

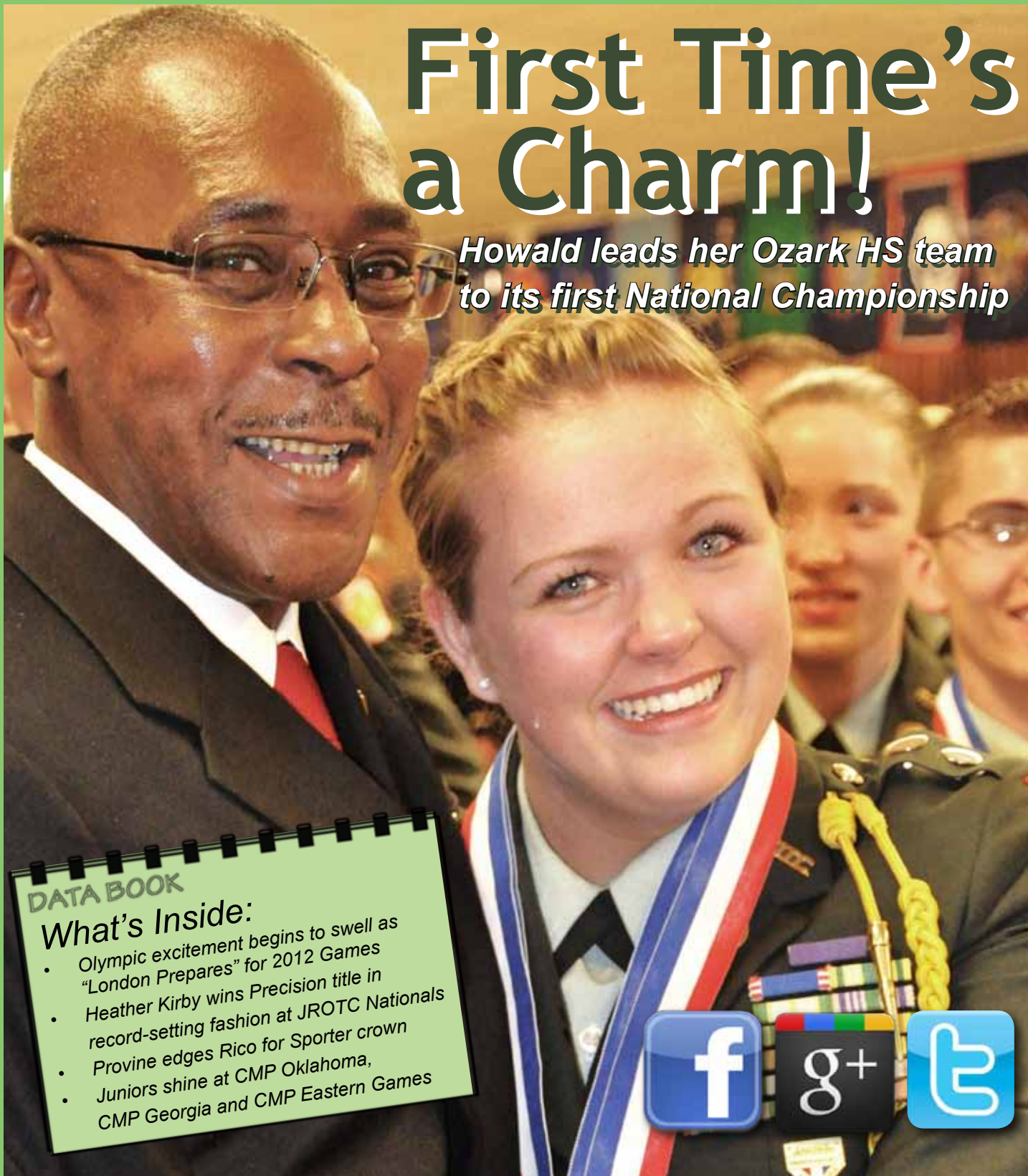
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First Time's a Charm!

Howald leads her Ozark HS team to its first National Championship



DATA BOOK

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Team USA Hits the Digital Airwaves Via New USOC “Road to London” IOS and Android App

With less than two months to go, Team USA hits the digital airwaves in a new way through the first official USOC app. **2012 Team USA Road to London** is a free app that iOS and Android users can download from iTunes and Google Play App Market. The app tracks athletes who have qualified to be nominated to the 2012

Olympic and Paralympic Teams, while entertaining fans with video, photos, breaking news and a chance to communicate directly with the athletes.

The “Cheer” function allows fans to chat directly with athletes through their Facebook and Twitter accounts, and opens up a new platform for engaging fans



with members of Team USA. The 2012 Team USA Road to London app extends the reach of what is being hailed as the first truly digital and social Olympic Games on a large scale. Download the app today and

meet your 2012 Olympians and Paralympians.

The London Games open Friday, 27 July and shooting events begin the next day with women's 10m air rifle and men's 10m air pistol. Women's air pistol follows on 29 July and men's 10m air rifle will be fired 30 July.

CMP Education and Training Resources Announced

JMIC Master Instructor Course
Anniston, AL - The CMP will conduct a JMIC Master Instructor Training Workshop in Anniston AL on 26 July 2012 to train new JMIC Master Instructors. Recent experience in conducting rifle marksmanship training and organizing a rifle team at a JROTC Unit or Junior Rifle Club is a prerequisite for attending a JMIC Master Instructor Course.

Participants must take the online training course prior to arrival. Current Master Instructors that wish to recertify, may do so by taking the online training course on the CMP Website. Visit http://www.TheCMP.org/Training/MICourse_July.pdf for more information.

CMP Seeking State Directors

Camp Perry, OH - CMP's State Directors provide leadership, resource and program information, coordination, networking, motivation and publicity for junior shooting within their

state. CMP State Director Bios are now posted on our website at <http://www.thecmp.org/Training/SD.htm>.

The CMP is currently taking applications for CMP State Directors in the following states: California, Maine, North Dakota, New Hampshire and Texas.

Registration Open for Level 1 and Level 3 Coach Certification Courses

Colorado Springs, CO - Registration opens for courses 4-8 October. Coaching athletes is one of the most challenging endeavors that you will probably ever be involved in, and it can be one of the most rewarding.

To help you meet the challenges of coaching competitive athletes, the National Rifle Association, USA Shooting, the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), ATA, NSSA and NSCA encourage you to participate in the Coach Education Program.

The Coach Education Program (CEP) is a cooperative effort of these national shooting organizations and is administered by the NRA. For more information, visit <http://www.usashooting.org/membership/coaches/coachescollege>.

CMP Coaching Resources

Camp Perry, OH - The CMP has a list of “How-To” articles, videos and posters along with many resources for shooting coaches. The latest additions to the page is an article submitted by Roy McClain, Georgia CMP State Director - *Target Holders w/Pellet Stops* and an article submitted by Joel Martin on how to create an inexpensive three-position off-hand stand.

View the CMP Coaching Resources page at <http://www.thecmp.org/Training/CoachingResources.htm>.

◎ Sighting Shots ◎

- ◎ The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) has official Facebook, Google+ and Twitter accounts. We encourage you to Like our pages and receive the latest updates in CMP Programs and Sales updates, along with shooting sport news.



- ◎ **CMP National Match Air Gun Events**
The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) invites you to participate in the 4th annual National Matches Air Gun Events. These events are part of the National Matches at Camp Perry. Their purpose is to offer additional competition opportunities for National Matches pistol and rifle competitors as well as for anyone who wants to shoot in the National Matches with their air pistols or air rifles.
- All of these events will take place at the Camp Perry Marksmanship Center on MegaLink electronic targets. We look forward to welcoming you to the 2012 National Matches Air Gun Events at the Camp Perry Marksmanship Center! For more information, visit <http://www.thecmp.org/NM/AirGunEvents.htm>.
- ◎ **Attention All Junior Pistol & Smallbore Shooters** - The NRA is pleased to announce that its annual NRA Junior Pistol

Camp will be held July 10-15, 2012, and its annual NRA Junior Smallbore Rifle Camp will be held on July 21-26, 2012, at Camp Perry, Ohio. All pistol camp students will receive expert coaching in the fundamental principles and techniques of conventional and international pistol shooting.

