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- © **Updates to CMP Smallbore Rules.** An updated version of the 2022 CMP Smallbore Rifle Competition Rules is now posted on the CMP website. Since a high percentage of competitors in CMP events also compete in USA Shooting and/or NCAA college rifle competitions where ISSF rules are followed, the CMP strives to keep its Smallbore Rifle and Air Gun rules closely aligned with ISSF rules that govern Olympic and international competitions. Learn more about this year's competition rule changes on the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/cmp-smallbore-rifle-rules-update>.



- © **Aces Postal Air Gun Results for Quarter 1:** Scores are now final for the CMP's Aces Postal Air Gun Competition for the first quarter. The mail-in style competition is fired in four quarters, with Q1 running from January to March. During the event, participants fire in air rifle, air pistol and para matches from their home ranges before sending scores on to CMP for official scoring and comparison to other athletes from across the nation. See all the results at <https://thecmp.org/results-in-for-first-quarter-of-cmps-aces-postal-air-gun-competition/>.



- © **Monthly Archery Tournaments at Talladega.** The CMP will now be holding 3D Archery Tournaments each month on Talladega Marksmanship Park's new public Archery Range. The tournaments are designed for archery shooters who are hunters or for those who simply love using a bow and arrow. The tournaments follow ASA (Archery Shooters Association) rules and are fired upon professional Delta McKenzie Targets. Practice bags will also be available for sighting and warm up. Learn more about these monthly competitions at <https://thecmp.org/ranges/talladega-marksmanship-park/3d-archery-range/>.

On the Cover: Suman Sanghera was the overall leading junior air pistol competitor of the 60 Shot match, held during the 2022 Camp Perry Open. Sanghera also earned eighth overall in the Open 60 Shot category and third place over a field of 38 athletes in the Camp Perry Open Super Final event.

CMP Awards Over 140 Scholarships to Marksmanship Student-Athletes

After careful review, the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) has presented 142 scholarships to outstanding junior marksmen through the CMP Scholarship Program for the upcoming school year.

Along with a generous \$30,000 contribution from the Garand Collectors Association (GCA), the CMP awarded \$178,000 in scholarships to remarkable young individuals from across the country. Of the applications received, the median grade point average was an incredible 4.05 – the highest in the history of the scholarship program. Students were represented in 37 of the 50 states as well as from military stations outside the United States.

Though most students received \$1,000 scholarships, CMP staff and Board members chose exceptional candidates who displayed praiseworthy attributes like involvements within extra-curricular activities and community service as well as firm commitments to marksmanship. The selected athletes received \$3,000 for their accomplishments. A \$5,000 Carolyn Hines Memorial Scholarship was also awarded to the top overall applicant.

Winners of the \$3,000 are: Phoebe Chandler (Parker, SD), Annie Downum (Springdale, AR), Sarah Folsom (Granbury, TX), Victoria James (Woodbine, MD), Isaac Joback (Fenton, MO), Alexis Kunze (Oak Harbor, WA), Abbie Leverett (Bainbridge, GA), Chandler Livingston (Chula, GA), Molly Palko (Albuquerque, NM), Emma Rhode (Kempton, PA), Benjamin Rogers (Gardner, KS), Bryce Roop (Decatur, IN), Samuel Sparrow (Hendersonville, TN), Maria Tortorelli (APO), Hannah Vaagen (Devils Lake, ND), and Elysa Walter (Sugar Hill, GA).

The Carolyn Hines Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Johnathan Dorsten of Bryan, Ohio, who has committed to the Ohio State Pistol team for the coming school year.

To review all the selected applicants, view the CMP Scholarship Program page at <https://thecmp.org/youth/cmp-scholarship-program/>. Congratulations!

About the CMP Scholarship Program:

CMP Scholarships are available to graduating high



school JROTC, 4-H and other junior shooting club members. Scholarship applications are only accepted if they are received completed and if the applicant is a U.S. citizen, shows good moral character, is a contributing member to society and is a scholar marksman.

The CMP is dedicated to youth programs and furthering the education of the successful young adults involved within them and is proud to provide support to junior marksmen in their continuing education – helping to shape their fulfilling futures. Through these scholarships, the CMP is able to uphold its goal of awarding those who present exceptional talent, determination and citizenship within the field of marksmanship.

About Dr. Carolyn Hines:

An inspiring woman who accomplished a myriad of incredible achievements in her lifetime, Dr. Carolyn Hines spent over 20 years as a dedicated member of the CMP Board of Directors – actively involved in many measures to encourage youth opportunities but none so passionate as her leadership in the Scholarship Committee. During her commitment to the program, she was instrumental in developing a financial allocation that reached \$160,000 towards marksmanship junior athletes. Dr. Hines passed in December 2019, leaving a legacy that will live on through those who will use her Memorial Scholarship to create limitless possibilities for future generations.

Granbury, Nation Ford Teams Again Lead 2022 JROTC National 3P Air Rifle Championship

CAMP PERRY, Ohio – Granbury High School Marine Corps JROTC from Texas and Nation Ford High School Marine Corps JROTC from South Carolina know how to win. At the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center in Ohio, Granbury marked its fourth consecutive national precision title at the 2022 JROTC National Three-Position Air Rifle Championship, held March 17-19. Nation Ford MCJROTC claimed the sporter team division title for the third consecutive year. The South Carolina High School has earned the sporter championship title four times overall.

It was the first time since 2019 that athletes were again able to compete in-person for the event.

The two-day, three-position competition features both precision and sporter class high school athletes from all JROTC service branches (Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force). The 2022 Championship included a training day along with two days of qualifying scores and a concluding finals match for the top eight leading athletes in each discipline.

Breaking from the traditional 10-shot final, this year's final followed a three-position elimination format. Participating athletes accumulated scores at three different positions: three, five-shot series at kneeling and prone and two, five-shot series in standing. Once the last standing series was completed, the lowest two places were eliminated, followed by single shots for single eliminations of the remaining athletes – ultimately determining the overall winners.

Five of the eight athletes on the line during the precision final represented Granbury High School, including members of the four-person winning team, Sunnee Schumann, Sarah Folsom, Ashton Arlington and eventual overall individual winner, Parker Haydin.

"I was not taking second place for an answer," said Haydin, 18, a senior. "This is my last year, and it's been my goal since I was a freshman. I told myself when I become a senior, I'm going to win this. First place – not taking second."



Granbury High School found its fourth overall precision national team win in 2022. The winning team included Parker Haydin (far left), who won the precision individual match.

Though he carried the ambitious goal going into the competition, he admitted that he wasn't focused on winning during the final. Instead, he kept the simple mindset of doing his best while proudly being surrounded by his teammates on the line.

"I think we work the most," he said of his Granbury team. "We put in more hours – we're in there five days a week, about two hours every day, and we'll come in on the weekends before big matches like this. We host clinics where Olympians and other college shooters will come in, and they'll teach us all about this stuff. It really helps a lot."

Haydin's two-point lead going into the last shot of the JROTC Championship final gave him confidence. He knew what he had to do to succeed and thought back to his training to carry him through to the end.

"Work, work, work, work got me to where I want to be," he said. "I'm just going to do my best and put everything I've learned into the work and let it go out."

Haydin will be carrying his skills on to the U.S. Naval Academy after graduation, where he'll perform as a member of the school's rifle team.

Earning second behind Haydin in precision was Gabrielle Ayers, 16, of Sarasota Military Academy Army JROTC from Florida, followed by Kendall Goebel, 17, also of Sarasota.

Likewise, two members of the winning Nation Ford team also made the final. Maya Cameron and Kyle Orr earned fourth and fifth overall, respectively, as national-title teammates Samantha Zermeno and Isabelle Fetting watched on.

Leading the sporter individual match was Kyler Boyce, 17, of Lebanon High School Army JROTC from Oregon.

After a disappointing first day of competition that picked up on day two, Boyce wasn't sure he was going to make the final. Once he did, he jumped off to an early lead in the kneeling portion and ended the stage with a five-point margin over the next closest competitor. He held his lead throughout the remainder of the final to claim the overall win.

"It was surprising when I did good in kneeling, and after that I did pretty decent in prone," he said. "I was pretty proud of that, and that's what helped me stay in the lead. It helped boost my morale for standing and helped keep me calm."

Boyce said he likes to use visualization in high-pressure situations – picturing himself bringing the rifle to the target and imagining his aim and shot. Although he only has a few matches left during his senior year, he hopes to continue shooting for fun after graduation.

Following closely behind Boyce in the final was Sydney Broussard, 17, of Ozark High School Army JROTC from Missouri, as Wyatt Devenyns, 18, of Pueblo County High School Army JROTC from Colorado, took third.

The top five individuals earned money for placing in the competition: \$100 for fifth, \$200 for fourth, \$300 for third, \$400 for second and \$500 for first. Additionally, placing teams earned monetary awards from the CMP for their outstanding performances – \$500 for fifth, \$750 for fourth, \$1,000 for third, \$1,500 for second and \$2,000 for first. As in previous years, Larry and Brenda Potterfield of the MidwayUSA Foundation provided additional funds towards winning teams of the JROTC Championship.

Sarasota Military Academy set a new precision Army JROTC team four-person 3x20 national record,



Nation Ford High School from South Carolina led the sporter team match for the third year.

with a score of 2348-158X, to take second in the overall precision team event. Eldorado High School Marine Corps JROTC from New Mexico landed in third.

Ozark High School also earned an Army JROTC national team record at the event, firing a new four-person 3x20 sporter score of 2226-85X and claiming second behind Nation Ford. Des Moines Central High School Marine Corps JROTC from Iowa secured third overall.

Congratulations to all participating athletes!

For a complete list of results, visit the CMP Competition Tracker page at <https://ct.thecmp.org/2022JROTCNationalResults>. Photos from the event may be viewed at <https://cmp1.zenfolio.com/f748127640>.

Find more information on the JROTC Championships, including a closer look into the preceding JROTC Postal and Service Championships, by visiting <https://thecmp.org/youth/jrotc-air-rifle-national-championship/>.



Though he didn't believe he would make the final, Kyler Boyce ended with the overall sporter individual win.

