS AJROTC, Ft. Buchanan, PR
 Big Pine Gun Club, Gurlford, ME
 Boy Scouts of America #251, Flemington, NJ
 Jefferson County 4-H, Jefferson, WI
 BSA Troop 1812, Rowlett, TX
 Dell Rapids Sportsmen's Club, Dell Rapids, SD
 BSA Troop 570, Richardson, TX



Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet HS, Indianapolis, IN
 Travis High School NJROTC, Austin, TX
 Mattituck Gun Club, Cutchogue, NY
 Occoneechee Troop #701, Stedman, NC
 Monmouth Council Boy Scouts of America, Morganville, NJ
 McCone County 4H, Circle, MT
 South Creek HS JROTC, Robertsonville, NC
 Ross County Conservation League, Chillicothe, OH
 Grimes County 4H Shooting Sports Club, Navosta, TX
 Humphreys High School AJROTC, APO, AP



Parting Shots: Photos from Recent CMP Events & Competitions

Junior shooters left their mark on several recent CMP events including the National Trophy Rifle & Pistol Matches, National Rimfire Match and the Western CMP Games.



Sarah Nguyen, 16, fired in the M16 Match at Western Games. She fired the second highest junior score.



Gennaro Napolitano, 16, fired the third best score of all of the juniors who competed in SAFS at Western Games.



A Small Arms Firing School was held at the Western Games in Phoenix, AZ, led by top rifle instructors.



Monthly Matches were well-attended at the North Marksmanship Center, despite construction for its renovation project.



In the 3x20 November Monthly Match at Camp Perry, Linda Adams received the gold, while Daylin VanSteenburg and Lily Liu followed behind.



For the November match at Camp Perry, over 120 shooters participated, including new Novice Prone competitors.



Dana Bowen, 14, was one of 88 competitors at the 2013 Dixie Double. Both air rifle and pistol shooters competed.



Some shooters can "bear"-ly contain their excitement for the Dixie Double, where top shooters and new shooters meet.



Ronnie Pierson, 17, was the overall High Junior pistol shooter at the 2013 Dixie Double in Anniston, AL.

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