All smallbore rifle camp students will receive expert coaching in the fundamental principles and techniques of 3-position and 4-position smallbore rifle shooting. Students will be provided a safe, enjoyable learning experience that will significantly contribute to improving their shooting skills. For more information, visit http://www.nrahq.org/education/training/coaching/jr_shooting_camps.asp.

- ◎ **Update on 2012 CMP Competition Rules**
The CMP Rules Committee approved the 16th edition of the CMP Competition Rules in March. The new CMP rulebook has been posted on the CMP website at <http://www.thecmp.org/Competitions/Rulebook.pdf> for several weeks. This article provides an update and summary of changes in the 2012 CMP Competition Rules. Read the complete update at <http://www.odcmp.org/0512/default.asp?page=RULEBOOK>.
- ◎ **Registration Now Open for the 2012 CMP National Matches & CMP Games Events** - Competitors may now register for the 2012 CMP National Matches and CMP Games Events. Please visit <http://www.TheCMP.org/NM.htm> for more detailed information and official match programs.



On the Cover: Leon McMullen, deputy director for the U.S. Army JROTC, celebrates with an emotional Tessa Howald of Ozark High School Army JROTC, Missouri, at the awards ceremony after she led her precision air rifle team to a national championship. It was Ozark High School Army JROTC's first year to compete in the precision air rifle classification.

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THE WORK OF THE RANGE OFFICER

By Gary Anderson, Director of Civilian Marksmanship Emeritus

Editor's Note: This article on "The Work of the Range Officer" is the first of a planned series of articles by Gary Anderson on How to Conduct Competitions. Coaches and junior shooting leaders are encouraged to copy this article and use it to assist them in training adult volunteers and parents to become Range Officers.

Coaches, instructors and leaders of junior shooting teams and clubs are not only responsible for teaching young shooters gun safety and how to shoot, but they are also responsible for conducting live fire practice sessions and organizing competitions where the team or club hosts participants from other teams and clubs. The key person in conducting range firing is the Range Officer.

Junior shooting coaches or instructors must either fulfill this role themselves or, ideally, train other volunteers or parents to be Range Officers. This article examines the duties and activities of the Range Officer and provides guidelines for performing that work.

Note: Throughout this article, the title Range Officer will be abbreviated as "RO" and the title Chief Range Officer will be abbreviated as "CRO."

Range Officer Responsibilities. The Range Officer (RO) is the competition official who is directly responsible for the safe conduct of firing on the range during competitions. The RO is also responsible for the application and enforcement of the competition rules that apply for that competition. In most competitions, the RO is the official who has the most direct contact with shooters and thus the best opportunities to ensure that all competitors have a fair, enjoyable match. How the RO performs his/her duties not only determines whether the competition is safe and legal, but just as importantly, whether participants enjoy equal competition conditions and truly positive experiences.

Range Officer Qualifications & Training. Becoming a good, effective RO takes time, effort and experience, but it is a position that many interested adults have the possibility of fulfilling. The basic requirements for being a good RO are:

- **Motivation.** The most important qualification to be a RO is motivation. The RO must have a sincere desire to promote the sport of shooting and help shooting athletes have safe, fair, enjoyable competitions. It is not necessary to have prior shooting experience.
- **Knowledge.** The second most important qualification is knowledge. The RO must have an excellent knowledge of shooting competition rules. This knowledge may have been gained by being a competitive shooter or it can also be acquired through study and training. Much can be learned by just going to competitions and observing or volunteering to help. Anyone who wants to become a RO must obtain a copy of the appropriate rulebook and study it from cover to cover.



The Range Officer is the competition official who has the most direct contact with competitors. The work of the Range Officer must not only ensure the safe and legal conduct of shooting, but it must also make shooters' competition experiences rewarding and positive.

- **Experience.** With a desire to serve and a basic knowledge of the rulebook, the next qualification is experience. New ROs can start by conducting live fire practice sessions. From there, they can work under the supervision of an experienced RO as an Assistant Range Officer. Gaining experience as an RO is most productive when new ROs are encouraged to ask lots of questions.

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It is better to admit that you don't know the right rule and seek help than to make the wrong decision. Shooters become good by practicing; the same applies to ROs.

- **Empathy.** ROs often deal with competitors who are in stressful situations. Sometimes competitors become frustrated, angry or upset. Effective ROs understand this. A smile or a quiet, understanding tone of voice can do a lot to calm down a frustrated or angry competitor, coach or parent.

Range Officer Requirements. There must always be at least one RO who is in charge of the range and firing activities on the range. The number of ROs depends upon the size of the range and skill level and experience of the competitors. As a general rule, there should be one RO for ranges with 10 or fewer firing points. On larger ranges, there should be one more RO for each 10 additional firing points. If competitors are inexperienced, it may be necessary to appoint additional ROs so that the ratio of ROs to competitors could be as low as one to five. The key is to have enough ROs to ensure the safety of everyone on the range and to attend to all concerns that competitors may have.

Chief Range Officer. When there are two or more ROs working on a range, one of them must be designated as the Chief Range Officer (CRO). The CRO is responsible for controlling the overall conduct of shooting and is specifically responsible for "calling the line," that is, for giving the commands and instructions to safely control the movement of competitors to the firing line, the actual conduct of firing, target operations and competitor movements off of the line.

Range Officer Equipment. Every RO who works on the firing line must have certain key items with him/her in order to perform their duties:

- **Rulebook.** Every RO must carry the appropriate rulebook, which for experienced ROs is always well-worn and marked with tabs and notes.
- **Range Officer Script.** An RO or CRO who is responsible for calling the line to control firing should have an RO script. This is a document that gives the precise words to be used in controlling firing. The RO script can usually be taken directly from the appropriate rulebook. New ROs should work from the script; experienced ROs will have the script memorized.
- **Stopwatch.** The first step in dealing with a competitor who calls for a RO is to start a stopwatch so that

RANGE OFFICER SCRIPT SIGHTING STAGE

WELCOME TO THE CMP-SANCTIONED (NAME) RIMFIRE SPORTER MATCH.

RELAY (NUMBER), MOVE YOUR RIFLES AND EQUIPMENT TO THE FIRING LINE. GROUND YOUR RIFLES.

After equipment is in place:

IS THE LINE CLEAR?

Range Officers signal YES or NO

YOU MAY GO DOWNRANGE AND PLACE YOUR SIGHTER TARGETS AT 50 YARDS (sighter targets do not need to be labeled).

After competitors return to the firing line:

ARE ALL PERSONNEL BACK FROM DOWNRANGE?

Range Officers signal YES or NO

ALL PERSONNEL ARE BEHIND THE FIRING LINE. THE LINE IS HOT! YOUR PREPARATION PERIOD WILL BEGIN IN ONE MINUTE.

After one minute

The first page of a Range Officer Script for Rimfire Sporter competition is shown above. ROs who are responsible for controlling fire on a range should always work from a precise script with the proper commands and instructions. The script may then be practiced and memorized.

if the problem causes a delay where extra time is permitted the amount of extra time permitted can be precisely determined.

- **Notepad and Pen.** ROs should document all issues and problems by noting the firing point, time, competitor number (start number), the problem and any action taken. If there are questions later, this documentation will help resolve the problem. A form called a Range Incident Report is used in many types of competitions to document issues and problems.

- **Range Officer Identification.** ROs should always wear some visible means of identification so that any competitor or coach who needs a RO can find one

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quickly. Usually this means wearing a bright colored cap or vest. A vest also offers the possibility of pockets for carrying a rulebook, stopwatch and notebook. All ROs on a range should wear the same identification.

- **Start List.** Competitions that are conducted properly will have a “start list” or squadding document that lists relay and firing point numbers together with shooters’ names. Competitors use start lists to know where and when they are to fire. ROs need start lists to make sure competitors are in their correct positions and to document issues and problems.