FINALS IN SHOOTING

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The History of Finals; How To Perform Well in Finals; How To Conduct Finals

By Gary Anderson, DCM Emeritus



Today all major Junior Championships in the USA use finals to decide individual championships. This is the start of the 2022 JROTC National Championship Three-Position Air Rifle Precision final, which used a Start-From-Zero final for the first time. Responses were very favorable.

Former ISSF¹ President Olegario Vázquez Raña delighted in telling this story about the King and Queen of Sweden's visit to the Olympic shooting venue during the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles as his explanation for how finals began in Shooting. The King and Queen arrived at the Olympic venue on the day of the 50m Pistol event because they wanted to see Swedish national hero Ragnar Skanåker² compete. President Vázquez Raña had to explain to the King and Queen that the competition would last 90 minutes, that it would take another 40 or 50 minutes after the match before official scores are posted, and then there would be a 30-minute protest time before scores were final. The King and Queen said they could not wait that long to find out how Skanåker finished and left the range disappointed. That incident, and a desire to

make Olympic Shooting events more spectator and media friendly led the ISSF to adopt a new competition format in which all athletes complete event "qualification" stages from which the top six or eight athletes advance to "finals" where medal winners are decided. Shooting's first finals were conducted during the 1986 World Championship. Finals were first used in the Olympic Games in 1988.

A HISTORY OF FINALS IN SHOOTING

Shooting finals were adopted so the best athletes could finish competitions together in theater-like settings where scores and rankings can be presented to media and spectators, ideally instantly. In the 1980s when finals first appeared, rifle and pistol events still used

¹ The ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation), is the world governing body for the Olympic sport of Shooting.

² Ragnar Skanåker was the 1972 Olympic gold medalist and reigning World Champion in the 50m Pistol event.

paper targets so instant results were not possible, especially when finals required decimal scoring. Electronic scoring helped but waiting for results after each final round shot was part of those first finals. The need for electronic targets that score and display shots instantly became obvious. Thanks to pioneering work by the Sius Company of Switzerland, electronic targets were available for the 1990 World Championship and 1992 Olympics. This represented a huge advance in making Shooting more of a spectator sport and in adapting it for television.

The 1986/1988 finals were *Qualification Plus Final* events. From 1986 through 2012, the top eight athletes in qualification stages were allowed to carry their scores forward to the final. Finals consisted of ten additional shots, with those scores being added to finalists' qualification scores for final rankings. Each finals shot was timed separately. Scores and rank changes were displayed and announced after each shot. Finals were very controversial at first but after a few years, the greater visibility and appeal finals had given Shooting competitions led almost everyone to agree that finals were one of the best changes Shooting ever made.

One significant flaw in the *Qualification With Final* format, however, was that it was not a true final. In Athletics' running events, for example, winners are not decided by their total times in a qualification plus the final. Winners are decided by who among the athletes who qualified for the final runs the fastest in the final. By 2012, the International Olympic Committee was insisting that all Olympic events must start with qualifications for all athletes and conclude with start-from-zero finals to decide the rankings of finals' qualifiers.

The ISSF adopted *Qualification With Start-from-Zero Finals* in 2013. They used progressive eliminations that ended with the top two athletes firing the last shots to decide the gold and silver medals. 10m single position finals had 24-shots. Finalists fired two 5-shot series and then began single shots with 50-second time limits. Eliminations took place after every two single shots until two athletes remained to fire the dramatic 23rd and 24th shots to decide the gold and silver medals.

50m three-position finals were three-position finals with 45 shots. Finalists fired three 5-shot series kneeling, three 5-shot series prone, and two 5-shot series standing. The 7th and 8th place athletes were eliminated after the second standing series. The final concluded with five additional single shots standing, with another athlete being eliminated after each. The top two athletes remained to



One of the world's best examples of a 'marksmanship theater' for Shooting finals is this rifle-pistol finals range in New Delhi, India. The huge Taj Mahal backdrop makes the location unmistakable and memorable. Note the array of electronic scoreboards and monitors to keep athletes, officials, media, and spectators informed.

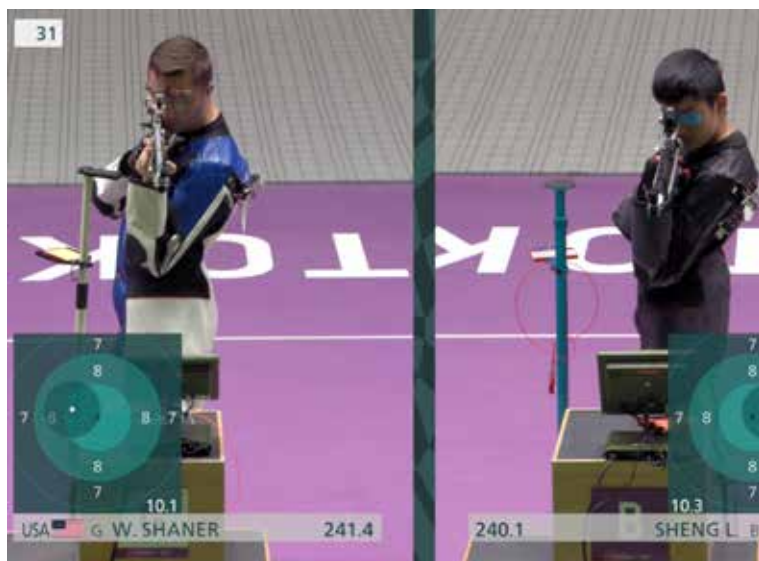
decide the gold and silver medals on the last 45th shots. The start-from-zero concept was also controversial, but its advantages were soon recognized. With this finals format, Shooting enjoyed its greatest television and internet viewer numbers ever during the 2016 Olympic Games. 15 Olympic Shooting finals attracted an average worldwide TV audience of 48.1 million viewers. That ranked above the average Olympic sport and compared favorably with the highest ranked sport that averaged 62.4 million viewers. Every one of the 15 events was not decided until the last shot.

EVENT. An "event" within a sport is a separate contest or competition that ends with rankings and awards. In the sport of Shooting, 10m 3-Position Air Rifle, 10m Air Rifle, and 50m 3-Position are events.

QUALIFICATION. The "qualification" in a Shooting event with a final is the first stage where all athletes fire a standard course of fire to determine which athletes advance to the final. Qualification scores may also be used to determine team rankings.

FINAL. The last stage in a competition where the athletes with the best scores in the qualification compete to decide event medal winners.

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Progressive elimination finals end with the top two athletes firing the last shots. This scene from the 2021 Olympic television production shows the gold and silver medal winners in the 10m Air Rifle Men event, Will Shaner, USA (l.), and Lihao Sheng, China (r.). They are shown here with one shot to go and Shaner holding a 1.3-point lead.

New ISSF leadership elected in 2018 has made further attempts to modify Shooting's finals but whether they are an improvement remains to be seen. Recent versions have multiple starts-from-zero and modified eliminations that end with gold medal duels between the last two athletes that are decided by a points system. A version of this format was accepted for the 2024 Olympic Games, but whether it will become firmly established is uncertain. Until those doubts are resolved, the 24 and 45-shot finals that were used in the 2016 and 2021 Olympic Games will continue to be the standard finals format for most championship competitions in the USA.

Finals were first used in U. S. Junior championships in the late 1990s. Today every significant Junior shooting championship conducted by the CMP and USA Shooting uses finals to decide individual championships for Three-Position Air Rifle, Smallbore Rifle Position, Air Pistol, and other Olympic events. **Every Junior athlete who expects to compete for high place finishes in these championships must be prepared to compete in finals.**

Junior competitions today may be conducted in one of three competition formats: 1) *Standard* events, 2) *Qualification Plus Final* events, and 3) *Qualification with Start-From-Zero Final* events. Match sponsors are encouraged to include finals in junior competitions but to do that they must know when finals are appropriate and whether their range is capable of hosting it. The *Standard*

SHOOTING EVENT FORMATS

1. **Standard Event.** All competitors fire the same course of fire, with no final.
2. **Qualification Plus Final.** All competitors fire a qualification course of fire; the top eight also shoot a final; qualification and final scores are added together for ranking.
3. **Qualification with Start-From-Zero Final.** All competitors fire a qualification course of fire; the top eight finish the event in a final; only scores in the final decide finalists' rankings.

event, usually a 3x10 or 3x20 course of fire for rifle or a 30, 40 or 60-shot event for pistol, is the best event when the highest priority is on participation by maximum numbers of athletes. For Junior competitions where the main objective is to give as many young athletes as possible a chance to say, "*I competed*," and to have an enjoyable experience while competing, the *Standard Event* format is best.

For championship competitions where important titles are at stake, using a final is the preferred way to decide individual champions. For many years, Junior Championships used the *Qualification Plus Final* format, but in the last few years newer *Qualification With Start-From-Zero Finals* are being used more frequently. CMP National Championships for Smallbore Three-Position, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, and Three-Position Air Rifle; USA Shooting National and Junior Olympic Championships and NCAA National Intercollegiate Championships all use start-from-zero elimination format finals. As a result, more and more Junior Championships at the regional or state levels are not only scheduling finals, but they are using start-from-zero finals.

FOR ATHLETES AND COACHES – HOW TO PERFORM WELL IN FINALS

Every athlete who aspires to win high place finishes in today's Shooting championships must be prepared to compete in finals. Here are some ways to prepare for excellent finals performances:

- **Learn About Finals.** Junior Shooting instruction should teach athletes about finals and the critical role they play in Olympic, World Championship and other Shooting championships. Teach young athletes about finals and look for ways to give them finals-like experiences. Any program can conduct elimination contests where participants fire single shots on command with the athlete who had the lowest scoring shot dropping out. Shots continue until one athlete remains.

- **Know Finals Rules.** Athletes who have the potential to qualify for finals should be instructed in finals rules so they will know how the final in an upcoming competition is to be conducted.

- **Practice Finals.** Advanced athletes should practice finals during training. Finals place unique demands and extra pressure on athletes because they must fire single shots in short 50-second time limits; athletes can expect to hear announcers call their names, and spectator cheering. The best way to prepare for these unique challenges is to practice them. Not all these challenges can be duplicated in practice but include as many as possible. At a bare minimum, practice firing single shots, with commands, and 50-second time limits.

