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© **Monthly Air Gun Matches in Ohio and Alabama.** The CMP's Monthly Matches have returned with a mix of air gun events for all ages and experience levels. Each Monthly Match is held simultaneously at the South CMP Competition Center in Anniston, Alabama, and at the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center at the Camp Perry National Guard Training Facility in Ohio. The events include a Junior/Adult 3×20, Junior 3×10, 60 Shot Air Rifle Standing and 60 Shot Air Pistol. Read more on the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/sign-up-now-for-cmps-fall-monthly-air-rifle-and-air-pistol-matches/>.

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© **Gary Anderson Invitational 2022.** The Gary Anderson Invitational (GAI), a three-position junior air rifle event, will again fire Dec. 2-3, 2022. The match is hosted at both CMP Competition Centers: the Gary Anderson

CMP Competition Center in Ohio and the South Competition Center in Alabama. Learn more about the event on the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/cmp-matches/gary-anderson-invitational-air-rifle-championship/>.

© **American Legion's 2022 Junior Three-Position Air Rifle Tournament:** Registration for the American Legion's Air Rifle Tournament for sporter and precision athletes is now open! The event is designed for junior individuals and club teams affiliated with an American Legion Post and is conducted in two postal phases. The course of fire includes 60 shots for record at 10 meters (20 shots at prone, standing and kneeling positions). To learn more, visit the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/youth/american-legion/>.



JROTC, CMP Three-Position Postals

We're gearing up for the 2022-2023 JROTC and CMP Three-Position Air Rifle Postal Championships! The competitions are designed for junior athletes interested in three-position sporter or precision air rifle, fired from the convenience of their home ranges.

The JROTC Postals are open to cadets in Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force JROTC programs, while junior air rifle marksmen involved in 4-H, Scouts, American Legion, club or JROTC air rifle programs are welcome to sign up for the CMP Postal event.

During the matches, participants fire in each of the three positions (prone, standing, kneeling), using one official target for each position at their home ranges. Participants then return their targets to CMP for official scoring.

Learn more about each event by visiting the CMP website!

JROTC Three-Position Air Rifle Postal: <https://thecmp.org/youth/jrotc-air-rifle-national-championship/>

CMP Three-Position Air Rifle Postal: <https://thecmp.org/youth/three-position-national-postal-competition/>

On the Cover: Ryan (left) and Tyler (right) Wee claimed the overall win in the Freedom's Fire Match for the second consecutive year. The event was fired during the National Smallbore series, held at Camp Perry during the annual National Matches.

CMP Summer Rifle Camps Host Over 460 Juniors Across the Country in 2022

Each year, the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) presents a series of hands-on, informative camps for junior air rifle and smallbore rifle athletes. Running from May to August, the CMP Junior Rifle Camps allow high-school age students to receive valuable lessons on intermediate and advanced marksmanship skills, through various exercises and demonstrations.

This summer, the CMP Junior Camps saw 462 juniors and 647 participants through a course of 16 total camps. A group of 22 talented staff members from current NCAA rifle programs helped run the camps in eight different states while also assisting events at the Camp Perry National Matches, 4-H Nationals and American Legion Nationals.

The CMP utilized the experience of new Junior Rifle Camp coordinator, Ryan Hinson, to effectively host each course. A NCAA rifle athlete at Morehead State while in college, Hinson had previously worked as a CMP Summer Camp counselor for two summers, in 2018 and 2019. Additionally, he served as an assistant director during the summer of 2021 before being hired full-time by the CMP this year.

"I think we truly did have a great year of camps," he said. "A big thank you to all of the participants for bringing great attitudes to camps and being patient through the coordinator transition. Thank you to the summer camp counselors for making the transition easy on myself personally, but most importantly, for being great coaches and leaders to this year's youth. Without either of the two, this year's camps would not have been as special as they were."

"The CMP is excited to bring some fresh ideas to the upcoming camps," he added. "And we look forward to seeing some new and familiar faces next summer!"

About CMP Junior Rifle Camps:

The Junior Rifle Camps train young athletes on rifle fundamentals and techniques through group discussions and range exercises. The camps are excellent tools for developing each athlete's strengths within the physical



The Junior Rifle Camps are led by current NCAA athletes who offer personal guidance on the range.

and mental aspects of the sport, while refining trouble areas. Students are able to apply the constructive lessons learned in camp to their own marksmanship careers, with many moving on to college programs and beyond.

Athletes in the CMP Summer Camps are coached directly, one-on-one, by qualified student-athletes from some of the top NCAA rifle teams in the country. During the week-long camp sessions, juniors learn competition shooting essentials such as:

- Positioning
- Goal setting
- Anxiety control
- Optimizing equipment performance
- Building self-confidence on the firing line
- Many other meaningful lessons for on/off the range

Outside of the week-long curriculum, other options for juniors include Advanced Standing Camps (designed to be a follow-up program for those who have attended one or more of the three-position camps or clinics) and Outreach Clinics (nearly identical to the full-length course, with a compressed three-day format).

Learn more about the Junior Rifle Camps and Clinics page on the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/youth/junior-air-rifle-camps-and-clinics/>.

National Matches Top Juniors

Congratulations to all the talented junior leaders of the 2022 Camp Perry National Matches!

Pistol:

Tanya Chowdary, 15, of Belle Mead, New Jersey, was the Overall High Junior in the Pistol 2700 Aggregate Match.

Abbie Leverett, 19, of Bainbridge, Georgia, led the Junior President's Pistol Match with a score of 375-7X – only three x-ring shots away from tying the current national record. She went on to earn second overall in the Junior Individual Pistol Match and was named the top junior in the .22 Rimfire Pistol Aggregate.

Passing Leverett in the Junior Individual Pistol Match was Charisma Owen, 19, of Wichita Falls, Texas, who claimed the G.P. Perry DeFino Trophy for the win with a score of 279-3X.

Likewise, Tanya Chowdary led all juniors in the Junior President's, NTI and NTT events. She also teamed up with Angelina Chudoba to comprise ANJRPC-One (Association of New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Clubs) to fire a score of 542-9X for the overall win in the Junior Team Trophy Match.

Smallbore:

Griffin Lake, 17, of Emmaus, Pennsylvania, captured numerous awards during the Three-Position National Championship, including the Overall Three-Position Aggregate with a score of 1117-27X. He was also the high Intermediate Junior (under 18).

Earning the second place position behind Lake in the Overall Aggregate was Ashlyn Blake, 15, of Sparta, New Jersey, with a score of 1116-35X. Though she finished behind Lake in the Overall, Blake managed to surpass him in the Any Sight Competition by x-count – reaching a score of 565-26X for the win.

Ryan Wee, 17, of Wake Forest, North Carolina, fell just short in the Overall Aggregate

behind Lake and Blake, securing a score of 1116-27X for third.

Taking the top spot in the Iron Sight Championship was Megan Jaros, 16, of Roseville, Minnesota, with a score of 567-14X. Tyler DeKruiger, 17, of Lancaster, New York, took second behind Jaros – leading third place finisher Addy Burrow, 21, of Williamson, Georgia, by one point.

In team competition, Ryan Wee returned to pair up with his brother, Tyler, 15, to reach a score of 1126-39X and the win in the Freedom's Fire Match for the second year in a row. The Wee brothers also joined Ashlyn Blake and Alexa Bodrogi to earn the high score in the four-person Team Championship with 2237-47X.

Top juniors of the Prone 6400 Aggregate were Jordyn Ewine, 17, of Buffalo, North Dakota, Ashlee



Charisma Owen claimed the G.P. Perry DeFino Trophy as the Junior Individual Pistol Match Champion.

Peters, 18, of Pelham, New Hampshire, and Benjamin D'Angelo, 20, of Jamestown, New York.

High juniors using Iron Sights were Brady Fowkes, 18, of Mayport, Pennsylvania (who earned fourth overall), Ashlee Peters and Jordyn Ewine. All three juniors were within the top eight competitors of the over 60 entered in the event.

Jordyn Ewine was the overall junior of the Any Sight Match after besting Joseph Hahn, 19, of Middle Grove, New York, by x-count. Benjamin D'Angelo followed in third in the junior match.

Highpower/Vintage Rifle:

Thomas McGowan, 17, of Hortonville, Wisconsin, was the High Service Rifle Junior and finished eighth overall in the Service Rifle 2400 Aggregate during the CMP National Rifle Championship. Notably, Amber Kingshill, 19, of Vallejo, California, not only nabbed the High Civilian title on Day 2 of the event but collected High Junior and High Woman honors along the way.

Amber Kingshill was also the high junior of the National Trophy Individual event, with a score of 488-21X – 34th place out of 789 competitors.

Benjamin Holliger, 15, of Carlock, Illinois, earned high junior in the President's Rifle Match.

High junior team of the National Trophy Team event was Wisconsin Cheddar. Members Thomas McGowan, Anna Behnke, James Lee, Thomas Kirsten, Andrew Behnke and Kacie McGowan accrued a score of 2921-92X – reaching seventh overall. Wisconsin Cheddar athletes Thomas McGowan and Anna Behnke also nabbed a win in the National Trophy Junior Team Match with a score of 975-41X. Additionally, Behnke was the highest scoring individual of the match, with 490-20X.

California Grizzlies Team Taylor claimed the high junior honor and took fourth overall in the National Trophy Infantry Team Match.



Wisconsin Cheddar, Thomas McGowan (center) and Anna Behnke (right), led the National Trophy Junior Team Match.

McGowan went on to earn the High Junior spot in the Springfield M1A Match during the National Games events.