- **Other Equipment.** There are a few other items of equipment that can be useful to ROs. A pair of binoculars or a spotting scope can be used to check targets. A carpenter’s angle finder is useful to check prone position arm angles or pistol shooter ready positions (rapid-fire events). A cleaning rod may be needed to check an air gun for a double loading. Pellet discharge containers (PDC) are often used to clear loaded air guns.

Giving Commands and Instructions.

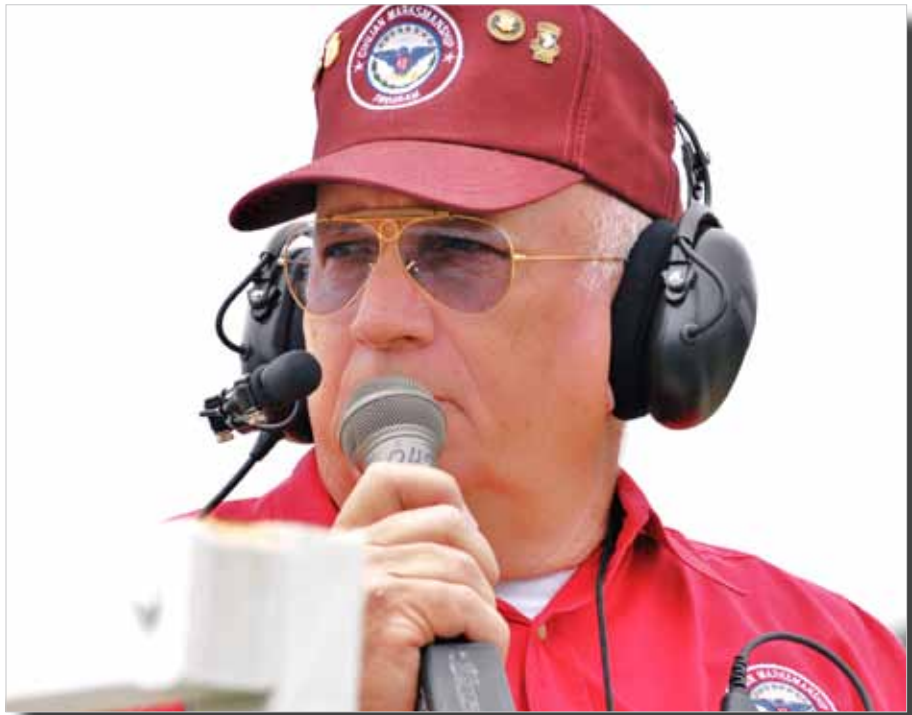
In every competition, the CRO or the RO is responsible for controlling firing by directing competitors through a precise series of commands, procedures and instructions. This process follows a series of steps that are summarized as follows:

- 1) **Preparing the Range.** The first step in the firing procedures is to make the range ready for firing. This usually includes preparing or hanging targets, obtaining permission to conduct live fire and making sure all personnel are back from downrange and that it is **safe to begin firing**.

- 2) **Call to the Firing Line.** Prior to firing, shooters should remain in a ready area with their equipment. When it is time to begin a relay of competitors, the CRO instructs them to move their equipment and guns to their assigned firing points and to begin their final preparations for firing. During this phase, all guns must remain cleared with safety flags inserted.

- 3) **Preparation Period.** Every type of competition firing is preceded by a preparation period when shooters can get into their firing positions, remove their safety flags and dry fire. The length of preparation periods varies from one to ten minutes according to the rulebook that is being used.

- 4) **Starting Firing.** Formal commands to LOAD and START or COMMENCE FIRING are used to autho-



The Chief Range Officer controls competition firing by giving range commands and instructions to the shooters. In large competitions the CRO may be responsible for 50 or more competitors in each of several relays.

size competitors to load their guns and begin firing.

- 5) **Supervising Firing.** While competitors are firing, ROs are responsible for monitoring safety and responding to any problems competitors may have.

- 6) **Concluding Firing.** At the end of the firing time or if an emergency STOP is required, the CRO will again use formal commands to STOP or CEASE FIRING and UNLOAD to unload all guns and insert safety flags.

- 7) **Transitions.** After a firing stage or a course of fire is completed, the CRO must either start the next stage of fire or give instructions to remove equipment from the firing line.

A key to the safe and efficient conduct of fire is for the CRO to use consistent commands so competitors know what to expect and the CRO establishes a command presence. All commands should be given in a loud, firm, clear voice.

RO Duties During Firing. During firing, ROs must remain on the firing line at all times, constantly observing the competitors. RO responsibilities during firing include:

- **Safety.** The ROs’ first priority is competitor gun handling to assure that muzzles remain pointed downrange or up and that loading and firing is done in accordance with range commands.

- **Checking Competitors In.** After competitors are

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called to the line, the RO should use the start list to confirm that all competitors are present, that they are on their assigned firing points and that their targets are marked or prepared correctly.

- **Assisting Competitors.** ROs must remain alert to respond to competitors who ask for assistance or who have problems. Competitors will normally raise their hands to call for RO assistance. Competitors' coaches may also ask for RO assistance.

- **Rule Enforcement.** ROs must observe competitors' equipment, firing positions and actions to ensure that they comply with applicable rules (see below).

- **Malfunctions or Problems.** If a competitor reports a possible interruption, malfunction or problem, the RO must immediately start a stopwatch and go to that competitor, approaching so that the two can speak without disturbing other competitors. Determine what the problem is and take appropriate action. Make a record of the problem and the action taken in the RO notebook. If extra time is warranted according to the rules, inform the competitor and authorize him/her to continue shooting.

- **Irregular Shots.** A common problem occurs during firing when a competitor fires a sighter "out of the box," receives or fires a crossfire shot or fires a shot on the wrong bull. A RO must know the rules for irregular shots and give proper instructions on how to proceed. When targets are retrieved, be sure to make notes on the targets if there were any misses in the scoring area, irregularities, crossfires or penalties.

- **General Range Behavior.** The RO also plays a key role in controlling the overall range environment behind the firing line. When someone or something is making noise or causing a disturbance, the RO should act to stop this. On the other hand, the RO should not insist on absolute silence by everyone behind the firing line. Those days are over. In today's sports environment, spectators should be welcome at all shooting events when there is room for them behind the firing line. When spectators or visitors are present, they should be allowed to speak in low or normal voice tones.

Rule Enforcement. Rules are designed to precisely control the conditions of competition to ensure that the playing field is level and that all competitors compete un-



ROs should encourage spectators to watch shooting competitions when space for them is available. Spectators should be allowed to speak in low or normal voice tones. Shooting needs spectators and they should be able to enjoy themselves during competitions.

der fair and equal conditions. It is the RO's duty to make certain all competitors follow the rules. It should also be clear that no RO has the authority to ignore a rule or to change a rule for any reason.

- **Rule Interventions.** When shooters bring their equipment to the line, ROs must check to be sure it was inspected if there was an equipment inspection or, if not, to check that it is legal. The time to check positions is during the preparation period and sighters, not later during record shots. ROs should never interrupt a competitor while he/she is attempting to fire a shot unless an immediate safety threat exists. If a competitor's prone position is too low or a foot is forward of the firing line in standing, for example, the RO must explain the fault and tell the competitor to correct it. This is recognized in the rules as a "warning." Only if a competitor ignores a warning and refuses to correct a position fault should this become a cause for deductions or disqualification.

- **Balancing Education and Enforcement.** ROs should recognize that almost all position faults are innocent violations and that the RO must also serve as a teacher by instructing competitors on how to correct any rule violations. RO's have a high duty to help competitors do things right, not just to catch them doing something wrong!

- **Rules Issues.** When questions or protests come up, handle them politely, calmly and respectfully. Stay calm and in control at all times. Wise advice in such

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How Should Range Officers React to Challenging Situations?

Range officers are sometimes faced with situations where they feel competitors are doing something wrong, are not responding to them or where there is a safety concern. Even though such situations may cause great stress, the worst way to handle them is to yell at or berate competitors. The best way to handle such situations is to remain calm and under control. ROs must speak in a clear, firm voice, but must not display emotion.