- **Finals Shot Technique.** Shots fired during competitions should follow the same shot plan or technique for both the qualification and final. The shot technique used today should be suited for finals where shots must be prepared and fired within 50 seconds. The shot plan should have a pre-shot preparation that begins with the **LOAD** command. It must ensure that the first hold is a good hold because there is not enough time to take second holds. For each shot, balance and relaxation checks must still be made before starting to aim. Also pay attention to minimizing shot-to-shot changes through efficient loading and waiting techniques. Many athletes keep rifles in the shoulder for several shots.

- **Have a Position Change Plan.** Three-position finals have three preparation or changeover and sighting times when finalists must set up their positions and fire sighting shots to prepare for match firing in the next position. Successful finals athletes devote a lot of effort to carefully preparing their firing positions to produce consistent, excellent holds. Their changeovers from kneeling to prone and prone to standing are organized to go quickly so more time is available for sighting shots.

- **Be Prepared for Distractions.** Successful finalists



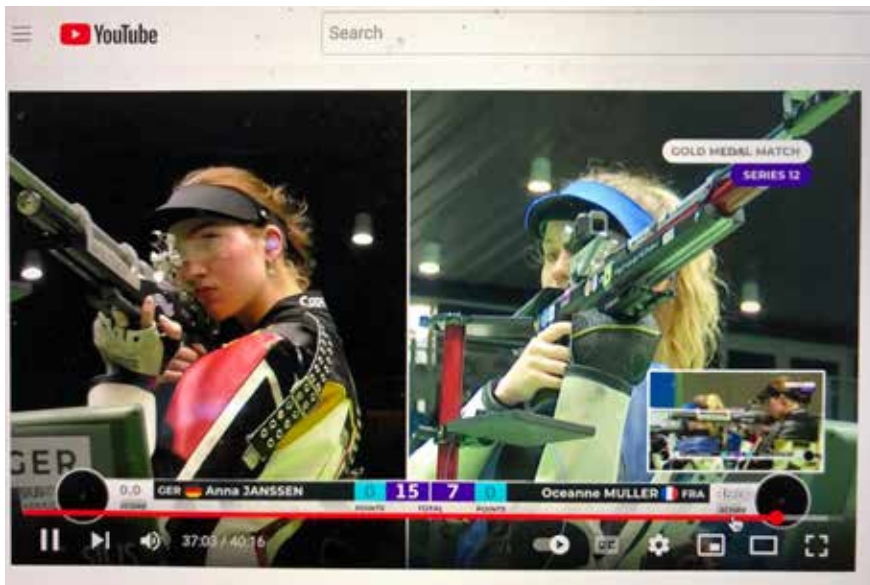
Successful finals shooters have a strategy for controlling their thoughts while waiting for post-shot announcements to be made. The athlete is Qian Yang, China, 10m Air Rifle Women gold medalist in the Tokyo Olympics.



Three-position finalists must know how to make quick, efficient position changes that consistently yield positions with great holds.

are mentally prepared for the many distractions that occur during finals. What will you do after firing a 10.9 that generates a loud cheer? What will you do when you hear the Announcer say you have just taken the lead? What about when the Announcer says you are in danger of being eliminated after the next shot? When these distractions occur, the key to dealing with them is having a thought replacement strategy that gets the mind refocused on a performance key. Thinking about winning or being afraid

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An excellent way to study shot techniques used by the world's best shooters is to watch them perform in ISSF Championship finals. Go to: https://www.issf-sports.org/news_multimedia/video.ashx. Open a rifle/pistol video and advance to the end where the best athletes are firing single shots.

of losing is definitely not the answer.

- **Be Positive and Enjoy Finals Experiences.**

Shooting well enough in a match to “make the final” should be a source of pride. Having to perform well in front of an audience will cause increased nervousness, but this can also be exhilarating. Athletes should enjoy competing in finals. When finalists are introduced at the beginning of

a final, a warm smile and the wave of a hand will help to put spectators on their side. When the Announcer praises an athlete for making a great shot or score, they can enjoy it for a moment but must quickly get refocused on the next shot.

FOR MATCH OFFICIALS – HOW TO CONDUCT FINALS

PREPARING FOR FINALS

If finals are conducted correctly, they are impressive spectator events full of drama and excitement where rankings can change after each shot and medals are not decided until the very last shots. Finals must offer fair competition for the athletes while providing a show that highlights the athletes' skills. Here are some considerations for organizing a great final.

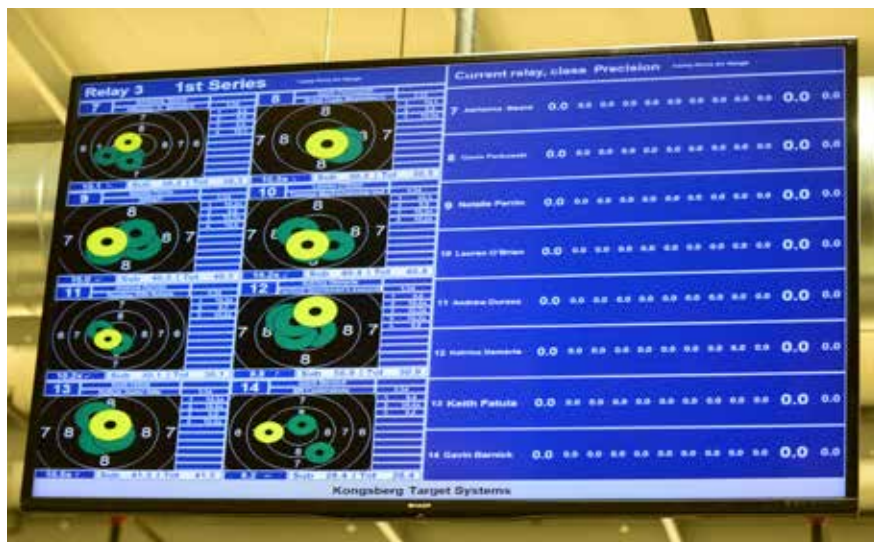
- **Electronic targets.** While it is possible to conduct a *Qualification Plus Final* on paper targets if electronic scoring (Orion) is available,

Start-From-Zero Finals can only be effectively conducted if electronic targets are available. The recent availability of affordable Athena electronic targets in the USA means a growing number of 10m and 50-foot ranges will now be able to conduct *Start-From-Zero* Finals.

- **Eight Firing Points.** Eight adjacent firing points are required for a final. On a large range, choose eight points in the middle of the range. If possible, finals firing points should be relabeled with the letters A through H.

- **Finals Scripts.** A CRO conducts the final using a script. CMP Smallbore Rifle, Air Rifle/Air Pistol, and Three-Position Air Rifle rulebooks all have scripts for running finals. CROs who conduct finals should always follow standardized scripts so that the athletes know what to expect and there are no surprises. CROs should practice running finals before conducting finals in matches.

- **Spectators.** Encourage spectators to attend finals. If possible, provide spectator seating (or standing room) behind the finals firing points. Spectators typically include other athletes and coaches, parents, and friends. Spectators should be encouraged to support finalists with applause and even cheering.



A visual display like this should be used to keep athletes and spectators informed about finalists' scores and rankings. Electronic target manufacturers now provide software to drive such displays with their target installations.

- **LCD Panel or Videoboard Display.**

Preparing the range so spectators can see athletes' scores and rank changes is important. Electronic target manufacturers (Athena, KTS, Megalink, Sius) now provide software that facilitates displaying finalists' scores and rankings on an LCD panel or with a projector and screen.

- **Finals Staff.** As few as two or as many as four or five Match Officials are required to conduct finals. A CRO conducts the final. A second RO should observe the athletes on the firing line and handle any problems that arise there. A Technical Officer, who is familiar with the electronic target software operates the main computer that controls the targets and the display of scores and rankings. A separate Match Official can serve as the Announcer, or one person can serve as both the CRO and Announcer.

- **Schedule and Timing.** The Final Start Time (*when the first Match shot starts*) must be published in the Match Program. This ensures that people who want to see the final know when to be there. The schedule must allow enough time between the end of the last relay and the start of the final to finish scoring qualification targets, run required score protest periods and give finalists enough time to report to the finals reporting area 30 min. before the Final Start Time.

- **Qualifying for the Final.** All athletes in an event will fire the qualification course of fire. The eight highest ranking athletes in this stage qualify for the final. A Finals Start List with the names of the finalists and their firing point assignments should be posted (*announce finalists on the range*) at least 45 min. before the Start Time. If a *Qualification Plus Final* is conducted, finalists must be squadded in order (#1 on the left; #8 on the right) according to their placing



Finals ranges like this one used for 2021 Tokyo Olympic Shooting are a model for how rifle-pistol finals ranges are laid out.

in the qualification. If a *Start-From-Zero Final* is conducted, firing points for the eight finalists must be assigned by a random draw.

- **Finals Reporting Area.** A separate room or area near the range should be designated as a finals' reporting area. Finalists should report to this area 30 minutes before the Final Start Time. Since some finalists may be shooting their first final, plan to brief finalists before calling them to the line so that everyone knows the procedures that will be followed.



Accommodating spectators and conducting finalist introductions at the beginning of finals are important aspects of successful finals.

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FINALS SHOTS AND TIME LIMITS

PHASE OF FINAL	3PAR Q + F	10m SfZ AR/AP	3-P SfZ Kneeling	3-P SfZ Prone	3-P SfZ Standing
Call to Line	2 min.	2 min.	2 min.		
Preparation or Changeover & Sighting	5 min.	5 min.	5 min.	7 min.	9 min.
5-Shot Series		2 x 5 shots in 250 sec.	3 x 5 shots in 200 sec.	3 x 5 shots in 150 sec.	2 x 5 shots in 250 sec.
Single Shots	10 shots 50 sec. each	14 shots in 50 sec.			5 shots in 50 sec.
SfZ = Start from Zero					

PRE-FINAL ACTIONS

The proper conduct of a final requires the CRO and match staff to complete necessary preliminary steps according to a precise timetable. Pre-final steps include:

- 30 minutes before: Have finalists report to a designated reporting area. Brief finalists, especially any who have not fired finals before, on how the final will be conducted.

- 15 minutes before: Arrange finalists in firing point order.

- 10 minutes before: The CRO announces **ATHLETES TO THE LINE** to call finalists to their firing points; coaches may assist in bringing equipment to the firing points. Have finalists ground or bench their rifles or pistols and turn towards the audience. Introduce the finalists with their names and hometowns, clubs, or schools.