Cole Aussieker, 16, of Wenona, Illinois, was High Junior of the National Carbine Match.

Allison Schultze, 20, of Elmore, Ohio, notched a score of 280-5X for the High Junior title in the John C. Garand Match.

Madelynn Schnelle, 15, of Crawfordsville, Indiana, set a score of 283-5X (one point over the previous record) in the John C. Garand Match to claim the High Woman honor and also returned to earn the High Junior title in the Springfield Match.

Alex Becker, 17, of Monticello, Indiana, earned High Junior in the Vintage Military event, while Kyle Schloemer, 20, of Cleveland, Ohio, was named High Junior of the Modern Military event.

Connor Stout, 20, of Waterford, Michigan, earned the High Junior honor in the T-Class in the National Rimfire Sporter event. Brendan Dunn, 15, of Taylorsville, Georgia, earned the High Junior spot in the TU class, as Lucy Evans, 14, of Rydal, Georgia, earned High Junior of the O-Class.

Trey Friguglietti, 20, of Lincolnton, North Carolina, claimed High Junior in the Palma Rifle Long Range aggregate.

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THE ISSF – SHOOTING’S WORLD GOVERNING BODY

By Gary Anderson, DCM Emeritus



The Olympic Games' 10m Air Rifle Women event has become one of the world's most-watched sports competitions because the winner receives the Games' first gold medal. A worldwide TV audience of 120 million people watched this 2016 10m Air Rifle Women event and victory ceremony. In addition, many tens of millions also followed this event via the internet, social media, and mobile apps. Virginia Thrasher of the USA won the 2016 Games' first gold medal.

Olympic Games Shooting events and the World Shooting Championships are the world's most important and most-watched Shooting competitions. These competitions are governed by an organization called the **International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF)**¹. The **International Olympic Committee (IOC)**, which governs the Olympic Games, recognizes the ISSF as the **International Federation (IF)** responsible for managing Shooting in the Olympic Games. The ISSF is the world governing body for a complex program of the world's most widely practiced Shooting competitions. The ISSF also cooperates with **World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS)**, the world governing body for Shooting competitions for persons with disabilities. These responsibilities combine to make the ISSF the world's most important shooting sports organization.

Many young people participate in Shooting because it is an Olympic sport. Youth Shooting programs have their highest appeal when they are modeled after Shooting competitions in the Olympics and World Championships

that are governed by ISSF rules. Anyone who competes in smallbore rifle, air rifle or air pistol events has a direct interest in ISSF rules because CMP, USA Shooting (USAS) and NCAA rules for those events follow ISSF Rules. Competitors who compete in international versions of bulls-eye pistol, skeet and trap are also impacted by ISSF rules for those events. For these reasons and more, many athletes, coaches and parents who are active in the sport of Shooting have important reasons to know about the ISSF and how it functions.

This **On the Mark** article explains: 1) ISSF history, 2) how the ISSF is governed, 3) ISSF functions and 4) how the CMP relates to the ISSF. This article will show readers how the ISSF governs the conduct of Shooting in the Olympic and Paralympic Games, World Championships, and other international competitions and how ISSF decisions may impact their participation in CMP Shooting programs.

¹The world governing body of Shooting has had four different names since its founding in 1907, but in this article, it will be referred to only by its modern name, the "International Shooting Sport Federation" (ISSF).

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ISSF

International Shooting competitions began in Europe in the late 1800s. The ISSF's founding grew out of a series of annual international 300m rifle matches that were organized in Europe, starting in 1897. Those Championships added a 50m pistol event in 1900 and were later recognized as the first World Shooting Championships. When the 10th Championship took place in Milan, Italy in 1906, representatives of national shooting federations from Argentina, Austria, Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, and Netherlands agreed to form **L'Union Internationale des Fédérations et Associations nationales de Tir** (*International Union of National Shooting Federations and Associations*) to govern their matches. Delegates from these nations met again in Zurich, Switzerland in 1907 to formally establish the Union and elect Daniel Mérillon from France as its first President. Germany, Hungary, Switzerland, and the USA joined the Union in 1908.

From that austere beginning, the ISSF added national federation members until today it has 163 members in 150 countries (*13 countries have separate rifle-pistol and shotgun federations*). ISSF history progressed through four distinct eras: 1) from its founding in 1907 until its dissolution in 1915 for World War I, 2) from its restoration in 1921 until its dissolution in 1939 for World War II, 3) from its return in 1946 until the end of its era of European domination in 1979, and 4) its modern era that began in 1980 when Olegario Vázquez Raña of Mexico and Horst Schreiber of Germany were elected President and Secretary General. ISSF Headquarters have been in Munich, Germany since 1980.

ISSF history is highlighted by several major changes that made it and the Olympic sport of Shooting what it is today:

- **IOC Recognition.** Today, the IOC recognizes the ISSF as the Olympic Shooting International Federation (IF), but it took eight decades for this relationship to mature. The ISSF was not involved in the early Olympic Shooting events, but the IOC decided to use ISSF Rules, starting with the 1924 Games. Then Shooting was dropped from the 1928 Games because the ISSF awarded cash prizes in its World Championships. That violated the IOC's strict amateur regulations of that time. Shooting was back in the 1932 Games after agreeing to stricter amateur rules. Attaining a secure position in the Olympic program, however, did not occur until the 1980s when ISSF President Vázquez Raña gained full support from the IOC after getting the ISSF to make Shooting one of the first Olympic sports to accept athlete quotas, adopt an Olympic qualifying system and make changes that adapted Shooting to be a spectator and media sport.

Abbreviations in this Article:

IOC. International Olympic Committee

ISSF. International Shooting Sport Federation

WSPS. World Shooting Para Sport

CMP. Civilian Marksmanship Program

USAS. USA Shooting

USOPC. U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee

NCAA. National Collegiate Athletic Association

IF. International Federation

HISTORIC ISSF NAMES

1907. L'Union Internationale des Fédérations et Associations nationales de Tir

1924. Union Internationale de Tir (UIT)

1946. International Shooting Union (ISU)

1998. International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)



At the conclusion of the 2014 World Shooting Championship in Granada, Spain, ISSF President Olegario Vázquez Raña (l.) and Secretary General Franz Schreiber (r.) presented a jubilant team leader from the People's Republic of China with the Nas-sar Trophy that recognizes the most successful nation in each World Championship.

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Air rifle and pistol events were added to the Olympic Program in the 1980s. They are one of the main reasons Shooting became one of the world's most popular sports. The athlete in this photo is 2021 Olympic 10m Air Rifle Men gold medalist Will Shaner, USA, shown during a pause between shots in that Olympic final.



During the 1976 Olympics Games in Montreal, Margaret Thompson-Murdock, USA, became the first woman to win an Olympic medal in Shooting with her silver medal finish in the 50m rifle three-position event.

• **Growth in Shooting Events.** The ISSF's program of events gradually expanded from its two original events, 300m rifle and 50m pistol, until today when it recognizes 20 rifle, pistol, shotgun, running target and target sprint events. Through the 1960s, the 300m rifle event was the "queen of rifle events." 300m rifle lost that elite status because too many countries could not build 300m rifle ranges and because center-fire ammunition was so expensive. Its last appearance in the Olympics was in 1972, 50 years ago. A dramatic change in ISSF events began in 1966 when a 10m air rifle event was added to the World Championship Program. Air rifle was added to the Olympic program in 1984; air pistol was added in 1988. Air gun events can be organized in any country in the world and have contributed much to Shooting's universality.

• **Gender Equality.** Shooting began as a so-called "man's sport." Women were never officially excluded, and in the 1960s, a few women began to qualify for their national teams and participate in World Championships and Olympics. Margaret Thompson-Murdock of the USA pioneered the way for women athletes by qualifying for USA 50m and 300m rifle teams that won gold medals in the 1966 World Championship. In 1976, she became the first woman to win an Olympic medal in Shooting when she placed second in the 50m three-position rifle event. The ISSF had already introduced separate women's events in its World Championships in 1958 and in subsequent years, the ISSF proposed that there be separate women's Shooting events in the Olympics. The first women's events in the Olympic Games were in 1984, but it was not until 2018 that the ISSF proposed a fully gender equal Olympic Shooting program to the IOC. The 2021 Games in Tokyo were the first Olympics with equal numbers of men's and women's events and equal numbers of men's and women's participation quotas.

• **Becoming a Spectator, Television and Media Sport.** A major ISSF change during Olegario Vázquez Raña's presidency was its transformation from the traditional ways of conducting competitions to becoming a spectator and media friendly sport. Paper targets and scoring after a competition were replaced by electronic targets and scoring with instant displays of official results. Electronic targets were sufficiently developed so they could replace paper targets in most 1992 Olympic rifle and pistol events. For the first time in Shooting history, scores were final as soon as they flashed on athlete and spectator monitors.

Waiting by the main bulletin board for winners to be identified was replaced by event finals² where medalists were celebrated when the last shots were fired.

Finals where the top eight athletes in a qualification event finished the competition by firing ten additional shots to decide medal winners were introduced in the 1986 World Championship and 1988 Olympic Games. Finals were very controversial when they were introduced, but they were soon accepted because they did so much to make Shooting a spectator and media sport. True finals where finalists fire a new event with no qualifying scores being carried forward, however, were not adopted until 2013. Start-from-zero finals first appeared in the 2014 World Championship and 2016 Olympics.