Becoming angry and yelling at competitors only leads to unproductive confrontations and situation escalations. Being able to give clear instructions with a smile and even a sense of humor will calm most distressed competitors, coaches or parents and bring quick resolution. Being empathetic by understanding how the competitor is under stress is a key. In all challenging situations, the one person who must always remain calm and under control is the RO.



situations is to “open the rulebook before you open your mouth” especially when the RO is unsure about the precise wording of a rule. If there are other ROs on the range consult with them before making a decision. When making a decision, be sure to point out the rule that applies.

- **Penalties.** Only in the case of deliberately concealed violations or violations that give a clear competitive advantage should penalties or disqualification be considered. If disqualification is considered, the RO must remember that this is a decision that must be made by more than one person. Some competitions will have juries to decide disqualifications. In other competitions, the RO must discuss this with the CRO and Match Director before deciding so that more than one person is involved in any disqualification decision. In each case, the accused competitor must be given an opportunity to know the precise violation and to provide a defense.

Physical Fitness and Appearance. ROs usually work long hours where they must remain on their feet. It is essential that they have sufficient physical fitness to remain alert and engaged throughout each long day on the range. The RO has a position of authority and is a visible representative of the sport of shooting. ROs must always present an appearance in dress, demeanor and language that is a credit to the sport of shooting and that commands the respect of shooters, coaches and parents.

The RO's primary responsibilities are to ensure that competitions are safe and that all competitors have fair, sportsmanlike and enjoyable competition experiences. ROs must always remember that they are there to serve competitors and the best interests of the sport. Good competitions are never possible without good ROs, but when ROs fulfill these responsibilities well, their work is especially rewarding and fulfilling to them and beneficial to the sport of shooting.

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Heather Kirby's Record-Breaking Performance Wins National JROTC Precision Air Rifle Championship

By Steve Cooper, CMP Writer

ANNISTON, ALABAMA – It required setting two new national precision air rifle records to do it, but Heather Kirby, 16, of Kentucky's Shelby County High School U.S. Marine Corps JROTC, did just that as she edged her teammate and defending national champion Connor Davis, 19, by just five hundredths of a point in aggregate scoring, 1285.45 to 1285.40, respectively.

Kirby set two new open/overall national records for individual three-position scoring in qualification-plus-final score of 699.0, topping the previous record of 697.5 set by Davis in last year's National JROTC championship. She also set the new open/overall national record for a final score of 105.0 (109 being perfect in computerized scoring). The latter record also belonged to Davis who set it with a 103.8 in the 2010 Gary Anderson Invitational.

Kirby's performances were also new records for the USMC JROTC in precision air rifle and in her age group of 15 & 16. Both Marine Corps JROTC records formerly belonged to Davis as well.

JROTC National aggregate scoring combines the scores fired in three positions on days 1 and 2 plus the average score of the two finals. Both days Kirby and Davis fired world-class scores and the outcome of the precision championship was not known until the final shot.

Coming into the Nationals, Davis had been nearly invincible



Heather Kirby prepares to send a sighter shot downrange in preparation for the Day 2 final of the JROTC championship. Moments later Kirby fired a 105.0, the highest score ever fired in an official 3P Air Rifle Council open class precision final in the U.S.

since winning the Marine Corps JROTC service and national titles last year, and several events since, including a high junior finish in the U.S. Olympic Trials for Airgun in February. When Davis took a near six-point lead in Day 1 competition in the national championship, including an almost-perfect standing score of 199, it seemed like a repeat JROTC precision championship was within his reach.

In two days of shooting, Davis led in qualification scoring, 1183 to 1182 but neither he nor Kirby shot particularly high-scoring finals on Day 1. Davis started strong again on Day 2 with very good scores in prone and kneeling, but dropped six points in standing.

Kirby put on a clinic in clutch shooting on Day 2 as she made virtually every shot count. She erased almost all of her six-point deficit through qualifying and turned up the heat in the final, firing her national record-breaking 105.0.

The match was so close; it appeared that Davis' 104.2 (a record that lasted for just seconds) in the Day 2 final could be the break-out he needed until Kirby trumped it with her 105. Since the advent of computerized targetry, no male or female has fired a perfect score of 109 in official competition, but 105 is a world-class final score.

Kirby's finals score average of 103.45 proved the difference to Davis' 102.4, making up the overall point



Connor Davis, the 2011 defending national champion in precision air rifle, fought valiantly to repeat in 2012 but came up five hundredths of a point short to teammate Heather Kirby.

she lost in qualifying and boosting her finals average.

Jodi Cull-Host, 18, of Los Alamos High School U.S. Navy JROTC, New Mexico, placed third in the precision competition, just five points behind. Cull-Host fired three 199's and a 200 in prone and kneeling positions in posting her 1280.25 aggregate.

Tessa Howald, 18, of Ozark High School Army JROTC, Missouri, placed fourth in her first year of precision air rifle competition. Howald placed second in individual sporter air rifle competition in last year's championship. She shot her way into fourth place in the Day 1 final after a dramatic one shot shoot-off with teammate Makennon Doran, 17.

In the shoot-off, Doran fired first, scoring a 10.3. Howald studied her sight picture and was not satisfied. She regrouped and after an extended hold, fired a 10.5 to clinch the fourth spot.

"I could not have told you where that shot went," she said with tear-filled eyes at the conclusion of the awards banquet. "It didn't feel good, but didn't feel

bad. But to go up against a teammate too; I was just so proud of him. He did really well," she said.

Howald also reflected on her transition from shooting sporter to precision air rifle this season after years of sporter competition. "At first it was really difficult to transfer everything, but it's been one of the best things I think anyone could do, to start out in sporter and then transfer," she said.

In JROTC service competition in precision class, Kirby and Davis led the Marine Corps. Kelsey Moral, 17, of East Coweta High School USMC JROTC, placed third with a score of 1262.9.

Howald was the high Army JROTC competitor with an aggregate score of 1271.5. In second place was Doran, who fired a 1265.3 and Jasmine Juarez, 17, of Del Valle High School Army JROTC placed third with a total score of 1264.9.

In Navy JROTC competition, Jodi Cull-Host led the way, followed by Darren Kasl, 17, of El Dorado High School, Texas, who fired an aggregate of 1268.1. Briana Figueroa, 17, of Manzano High School, New

Mexico, placed third with a total score of 1264.8.

Christopher Cottrell, 18, of Prairie High School Air Force JROTC, Washington, led the Air Force cadets with an aggregate score of 1159. DeArmond Lopez, 17, of Sandia High School AFJROTC, placed second in the precision class with 1151. It was only the second year of competition for the Air Force JROTC in the precision category. Lopez set the new Air Force JROTC individual precision air rifle national record in the kneeling position on Day 1 with a 197 and 16 center shots.

In team competition, Ozark High School Army

JROTC, Missouri, unseated defending champion Shelby County High School USMC JROTC, Kentucky, with a team aggregate score of 4645. It was the first time Ozark has fielded a precision air rifle team. Team members funded the majority of the cost of their own rifles and dedicated themselves to getting up to speed in the precision class with great success. Ozark team members are Tessa Howald, Makennon



Ozark High School Army JROTC, Missouri, won the team championship in the precision air rifle class with an aggregate score of 4645. It was the first time Ozark has fielded a precision air rifle team. Team members are, Makennon Doran, Logan Hunt, Tessa Howald and Shelby Brummett.

Doran, Shelby Brummett and Logan Hunt.

Shelby County HS placed second with a combined score of 4637. Team members are Connor Davis, Heather Kirby, Miquel Batz and Cristina Sanchez. Del Valle HS Army JROTC, Texas, placed third with an aggregate score of 4607. Team members are Jasmine Juarez, Kevin Cruz, Jose Arras and Jaime Regis.

Los Alamos HS Navy JROTC, New Mexico, placed fourth with 4577 team match points. Team members are Jodi Cull-Host, Cory Aslin, Tessa Snyder and John Gibson. Walla Walla HS Army JROTC, Washington, placed fifth with an aggregate score of 4555. Team members are Kyle Jameson, Sarah Jameson, Karri Mickelson and Caitlin Lasseigne.