- 5 minutes and 30 seconds before: The CRO commands **TAKE YOUR POSITIONS** and starts the preparation and sighting time. After 5 minutes, the **STOP** command is given, and targets are cleared.

- **START TIME:** The CRO gives commands for the first competition shot and continue this until the end of the final.

CONDUCTING THE FINAL

Once match firing starts, the CRO and Announcer must establish a rhythm that keeps the final going smoothly. Their conduct of the final must facilitate athletes' performances and keep spectators informed about finalists' performances. While conducting a final pay attention to:



Conclude the final by having the three medal winners stand with their rifles or pistols while the Announcer recognizes them.

• **CRO Commands.** Each finals' shot or series is initiated with this command: **FOR THE FIRST/NEXT COMPETITION SHOT/SERIES...LOAD..**(5 sec. pause)..**START.** These commands must be clear and consistent. The 5-second pause between **LOAD** and **START** must give finalists a consistent time to load and start to prepare their positions.

• **STOP Command.** If all athletes in a final fire their shots before time expires, the CRO should command **STOP.** To avoid making a mistake and commanding **STOP** when all athletes have not fired, a second RO should confirm that all finalists have fired.

• **Announcer Commentary.** After each shot or series, Announcer commentary should follow. It is not necessary to call out shot scores if a videoboard or LCD display panel is used where everyone can see the scores. Commentary may identify who is leading, who had great shots or series scores and who is gaining or falling back in the rankings. In finals with eliminations, the Announcer must recognize and congratulate each athlete who is eliminated.

• **Tie-Breaking.** If there are ties for the first three places in a *Qualification Plus Final* event or for any place in a *Start-From-Zero Final*, those ties must be broken with shoot-offs. Scripts for conducting tie-breaking shoot-offs are in the rulebooks.

• **Ending the Final.** After the last shot in the final is fired and ties, if any, are broken, end the final by announcing **RESULTS ARE FINAL.** The Announcer or CRO must immediately recognize the top three athletes (*Having the three medalists pose together with their rifles or pistols so photos may be taken is a good practice.*).

ISSUES AND THEIR RESOLUTION IN FINALS

ROs who conduct finals must be prepared to resolve issues that sometimes occur during finals:

• **Athlete Loads before LOAD Command.** It is not permitted to insert a pellet or cartridge until the CRO commands **LOAD.** Give a warning for a first violation. Deduct 2-points from the score of the next shot if there is a second violation.

• **Aiming Exercises.** Many athletes want to shoulder their rifles or raise their pistols to do aiming exercises between shots. Aiming exercises are permitted if actions remain open, but dry firing is not permitted.

• **Early STOP.** If the CRO commands **STOP** before all finalists have fired a single shot or completed a series, any athlete who has an unfired shot(s) must be given a full firing time to fire that shot/series while the other finalists wait.

• **Shots Fired Before START or After STOP.** Either violation must be scored as a miss for that shot.

• **Malfunction.** If a finalist has an allowable malfunction, they must be given a maximum of one (1) minute to repair the malfunction or replace a malfunctioning rifle or pistol. The athlete must then be given a new, full firing time to fire/complete that shot/series.

• **Tie-Breaking Shots.** When conducting a tie-breaking shoot-off, be alert for any athlete who is not involved in the tie who attempts to load and shoot. Stop them, or if an athlete who was not one of the tied athletes fires a shot, simply nullify that shot.

About the Author

Gary Anderson is the Director of Civilian Marksmanship, Emeritus, and is the holder of two Olympic gold medals, seven World Championships and 16 National Championships. Mr. Anderson served as a Technical Delegate for Shooting during the 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games as well as for the 2014 and 2018 World Shooting Championships.

In 2012, the International Olympic Committee awarded Gary Anderson with the Olympic Order, its highest honor "for outstanding services to the Olympic Movement."



Junior Caroline Martin Responds to Down Year by Discovering Merit On and Off the Range

Caroline Martin, 17, of Nemo, Texas, has been a member of the Granbury High School Marine Corps JROTC precision air rifle team since her freshman year. The team is full of talent – recently earning its fifth consecutive JROTC National Three-Position Air Rifle Championship national title in March while producing a number of other team and individual honors.

A junior, Martin was part of the fourth place overall precision team at the event and even finished in seventh place as an individual out of over 80 other cadets from around the country. She's one of four Granbury team members who will graduate next year, and she's been working hard to reach a strong finish to her high school career as well as to build a positive foundation into her future.

"I've always grown up around marksmanship," she said. "My dad is an avid competitor in field target competitions, and I was usually right behind him at those competitions."

Ready to get involved within the sport herself, Martin attended Granbury's summer rifle camp for three years in a row before becoming a member of the team when she entered high school. Though she had a successful freshman start, her sophomore year put her into an unexpected performance slump. It was a frustrating time for the young athlete.

"It lasted a really long time," she said. "I wasn't really sure why I wasn't performing as well as everybody else – I was doing all of the same things as them and even practicing more."

"I struggled with that," she went on. "I obviously wanted to be the best, but my scores didn't quite measure up to that."

Though discouraged and her self-confidence fading, she didn't give up.

Near the end of her sophomore year, Martin's team qualified for the 2020 JROTC National Three-Position Air Rifle Championships. She competed in the event with a brand new suit and gun and fired two consistent scores.

"After that, it only went up from there," she said. "I made very steady progression. I practiced all summer, and my 3x20 scores got even better, but I still struggled with separating my worth with score."

When she began to improve, she started to email college coaches and even heard back from her dream school. The response motivated her to put even more effort toward her skills – attending as many open practices as she could.

"I came back to the drawing board and started working



Caroline Martin is currently a junior on the Granbury High School Rifle Team. Photo courtesy of Granbury High School

on the basics," she said. "I found a new position that worked better for me. I had better equipment that adjusted to me better. It was like all of the pieces of the puzzle were coming together."

That's not to say she doesn't still have her ups and downs.

At the 2022 JROTC Service Championships in Chandler, Arizona, she suffered one of her worst performances all year.

"I really thought I had made a fool out of myself," she admitted.

It wasn't until a few cadets from a competing rifle program approached her and asked to take a photo with her that she was reminded that she's more than just her scores.

"I was astonished," she said. "Isabelle Zantow (of Glynn Academy High School in Georgia) is one of many people that I can accredit to a boost in my self-confidence as well as scores!"

Others who have uplifted Martin are the ones who helped get her into the sport in the first place.

"My parents have been such a huge support system for me since I started shooting," she said. "They've helped me through so many decisions I have had to make, and at least one of them is always at our matches, no matter how busy they are."

And, of course, she also gives credit to her teammates for her comeback.

"We have this type of camaraderie that is hard to find in a lot of programs," she continued. "No matter what, I know I can always count on them, and they can count on me. Their support has been never-ending, and I'm very thankful for that."

The self-assurance, support and extra training paid off. During her junior year, Martin was honored as the Orion National Air Rifle League Most Valuable Player. She earned the highest average on the winning team during the postseason – 614.7.

"I had tons of people whom I don't even know come up to me and congratulate me on my accomplishment that two years ago I didn't think I could even accomplish," she said.

Senior Marine instructor and coach at Granbury, Lt. Col. Scott Casey, has called Martin an "anchor" for the team – praising her determination, even during her time off.

"In practice, I focus A LOT on my process," Martin said. "I've been really working toward just letting score not be a reflection of my process."

This summer, Martin will attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point Summer Leader Experience (SLE) as well as the U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar – sponsored by American Legion Post 278.

The West Point SLE provides rising high school seniors with a week-long immersion into the academic, military and social life of a cadet. Participants explore West Point from all angles, including high-tech educational facilities, team-building athletic activities and realistic military training. The one-week Naval Summer Seminar allows students to experience first-class academic, athletic and professional training while building lifelong friendships with campers from all over the country.

"Their coaches have been so good to me during this recruiting process, and I am so excited to attend their leadership courses!" she said.

Martin's not yet ruling out the possibility of a spot on the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, maybe after some time at the Naval Academy and U.S. Military Academy at West Point. She's also considered studying psychology at the University of Akron in Ohio, though she has prospects at many outstanding schools.

"I have a friend, Jakob Rankin, who shot for Granbury and now shoots for Akron. He has been a huge help in



Martin trains outside of regular practice hours to better hone her skills.

getting in contact with the coaches and helping me find a school that's right for me," Martin said. "The fact there are great coaches from great programs looking at me as a recruit just astounds me."

Whatever she decides, Martin will certainly bring with her a willingness to succeed and the grit and poise to lead her there.

"Mostly I've just been working on trusting myself," she said. "I mean, I've proven I can accomplish anything I put my mind to."

- By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



At the 2022 JROTC National Three-Position Championships, Martin earned seventh overall as well as her Junior Distinguished Badge.

Teresa Casey, JROTC Air Rifle Championship Pioneer, Celebrates Retirement

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) would like to wish a happy retirement to Teresa Casey, who officially retired from Naval Service Training Command NJROTC Program Support on Jan. 31, 2022.

In the world of junior air rifle, Casey was an essential part of molding one of CMP's most popular events of the year, the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Sporter and Precision Air Rifle Championships. As the program coordinator for the Navy JROTC (NJROTC) marksmanship program, she was a key leader in developing a relationship with the CMP as well as growing Navy marksmanship programs, including shoulder-to-shoulder competition.

"From my career, I am probably the most proud of two things," Casey said. "Supporting Naval Aviation, especially during Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and supporting cadets, instructors and host high schools that make NJROTC the outstanding citizenship development program that it absolutely is."

Casey worked for the Department of the Navy as a Civil Servant for 39.5 years. Her journey with the department began at age 16 when she served onboard the Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, at the Naval Aviation Depot, Quality Assurance Department. The position was a part-time co-op in a work skills program through Escambia High School, where she graduated from in 1984.

From there, she was hired full time as a clerk – a title she held for the next three years. Casey then moved on to Production Controller (a.k.a. parts chaser and job scheduler) for manufacturing aircraft electrical cables for eight years. The depot eventually underwent base realignment and closure, but Casey was able to get a job with the NJROTC program.

In 1993, she took a supply position in NJROTC, shipping textbooks to high school units. Soon after, she was moved to the headquarters office in Operations, "on loan" for three months to organize New Instructor Orientation Training – a stay that lasted for the next 28 years.