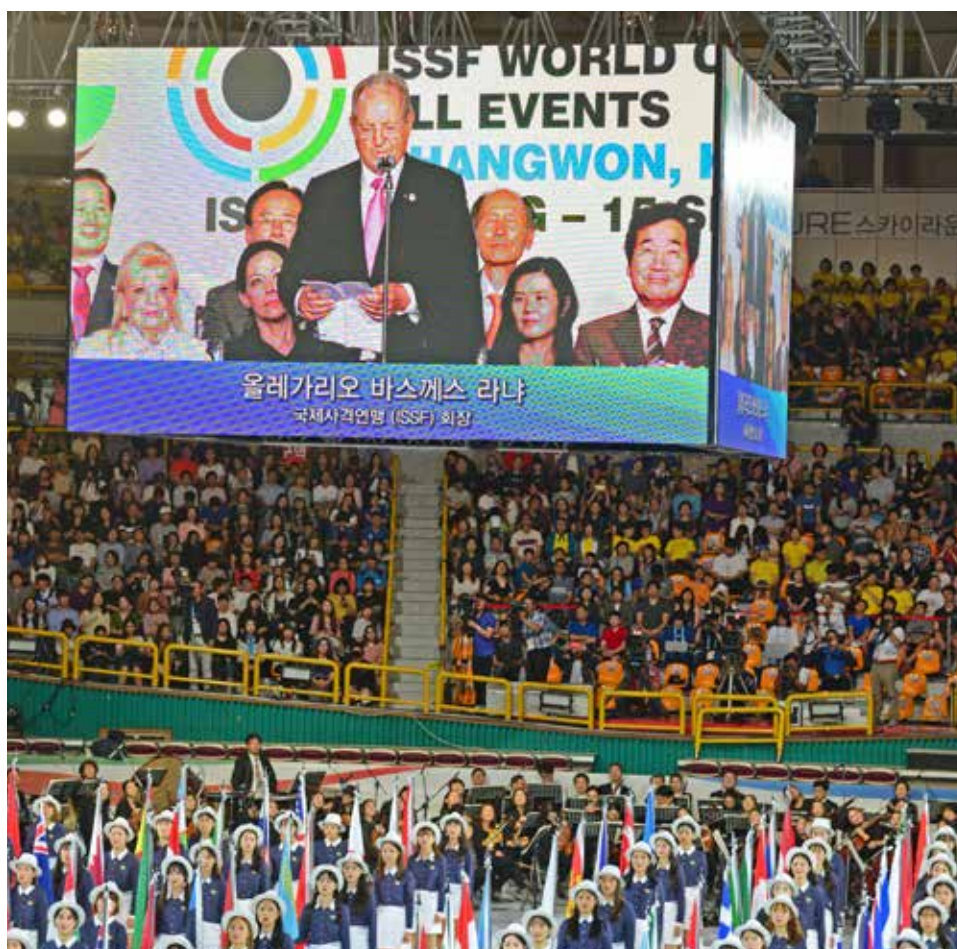
• **The Battle Against Doping and Cheating.** One of the most critical battles in Olympic sports is controlling efforts to give certain athletes unfair advantages over other competitors. In Shooting there are two ways to cheat, by doping and by using performance enhancing equipment. Doping in Shooting is done primarily with beta-blockers. To control doping, medalists and random selectees in all ISSF Championships now undergo anti-doping testing.

Performance-enhancing equipment primarily concerns rifle clothing. Rifle competitors can gain significant advantages by using jackets and trousers that are stiffer or thicker than what the rules permit. To control this, the ISSF adopted no-tolerance equipment control testing to determine if athletes are using jackets or trousers that are too stiff or too thick.

• **Becoming a World Sport.** The ISSF's transition from being a Euro-centered organization to becoming a world sport was another significant change. From its founding in 1907 until 1980, all ISSF Presidents were European. The election of Olegario Vázquez Raña of Mexico as President in 1980 occurred in part because he marshalled support from American and Asian federations and involved them in ISSF governance.



Electronic targets and finals changed Shooting into a true spectator sport. This special finals range in New Delhi, India, showcases an Indian landmark, the Taj Mahal, in a theater-like setting designed for spectators and television productions.



ISSF President Olegario Vázquez Raña is shown speaking during the Opening Ceremony of the 2018 World Championship in Changwon, Korea. Vázquez Raña set air rifle world records in the 1970s and he became a highly successful businessman in Mexico. He served as ISSF President from 1980 through 2018.

² The Summer 2022 issue of *On the Mark* has a comprehensive article on "Finals in Shooting."

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Vázquez Raña's leadership and vision transformed the ISSF into a true world sports organization. His final term of office ended with his retirement in 2018. He was succeeded by Vladimir Lisin, a Russian oligarch who won a closely contested election in that year's ISSF General Assembly by only four votes. Notwithstanding his narrow mandate, Lisin initiated a series of governing and technical rule changes that enhanced the authority of the Executive Committee and made significant competition rule changes. 3x40 rifle events have now become 3x20 events; finals now typically end with gold medal duels between the last two finalists.

HOW THE ISSF IS GOVERNED

Constitution and General Assembly. The ISSF's primary governing document is its **Constitution**. The most recent version was approved by the 2019 ISSF General Assembly. Theoretically, the "supreme authority" of the ISSF is its **General Assembly** which meets once every two years. Each member federation nation can send two voting delegates to the Assembly. The Assembly controls the **Constitution** and elects the President, Vice Presidents, five members of the Executive Committee and the Chairmen of all Committees, except for the Athletes' Committee, whose members are elected by eligible athletes.

ISSF Council. The ISSF has a Council made up of the Officers, Executive Committee Members, Chairmen of its

Statutes and Medical Committees and representatives of each of its five Continental Confederations. The Council has authority over the Federation's General Regulations, Anti-Doping Rules, and its Code of Ethics. Under pre-2019 Constitutions, the Council was the ISSF's rule-making body, but its authority, and that of the Technical and Section Committees, was greatly curtailed by the 2019 **Constitution**.

Executive Committee. The Executive Committee includes the Officers, Chairmen of the Technical and Athletes Committees, five representatives of the Continental Confederations and five representatives-at-large elected by the General Assembly. The Executive Committee now appoints the Secretary General, who under previous Constitutions was elected. The Secretary General manages ISSF administrative and legal functions. The Executive Committee determines which Shooting events are recognized by the ISSF, approves technical rules for those events, selects federations to host ISSF World Championships and World Cups and appoints Technical Delegates and Juries for ISSF Championships. Since the authority to determine events, event rules and Championship hosts are among an IF's most critical functions, the Executive Committee may actually be the most powerful body in the ISSF.

President and Vice Presidents. The ISSF President presides at all meetings of the General Assembly, Council and Executive Committee. The President represents the ISSF in all international sports organizations. Vice Presidents' duties vary and depend upon what the President allows or asks them to do.

Athletes Committee. Athlete participation plays a prominent role in the governance of modern Olympic sports. The ISSF has a 10-member Athletes Committee. Seven are elected by athletes; three are appointed by the Executive Committee. The current Chair of the ISSF Athletes Committee is Kim Rhode, five-time Olympic medalist in double trap and skeet from the USA. The Athletes Committee Chair is a member of both the Council and Executive Committee.

Committees. The ISSF now has twelve different Committees. Committee Chairmen are elected by the General Assembly; Committee Members are elected by the Council. Membership on ISSF Committees is highly coveted because Committee Members receive priority consideration in the selection of Jury members for World Championships and the Olympics. The Technical, Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun Committees were formerly very active in making rules for their respective disciplines, but that role diminished after the 2019 Constitution was adopted.



Vladimir Lisin from Russia is the current ISSF President. He is one of Russia's wealthiest billionaires. He is chairman and majority shareholder of Novolipetsk, one of the four largest steel companies in Russia.

ISSF FUNCTIONS

The primary functions of International sports federations are to: 1) **recognize national member federations**, 2) **recognize specific events** within their sport, 3) **establish and enforce regulations and rules** to govern their sport, 4) **designate and manage championships**, and 5) serve as an **Olympic sport governing body**.

Recognizing National Federations. USA Shooting (USAS), which is headquartered at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado, is the ISSF member federation in the USA. USAS gained that status because the **U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC)**, which is the National Olympic Committee in the U. S., recognizes USAS as the **National Governing Body (NGB)** for Olympic Shooting. This recognition is based upon criterion in federal law.

For example, the law requires that Olympic sports governing bodies must have a minimum of 20 percent of their Boards of Directors made up of active athletes. The National Rifle Association (NRA) was the Shooting NGB in the USA through most of the 20th century, but the USOPC revoked the NRA's NGB recognition in 1994 and created USAS to be the Olympic Shooting NGB.

USA Olympic sport NGBs like USAS are responsible for training and selecting athletes who represent the USA in Olympic, World Championship, Continental Championship, and other international competitions as members of U. S. National Teams. National Team members are selected through competitive trials.

Recognizing Shooting Events. The ISSF currently recognizes 20 different rifle, pistol, shotgun, running target and target sprint (*running and air rifle shooting*) events.



This chart shows ISSF relationships with other international and national organizations involved in governing international shooting. The IOC recognizes the ISSF as the Olympic Shooting IF. The ISSF recognizes Continental Shooting Organizations and National Shooting Federations to govern shooting in the five continents and 150 nations.