For complete results of the 2012 National JROTC Championships, log onto http://clubs.odcmp.com/cgi-bin/report_matchResult.cgi?matchID=8422. To view, download, print or purchase CMP photos from the event, log onto <http://cmp1.zenfolio.com/>.

Alexandrea Provine Tops Tyler Rico to Win 2012 National JROTC Sporter Air Rifle Championship

By Steve Cooper, CMP Writer

ANNISTON, ALABAMA – Alexandria Provine, 18, of Flowing Wells High School Army JROTC, Arizona, was crowned the top JROTC sporter air rifle competitor at the 2012 National JROTC Championship here on Saturday, 24 March after two days of three position qualification plus finals.

Provine outlasted Flowing Wells JROTC teammate Tyler Rico, 17, firing an aggregate score of 1210.4 to Rico's 1206.4. Scores in prone, standing and kneeling each day were combined with the average of the two days' final scores to arrive at the aggregate.

"I'm really happy about it – this is something I've really wanted to do for a long time. I went in thinking 'this is my last match, I want to go in and have fun,'" Provine said following the awards banquet.

The high school senior will now enter the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, where she will compete on the collegiate level in NCAA rifle shooting. Her West Point journey begins in July with Cadet Basic Training, also known as "Beast Barracks" prior to beginning classroom and

marksmanship team activities.

Provine earned her championship with consistency, posting highs in prone of 195 each day. Though Rico held the overall advantage after Day 1, he gave up several points to Provine in the standing and kneeling stages on Day 2. His finals average was higher overall, but Provine's consistency in position work made the difference.

Army JROTC cadets swept the remaining top five places individually as Charles Hollis, 18, of Rayville HS, Louisiana, placed third with an aggregate score of 1199.9. Benjamin Estes, 16, of Ozark HS, Missouri, placed fourth at 1197.35 and Zachary Kofron, 18, of Marcos de Niza HS, Arizona, was fifth at 1197.05.

In Navy JROTC competition, Hunter Cushman, 15, of King George HS, Virginia, placed first with an aggregate of 1194.4. Zach Gibson, 18, of Montrose HS, Colorado, placed second with 1189.3. Matthew Miller, 16, of East Aurora HS, Illinois,



Alexandrea Provine led all sporter competitors in the JROTC National Championships at the CMP South Marksmanship Center in March. She narrowly defeated Flowing Wells teammate Tyler Rico.



Despite the pressure of firing in the National Championships, shooters still find a way to maintain their sense of humor.



Tyler Rico placed second individually in the sporter air rifle championship and proudly represented his Flowing Wells High School Army JROTC by helping his teammates win the team championship.

finished third with 1189.2. Mitchell Miller, 16, of Union Grove HS, Georgia, placed fourth with 1102 and Zachary Frohn, 17, of Charlotte HS, Florida, placed fifth with an aggregate score of 1099.

Placing first in Marine Corps JROTC competition was Steven Murphy, 17, of R-S Central High School, North Carolina. Ridge Anderson, 16, of Fortsytth High School, Missouri, placed second with an aggregate score of 1083 and Manuel Leal, 17, of Selma HS, California, placed third (1082). Emily Weeks, 18, of R-S Central placed fourth with 1081 and Joshua Foster, 19, of Sapulpa HS, Oklahoma, placed fifth (1079).

In Air Force sporter competition, Arthur David, 17, (1181) and Kenneth Corona, 17, (1101) of South Anchorage, Alaska, placed first and second. Matthew Velasquez, 15, of Buckeye Union HS, Arizona, placed third with 1091. Lara Lindberg, 16, and Katelynn Law, 17, of Western Hills, Texas, placed fourth and fifth with 1085 and 1080, respectively.

In sporter team competition, Flowing Wells HS, Arizona captured first place with a team aggregate score of 4384. Team members are Alexandra Provine, Tyler Rico, Wayne Smith and Paul Hurd.

Second place went to Daleville HS, Alabama (4365). Team members are Joshua Ranes, Juan Escalante, Katlyn Bass and Joshua Nabinger. The third place finisher was Ozark HS, Missouri (4356). Team members are Benjamin Estes, Brianna Sawyers, Robert Broadstreet and Tyler Gregory.

The fourth place sporter team was King George HS, Virginia with an aggregate score of 4335. Firing members are Hunter Cushman, Emilie Stevenson, Matthew Ritenour and Sheila Craine. Fifth place went to Rayville HS, Louisiana (4305). Team members are Charles Hollis, Gary Johnson, Cody Bernal and Jack Lockeby.



Flowing Wells HS Army JROTC, Arizona, captured first place in team competition with an aggregate score of 4384. Team members are Tyler Rico, Alexandra Provine, Paul Hurd and Wayne Smith.

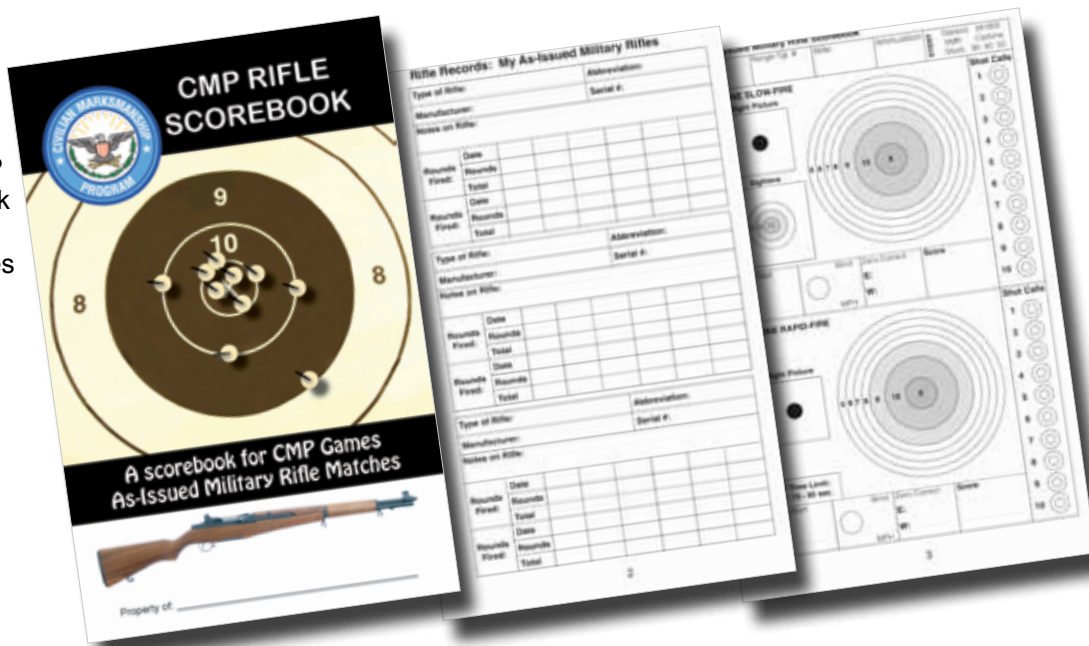
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Daleville HS Army JROTC, Alabama, placed second in the sporter team championship. Team members are Juan Escalante, Katlyn Bass, Joshua Ranes, and Joshua Nabinger.

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3-P Air Rule Interpretations

These rule interpretations are based on questions received by the National Three-Position Air Rifle Council Rules Hotline and are answered based on the **National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules**.

Q: Can I play music on the firing line if I use ear buds?

A: 4.7.6 Sound Producing and Communications Systems

Only sound reducing devices may be used on the firing points and the area immediately behind the firing points during preparation and competition periods. Radios, tape recorders, Walkmans, iPods™, cellular phones or other types of sound producing or communications systems, including timers that beep or make audible sounds, may not be used in these areas during preparation and competition periods. Sound producing and communications systems may be used in the spectator and ready areas if they do not disturb competitors on the line. Notes: Audible cell phone sounds must be turned off in all areas of the range during competitions because of their potential for disturbing competitors. Competitors' chairs are considered to be part of the area immediately behind the firing points. Competitors who are preparing to fire must be able to hear the commands and instructions of the Range Officers.



Q: Can you explain the function of a "Jury" in 3P Air events?