Along the way and as the NJROTC Program Analyst, she supported many operational aspects of the NJROTC Program, which, since around 2000, included marksmanship and an annual sporter air rifle postal competition. She took the marksmanship agenda and, with passion, expanded it to the prominent program it remains today.

"It is safe to say her contributions to our sport are immeasurable, and she should be lauded as one of the great unsung heroes in the shooting community," said Brad Donoho, CMP smallbore manager.



Teresa Casey's coworkers celebrated her retirement by giving her a special tiara.

Casey's relationship with the CMP began when the organization was called upon to score the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Postal.

"That one request is what started it all for us," said Donoho, who currently serves as the chief range officer for the JROTC Championships. "After that call, the Army, Marine Corps and Air Force JROTC Postals happened soon after, and JROTC marksmanship participation skyrocketed."

The first NJROTC Championship was held in Millington, Tennessee, in 2002, before moving on to the prestigious Army Marksmanship Unit at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

"With the incredible support of the CMP," Casey added.

Her relationship with the CMP fully developed after she attended the CMP National Youth Leadership Conference at Camp Perry, Ohio, where she met young marksmanship supporters from around the country. She went on to meet Gary Anderson, who was CMP's Director of Civilian Marksmanship (DCM) at the time. The two became colleagues and friends over the years – sharing similar goals for youth marksmanship athletes.

"His vision and hard work to standardize youth marksmanship rules and safety as well as to increase competition opportunities laid the foundation of success for the Three-Position Air Rifle Rules, the formation of a Council . . . to standardize training safety and create or

support sanctioned national competitions for cadets,” Casey said of Anderson.

“Just to meet and learn from the best on all levels was my very humbling privilege,” she went on.

Anderson became the DCM in late 1999. Soon after, he and Casey began working with the Navy, Army and Marine Corps Cadet Commands in building the relationships that led to the current CMP-JROTC partnership that is highlighted by the National JROTC Air Rifle Championship, now held at CMP’s air gun facilities each year, and the JROTC Marksmanship Instructor (JMIC) Program.

“For many years, Teresa Casey has been one of the most influential junior shooting leaders in our country,” said Anderson, who is still active in CMP programs and stands as the DCM Emeritus. “Literally hundreds of thousands of American youths owe their start in marksmanship to Teresa Casey’s efforts to promote the Navy JROTC marksmanship program.”

To mark her successful incorporation of the precision class in national competition for NJROTC cadets, the NJROTC Precision Champion traveling trophy, a coveted award, was named in Casey’s honor in 2003.

“It’s especially meaningful to me because the other trophy for the sporter class is named for a most-respected gentleman, friend and mentor to me and countless others – the multi-Olympic gold medalist, Gary Anderson,” she remarked.

Anderson added of Casey, “I have nothing but the highest respect for her and her commitment to youth in the Navy JROTC program. Junior marksmanship is going to miss Teresa.”

Casey’s relief is onboard, LCDR (Ret) Paula Sawdy-Bowes, who is a former instructor, coach and the National 3PAR Council member for Navy Junior ROTC. She is the former Senior Naval Science Instructor of 15 years at Greenway High School in Phoenix, Arizona, and was also coach of the unit’s marksmanship team – competing nationally.

“She has tremendous leadership and operational experience as a Naval officer,” Casey said. “It took a while to fill my position, and she was well worth the wait to maintain and advance the NJROTC Program. In her short time on the NJROTC staff, she has quickly adapted her unit working knowledge to the national program office level already producing very positive results.”

In retirement, Casey is planning to spend her days with family and enjoy free time she hasn’t been able to experience in decades.

“I will miss most working with all of the hard-working, dedicated instructors who make the wheels of the program turn each day to bring this program to reality at the unit level for the cadets,” she said. “I would miss the cadets



Casey (left) has been proud to support cadets, instructors and high schools throughout her NJROTC career (seen here with the Teresa Casey Trophy).

and watching their incredible achievements at events, but I plan to attend as a spectator whenever possible.”

“I’d like to convey special thanks and a hearty ‘BZ!’ to my Pensacola coworkers, especially Rick Coar, Larry Wingard, Commander Mark Watson, USN Ret., Dr. J.D. Smith and current Director, Captain Tim Daseler, USN Ret., who helped make all of this possible for many years due to their hard work and support,” she added. “I would be remiss if I didn’t extend my sincere appreciation to all who have taught me so much and supported me throughout my career. There have been countless wonderful people working together to make opportunities for our amazing cadets to succeed and lead us in the future.”



In April 2022, Casey attended the National Museum of Naval Aviation for the NJROTC National Academic, Athletic and Drill Competition awards ceremony and stood beneath her husband’s (Greg Casey, former A-4 Crew Chief) Blue Angels jet.

CMP Introduces New National Air Gun Event for Adult and Junior Athletes

Over the past year, the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) has received several requests to sanction more air rifle and air pistol events for all age groups as athletes look for more competitive outlets. As a solution, the CMP has created the National Air Gun Championship: a three-day set of matches for adult and junior athletes.

The Inaugural National Air Gun Championship will be considered part of the Camp Perry National Matches in 2022 and is set to fire July 16-18 at the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center in Ohio. The scheduled timeslot allows the CMP's junior 3PAR National Championship, the Air Gun Championship and the National Matches Smallbore events to all be fired consecutively on the grounds of Camp Perry. The National Air Gun match also follows the National Matches Pistol series, granting those individuals the chance to participate as well.

"This program will integrate easily into matches we already host and will especially complement our Smallbore program, since many air rifle and smallbore competitors fire both disciplines," said Katie Harrington, CMP program coordinator of the event. "We're optimistic that the addition of this new National Air Gun Match will help many of our programs grow as we produce more opportunities for our participants."

The National Air Gun event will include a day of training, a two-member team elimination match and two days of 60-shot competitions that includes a four-member team match. The 60 Shot matches are also considered USA Shooting Designated Ranking events.

Having already upheld an established air gun program for decades, the CMP currently maintains two state-of-the-art electronic target 10-meter indoor facilities: the South CMP Competition Center in Alabama and the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center in Ohio. International-style air rifle and air pistol matches offered throughout the year at the CMP's Competition Centers include the Monthly Matches, Camp Perry Open and Dixie Double – each open to both adult and junior athletes.



Joining a series of events offered throughout the year, the CMP will now offer a National Air Gun Championship in July.

The goal of introducing fresh matches to the air gun lineup is to not only provide a variety of competitive venues but also to encourage air gun participation beyond an athlete's junior years.

"A lot of high school kids give up the sport after graduation, as well as those who compete on NCAA or club collegiate teams," said Harrington. "The hope is to get more and more athletes to continue competition after they graduate high school – to give them a big match to work toward each year."

Additionally, the CMP has implemented new Distinguished Air Rifle and Air Pistol badge programs. Starting in 2022, Air Rifle and Air Pistol competitors of all ages, not just juniors, will be able to earn Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) credits for these badges in 60-shot National Matches Air Gun Championships, Monthly Matches as well as in CMP sanctioned Air Rifle and Air Pistol club matches.

"We've already seen supportive interest in the Air Gun Championships before they've even fired, so we're excited about the positive possibilities for our air gun program in the future," Harrington added.

Find more about the CMP National Air Gun Matches, including registration and entry fee information, by visiting <https://thecmp.org/cmp-national-matches/air-gun-national-matches/>. Questions may be directed to Katie Harrington at kharrington@thecmp.org or (419) 635-2141, ext. 731.

Junior Distinguished Badge Program

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

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

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

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

For more program info, log onto <https://thecmp.org/youth/junior-distinguished-badge/> or email CMP Competitions at 3PAR@TheCMP.org.



Badge #	Name	Hometown	Badge #	Name	Hometown
#1585	Jayne Hernandez	Walhalla, SC	#1594	Brody Baumann	Ozark, MO
#1586	Tristan Konigsfeld	Tucson, AZ	#1595	Madison Kennedy	Eatonton, GA
#1587	Perry McCool	Batesville, MS	#1596	Tanner Barth	St. Michael, MN
#1588	Alysa Yancey	Marion, IN	#1597	Wiley Dickinson	Greeley, CO
#1589	Mathew Crawford	Ozark, MO	#1598	Leah Stapp	Fountain, CO
#1590	Samuel Sparrow	Hendersonville, TN	#1599	Charles Bratton	Clover, SC
#1591	Nikolas Jackson	Winthrop Harbor, IL	#1600	Charles Moots	Albuquerque, NM
#1592	Claudia Allen	Binghamton, NY	#1601	Alex Pall	Aurora, IL
#1593	Gianna Cutillo	The Woodlands, TX	#1602	Caroline Martin	Nemo, TX



USAMU Athlete, Olympian Refines Impressive Rifle Career Through Love of the Sport

Alison Weisz, 26, is a self-proclaimed “nerd in life.” She’s a lover of science, specifically sports science, and has dedicated herself to a careful plan of calculated nutrition, weightlifting, cardio, recovery, periodization and mental training that has helped carry her to success on the national and world stage.

“I guess my interest for learning new things could be considered what initially drew me to the sport,” she said of marksmanship.

A talented markswoman and current member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU), Weisz has amassed an abundant list of successes. She fulfilled a dream by securing a spot on the 2021 Tokyo Olympic Team USA – competing in both women’s 10-meter air rifle and the 10-meter air rifle mixed team events where she finished 14th and sixth overall, respectively.

At the 2022 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup in Rio de Janeiro in April, Weisz and Tokyo gold medalist Will Shaner earned the bronze medal in the mixed team air rifle event. Weisz also earned silver in the 10m air and women’s team 10m air rifle events at the 2021 ISSF World Cup in New Delhi.

In 2019, Weisz received gold at the Pan American Games in Lima, Peru, in the women’s 10-meter air rifle competition and earned the final United States Olympic quota spot and ultimately her own ticket to Tokyo. In 2018, Weisz claimed the overall win at the USA Shooting Winter Airgun event (one of the most anticipated events of the year for air gun athletes) and went on to earn second overall at the match the following year – just to name a few of her accomplishments.

The postponement of the 2020 Olympics led Weisz to keep moving along her list of dreams by becoming Spc. Alison Weisz of Company B, 369th Adjutant General Battalion, based out of Fort Benning, Georgia. There, she’s worked to earn her place as a member of the USAMU.