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Shooting Events Recognized by the ISSF

**Asterisks designate 2024 Olympic events*

- 10m Air Rifle*
- 50m Rifle 3 Positions*
- 50m Rifle Prone
- 300m Rifle 3 Positions
- 300m Rifle Prone
- 300m Rifle Standard Rifle
- 10m Air Pistol*
- 25m Pistol*
- 25m Rapid Fire Pistol*
- 25m Center Fire Pistol
- 25m Standard Pistol
- 50m Pistol
- Trap*
- Double Trap
- Skeet*
- 10m Running Target
- 10m Running Target Mixed
- 50m Running Target
- 50m Running Target Mixed
- Target Sprint (running & air rifle)

But each event may be conducted as separate events for 1) men individuals, 2) women individuals, 3) mixed teams (*one male and one female*), 4) men's teams and 5) women's teams. Most of these events can also be conducted as junior events for U21 and U18 juniors.

Establishing Regulations and Rules. The ISSF has a complex set of regulations and rules governing the conduct of its shooting events. There are **General Regulations** governing the organization of Championships. There are **Eligibility Rules** governing who may compete and how sponsors may be advertised. There are **Technical Rules** governing the conduct of each event and the equipment that may be used in them.

Conducting Championships. The ISSF designates and directly supervises the conduct of World Championships and World Cups. For many years there was one combined World Championship for seniors and juniors every four years, but recent changes have separated open/senior World Championships from Junior World Championships. In addition, separate World Championships for Rifle/Pistol and Shotgun will now be held every second year after major World Championships. National Federation hosts selected by the ISSF Executive Committee are responsible for providing the venue and staff to conduct the competitions. The ISSF supervises championships by appointing Technical Delegates and Competition Juries.

Olympic Sport Governing Responsibility. The IOC decides which sports and events are in the Olympic Program and how many athletes and officials each sport may bring to the Games. International Federations (IF) like the ISSF “*assume the responsibility for the control and direction of their sports at the Olympic Games.*”³ IF rules govern the conduct of each sport's events in the Games. The IF also selects the Technical Delegates and Jury Members who work with Olympic Organizing Committee personnel to conduct the competitions.

The CMP National Matches include a 50m Smallbore Rifle Position Championship that is conducted according to CMP Smallbore Rifle Competition Rules, which are based on ISSF and USAS Rules. This Championship was a USAS Ranking Match.



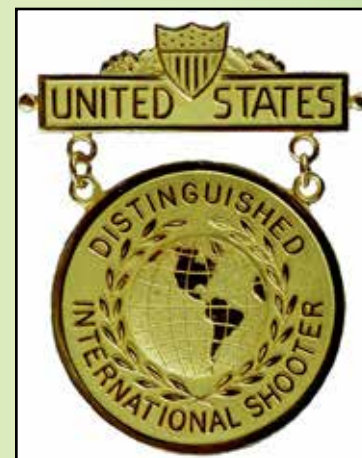
Today each sport must have an Olympic qualifying system approved by the IOC. Shooting will have 340 athlete quotas for the Paris 2024 Games. Shooting is one of 28 sports on the Program, with six men's, six women's and three mixed team events. Olympic Shooting events are determined by tradition, popularity, and universality (*which events can be practiced all over the world*). IOC rules now require gender equality in events and athlete quotas allocated to each event. That led to major changes in 2018 when men's 50m rifle prone, 50m pistol and double trap were dropped from the Olympic Program and replaced by three mixed team events, 10m Air Rifle, 10m Air Pistol and Trap or Skeet.

How the CMP Relates to the ISSF and USAS

The CMP supports competitions in a wide array of shooting disciplines that include both non-ISSF events like Highpower Rifle, Vintage Military Rifle, and Service Pistol and events like **Air Rifle, Air Pistol, and Smallbore Rifle Position** that essentially follow ISSF rules. One of the CMP's biggest shooting constituencies is the **Junior Three-Position Air Rifle** program that is modeled after Olympic smallbore position and air rifle events. The CMP and USAS were the two lead organizations in forming the **National Three-Position Air Rifle Council** that governs Junior 3-Position Air Rifle competitions. The CMP's prestigious Distinguished Badge program includes the **Distinguished International Shooter Badge** that can only be earned by USA athletes who win medals or multiple high place finishes in ISSF or WSPS international championships (*see inset*).

The CMP cooperates with USAS in many ways that promote shooting activities linked to the ISSF. The CMP's **National Air Rifle and Air Pistol Championships** during this year's National Matches were USAS Ranking Matches for their National Team Selection system. **National Three-Position Air Rifle Championships** conducted by the CMP offer qualifying opportunities for the USAS National Futures Team. Through programs like these, the CMP functions as a grassroots developmental program that offers additional competition opportunities for athletes who also compete in USAS competitions and national team trials. This allows the USAS to focus more resources on training and supporting the elite athletes who will represent the USA in the Olympics and International Championships governed directly by the ISSF.

The U.S. Distinguished International Shooters Badge is arguably the most difficult of all the Distinguished Badges to earn. This Distinguished Badge may only be awarded to USA athletes who win medals or high place finishes in ISSF or WSPS (para-shooting) Championships. This badge was initiated by the CMP's predecessor



government organization, the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice. The first International Distinguished Badge was presented by President John F. Kennedy in 1963. To date, 513 rifle, pistol, shotgun and running target athletes have earned this prestigious badge. A detailed history of this badge is posted on the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/USDISHistory.pdf?vers=041019>.

About the Author

Gary Anderson, Director of Civilian Marksmanship Emeritus, retired as the full-time CMP Director at the end of 2009. He continues to work with the CMP as the senior marksmanship instructor. During his remarkable career, he won two Olympic gold medals, seven World Championships and 16 National Championships. He served as a Vice President of the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) from 1990 through 2018. He is a former Nebraska State Senator and Past President of USA Shooting. He 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."

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



³ From the *IOC Olympic Charter*

Talented Junior Rifle Duo Ryan and Tyler Wee Catch 'Fire' Again in National Win

Ryan Wee, 17, and his brother Tyler, 15, of Wake Forest, North Carolina, are used to sharing. They share a home, the same birth month and a passion for the same sport – rifle marksmanship.

At the 2022 CMP National Smallbore Matches, fired in July at Camp Perry in Ohio, the pair won the Freedom's Fire team event for the second consecutive year. Ryan went on to earn third overall in the three-position aggregate while Tyler took fourth (separated by just six points). Both brothers also earned multiple age group awards for their performances in the Iron Sight and Any Sight Championships.

"I think that we are successful in the Freedom's Fire match because we put out consistent scores and know each other's strengths and weaknesses," Tyler said. "Before the match, we discussed which positions either of us would most likely have trouble in and how we can work around that."

"We don't put any sort of pressure on winning the team match. We really just do it for fun" Ryan added. "I think competing with a sibling also takes a lot of the pressure away – we both know that we try our best, and there's never any hard feelings or blame if things don't work out for one of us during the match."

The ranges at Camp Perry, where the National Matches have been held since 1907, are famous for their erratic conditions. Located right along on the shore of Lake Erie, the fickle environment has been known to test even the most seasoned marksmanship athletes. Yet, the Wee Brothers are never nervous to take it all on.

"Camp Perry is an unpredictable range because of the winds, heat and unexpected cease fires that could be called at any moment, which may interrupt your rhythm," Tyler said. "Instead of preparing for Camp Perry, I use the practice time the day before the match at the range to learn and adapt to the new conditions."

While not at Camp Perry, Tyler and Ryan practice outside during the hotter hours of the day to build endurance.

"We don't have a way to prepare for the winds, so it's always a learning experience and a fun challenge to try to overcome," Ryan said of competing at Nationals.



Tyler and Ryan won the smallbore Freedom's Fire Trophy for the second year.

Finding various spots where the boys can compete together allows the Wee family to travel not only to Camp Perry but other areas around the country. Classifying themselves as "foodies," a residual effect of marksmanship shooting has been getting to try new restaurants and taking in local cultures.

"I also like meeting new people and making new friends at ever match, as well as seeing old friends," Ryan said. "It's another dimension of the sport I really enjoy."

Ryan became involved with marksmanship his freshman year of high school by firing at a local range. Likewise, Tyler discovered a passion for smallbore shooting after signing up for a gun safety program at the same club, the Sir Walter Gun Club, where both are still members.

"I enjoy the fact that shooting is more of a mental sport," Tyler said. "The mental aspect sets it apart from more physically demanding sports because it welcomes a wider variety of athletes to compete."

Now cultivating their careers, the brothers are also members of the Carolina Academy of Precision Shooters and Team Winning Solutions, along with Sir Walter. They both participate in three-position smallbore and 60 shot air rifle, and they try to compete about once a month to keep their skills sharp.

"We spend lots of time practicing together, so being able to talk and understand each other's situations helps us compete," Tyler explained.

The two practice smallbore at Sir Walter once a week and train daily for air rifle using a SCATT training system to effectively improve their holds. As for equipment, Ryan and Tyler each use a Walther KK300 Blacktec Plus for smallbore and a Feinwerkbau 700S for air rifle. Ryan uses a Hammerli AR20 PRO (also used by Tyler).

"It's a fun challenge, seeing the progress I can make and finding ways to improve," Ryan said of marksmanship.

Sometimes, finding time to practice becomes a challenge during the school year – especially with Ryan following an Advanced Placement, honors course load. During practice, Ryan shoots a normal 3P smallbore match and a 60 shot match for air rifle. Tyler focuses on timing, processes and his overall position.

"It's a lot of fun to compete with my brother," Ryan said. "Believe it or not, we've never had any rivalry. Occasionally, we make bets during practice for the loser to do the other's chores."

"Competing in the same sport allows both of us to understand what the other is experiencing and help each other fix situations that one may have also been in," Tyler added.