A: 6.3 Jury

A three-member Jury may be appointed by the Competition Director to interpret and apply the Rules and resolve protests. One member of the Jury is designated as the Jury Chairman. Jury members should be persons who are familiar with these Rules and have experience in competitions. They may be Competition Officials, Team Officials, parents or competitors in that competition. Jury members may not rule on a matter in which they or their team are personally involved. The Competition Director will name a replacement for a Jury member who must excuse himself. Decisions by the Jury must be based on applicable Rules or, in cases not specifically covered by the Rules, must be governed by the intent and spirit of the Rules. No Jury decision may be made that is contrary to these Rules. Written Competition Protests must be decided by a majority of the Jury. Decisions by the Jury may be appealed to the National Jury of Appeal.

For more information about 3-P Air rules, download the rulebook at <http://www.thecmp.org/3P/Rules.pdf>

Tanoue Named Head Coach of OSU Buckeye Rifle Team

Courtesy of The Ohio State U. Athletic Department

COLUMBUS, OH - Ryan Tanoue has been named head coach of the Ohio State rifle team, Chris Schneider, associate athletics director for sport administration, has announced.

Tanoue, a seven-time All-American at the University of Nevada, has been a volunteer assistant coach at his alma mater for the last six years while working to complete a master's degree in psychology.



Ryan Tanoue

"We are very excited to have Coach Tanoue join the Ohio State staff," Schneider said. "He brings with him experience as an NCAA national champion and as a U.S. national champion. His combination of technical skills and understanding of the mental aspects of collegiate shooting will be a great asset for our student-athletes."

A three-time team captain for Nevada head coach Fred Harvey, Tanoue was a four-time All-American in air rifle and a three-time All-American in smallbore rifle and was the 2002 NCAA individual champion in air rifle.

Tanoue became a U.S. National Team member in 2003 and was a medalist at six-consecutive U.S. National Championships and was a two-time national champion.

In addition, Tanoue enjoyed continued success at the international level, winning the 2005 Munich World Cup and Beijing Olympic Quota Place.

"I'm excited to become part of the Ohio State family and bring my knowledge and experience to the program," Tanoue said.

After earning his master's degree in 2011, Tanoue began working on a Ph.D. in cognitive and brain science while he continued his work as a volunteer assistant coach at his alma mater.

Tanoue helped team members develop new training techniques, oversaw daily team training sessions and assisted in trip organization and match preparation.



Underwood Named Nebraska Rifle Coach

Courtesy of NU Media Relations

LINCOLN, NE - The University of Nebraska named former Husker shooter Stacy Underwood as the new head coach of the rifle team.

"It is a great honor to return to the University of Nebraska, the athletic department and the rifle program," she said.

Underwood comes to Nebraska after serving as an assistant coach for Harry Mullins at Kentucky from 2007 to 2012.



Stacy Underwood

She helped the Wildcats to a 48-8 record during her tenure, earning five top-five NCAA finishes in the process. Kentucky won the 2011 NCAA Championship, shooting a championship-record 4700/4800 and the NCAA Match Record 4711/4800. Additionally, Kentucky earned one GARC Championship title.

Before her time as an assistant at Kentucky, Underwood competed for Nebraska's rifle team from 2003 to 2007. Underwood, a four-year letterwinner, was a two-time NRA All-American while shooting for the Huskers. 2004,

"We are pleased to add Stacy Underwood as our head rifle coach at Nebraska," Associate Athletic Director Pat Logsdon said. "Having competed here as a student-athlete, along with her coaching experience, Stacy is a great fit for this University and our rifle program."

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@odcmp.com.



Badge #	Name	Hometown
#456	Emilie Stevenson	King George, VA
#457	Wren Hudson	Albuquerque, NM
#458	Zachary Kofron	Phoenix, AZ
#459	Alan Rodriguez	Phoenix, AZ
#460	Tyler Gregory	Ozark, MO
#461	Jack Lockeby	Rayville, LA
#462	Jodi Cull-Host	Los Alamos, NM
#463	Emily R. Weeks	Rutherfordton, NC
#464	Darren J. Kasl	El Paso, TX
#465	Cody A. Sanchez	Bosque Farms, NM
#466	Justin Malouff	Kirtland, NM
#467	Brianna Sawyers	Ozark, MO
#468	Paul Hurd	Tucson, AZ
#469	Briana Figueroa	Sandia Park, NM
#470	Kourtney Burd	Albuquerque, NM
#471	Joseph Conger	San Antonio, TX
#472	Daniel Pruett	Rutherfordton, NC
#473	Daniel Holden	Killeen, TX
#474	Courtney Blair	Rutherfordton, NC
#475	Ryan Eckert	Albuquerque, NM
#476	Joseph Phillips	Albuquerque, NM
#477	Corey Hanley	Albuquerque, NM
#478	Sarah Donahue	Phoenix, AZ
#479	Matthew Miller	Aurora, IL
#480	Johnathan Stark	Pelion, SC
#481	Benjamin Estes	Ozark, MO
#482	Cody Bernal	Rayville, LA
#483	Justus Parsley	Grove City, OH
#484	Sheila Craine	King George, VA
#485	Nicolas Skrogstad	Burnsville, MN
#486	Ryan Poliner	Albuquerque, NM
#487	Christopher Ledesma	Albuquerque, NM
#488	Robin Chastain	Sarasota, FL



Juniors Excel at Oklahoma, Georgia & Eastern Games

By Steve Cooper, CMP Writer

CAMP PERRY, OH - For those junior shooters who were able to take advantage of spring break or select weekends in April and May to get away to one of three CMP Games events, they were afforded plenty of trigger time and opportunities to grow in the sport.



Gabe Rampy, 14, of Bremen, GA, was the high junior shooter in the John C. Garand Match at the CMP Georgia Games, firing a 258-2X.

Two of the three events were new to CMP. The CMP Oklahoma Games, fired at the Oklahoma City Gun Club near Arcadia, 12-15 April, included many of the standard CMP agenda, including the three-gun John C. Garand, Springfield and Vintage Military rifle events, plus M1 Carbine and the fast-growing Vintage Sniper Rifle Team Match. There was also a service rifle EIC match, Garand EIC match and a series of pistol matches.

Two weeks later, CMP took its road crew to Blakely, GA, 26-29 April, for the new CMP Georgia Games with



Allan Stewart, 16, of Dawson, GA, participated in his first John C. Garand Match at the CMP Georgia Games.



Brandon Trentman, 17, of Loxahatchee, FL, was the high junior in the Springfield Match at the CMP Georgia Games. Here he is congratulated by CMP Vice Chairman, Cris Stone.



Aaron Van Hying, 18, of Snoqualmie, WA, was the high junior in the John C. Garand Match at the CMP Oklahoma Games, hosted by the Oklahoma City Gun Club. Van Hying is presented his award by CMP's Cris Stone.

a similar schedule of events which was fired at the recently-opened 3,000-acre American International Marksmanship Academy.

The AIM Academy features a 1,000-yard highpower range and a host of sporting clay, pistol and special ranges set up for law enforcement and military training.

Last but not least, CMP returned to the North Carolina National Guard's Camp Butner training site near Durham for the sixth annual CMP Eastern Games. Attendance at the Eastern Games grew by five percent over 2011 and except for one brief shower, shooters enjoyed mild temperatures and blue skies.

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Several juniors fared well at each of the events including Georgia's Gabe Rampy, Virginia's brother and sister combo, Robert Hudson II, 16, and younger sister Jessica, 14, and 16-year-old Jacob Guay, of Nashville, GA.

Robert Hudson II was the high junior in the three-gun matches (John C. Garand, Springfield and Vintage Military). Jessica was the high junior in the M1 Carbine Match and the pair fired together in the Vintage Sniper Rifle Match, under the team name of "Young & Dumb."

Guay was the overall Rimfire Sporter champion and high junior at the Eastern Games, firing a 594-41X in an X-ring tiebreaker over veteran rimfire shooter Ron Villanueva (594-39X).