“Now that I am at this elite level, I’ve found more to love (about marksmanship) and occasionally be frustrated with! I love pushing my limits to see how far I can go and how much better I can make individual aspects of the process



Weisz joined the Army to continue her rifle training, becoming a member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit. Photos courtesy of the USAMU

through my training,” she said. “But ultimately, nothing has been able to take away from the deeply rooted love.”

Raised in Belgrade, Montana, Weisz’s affection with marksmanship began when she first picked up a Daisy 499 Spring Air BB Gun when she was nine years old. She has said it was that early connection to her rifle that taught her to respect firearms of all calibers. She went on to learn about safety from local programs at her area shooting club. There, she became passionate about the shooting sports and prepared herself for a long career.

“Once I had the BB gun in my hands and started learning the fundamentals, I kind of just fell in love,” she said. “Squeezing the trigger, loading another round and hitting the target again and again – maybe it’s like they say, ‘When you know, you know.’”

She enjoyed setting goals, working towards them and accomplishing them both as an individual and with a team – putting in the effort and seeing results.

“I loved every minute of it,” she added of her junior experience.

It didn’t take long for Weisz to begin competing in local, state and national BB competitions before moving on to air rifle and smallbore. She soon realized that she loved both the individualism of competing by herself on the line as well as the friends and relationships she gained by meeting

like-minded juniors locally and from around the country.

"After growing into the athlete I am today, a lot of those pieces that drew me to the sport continue to be aspects I love about it, but I've also found so much more to love," she admitted. "I still love the social aspect and the community. I have created many lifelong friendships through the sport from all over the world. That is something special to me."

Eventually, after a series of championship wins as a junior, she took her career onto the collegiate level as a member of the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) NCAA Rifle team from 2013 to 2017, where she majored in dietetics and nutrition. Weisz made history from the start at Ole Miss, becoming the first freshman in the team's history to qualify for the NCAA Championships as well as the first freshman to earn All-GARC (Great American Rifle Conference) honors.

Her sophomore year, she set a school record and a personal best smallbore score of 589 at the Withrow Invitational and received Most Valuable and Scholar-Athlete awards and All-American honors (which she earned her junior and senior years too). She also set a school record of 597 in 10m Air Rifle and captured bronze at the NCAA Championships her junior year.

Weisz's final year at Ole Miss saw her claiming first place at the USA Shooting National Championship and securing a spot as a member of the National Team. She also successfully reached the NCAA Championships all four years of her NCAA career.

"I learned so much about myself, the sport and other athletes," she said of her time at Ole Miss.

While in college, Weisz spent two and a half summers as a counselor at the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) well-known Junior Air Rifle camps, which she, herself, had attended as a junior. Her experience as a camp leader helped her build more friendships and even enhanced her own career by talking to athletes from other universities. She also learned how to interact with a variety of personalities, which she found invaluable in her own daily life.

"Honestly, I would go back and



Weisz likes to focus on the science behind training to enhance her skills.

do it longer in an instant," she said of her CMP counselor days. "It was so rewarding to work with the next generation of young athletes each week. I value giving back to my sport because it has given so much to me in my life, and the Camp Counselor position allowed me to do so."

"I hope each of my campers over the summers found me as valuable as I found each of them," she added. "I am forever grateful to CMP and the opportunity they provide. I strongly encourage all collegiate athletes to consider working at least one summer."



Weisz enjoys being a mentor for the younger generation, stemming from her time as a CMP Camp Counselor.

With the support of Ole Miss's head coach and the team, Weisz served as a graduate assistant coach for the team from 2019 to 2020. There, she was able to further hone her training toward her career goals, including the 2020 Olympic team.

"After working as a CMP Camp Counselor, I knew I had a passion for coaching and I wanted to try it out at the NCAA level," she said. "I was very fortunate to have support while I was there training and competing. I knew they always had my back regardless of my performances and that they all wanted to see me succeed. I am so honored to have had that opportunity with each of them."

When her time at Memphis ended, she moved on to the USAMU to further extend her marksmanship career and training. She felt it would be an important step that would allow her to find success in her career and beyond.

"I have had many learning experiences as a soldier, an athlete and simply as a human since joining that will continue to impact me throughout my life," she said. "I'm grateful for my teammates on and off the line. Talking with each of them on various aspects of the sport is invigorating because we all have the same goals, but there is more than one way to find the answer. Although not everyone wants to believe it, we must remember success is found differently for each person/athlete."

Though COVID stalled her career for a time, she stayed focused on the fundamentals – high intensity, high volume fitness and mindfulness, along with simply remembering to enjoy her time on the range. It all carried her to that incredible stage she had sought for so long – the Olympics.

"It was absolutely always a goal to make it to the Olympics," she said. "I think as soon as I knew it was a sport in the Summer Olympic Games, that's what I wanted to do. I can honestly say I didn't always believe it was possible, but that didn't take away from me continuing to try."

Though restrictions kept the Olympic athletes from experiencing everything the Games usually has to offer, Weisz was still able to be part of the main events while in Tokyo and absorbed her surroundings to the fullest.

"It was phenomenal, almost indescribable," she said.

She found herself among familiar faces of athletes she had seen at previous World Cups as well as new athletes



Weisz returned to her hometown in Montana following her Olympic debut, welcomed by a homecoming parade.

from countries she hadn't seen before. The beautiful ranges were full of athletes and coaches as well as members of the media, filling the area with the sound of camera shutters as the competition went on.

"It was all so surreal, sometimes still is to me, but it was also exciting," she said. "Being amongst the best in the world in all sports, coming together in unity to compete in the events we love was truly remarkable. I am so grateful that we were able to go and compete safely with the rest of the world. It is something I will remember for the rest of my life."

"Overall, a wonderful experience that I hope I get to experience in its entirety in Paris 2024," she added.

Going forward, Weisz will remain a member of the USAMU and hopes to work as a dietitian to fulfill her love of nutrition and helping others. And, of course, the skillful "nerd" will continue to expand her marksmanship career.

"I'm really enjoying the sport, the training, the competing, the traveling – almost every aspect of it. So, I will be continuing to train and compete," she said.

Eventually upon retirement from competing, she may move back to the collegiate or junior level to search for a position within her other marksmanship passion – coaching.

"A coach could create a culture that is conducive to success or a culture that will slowly kill the athletes' passion for the sport. It is a crucial aspect that is sometimes overlooked," she said. "I have had a variety of coaching styles throughout my career and have seen success and dismay with each of them. I only hope I can emulate those of successes."

Registration Now Open for 2022 National Matches Junior Smallbore and Air Rifle Camp

CAMP PERRY, Ohio – Junior marksmen looking to move their careers into college are encouraged to sign up for the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) 2022 National Matches Junior Camp! The camp offers hands-on, comprehensive training from a team of certified coaches and is a valuable asset for those young athletes eager to improve his or her skills on the firing line.

The National Matches Junior Camp is scheduled for July 23-27, 2022, and is open to intermediate and advanced junior athletes who shoot both three-position smallbore and standing or international air rifle. Instruction is held on Camp Perry's outdoor Petrarca Range and within the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center indoor air range, both located on the grounds of Camp Perry in Port Clinton, Ohio.

Participants must be between the ages of 12 to 20 and currently involved in three-position smallbore competition matches and international air rifle. Students who have not reached their 18th birthday by July 23, 2022, must be accompanied by an adult (age 21 or older).

Camp begins with a basic safety review, followed by a reinforced understanding of the fundamentals and detailed instruction on smallbore prone, standing and kneeling positions – among several other points of interest. The lineup of certified coaches, safety officers and National Matches Support Staff members are dedicated to providing a safe and supportive learning experience for junior participants.

Also included within the camp will be a 50- and 100-yard prone "Dewar Match" on Petrarca Range as well as a 60 Shot International Air Rifle event. Each will be fired upon CMP's own state-of-the-art electronic target line.

Cost of camp is \$250 for early entry and \$275 after May 1. Campers must provide their own three-position smallbore target rifles (equipment and ammunition), though the CMP has sporter air rifles available for use in the air range. Class is limited to 71 students, so be sure to sign up early!

Questions about the camp may be addressed to Head Coach Russ Evans at 330-534-5344 or nmcampheadcoach@gmail.com.



The camp is designed for ages 12-20 and includes hands-on smallbore training on the range.

Learn more by visiting the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/cmp-national-matches/cmpnmjrcamp/>. We hope to see you on the range for this fun and constructive opportunity!

About the Gary Anderson Competition Center:

The Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center is a marksmanship sporting facility that includes an open reception and common area, fully equipped classrooms, cylinder filling room and CMP retail store. The building also houses large projection screens and flat-screen television sets as well as authentic Olympic memorabilia and other remarkable items from the career of decorated American marksman, Gary Anderson. The facility's 80-point air gun range is attached to the main area and equipped with innovative electronic targets.

About CMP Targets at Petrarca Range:

Petrarca Range is located next to the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center. The range contains 10 CMP Targets, an electronic line powered by Kongsberg Target Systems, which work through the power of acoustics – "hearing" the shot and accurately determining its location. Paper smallbore targets will be used for this junior clinic.

Both ranges are open to the public weekly. Find more on these ranges, including a complete hourly schedule, at <https://thecmp.org/ranges/>.

Towering Reclaimed Rifle Statues Now On Display at CMP Facilities

As part of its federal charter, the CMP is provided surplus U.S. Army rifles from past conflicts, like the World War II M1 Garand, that are sold to qualified purchasers from around the country. The rifles are assembled from a stock of parts that are sorted and quality inspected, with the excess left sitting without purpose within CMP's warehouse – until now.

In 2015, the CMP was searching for something productive and meaningful to do with all the company's housed non-reclaimable M1 Garand parts. After some thought, the CMP Board approved the construction of a competitor statue composed of these scrap materials, which were welded by the Army for drill rifle use prior to CMP receiving them.

"The idea was to place a statue outside of the CMP South Competition Center in Alabama, to give the kids something to take a picture in front of after competition," said CMP's Director of Civilian Marksmanship (DCM), Mark Johnson. "The parts have significant historical value, and the statues will honor that history while representing the competitor."