"Shooting is an individual sport, and we both understand that we are trying to do our absolute best," he went on. "When one of us shoots better than the other, we just laugh and talk about what we learned and about how to improve for the next match. Whenever we are practicing or competing, our focus is on finding ways to improve ourselves and each other."

In the future, Ryan hopes to compete in college and beyond. He also wants to study science in pursuit of a career in the medical field.

"I want to be able to help those in need and make a difference," Ryan said.

Tyler is hoping to shoot in college alongside his brother and would love to compete internationally. For his career, Tyler hopes to someday attend dental school to become an orthodontist.



The brothers train for Camp Perry by practicing in the heat of the day and taking advantage of range time.

No matter what, both brothers agree that they'd like to stay involved in marksmanship, maybe as junior rifle coaches. Ultimately, they share the sentiment of giving back to the sport that has already given them so much.

"This sport has opened so many opportunities for me, and I want other juniors to be able to enjoy what I have from the sport," Ryan said.



Outside of competition, the Wee family enjoys traveling together to different areas of the country.

CMP Marks High Attendance at Inaugural Camp Perry National Air Gun Matches

Over the weekend of July 16-18, the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) presented a brand new series of indoor events for juniors and adults, the National Air Gun Matches. Fired within the world-class range of the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center, the fresh lineup will now be a fixture during the annual Camp Perry National Matches, held each summer in Ohio.

“With almost 200 competitors, we were very happy with the turnout we had for the first year of the National Air Gun Matches, and we’re looking forward to building this match in the future,” said Katie Harrington, CMP program coordinator and match director for the National Air Gun events. “We are so appreciative of the support we had, and it was so great to see the camaraderie and sportsmanship between competitors – it’s what the National Matches are all about.”



Kristen Hemphill (left) and Katie Zaun (right) were the overall winners in the 2-Man air rifle event.



Leading the 2-Man air pistol match was William Regala (left) and Suman Sanghera (right). Sanghera was also the Junior Champion in 60 Shot air pistol.

The inaugural National Air Gun Match series was comprised of a Team Elimination Match followed by two days of 60 Shot air rifle and air pistol competitions. A team championship was also fired concurrently with the 60 Shot Match, combining the 60 shot scores of four grouped athletes.

The Team Elimination Match brought a unique type of competition to the National Matches schedule, combining the talents of paired athletes in air rifle and air pistol for three separate rounds. Round 1 saw teams firing 20 record shots each in 20 minutes, with the top 18 teams in each discipline moving on to the same format in Round 2.

Teams that qualified for Round 3 (the top four teams from Round 2) entered a new course of fire that featured single shots fired by each teammate in a time limit of 50 seconds – the first and second teams competing against one another, along with the third and fourth. The single shots from each teammate were combined, with the team achieving the highest score receiving two points. The first duo to reach 16 points or more were declared the winners.

Winning overall in the 2-member Elimination Match for air rifle was Ope and Y'all, Kristen Hemphill and Katie Zaun. The pair beat out Horned Nanook (Rylan Kissell and Abigail Gordon) 16 to 8.

In air pistol, Nova Sharp Shooters, William Regala and Suman Sanghera, took home the overall title after a tight contest against Arizona State Rifle & Pistol Association (John Zurek and Eugene Berman) – attaining a score of 16 to 14.

Each winning 2-person team member received \$100 from the CMP.

During the National Air Gun Championship 60 Shot event, competitors fired two days of 60 record shots, followed by a final for the top eight Open and Junior athletes at the conclusion of the two days.

Earning the Junior Championship title in air rifle was Elizabeth Probst, 16, of Brady, Texas, with a score of 249.4. Following in second was Gavin Barnick, 19, of Appleton, Wisconsin, with 248.1, as Probst's teammate Camryn Camp, 16, of Hillsboro, Texas, landed in third. Katie Zaun, 19, of Buffalo, North Dakota, led the Open competition with a score of 248.4 over 2-person teammate Kristen Hemphill



Elizabeth Probst netted the Junior Championship win in 60 Shot air rifle.

and SGT Brandon Muske of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU). Both Probst and Zaun earned \$200 for their wins.

Suman Sanghera, 16, of Great Falls, Virginia, earned the same prize and the Junior Champion title in the air pistol match, with a score of 233.5. She also claimed second in the Open competition behind Anthony Lutz, 34, of Orient, Ohio, who fired a score of 238.2 for the overall win. The air pistol event also included recognitions for age group and classification leaders.

In the 4-Man Team competition, the USAMU claimed the top spot in the air rifle event. Members SGT Timothy Sherry, SGT Brandon Muske, SGT Patrick Sunderman and SPC Levi Clark fired a combined score of 4985.4 to overtake the match. High Junior Team was Dads of America – Elijah Spencer, Bremen Butler, Emme Walrath and Alivia Perkins. The team also received third place in the Overall competition with a score of 4969.7

Team Lapua (David Lange, Edward Reineke, Andrew Esposito and Richard Kang) fired the overall winning score of 4390-84X to claim the 4-Man win in air pistol.

For a complete list of results, including other medal-earning finishes and categorical air pistol awards, visit the CMP's Competition Tracker page at <https://ct.thecmp.org/2022NatAirGunResults>. Photos of the event may be found online at <https://cmp1.zenfolio.com/f789405796> – with free download!

CMP's Annual Anniston Dixie Doubles Air Gun Match Returns with the Famous Target Sprint!

ANNISTON, Ala. – Registration is now open for the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) 13th annual Anniston Dixie Doubles Air Rifle and Air Pistol Competition, set to fire Nov. 3-5, 2022, at the South Competition Center in Alabama.

The event is fired on the state-of-the-art electronic targets housed within the facility and features two days of 60 Shot international air rifle and air pistol competitions for adults and juniors, along with a final to end each day. Additionally, a two-person (adult and junior pair) aggregate team event is held concurrently with the open shooting competition. Overall competitors are awarded each individual day as well as from the combined, two-day aggregate scores.



The annual Anniston Dixie Doubles is held at the South Competition Center in Alabama.



The fun and popular Target Sprint event returns in 2022!

Hosting a variety of individuals from around the country, including Olympians and national-level athletes, the Anniston Dixie Doubles serves as a learning opportunity for new, upcoming competitors and is also a worthwhile challenge for experienced marksmen and women.

Returning to the Dixie Doubles in 2022 after a short hiatus is the exciting Target Sprint competition! Firing on Saturday, Nov. 4, participants in the Target Sprint run along a marked path, occasionally stopping to fire air rifles at five 10-meter falling targets – knocking all over before continuing the race. The first to cross the finish line wins! This fun event is open to all competitors and non-competitors, ages 10 and up, who have completed a basic rifle safety class.

Sign up now for one of the South's most popular air gun competitions! For more information about the Anniston Dixie Doubles and to register, visit <https://thecmp.org/cmp-matches/dixie-double/>.

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
#1603	Liam Hunter	Fort Mill, SC
#1604	Kelsie Isbell	Batesville, MS
#1605	Truitt Lemon	Santa Fe, NM
#1606	Mackenzie Pruden	Fulshear, TX
#1607	Kayla Riewe	Lubbock, TX
#1608	Gabriela Zych	Anchorage, AK
#1609	Hope Dobek	Des Moines, IA
#1610	Rachel Brandt	Lincoln, CA
#1611	Casia Steinhaus	Devils Lake, ND

Badge #	Name	Hometown
#1612	Jordyn Ewine	Buffalo, ND
#1613	Mallory Johnson	Cookeville, TN
#1614	Taylor Crane	Apple Valley, MN
#1615	Kalinn White	Zion, IL
#1616	Ainsley McFarland	Billings, MT
#1617	Sarah Hancock	Fountain, CO
#1618	Nicolette Hoffman	Armour, SD
#1619	Jenna Kruger	Pierre, SD
#1620	Victoria Cross	Fairfax, VA



Nation Ford's Cameron Earns Overall Wins, Records at 2022 3P Sporter Nationals

CAMP PERRY, Ohio – Nation Ford High School's Marine Corps JROTC, coming off a Three-Position National Championship title its members achieved in March, saw Maya Cameron, 18, leading all matches at the 2022 National Three-Position Sporter Air Rifle Championship.

The National Championship for the sporter class was held June 23-25, 2022, at the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center in Ohio. A group of 122 junior athletes from 4-H, Scouts, American Legion, club and JROTC air rifle programs fired in the event, which facilitated two different matches: the Junior Olympic Three-Position Nationals and the CMP Nationals.

During her winning performances, Cameron set a new overall and MCJROTC national record in the Junior Olympic competition with a finals score of 443.9 and two new national overall and MCJROTC records for her outstanding finals score of 448.8 in the CMP match.

Cameron, who served as captain of the Nation Ford team for three years, will be taking her talents to North Georgia University where she'll compete on the school's



Maya Cameron of Nation Ford earned first place overall in both the Junior Olympic and CMP events.

own rifle team.

Nation Ford was also the leading sporter team each day of the National Three-Position Air Rifle Championship while fielding a third and second place team and five top three individual finishes. Unsurprisingly, Nation Ford was the high scholastic team in both matches.

Other placing teammates were Kyle Orr, 18, who earned third and second place wins, respectively, as Samantha Zermeno, 17, added another third place finish in the CMP Nationals event. Nation Ford's Abril DeCastro, 16, landed in eighth place in the Junior Olympic match.

Also earning a spot on the podium was Tha Dah, 17, of Des Moines Central MCJROTC from Iowa, who claimed second place in the Junior Olympic match.