The Van Hyning family brought three generations of shooters to the CMP Oklahoma Games from Washington and California. From left are Robert, Jake, Aaron, Ken and Don. Aaron was the high junior in the Garand Match.



Jacob Guay, 16, was the overall Rimfire Sporter champ at the 2012 Eastern Games, winning the telescopic class.



Gabe Rampy, 14, of Bremen, GA was the high junior in the as-issued Garand EIC match at the Eastern Games.



Robert Hudson, II, 16, of Halifax, VA, and his younger sister, Jessica, 13, were among the high junior shooters in multiple events at the CMP Eastern Games at Camp Butner, NC in May. They were also teammates in the Vintage Sniper Rifle Team Match.

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@odcmp.com, or call 419-635-2141, Ext.1111. 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.

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| 1-3 July 2012
Daisy-USJC International BB Gun Championship - Rogers, AR | - Camp Perry, OH | 1 August 2012
CMP Springfield Clinic - Camp Perry, OH |
| 2-3 July 2012
CMP Standing Junior Rifle Camp - Anniston, AL | 22 July 2012
CMP Rimfire Sporter Clinic - Camp Perry, OH | 1 August 2012
CMP Vintage Sniper Match - Camp Perry, OH |
| 3-5 July 2012
Daisy Air Gun Championship - Rogers, AR | 23-27 July 2012
CMP Junior Rifle Camp - Anniston, AL | 1 August 2012
CMP Junior Team Match - Camp Perry, OH |
| 6-8 July 2012
Progressive Position Air Pistol Championships - Anniston, AL | 27-29 July 2012
CMP-USAMU Small Arms Firing School Rifle & M16/EIC Match - Camp Perry, OH | 2 August 2012
CMP National Trophy Team Match - Camp Perry, OH |
| 8-9 July 2012
CMP-USAMU Small Arms Firing School Pistol & M9/EIC Match - Camp Perry, OH | 27-29 July 2012
CMP-Remington Advanced Highpower Clinic - Camp Perry, OH | 2 August 2012
CMP Carbine Match - Camp Perry, OH |
| 9 July 2012
First Shot Ceremony - Camp Perry, OH | | 3 August 2012
National Trophy Infantry Team Match - Camp Perry, OH |
| 10 July-4 August 2012
National Match Air Gun Events - Camp Perry, OH | | 3 August 2012
CMP Springfield/Military Bolt Rifle Match - Camp Perry, OH |
| 10 July 2012
CMP Pistol Warm-Up Match - Camp Perry, OH | | 3 August 2012
CMP Garand Clinic - Camp Perry, OH |
| 15 July 2012
CMP President's 100 Pistol Match - Camp Perry, OH | | 3 August 2012
CMP Shooters Reception & Awards Ceremony - Camp Perry, OH |
| 15 July 2012
CMP National Trophy Individual Pistol Match - Camp Perry, OH | 27-29 July 2012
CMP-USMC Junior Highpower Clinic - Camp Perry, OH | 4 August 2012
CMP Garand Match - Camp Perry, OH |
| 15 July 2012
CMP National Trophy Team Pistol Match - Camp Perry, OH | 29 July 2012
CMP Squadded Practice - Camp Perry, OH | 4 August 2012
CMP Springfield/Military Bolt Rifle Match - Camp Perry, OH |
| 15 July 2012
CMP Shooters Reception & Awards Ceremony - Camp Perry, OH | 30 July 2012
CMP President's 100 Rifle Match - Camp Perry, OH | 4 August 2012
CMP Shooters Reception & Games Awards Ceremony - Camp Perry, OH |
| 16-20 July 2012
CMP Junior Rifle Camp - Anniston, AL | 31 July 2012
CMP National Trophy Individual Rifle Match - Camp Perry, OH | |
| 21 July 2012
CMP Rimfire Sporter Clinic | 1 August 2012
CMP Hearst Doubles Match - Camp Perry, OH | |



Junior shooters get a hands-on opportunity to work with members of the U.S. Marine Corps Rifle Team at the CMP-USMC Junior Highpower Clinic at Camp Perry.

“London Prepares” for Olympic Shooting

*By Gary Anderson, Director of Civilian Marksmanship Emeritus**

LONDON, ENGLAND - The Olympic Games are biggest, most important and most watched sports competition in the world. They take place every four years and 2012 is an Olympic year. The Opening Ceremony of the XXXth Summer Olympic Games will take place in London on 27 July. On the following morning, the first gold medal of the Games will be awarded to the winner of the Women's Air Rifle event. That will be the first of 15 Olympic rifle, pistol and shotgun events to be contested on London's Royal Artillery Barracks Shooting Venue during the first ten days of the Games.

Of the 10,500 athletes who compete in the 26 sports on the London program, 390 will be shooters from at least 103 countries. Shooting in the Olympic Games is big, important and practiced all over the world. In addition to having the honor of awarding the Games' first gold medal, Shooting's total of 103 participating nations likely will rank third among all Olympic sports.

Gun owners and target shooters of all types can say with pride, "Shooting is my Olympic sport." Many of them will follow reports on the Shooting competitions that take place in London where USA shooters will strive to win medals on this most prestigious world sports stage.

The London Olympic Organizing Committee (LOCOG) recently hosted an ISSF World Cup that was also a Pre-Olympic Test Competition conducted as one of a series of LOCOG's "London Prepares" test competitions. This report will give those interested in the upcoming Olympic Shooting events the latest information about how 2012 Olympic Shooting preparations are progressing.

THE ORGANIZATION. Organizing the Olympic Games is a massive undertaking that involves thousands of people and billions

of dollars. LOCOG describes their challenge in conducting 26 Olympics sports and 20 Paralympic sports as the equivalent to staging 46 World Championships simultaneously. LOCOG is working in partnership with the British government that is building the stadium and sports facilities that will host the Games.

THE SHOOTING RANGES. The British government's Olympic Development Authority is building the Olympic Shooting Venue at East London's Royal Artillery Barracks at a cost of 36 million pounds. The bus trip from the Olympic Village to the range will be less than 30 minutes, which will give shooting athletes their shortest travel to the range in several Olympiads.

The Venue includes a combined 50m and 10m Rifle and Pistol Range,



Finals Range Exterior. All of the rifle and pistol ranges at the London Olympic Venue feature this same distinctive exterior architectural style. This large structure houses the 10m/25m/50m Rifle and Pistol Finals Range.



Finals Range Interior. This is where the top eight shooters in each rifle and pistol event conclude their competitions in shot-by-shot Finals. This photo shows, from top to bottom, monitors for each shooter's target, the 50m targets, eight finalists on the line, the Range officer control station and the ISSF-TV production center.



Finals Range Spectator Seating. Spectator seats in the Finals Range will be filled with 2,000 spectators and hundreds of media and VIPs for each Olympic Shooting Final.

a 25m Pistol Range, a Rifle and Pistol Finals Range and a Shotgun Range with three fields. In addition, there are many other separate facilities to provide offices, a media and television



25m Range Interior. Qualification round competition for two 25m pistol events, 25m Pistol Women and 25m Rapid-Fire Pistol Men, will be staged in this range that is equipped with 40 electronic targets and electronic score display systems for spectators.

center, an armory, lounges for athletes and officials and spectator services.

A downside to having such a splendid venue in the heart of London's Olympic venue complex is that it is a temporary venue destined to be torn down after the Games. Three of these ranges will be moved to Glasgow, Scotland to host the 2014 Commonwealth Games, but once again it has been impossible for Shooting to gain a more permanent legacy that would give the Olympics a more lasting impact for shooters in Great Britain.

THE PRE-OLYMPIC TEST COMPETITION. The test competitions in London were staged as an ISSF World Cup on 17-28 April with athletes from 100 countries participating, the most ever for an ISSF World Cup. The



Cold Weather. The headgear worn by these two finalists in the 50m 3x20 Rifle Women Final tells a lot about weather conditions during the test competition.

number plus unseasonably cold, wet, windy weather made the World Cup a supreme test of LOCOG preparations for the Games. By all measures, they passed

the test with flying colors. London is prepared for the XXXth Summer Olympic Games.