The project expanded to not only include the CMP's South Competition Center in Anniston but also its 500-acre outdoor Talladega Marksmanship Park, also in Alabama, and the CMP Headquarters located at the Camp Perry National Guard Facility in northern Ohio.

The search for the individual who would construct the statues was simple – Jerry Antolik. An artist for over 50 years, Antolik has created several paintings that are currently on display at CMP's offices and ranges, including the famous mural wall within Camp Perry's Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center air gun range.

"When I was asked by Judy Legerski (Board chair) to weld, I had little experience with welding," Antolik admitted. "I did have reservations about the project because learning and honing new skills is difficult in any profession."

After contemplating the prospect for a year and receiving encouragement from a close friend, Danny Sameitz, Antolik agreed to take it on. Staying supportive, Sameitz allowed Antolik to use his shop, welder, cutting torch and other equipment to complete the statue.

Designing an 11-foot figure to mimic the proportion of a human figure using M1 barrels, gas tubes, receivers, bolts and trigger mechanisms is a constant challenge. The fumes coming out of the gun barrels need to be heated and require a special respirator, and the heavy steel is difficult to hold in place when attaching the arms and rifle.

"Welding is much different than painting, almost beyond



An "M1 Man" statue is mounted in front of the South Competition Center in Anniston, Alabama.

comparison," Antolik admitted. "The barrels don't bend the way I want, so it is easier fabricate curves using the straight materials. I purchased additional flat steel to cut for the face and hands, hats, the base etc., and I continue to work to perfect a decent looking weld."

The first statue took four months to complete and was placed at CMP's Talladega Marksmanship Park in early 2016, fitting perfectly with the park's grand opening. After the first three statues, more followed – each unique in their own ways, posed in different shooting postures, right- and left-handed or port arms positioned.

The number of parts in each statue varies, but Antolik's most recent order included 180 barrels, 70 receivers with barrels, 30 bolts and 20 gas tubes. He has also added a heart to each statue – humanizing the somber pieces of American history.

"The parts are special to me," Antolik said. "I look at the serial numbers on the receivers, knowing that many were used by our brave soldiers who gave their lives to give us the freedom we enjoy today. Our freedom came at an incredible cost!"

Antolik now uses a workspace on a ranch managed by his son, Joe, and has purchased a welder of his own. Joe and other friends have stopped by on occasion to model, offer inspiration, muscle and welding advice.

Currently, two male statues and two female statues, all in standing position, are located at Talladega, overlooking the 600-yard John C. Garand range. Statues are also on display at the South Competition Center and near Building 3 on the grounds of Camp Perry.

"All of the statues are meant to honor the sacrifices of our veterans while paying homage to the competitor and the discipline of the sport," Johnson said.

Be sure to visit these statues as well as the various marksmanship-themed paintings by Jerry Antolik within all of CMP's facilities. Find more works he has created over the last five decades at <http://jerryantolik.com/>.



The 11-foot figures feature hundreds of authentic M1 Garand parts.



The M1 statue in Ohio overlooks the celebrated ranges of the Camp Perry National Guard Training Facility.



Statues at the CMP's Talladega Marksmanship Park in Alabama include both male and female versions.

CMP's Renay Woodruff Finds Unexpected Passion Through Her Work

The Civilian Marksmanship Program is an organization that prides itself on providing a venue for everyday citizens to learn and explore the world of marksmanship. The company has been successful at fulfilling that mission over the years, and sometimes they're even lucky enough to inspire those who never intended to get involved with the pastime.

"My background in marksmanship was absolutely non-existent," said Renay Woodruff, the South Competition Center supervisor at the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) South Office in Anniston, Alabama.

She's been with the CMP for over a decade, working various positions. She initially signed up with the company only looking for a good job to help support her children, and her time at the organization has provided that and more through her new, unexpected passion.

Renay became captivated by the sport of marksmanship, specifically air pistol, simply from exposure. Through motivation and enthusiastic support from her employer, Renay went from practically zero knowledge on the subject to competing in several air pistol events throughout the year – elevating her position within the CMP along the way.

From national-level events like the USA Shooting Winter Airgun match held at the South Competition Center in December to more local competitions like CMP's Monthly Matches, Renay has sprouted from a humble bystander to a dedicated athlete.

"My enjoyment of marksmanship over the years has grown tremendously as I have come to learn what it is and what it takes to become a marksman," she said. "I enjoy watching the competitiveness of the athletes – and many of the spectators, parents and coaches that I've come in contact with have been wonderful to get to know. I'm a person that loves to meet people."

Her interest in air pistol first piqued while she was working in CMP's shipping department and caught a glimpse of competition.

"I thought it interesting how a competitor could hold the pistol with one hand and efficiently score decently," she said. "I found it to be amazing with the number of



CMP's Renay Woodruff (right) decided to join the sport of air pistol after taking notice of it during her regular work routine.

competitors and spectators that attended the competitions. Not knowing the magnitude of marksmanship and what I was missing out on was mind-blowing."

It wasn't until a 2016 CMP Monthly Match that her fascination truly came alive. At the time, she was learning to become a certified Range Officer but quickly realized that she had an itch to do more than just stand behind the firing line – she wanted on it.

"It was a little scary for me to even ask someone to help me learn how to shoot the air pistol," she confessed. "But I have learned that no two people do everything the same, especially in competition."

To build her skills, she began practicing with the pistol shooters who attended the Open Public Nights offered weekly at the CMP South Competition Center in Anniston. Eventually, she became comfortable enough to compete – getting her first taste of real competition at another CMP Monthly Match in 2016.

"Challenging as it was, my scores were horrible, and I felt that I would quit," she admitted. "However, I didn't give up."

She pressed forward and tried to get as much range time as possible, which she continues even today, despite a busy personal schedule. When she does get time on the range, she works on focusing her mind – a skill she says is key in doing her best on the firing line. She also

concentrates on trigger control, breathing, sight picture, balance, hold and follow through.

Renay says the most important advice she's received when practicing and competing is to take her time, be patient and stay focused. When she happens to not shoot as well as she'd like, she remembers to clear bad shots from her mind and move on to the next one.

Currently, she uses two separate pistols on the range: a Pardini K12 borrowed from the CMP and her own personal Walther LP400. She also recently purchased a STEYR evo 10, which she's hoping to use in competition soon.

Renay recognizes the uniqueness of her situation, with the CMP allowing and even encouraging her to compete. It's a phenomenon she doesn't take lightly, and she remains constantly grateful for the foundation she's been able to create through her experiences.

"It's such a grand opportunity," she said. "I often tell people about how I enjoy being able to work for a company that allows you to travel, enjoy and participate in such a passion, as others and I have. Having this opportunity through the CMP should be appreciated, and I do on a very high level."

Her advice for anyone else trying to grow in the sport is to not push too fast and to never give up on yourself. She says there will be good days of competition and bad, as in life itself, and conveys the most important aspect of marksmanship competition: have fun and enjoy what you're doing.

"My enjoyment continues to grow as I learn more about the sport, and it's been very rewarding just to be able to compete with so many different people from different states," she added.

When not competing, Renay enjoys spending time with family, relishing in activities such as going to the movies, bowling and trying various restaurants. She only competes in air pistol at the moment, but she's leaving her prospects open to the possibility of more exciting encounters with other disciplines in the future.

"It is important to me to succeed in every aspect of my life – whether competitively, socially, or religiously," she said. "I pastor a church in the Anniston area that I really enjoy and do it with all my heart."

She went on, "Thank you to the CMP for employment and everything that I'm allowed to do to promote rifle safety and the enhancement of young athletes."

Other CMP South Employees in Competition: Tymaris Odoms, CMP Competitions Assistant

Tymaris has been competing in marksmanship for the last six years, beginning as a member of his high school's Navy JROTC program as a sophomore. He started in sporter air rifle and has moved on to air pistol. Tymaris is also a regular competitor in Target Sprint events, which combine running and shooting. He placed first in the inaugural Target Sprint event at Camp Perry as well as first in the Anniston Dixie Double Target Sprint competition in 2019. He also set a new record while competing in the event at the Arlington Rifle Club.

"What comes to mind when I think about marksmanship is the diversity of the sport – there are males, females, young and old," he said. "A lot of sports are physically demanding, requiring countless hours of physical training in the weight room or on a field. While being fit can certainly help, if your days of running are over, you can still put some shots down range. I'm getting old, so it's nice to participate in a sport where I'm not out of breath chasing someone. Instead, I'm chasing consistency and challenging myself mentally."

Tymaris has continued to compete in CMP's Aces Postal, Dixie Double, Monthly Matches and the National Matches Air Gun events at Camp Perry. He has even placed at Anniston's Monthly Air Gun Matches and competed at USA Shooting's 2021 Winter Airgun.

"I compete because of my love for the sport. I try to stay involved as much as I can. It's fun," he added. "I'm always on my last 10 shots for pistol telling myself my arm hurts, I'll never do this again, and then I find myself doing it again."



Tymaris Odoms (left) is successful in a variety of CMP events, including the Dixie Double Target Sprint, which he won in 2019.

Sanghera Claims Junior Air Pistol Match at 2022 Camp Perry Open

CAMP PERRY, Ohio – Suman Sanghera, 16, of Great Falls, Virginia, was the leading junior air pistol athlete at the 2022 Camp Perry Open – held over the weekend of May 13-15. It was only her second time attending the annual event, but through her strategy of treating every match like a practice, she was able to stay focused solely on her process and remain, ultimately, ahead of her peers.

“Going into this one, I had just gotten out of finals week, so I wasn’t training as much every day,” she said of her time leading up to the Camp Perry Open. “I just had the expectation that I was going to go, shoot and I was going to learn something.”

The Camp Perry Open features three-position precision/sporter air rifle and smallbore matches as well as 60 shot air rifle and air pistol competition, split into Open and Junior categories. The event is hosted by the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) at the indoor Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center and the outdoor Petrarca Range – both located on the grounds of Camp Perry. Each event includes qualifying rounds, followed by an elimination final that determines overall winners.

Suman was the front-runner of the pack after the qualification rounds but fell slightly after the start of the final. She surprised her fellow competitors by again rising to the top of the leaderboard – executing a series of excellent shots that kept her in the lead through the last shot of the match.