Along with medals, the leading eight individuals of the CMP Three-Position Match



Cameron set multiple records during her finals performances at the event.

received monetary awards from the CMP: \$1,000 for first through third and \$500 for fourth through eighth. Teams received their own funds from the CMP: \$2,000 for third, \$3,000 for second and \$4,000 for first.

The CMP also presented \$1,000 scholarships to the top three placing graduated seniors of the event. This year's recipients were Maya Cameron, Kyle Orr and Tha Dah.

Additional results of the 2022 National Three-Position Air Rifle Championship:

CMP National Individuals:

1. Maya Cameron, 18, Nation Ford MCJROTC, South Carolina
2. Kyle Orr, 18, Nation Ford MCJROTC, South Carolina
3. Samantha Zermeno, 17, Nation Ford MCJROTC, South Carolina
4. Mallory Johnson, 16, Cookeville High School, Tennessee
5. Tha Dah, 17, Des Moines Central MCJROTC, Iowa
6. Kaitlyn Hawk, 17, North Pole High School, Alaska
7. Julia Winstrom, 16, Kimball Dead Eye Shooters, Nebraska
8. Hope Dobek, 17, Des Moines Central Marine Corps JROTC, Iowa

CMP Nationals Teams:

1. Nation Ford High School JROTC, South Carolina (Maya Cameron, Kyle Orr, Abril DeCastro, Samantha Zermeno)
2. Nation Ford High School JROTC, South Carolina (Liam Hunter, Kees Vandergriff, Jennifer Zermeno, Caroline Audette)
3. Daniel Boone High School, Tennessee (Jake Moody, Cavin Osborn, Nanchaya Bailey, Zachary Higgins)

Junior Olympics National Individuals:

1. Maya Cameron, 18, Nation Ford MCJROTC
2. Tha Dah, 17, Des Moines Central MCJROTC, Iowa



Nation Ford MCJROTC brought home several awards from the match, including two first place trophies.

3. Kyle Orr, 18, Nation Ford MCJROTC
4. Kaitlyn Hawk, 17, North Pole High School, Alaska
5. Seth Carver, 18, Warrenton Rifles, Virginia
6. Taylar Crane, 16, X-Men Club, Minnesota
7. Kaden Harris, 17, Madison Mavericks, Texas
8. Abril DeCastro, 16, Nation Ford High School

Junior Olympic Teams:

1. Nation Ford High School JROTC, South Carolina (Maya Cameron, Kyle Orr, Abril DeCastro, Samantha Zermeno)
2. Daniel Boone High School, Tennessee (Jake Moody, Cavin Osborn, Nanchaya Bailey, Zachary Higgins)
3. Nation Ford High School JROTC, South Carolina (Liam Hunter, Kees Vandergriff, Jennifer Zermeno, Caroline Audette)

For a complete list of results of all stages of the National Three-Position Air Rifle Championship, visit the CMP's Competition Tracker page at <https://ct.thecmp.org/2022N3PARCResults>.

Photos of each event may be viewed and downloaded for free at <https://cmp1.zenfolio.com/f65061194>.

Texas Hill, Walrath Repeat Last Year's Wins at 2022 National 3P Championships



Texas Hill Country Shooters broke and set its own national record twice during the National 3PAR event.

Those in attendance at the 2022 National Three-Position Precision Championships might have been feeling some déjà vu.

At last year's event, which was held in two different locations to accommodate COVID restrictions, Texas Hill Country Shooters set a new Team 3×20 national record score in the Junior Olympic (JO) match. Texas Hill returned in 2022 to not only fire a new Team 3×20 national record in the JO event but also turned around to break and set a new record in the CMP competition the next day – reaching an overall score of 2379-200X. Team members included Elizabeth Probst, Braden Peiser, Camryn Camp and Briley Salla.

The National Three-Position Precision Air Rifle Championships were held at the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) Gary Anderson Competition Center at Camp Perry, Ohio, July 13-15, 2022. The two-day junior event featured the Junior Olympic National 3PAR (three-position air rifle) match along with the CMP National 3PAR match.

Individual winners were chosen each day through a three-position elimination final, where the top eight qualifying athletes started from a score of 0.0 and fired shots at prone, kneeling and standing positions to accumulate aggregate scores. Lowest scores were eliminated from the final until only one remained. Overall winning teams were also determined from four-person qualifying aggregates from each day's scores.

"This event brings out the best junior air rifle shooters, and this year was no exception," said Katie Harrington, CMP program coordinator and match director for the National Three-Position Championships. "The scores this year were very impressive. We had over 25 individuals fire in the 590s each day, and we got to watch some very exciting finals. It was great to have all the competitors back firing shoulder-to-shoulder this year."

Like Texas Hill, Emme Walrath, 16, of Grand Rapids Rifle & Pistol Club, and Katie Zaun, 19, of Buffalo Sharpshooters, gave spectators a thrilling show reminiscent of last year's JO match – when the two battled out a tough

finals performance side-by-side. Just as last year, Walrath and Zaun were the last competitors on the line during this year's JO match, with Walrath again earning the overall win. Walrath went on to claim this year's CMP national title – again, just as she did last year.

"Coming into the match, I was just kind of thinking, 'Okay, it's another year – we can do this. We can definitely keep it up this year,'" she explained.

Last year's Nationals was her very first experience in shooting finals. Now more familiar with the process, she went into this year's competition with a simple yet encouraging view to lead her once (or twice) again to overall wins.

"Even if I don't win, that's okay," Walrath said. "I've learned how to control my reactions to stress – my heart beating. I know it's there, but that's normal. It's coming to terms with, 'Yes, I'm shooting a final.'"

"I feel like finals are a lot more fun for me," she added. "They're a lot more stressful, yeah, but the stress part adds more fun to it."

Following Walrath and Zaun in the JO event was Elizabeth Probst, 16, of Texas Hill. Probst also earned second behind Walrath in the CMP match, as Isabella Baldwin, 18, of Harpeth Hall High School, overtook the third place position.

"Every year is a huge joy to see everyone," Walrath said of competing at the national level. "It's a very cool feeling that you get to shoot alongside people that you know, and even if you don't get [the win], you can still cheer on as loud as possible for your friends. I find that very rewarding."

Other leading teams of the events behind Texas Hill were Central Illinois Precision Shooting, who earned second in both the JO and CMP competitions, as well as Acorns Green (Virginia) and Oil City Jr. Rifle Team (Pennsylvania), who landed in third place in the JO and CMP matches, respectively.

As part of the continued support of youth athletes, the CMP also awarded \$1,000 scholarships to the top three leading graduated seniors. This year's recipients were Emma Pereira of Virginia and Julianna Hays of Minnesota, who will both be joining the Ole Miss rifle team in the fall, as well as Mikole Hogan of Texas,



Walrath greeted the crowd after she earned another finals win at Nationals.

who is set to become a member of the Texas Christian University rifle team.

The CMP would also like to thank Larry and Brenda Potterfield, co-founders of the MidwayUSA Corporation, who again provided generous donations for the National 3PAR Championship. The MidwayUSA Foundation is a 501c(3) public charity that helps communities and organizations raise funds to support youth shooting teams and activities. The Foundation is an endowment which helps fund team expenses today and into the future.



The top three graduated seniors earned \$1,000 checks from the CMP.

Junior Madelyn Schnelle Captures Distinguished Rifleman Badge in One Year

After only two years of rifle competition, Madelyn Schnelle, 15, of Crawfordsville, Indiana, has accomplished a feat that many spend a lifetime pursuing – claiming her own coveted Distinguished Rifleman Badge.

Madelyn was 13 years old when she started in marksmanship, beginning as scorer for her grandpa, Dave, at a few matches. She was also his “brass rat” – helping to collect the brass casings that fall to the ground after firing is complete.

She soon realized she wanted to compete for herself, so Dave lent her his own shooting coat, to help stabilize her stance, and placed his rifle in her hands.

“When I took that first shot at 600 yards – that’s when I really got hooked,” Madelyn said. “It was a lot of fun. I really enjoyed it.”

Since then, Madelyn has stuck with service rifle and is equipped with a Compass Lake upper, Geissele trigger, Creedmoor coat and a Nightforce scope. She stays involved with every process of competition, including loading her ammo and disassembling her rifle to clean it.

She practices at home, in the kitchen and living room using a SCATT trainer to work on her sight hold. She earns additional training outdoors with a shooting bench and shelter that Dave constructed by hand. The pair also participates in a Tuesday Night league and matches at the nearby Wildcat Valley Rifle & Pistol Club and shoots with the ISRPA (Indiana State Rifle & Pistol Association).

When Madelyn first began her competition career, the Distinguished Badge wasn’t a goal. In fact, at the start, she didn’t even know what it was.

“I just thought I was going to shoot a few shots and improve, but I didn’t think I was going to improve that much to accomplish it,” Madelyn admitted of the Badge.

“When I got better and grandpa told me about it, ‘I said, hey, I can do that,’ – and I did,” she said with a smile.

Her first six points toward her needed 30 for the Distinguished Badge came on June 6 2021 at the Miami Rifle & Pistol Club in Batavia, Ohio. There, she finished as



Madelyn Schnelle earned her Distinguished Rifleman Badge exactly a year from earning her first EIC points.

the second-highest non-Distinguished competitor. A year later, she needed only six more points to reach her goal, so she returned to the place where it all began – Miami Rifle & Pistol.

Her skills were strong at the match, feeling confident at 200 and 300 yards before taking the necessary trip to the pits to pull targets, as is part of rifle competition. Once she returned to the firing line to finish with her 600 yard string, the butterflies set in.