The Pre-Olympic Test Competition in London also served as a preview of the Olympic competitions that can be expected this summer. Scores were surprisingly high considering how bad the weather was. Yi Siling of China shot a 400 in the 10m Air Rifle Women Qualification,



USA Olympic Shooting Team member Matt Emmons will compete in the 2012 London Games.

only to be beaten by Germany's Sonja Pfeilschifter, who fired 398 plus a 105.0 Final. Six 397s did not make the women's air rifle final. Ten shooters with 596s did not make the men's air rifle final.

In the 50m 3x40 Men event, Are Hansen of Norway shot 1182 in the Elimination while Nicco Campriani of Italy, who is a recent West Virginia Univ. graduate, shot 1179 plus 99.2 to win the event.

The top medal winning nations in the London World Cup were Russia and China with six each. Italy won five medals followed by the USA and Ukraine with four medals each. USA medal winners were Matt Emmons, 50m 3x40 Rifle Men; Kim Rhode, Skeet Women; Kayle Browning, Trap Women and Mike McPhail, 50m Prone Rifle Men. The USA Shooting Team is prepared to contend for several medals in London.

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Skeet and Trap Ranges. The five shotgun events on the Olympic program will be contested on three combined skeet and trap ranges. The Shotgun Finals Range also has seating for 2,000 spectators. The shotgun ranges are enclosed on the front by an 89 foot high net to capture the fired lead shot.

Georgia's New American International Marksmanship Academy is 4,500 Acres of Copper-Jacketed Fun

By Steve Cooper, CMP Writer

BLAKELY, GA - When you walk the grounds of the one-year-old American International Marksmanship Academy in this south Georgia town, you can easily compare it to an Irish Setter puppy. Just one look at those paws and that loping gait and you know it's going to be a big dog.

Situated on 4,500 acres of former cotton, peanut and corn fields, the AIM Academy (*great acronym by the way*), is described by its management as "an association of professional shooters and instructors that have united to create the best shooting center in the world for civilians, law enforcement, and military."

That's a tall order considering there are some pretty spiffy marksmanship centers on the globe including the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM, and Ben Avery Shooting Facility, AZ. But if you don't have the vision, you're never going to get there.

The first CMP Games - Georgia event exposure to the AIM Academy happened in late April this year and though the number of shooters was modest, the experience was a great one for those who participated. Shooters from as far south as West Palm Beach, FL and as far north as Wisconsin made the trip.

In fact several members of the CMP staff were encouraged to snap in with the competitors for some trigger time.

"It worked out great for us," said Christie Sewell, CMP's general manager for programs. "Between our schedule and the Academy's, there weren't many windows of opportunity that matched up this year, so we decided to work it in when we could and test the waters."

The CMP's sixth annual Eastern Games in North Carolina were held just one week later at Camp Butner.

AIM Academy, led by its president Mark Maconer, threw open its doors and provided a warm welcome to CMP competitors who fired the John C. Garand, Spring-

field, Vintage Military, M1 Carbine, As-Issued Garand and Vintage Sniper Rifle Team matches over a three-day period.

Most of the matches were fired on the academy's 1,000-yard range and the carbine match was held on and adjacent range.

Although not available at the time of the CMP

Games, the complex now features multi-bed housing in 24 on-site cabins with two dozen more planned, according to Mike Foy, AIM armorer and gunsmith.

In addition to rifle ranges, the facility features pistol and 3-D archery ranges and a shotgun range with 14 portable five-clay stands that can be re-oriented to change the environment. The centerpiece is a set of five stands situated in a four-elevation shooting house.

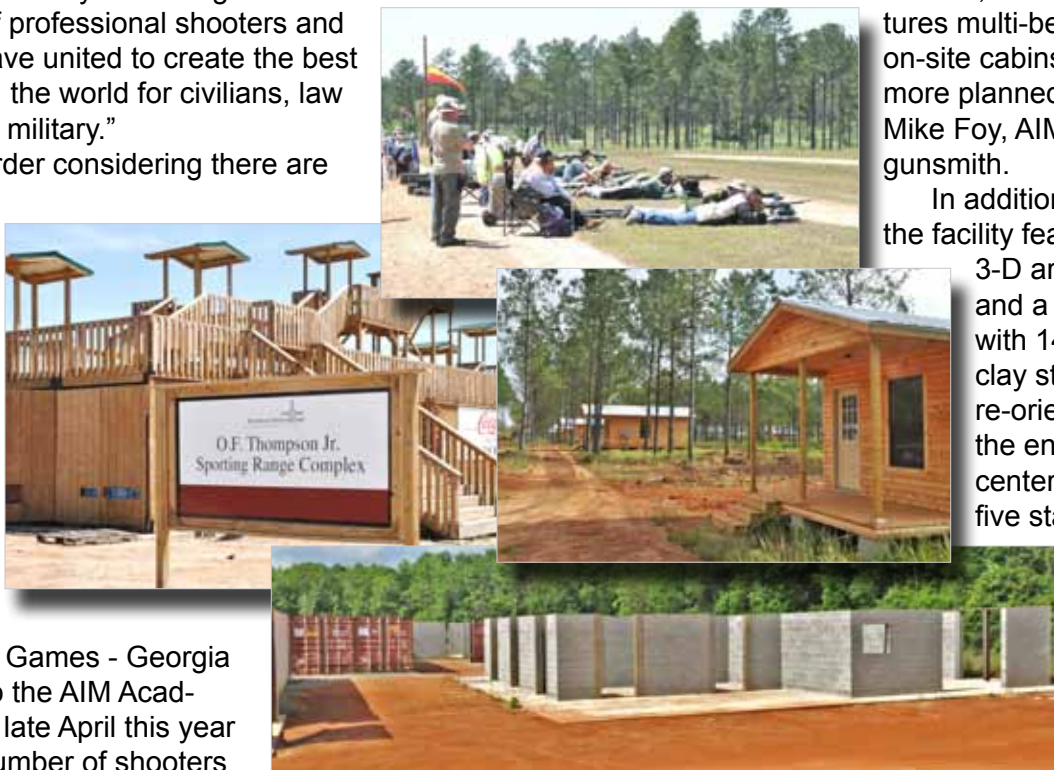
There are 14 pistol ranges with static and action targets that can be set up for multiple scenarios.

The combat pistol range houses 11 bays and are used by the public, law enforcement and military.

Since AIM was the concept of several former Army Rangers, it's no wonder there are hundreds of acres set aside for law enforcement and military training, including a 2,400-yard unknown distance sniper range, a breachment center and blast village plus a drop zone for parachuting and helicopter troop mobilization training.

To learn more about the AIM Academy and view a very cool video of the ranges, log onto <http://www.marksmanshipacademy.com/>.

To view photos of the CMP Games - Georgia and AIM Academy, log onto CMP's photo website at <http://cmp1.zenfolio.com/>.



Top: Vintage Sniper Rifle teams fire from the 600-yard line. Left: The centerpiece of the sporting clay range. Right: A few of the 24 cabins being completed in April. Bottom: Breachment and blast village.

Parting Shots: Photos from Recent CMP Events & Competitions

Here are a handful of images from Spring 2012 CMP events including the Olympic Trials for Airgun, JROTC National Championships, CMP Oklahoma Games, CMP Games - Georgia and CMP Eastern Games & more.



Sarah Scherer, left, and Jamie Gray, right, earned places on the women's air rifle team, representing the U.S. at the 2012 Olympic Games in London.



Jonathan Hall, left, and Matt Emmons, right, were nominated to the U.S. men's air rifle team and will participate in the London Games.



Hundreds of local kids enjoyed the CMP's portable Daisy airgun range at the 2012 Walleye Festival in Port Clinton, Ohio.



Members of the Buckeye Union HS Air Force JROTC sporter team brought the Zombie theme to this year's Nationals.



Allison Ginger's dad and other family came from Illinois and Alabama to cheer her on at the JROTC Nationals. Ginger competed for the Pekin HS Army JROTC, Illinois.



Brandon Trentman, 16, left, and his step-dad, David Lamont, of Loxahatchee, FL, participated in their first competition together at the CMP Games - Georgia.

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