“I looked at my scoring monitor and saw I needed a sight adjustment, so once I made that and started shooting a couple of tens, I just knew what I was doing. I was in some sort of rhythm,” she said. “I just kept going with that.”

Suman has been competing in air pistol for over four years now after entering the sport to follow in the footsteps of her older brother, Bhavjeet – another talented air pistol athlete. Before Bhavjeet entered college, the pair practiced together regularly but now meet on the firing line at competitions, like at the Camp Perry Open where both participated in the 60 Shot junior final.

“It’s great because I have a person with me every time I go,” Suman said. “It’s like a support system. We build each other up.”



Leading Junior Pistol athletes were (left to right) Remington Smith, Suman Sanghera and Bhavjeet Sanghera.

Suman has earned a number of medals in 10m Women’s Air Pistol over the last few years, including gold at the 2019 Jr. National Progressive Pistol Championship, bronze at the 2019 Jr. Winter Air Gun Championship as well as gold at the 2020 Winter Air Gun event. She is currently on the National Junior team – hoping to one day move on to the National Team to compete in larger international competitions. She also has a goal of one day competing on a college team.

Outside of the 60 Shot junior match, Suman finished eighth overall in the Open competition and took third in the 38-person Super Final held on the first day of the 60 Shot event.

“I learned quite a bit,” she said of her experience at Camp Perry.

Following closely behind Suman in the junior 60 Shot match was last year’s Camp Perry junior air pistol champion Remington Smith, 17, of Ashburn, Georgia, as Suman’s brother, Bhavjeet Sanghera, 19, took third.

The Open air pistol category saw Olympian James Hall, 38, of Rocheport, Missouri, nabbing the overall win by just one point over second place finisher Anthony Lutz, 33, of Orient, Ohio. Remington Smith returned to claim the third place position.

In junior air rifle, James Shipley, 16, of Williamstown, Virginia, led overall as Logan McClimans, 17, of Jamestown, Pennsylvania, dropped just short for second. Alok Joarder, 18, of Mansfield, Massachusetts, who will also be a member of the Murray State collegiate team in the fall, earned third.

The Open 60 Shot rifle event brought forward the talents of Texas Christian University (TCU) athletes Abigail Gordon, 22, and Kristen Hemphill, 22, who received first and third, respectively. Finding the second place spot was SGT Brandon Muske, 27, of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU).

Muske also led the field of three-position smallbore rifle competitors going into the match's elimination final, with his teammate, SGT Patrick Sunderman, 27, trailing by only five points. After all firing in the elimination final was complete, Muske was bested by Sunderman who stayed ahead by just 0.6 points. Fellow USAMU member SP4 Levi Clark, 23, earned third in the event.

The overall junior athlete in the smallbore match was Logan McClimans. Following in second was John Martzolf, 17, of Lancaster, New York, as Diane Heschel, 17, of Oak Harbor, Ohio, claimed third, just one point behind Martzolf.

In 3x20 precision air rifle, Braden Michalak, 15, of Canton, Michigan, edged out the first place position by one-tenth of a point. Earning second was Diane Heschel, followed by Logan McClimans in third.

Amarisa Jackson, 18, of Zion Benton High School's Navy JROTC team from Illinois, came out on top of a back-and-forth battle against teammate Brayden Rich, 14, to overtake the 3x20 sporter event. The two swapped first and second place position multiple times before Jackson eventually took the prize and Rich landed in a very respectable second place spot. Claiming third in the sporter 3x20 match was Mario Guzman, 14, also of Zion Benton.

"I was nervous, but I'm glad it was against my teammates because I know them," Jackson said, with seven of the eight athletes in the sporter final cadets from Zion Benton. "I'm also glad they made it into the final."

A senior, Jackson will soon graduate with the hopes of enlisting in the Navy.



After a tough final, Amarisa Jackson earned the first place spot in the 3x20 Sporter match.

Another event exclusive to the Camp Perry Open is the anticipated Super Final – featuring costumes, music and other attention-grabbing effects that bring fun to the match. During the Super Final, the top 38 competitors from each of the day's air rifle and air pistol qualification round meet on the firing line to compete in an intense elimination event. The competition goes on until only one athlete remains standing. Winning this year's Super Final in air rifle was SP4 Levi Clark, as Charles Platt, 24, of Colorado Springs, led the air pistol category.

Team events were also held concurrently with the 3x20 air rifle and 60 shot qualification matches during the weekend.

View a complete list of results for the 2022 Camp Perry Open, including winning teams, at <https://ct.thecmp.org/2022CPOresults>. Photos of the event can be viewed and downloaded for free on the CMP's Zenfolio page at <https://cmp1.zenfolio.com/f820087878>.



Braden Michalak from Michigan led the 3x20 Precision match.



James Shipley of Virginia led the 60 Shot Junior Rifle match.



Logan McClimans was the leading junior in the smallbore competition.

CMP's Camp Perry National Matches Educational Clinics Offer Something for Everyone

Ready to learn more about marksmanship?

The National Matches at Camp Perry, which attracts thousands of guests each year to the historic ranges of the Ohio National Guard Training Facility, is an oasis of rifle and pistol competitions designed for experienced marksmen and curious individuals who simply want to try something new. Outside of competition, the National Matches offers an array of educational courses for those with fresh eyes on the sport as well as those eager to further develop their skills. Courses span from junior to adult – delivering a little something for everyone.

Below is a guide (ranked from Beginner to Advanced) on available learning events at the 2022 Camp Perry National Matches, set to fire July 12-Aug. 13.

BEGINNER – Small Arms Firing Schools (SAFS):

One of the most popular events of the National Matches, the SAFS course is a combination of classroom education and hands-on instruction on fundamentals, competition basics and safety. Training is led by members of military marksmanship teams as well as certified CMP instructors. At the conclusion of the course, students fire real competitions on the range, with instructors nearby. Equipment is provided by the CMP, with participants only needing a willingness to learn in order to attend. Currently, the CMP offers Small Arms Firing Schools for Pistol (M9), Smallbore Rifle, .22 caliber Rimfire Sporter Rifle and Highpower Rifle (M16) during the National Matches as well as an Advanced SAFS course for further training.

BEGINNER – M1 Maintenance Clinic:

CMP Armorers will present this two-hour clinic on disassembly, assembly and maintenance of the M1 Garand Rifle. Special attention will be given to accurizing steps that can be taken with the rifle while maintaining its legality for CMP-sanctioned As-Issued Military Rifle Matches. Topics such as head space, barrel installation, component purpose/function, general rifle assembly, rifle/component maintenance and various other techniques will be covered during the course.

BEGINNER – As-Issued Military Rifle Clinics:

Any CMP Games competitors who have not previously fired in one of these matches are required to attend a clinic before they fire. All other competitors in these matches are encouraged to attend and take advantage of the information presented.

These free one-hour clinics will cover the Garand-



CMP's courses offer hands-on attention to individuals for safety and personal instruction for all.

Springfield-Vintage Matches with instruction and demonstrations. Topics include match rules, shooting positions and techniques, scoring and pit pulling procedures and how to fire the courses of fire. The clinic is open to all competitors.

INTERMEDIATE – U.S. Marine Corps Junior Highpower Clinic:

The three-day clinic gives focus to more advanced training outside of fundamentals, including weather conditions, how to read wind, equipment use, shooting positions and rulebook standards. Juniors in the clinic spend one day in the classroom, followed by two days of live-fire on the range at 200, 300 and 600 yards. Those young athletes who would like to attend this clinic must first attend the Rifle Small Arms Firing School.

ADVANCED – Team CMP Advanced Highpower Clinic:

Led by members of CMP Gold (CMP's own competitive highpower squad), the Advanced Highpower Clinic offers more complex instruction in service rifle competition techniques using classroom and range discussion. Though the class traditionally utilizes only dry-fire training on the range, in 2021, a 600-yard live-fire portion was added. This course is only open to those who have attended the Advanced Small Arms Firing School at least once and have an "Expert" classification with the CMP or National Rifle Association.

Learn more about these and other educational opportunities on the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/cmp-national-matches/clinics/>.



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.

Texas Junior Rifle Team Finds Successful Start at First Regional Match of the Season

The Texas Junior Rifle Team set a strong foundation at its first regional tournament of the season this spring. The team fielded 18 junior competitors at the Greenwood Gun Club Spring Regional in March, obtaining numerous accomplishments over the three-day event.

"It was a fun weekend and a good start for the 2022 competition season for the Texas Junior Rifle Team," said Dan Ramsey, a coach and treasurer/director of the organization.

During the match, national-level champion Charisma Owen was named the 2021 Texas Junior Service Rifle Champion as well as the 2021 Texas Junior Mid-Range Champion. Owen teamed up with Carter Forest and Gary and Greg Troxell to overtake the 4-Man team competition before she moved on to win the overall regional event. The Texas team also accrued personal best scores by Loni Barry, Luke Hoysa and Emma Swicegood.

The accompanying open EIC (Excellence-In-Competition) match saw the Texas Junior Rifle Team fielding 18 of 29 non-distinguished competitors. Distinguished Badges are the highest individual awards authorized by the U. S. Government for excellence in marksmanship competition. An individual earns a badge from the CMP after receiving enough EIC points at qualifying matches, also referred to as leg points.

Three leg points were awarded at the Greenwood Gun Club match, including to two juniors: Emma Sjodin, who took the bronze medal and eight points, and John Ramsey, who claimed his first six-point leg.

The Texas Junior Rifle Team is just warming up as its athletes and coaches prepare for other events throughout the year, including the annual CMP National Rifle Matches at Camp Perry – set to fire in July.



About the Texas Junior Rifle Team:

The Texas Junior Rifle Team, Inc., is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, sanctioned by the Texas State Rifle Association. Texas state teams have been in existence for over 40 years, thanks to the efforts of local gun clubs and supporters. Range access, equipment and active adult leaders have allowed junior marksmen aged 12 through 20 to learn, practice and compete – moving from local matches to success on the national stage.

The team is funded through families, local clubs, businesses and donations and currently includes five districts: Northwest Texas Field and Stream (Wichita Falls), Central Texas Rifle and Pistol (Waco), Austin Rifle Club, Golden Triangle Rifle Club (Beaumont) and Greenwood Gun Club (Brazoria County). Learn more about the organization, including how to join, by visiting the team's website at <https://www.texasjuniorrifleteam.org>.

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