“That’s when it all came rolling over me,” she admitted. “I started shaking real bad, got kind of nauseous.”

Despite her anxieties, she completed the match to the best of her abilities. When they called her name and announced she had achieved her last points, she was overcome.

“I started crying – tearing up,” she said, thinking back to the moment. “It was very overwhelming and emotional.”

There to see her reach her big moment was her grandpa – one of many who have supported her along her marksmanship journey.

“I wouldn’t be a shooter without a rifle, and I wouldn’t have had a rifle without Grandpa,” she said. “He encouraged me, he helped me accomplish so much. He’s

helped me through the times I couldn't figure something out and helped me get through all of it. All of the years that I've shot, he helped me with all of it. And I really, greatly appreciate that."

Dave has been alongside Madelyn for many of her career highlights, including when the two traveled to her first National Matches in 2021. The month-long event has been held annually at the Camp Perry National Guard Training Facility in Ohio since 1903 and features thousands of visitors each year for both rifle and pistol competitions as well as educational courses.

"It was exhausting considering I had to wake up at five o'clock (in the morning) for 12 days, with mayflies swarming, but I did learn a few things from it," Madelyn said.

She learned how to keep calm on the range, even against some of the best shots in the country, while other lessons were discovered the hard way...

After finishing the esteemed President's Rifle Match, one of the most popular events of the National Matches, Madelyn came off the 600-yard line feeling ecstatic – thinking she had just accomplished something truly remarkable in her rifle career. She arrived back at the range the next day to shoot the National Trophy Individual Match (NTI), another significant competition, full of positivity and confidence from the day before.

She boldly took her first shot when she realized her scope was a whopping 13 minutes off her usual settings. Though her shot was perfectly aligned, it landed well above the center of the target. She quickly adjusted and embedded the lesson into her memory.

"Now I never forget it," Madelyn said. "It's better to learn from your mistakes than to having to have someone keep telling you. It sticks in your head better."

Though a few hiccups, she finished the NTI as the 32nd highest junior out of nearly 130. Her first appearance in the President's Rifle Match saw Madelyn placing 55th out of 838 competitors, earning a place in the prestigious President's Hundred as one of the 100 highest adult and youth marksmen of the event. She was also the sixth highest junior athlete in the match.

She'll return to the National Matches in 2022 with a goal of reaching the President's Hundred again and maybe even participating in the Top 20 Shootoff – a sought-after honor of the match.

"I'm going to keep with it," she said of the sport. "Try harder to see if I can accomplish any more and try to help some of my friends."

It's more than scores and awards for Madelyn when it comes to marksmanship – it's also about bettering herself, with the immeasurable support of those around her.

"The thrill of being able to accomplish more than the average person," she said. "And the people, because they've helped me accomplish much more than I would've done by myself."

For other junior athletes who have their own marksmanship goals, Madelyn has some advice.

"Work. Work hard. If you don't work and you don't practice, you won't achieve," she said. "Even though you can't figure something out – if you have a problem with a position or it's not working, don't get frustrated. Get patient and figure that problem out. Zone in on it. Just practice, and practice and practice."

"Don't practice until you get it right, practice until you can't get it wrong," she added. "And then you'll achieve much greater than you will ever achieve. And that's with anything."



Madelyn got her start in marksmanship with the help of her grandpa, who loaned her equipment and created a space for her to train.

Henry Leverett Secures Rare International Distinguished Badge in 2022

Pistol athlete Henry Leverett, 21, reached an accomplishment only 538 others have earned before him – an International Distinguished Badge.

Distinguished Badges are the highest individual awards authorized by the U. S. Government for excellence in marksmanship competition. Badges are presented by the CMP after an individual receives at least 30 Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) points at qualifying matches. In International shooting, extra credit points are also awarded for setting or equaling World Records or earning an Olympic quota.

The Distinguished International Shooters Badge is perhaps one of the most difficult Distinguished Badges to earn. Those in contention for a badge need to qualify for a U.S. National Team while also producing medal-winning performances in international championships – not only against their domestic peers, but also alongside some of the best athletes in the world.

Originally from Bainbridge, Georgia, Leverett began his marksmanship career through a local 4-H program around nine years old. He went on to compete in CMP's Monthly Air Gun Matches in Anniston, Alabama, as well as at the annual Camp Perry National Matches in 2016. Before entering college, he set four USA Shooting national records in junior men's rapid fire and junior men's sport pistol. He has also represented Team USA in a dozen international competitions, including World Cups and World Championships.

Leverett competes for The Ohio State University Pistol Team, set to enter his junior year in 2022. He helped lead the team to a National Title when he was named first team All-American in Air, Sport and Standard pistol and finished in third overall in Standard pistol at Nationals.

In 2019, he won the United States' only 25-meter Rapid Fire Pistol quota for the Tokyo Olympics at the World Cup in China but finished second at the Olympic Trials the following year. Luckily, after a few unforeseen circumstances, USA Shooting was able to earn another quota to secure him a spot on the Rapid Fire pistol event next to his brother, Jack, who competed in the same event.

Leverett's first International points came in September 2018 during the 25-meter Pistol Men's Junior event at the World Cup in Changwon, Korea, when he reached second place. After earning the Olympic Quota in 2019 and a gold medal in the same event at the 2021 Junior World Cup in Lima, Peru, he finally achieved International Distinguished Badge #539 in April 2022 – claiming bronze at the World Cup in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.



The foundation of the International Badge began at the height of the cold war, when marksmanship athletes from the Soviet Union (USSR) were dominating Olympic and World Championship competitions. President Dwight D. Eisenhower established the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit in 1956 and gave it a mission of winning international competitions in an attempt to earn wins for the United States and keep athletes competitive on a global level.

Even further, the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice (NBPRP), which operated as a Department of Defense organization, recommended the creation of the International Distinguished Badge to encourage U.S. citizens to train more intensely to win medals in international competitions.

The original requirement for receiving the badge was to win a gold, silver or bronze medal in an Olympic, World Championship or Pan American Games individual or team event, though the requirements now follow the 30-point criteria for medals won in championships governed by the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF).

The Badge was approved in 1962, and in April 1963, President John F. Kennedy presented the first International Distinguished Badge to Gary Anderson. Anderson had earned several wins overseas, including four gold medals in the 1962 World Championship. After a successful career, Anderson later became the CMP Director of Civilian Marksmanship and now serves as the Director of Civilian Marksmanship Emeritus – remaining hands on in CMP programs to this day.

In 2013, the International Distinguished program was extended to also include World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS) competitions. Now, U.S. athletes who win medals in the Paralympic Games, WSPS World Championships and WSPS World Cups are eligible to win International Distinguished Badges. Learn more about the Distinguished Badge program by visiting the CMP website at <https://thecmp.org/competitions/distinguishedbadges/>.

CMP Announces New Wyoming State Directors for Youth Programs

The CMP is happy to welcome two new State Directors for the state of Wyoming: brother and sister duo, Phillip and Linda Dobkins.

The CMP appoints State Directors to oversee marksmanship programs in each of the 50 states. The mission of the State Directors is to provide leadership, resource and program information, coordination, networking, motivation and publicity for junior shooting within their state.

Raised in Laramie, Wyoming, Phillip and Linda Dobkins have been active in marksmanship most of their lives through competition and coaching. The pair even started their own youth shooting sports program in nearby Cheyenne.

"The logical next step was to start hosting matches and helping other clubs grow," Linda explained of their involvement in youth shooting sports. "We checked with the CMP and found that the State Director position was currently vacant for Wyoming, so we both applied."

"Participation in junior smallbore/air rifle competitions have dropped recently, and that prompted me to contact the CMP about upcoming matches," Phillip added. "Since I'm also head coach of my own program, I felt I could really help boost participation and match sponsorship by becoming State Director and providing leadership to other clubs in the state."

About Phillip Dobkins:

Phillip Dobkins began participating and competing in USA Shooting, CMP and NRA sanctioned events through the local 4-H program in Laramie, Wyoming, around age 12. He continues to practice and compete in smallbore/air rifle, pistol, BPCR, shotgun and muzzleloading rifle.

A certified Level 3 Advanced Rifle Coach and a Distinguished Expert in the Winchester Pistol Program, Phillip is also a USA Shooting Wyoming State Rifle Champion and a Wyoming State 4-H Champion in Rifle and Pistol. In the past, he has earned a spot in



the prestigious President's 100 as one of the top 100 competitors of the annual Camp Perry National Matches President's Match.

"My goals are to advance youth shooting sports in the State of Wyoming," he said of his intentions as a CMP State Director. "I'd like to grow the number of clubs and sanctioned matches over the next two years, and I'd also like to see more participation from Wyoming clubs at the national level."

Outside of marksmanship, Phillip participates in martial arts, camping, hunting, fishing and blacksmithing. He's married with two daughters, who are also active in USA Shooting, NRA and CMP competition.

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About Linda Dobkins:

Linda Dobkins has lived in Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the past 20 years. Growing up, her family was always active in the outdoors through big game hunting, fishing and camping. Like Phillip, she's been involved in shooting sports from a young age and continues to stay involved as an adult in rifle, pistol and shotgun competitions.

A Distinguished Expert in the Winchester Pistol Program, Linda is certified as a Level 3 Advanced Rifle Coach – having collectively led rifle, pistol and muzzleloading rifle training over her career.

"I noticed clubs that had once been active in the state were not there anymore. Some of the youth competitions that had once taken place in Wyoming were also not being scheduled," she said of becoming a CMP State Director. "I'd also like to see the number of Wyoming clubs increase – not only in rifle, but also in other disciplines."

In her homelife, Linda is a graduate of the University of Wyoming and is employed as a civil engineer. Her hobbies outside of marksmanship include ice hockey, marital arts and travel.

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Johnathan Dorsten Named CMP's Overall Junior Scholarship Recipient for 2022

Johnathan Dorsten, 18, of Bryan, Ohio, has been chosen as the 2022 Dr. Carolyn Hines Memorial Scholarship Recipient.

The Dr. Carolyn Hines Memorial Scholarship is part of the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) annual scholarship agenda. Each year, the CMP awards \$1,000 to marksmanship student-athletes who exhibit excellence in several areas including academics, extra-curricular activities and community service.

Standout candidates are also selected by the CMP Scholarship Committee to receive additional money toward their future endeavors for displaying extraordinary credentials. Those chosen receive \$3,000 scholarships, while one \$5,000 Carolyn Hines Memorial Scholarship is awarded to the top overall recipient.

"I am very honored to receive the overall CMP Scholarship," Dorsten said. "I knew I worked hard and represented myself well in my application, but I was surprised to learn I received it – there were many other strong applicants."

"I am very grateful for the CMP," he added. "It has given me many opportunities and helped me become the young man I am today."

Dorsten's passion for marksmanship began in the third grade as a member of his local 4-H, when he participated in archery in 2011. He stuck with the group for the next decade – adding smallbore pistol, rifle, crossbow and shotgun to his repertoire. He also served as president of the club for four years.

"Being involved in 4-H has played a fundamental role in my shooting career," he said. "It gave me my foundation in shooting and introduced me to air pistol. 4-H has also taught me many life lessons and helped me excel as a person. I have learned teamwork, leadership and responsibility, all through 4-H."

Over his career, Dorsten has been a gold medalist in the Ohio Junior Olympic state qualifying matches in men's air pistol and has placed second and third, respectively, at the CMP's Camp Perry Open and the USA Shooting Winter Air Gun Match.

In 2021, Dorsten led the 60 Shot Pistol category of the



With his talents, Dorsten hopes to one day compete in the Olympics.

CMP's Monthly Match League – topping over 160 athletes entered into the airgun competition. That same year, he was the leading SASP (Scholastic Action Shooting Program) International National Championship male pistol shooter.

His leap into air pistol competition began in 2018 when he represented his team, the Buckeye Bullet Busters, in the event at the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships in Grand Island, Nebraska. He had never touched an air pistol before being asked to participate in the match, so it was a tall task to fulfill.

"It was a challenge and something new, shooting related," he said of the opportunity. "One of my close friends also went in air pistol, so we figured, either way, we will just go and have a fun time."

He quickly acquired a low-end competition pistol and made the 90-mile trek to the CMP's Gary Anderson Competition Center at Camp Perry to give the sport a try. There, CMP staff members took Dorsten and his teammate under their wings and showed them the basics of international air pistol. The two took easily to the sport and soon invested in some more advanced equipment and regular trips to Camp Perry to practice.

"I love Camp Perry for several reasons," he explained. "First, it was the first range I ever shot at. I practiced there quite often and learned to get used to the range. It is a state-of-the-art facility and the nicest I have shot at so far. The people at the range are also some of the nicest

around. They have helped and supported me from day one.”

After many hours of dry-firing and diligent practice, Dorsten competed in the 4-H Nationals and reached second place overall out of the field of nearly 50 competitors – trailing first by less than a point.

“Coming so close to first was more than a dream come true,” he said. “It was unbelievable at first. I was very young compared to the other shooters, and I could not believe what I had just accomplished.”

He has since grown to become a member of the USA Shooting National Junior Team and has even competed internationally, like at the 2021 El Salvador Junior Grand Prix where he finished ninth overall – missing the final by only three points.

“I enjoy marksmanship because I’m able to practice and excel,” he said. “I have never been a star athlete in high school sports, but with shooting, I can achieve my full potential. I also enjoy the many friends and mentors I have met through shooting. It really is my second family.”

Outside of marksmanship, Dorsten served as co-captain of his soccer team and participated in tennis. He has also been active within his church – volunteering in several service projects over the years. A graduate of Bryan High School, he finished with a GPA of 3.95 and even achieved a score of 30 on the ACT. He reached the honor roll all four years, has kept busy with a local engineering internship and has been a member of the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation All-Scholastic Team in 2019, 2020 and 2021. Unsurprisingly, he’s also a member of the National Honor Society.

Looking to the future, Dorsten has committed to The Ohio State University, majoring in agricultural mechanical engineering and earning a spot on the air pistol team.

“I look forward to the family atmosphere and coaching the team provides,” he said of Ohio State. “I am also excited to take the specific classes related to my career and meet many new friends.”

In the next ten years, Dorsten plans to continue shooting, with the goal of competing in the 2028 Olympic Games. After that, who knows – but no matter what it is, Dorsten will certainly be on the firing line, one way or another.

“Marksmanship has played a large teaching role in my life,” Dorsten has said in the past. “I’m thankful for these lessons – they will not only help me at shooting but will help me succeed in life as well.”



Continuing his career, Dorsten will become a member of The Ohio State University pistol team in 2022.



Dorsten is a member of the National Junior Pistol Team and has competed internationally.

CMP's Judy Legerski Receives Ohio National Guard Award, Celebrates Retirement



Judy Legerski has been CMP's Board Chair since the organization's beginnings over 20 years ago.

On July 12, 2022, Maj. Gen. John C. Harris, Jr., Ohio adjutant general, presented the Ohio Commendation award to Judith Legerski, chairman and CEO of the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). The Ohio National Guard Commendation Medal is awarded to those who distinguish themselves by meritorious achievement.

Legerski was awarded for her distinguished service to the nation and state as well as for her dedication to the CMP.

She was presented the medal at the Camp Perry Joint Training Center in Ohio prior to the start of the National Matches First Shot Ceremony, which officially begins the annual event each summer. It was Legerski's last National Matches over her 26-year career, with her official retirement from the CMP on Sept. 9, 2022, after the Fall Board Meeting.

"Judy Legerski is certainly a person of merit," said Mark

Johnson, CMP's chief operating officer and director of civilian marksmanship. "I've watched her and have learned from her for many years. She's always been a class act and a mentor and has always been good for our Board."

Legerski was the last remaining original appointee to the CMP Board of Directors, serving from the time the organization was privatized by Congress in 1996. Over the years, she held many positions within the Board including vice chairman under Charlie Maddox, CMP's first chairman. She was later appointed into the chairman position in 2011 and maintained the title for the rest of her career.

With her lead, CMP saw persistent enhancements to its programs as well as to the expansion of its facilities. She was particularly fundamental to the development of the Junior Air Rifle Camp Task Force, formed in 2003, which was formed to boost the camps into the premier curriculum it is today.

"She is a fierce advocate for junior shooting programs," said Gina Johnson, CMP general manager who worked closely with Legerski in the early days of the Task Force. "The corporation has prospered and grown during her tenure."

"Really, what hasn't she had her hand in during the last 26 years?" Gina went on.

Mark Johnson has also remained alongside Legerski for decades, likewise, beginning his working relationship with her as a member of the Task Force.

"She really took us under her wing," Mark said. "Mrs. Legerski has always driven forward. She has never shied away from a challenge. She does not believe in standing still."

Besides holding a primary role for the success of the Junior Camps, Legerski's other contributions include signing the MOU (memorandum of understanding) with the Army that allowed CMP to sell 1911 pistols and championing for the development of the Talladega Marksmanship Park – now one of the most state-of-the-art facilities accessible in the United States today.

"Her legacy is moving the sport forward," Mark added.

Other appointed offices Legerski has held outside of the CMP include member of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (1985-1989) and Secretary of the Army Civilian Aide – a position she held for 28 years. She has been active in her community, serving as a 4-H community leader for 20 years, as well as within Wyoming state efforts.

In her home life, Legerski has been married to her husband, Don, for over 55 years. The couple has three children and six grandchildren. Fitting in with the mission of the CMP, Legerski is also an avid recreational shooter in her free time.

Taking over for Legerski is Jerry O'Keefe, who has been a member of the Board since 2019, serving as Vice Chairman. During his time, he's been hands-on in CMP programs and plans to continue the organization's influential standing in the marksmanship community.

"I'm honored to have this opportunity to work with this great organization," O'Keefe said. "I'm passionate about our mission to promote firearm safety and marksmanship training, and I look forward to getting out and meeting our customers and competitors at our many events and programs."

O'Keefe is originally from Medford, Massachusetts, and is a 1981 graduate of the United States Military Academy. He served 27 years on active duty – retiring in 2008 as a Colonel. He holds



Maj. Gen. John C. Harris, Ohio's adjutant general, presented Legerski with the Ohio Commendation award. Photo courtesy of Spc. Carleeann Smiddy

undergraduate and graduate degrees in Engineering and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia. He has an additional Masters in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. After retiring from active duty, O'Keefe was selected as a member of the Senior Executive Service (SES). There, he spent 10 additional years in the Army in a civilian capacity, culminating in his selection as the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army – the senior career civilian position in the Department of the Army. O'Keefe lives in northern Virginia with his wife Kim and has two children and one grandchild.

"Jerry O'Keefe is of the same mindset," Mark Johnson said. "We're going to do things and we're going to do things right. We're going to continue to move things forward in the sport, not only technologically but on the people side also."

"And, we're not going to forget who got us here," he added.



O'Keefe took over as CMP's Board Chair after the Fall Board Meeting.

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